



NATIONAL EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTRE FOR POLIO ERADICATION

Newsletter (16 January - 5 February 2024)



Key Events/Activities

A high-level delegation from the Rotary International visited National EOC on 27th January 2024. The NEOC Core Team provided a comprehensive briefing on the current polio situation in the country. The briefing covered an in-depth overview of the current epidemiology, challenges, ongoing efforts to interrupt transmission, and priorities for 2024. The delegation reaffirmed Rotary International's full support to Pakistan for the eradication of polio.

The Rotary delegation visited the Regional Reference Laboratory for Polio Eradication at the National Institute of Health Islamabad.



A signing ceremony for the new grant of US\$ 3.62 million announced by the Government of Japan was held on 17th January at the Ministry of NHR&C, Islamabad.



The NSTOP review meeting for Sindh and Balochistan provinces was held on 22 - 26 January 2024 in Karachi.



The delegation also visited the National EOC Control Room, where they received insights into the NEOC Dashboard, data management processes, and the Geographic Coverage Support System (GCSS).



Supplementary Immunization Activities

February SIA

The February SIA is planned from 26th February - 3rd March 2024. The scope of the campaign will be finalized this week.

January NID Campaign

The first Polio vaccination campaign of the year (NID) was conducted from January 8th to 12th, during which 43.6 million children were vaccinated:

- 22.4 million children in Punjab
- 10.6 million children in Sindh
- 6.5 million children in KP
- 2.6 million children in Balochistan
- 0.72 million children in AJK
- 0.28 million children in GB
- 0.48 million children in Islamabad

Other Activities / Updates

A virtual condolence / tribute gathering among NEOC, PEOCs and DEOCs to honor the fallen hero, Shaheed Dr. Abdur Rehman (NSTOP Officer Bajaur), was held on 24th January 2024.



Surveillance

No polio cases were reported during the period. The last case was reported on 24 October 2023.

WPV1 Cases

2023: 6

2024: 0

Positive Environmental Samples

2023: 126

2024: 28

39 positive environmental samples were reported during the period. Notably, 28 of these samples were collected in January 2024, while 11 were collected in December 2023.

- 11 positive environmental samples, collected in December 2023:
 - ▶ Two from district Quetta, and one each from districts Multan, Karachi South, Karachi Malir, Peshawar, Nowshera, Dera Ismail Khan, Hub, Mastung and Khuzdar.
- 28 positive environmental samples, collected in January 2024:
 - ▶ Four each from districts Quetta and Karachi East; two each from districts Karachi Keamari, Karachi South, Chaman & Peshawar; and one each from districts Lahore, Rawalpindi, Dera Ghazi Khan, Karachi Central, Karachi Korangi, Karachi Malir, Hyderabad, Jamshoro, Sukkur, Pishin, Kech, and Nasirabad.