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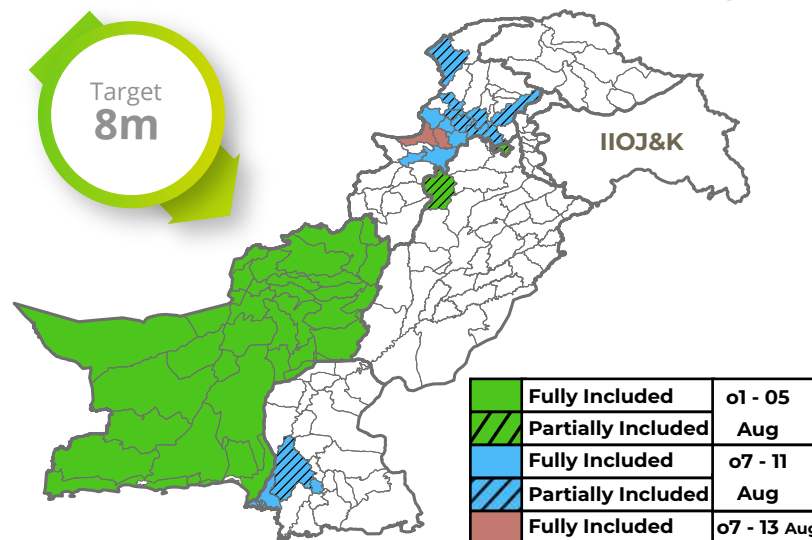
A **Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) delegation** led by the Chair of the Polio Oversight Board visited Pakistan from 16 – 20 July and held meetings with senior government leadership at the national and provincial levels. The delegation lauded the commitment of the government of Pakistan for polio eradication and said that the interruption of wild poliovirus transmission is possible in six months with support from communities, government, administrative and security leadership.

The **National Task Force on Polio Eradication** met on 19th July at the Prime Minister’s House, Islamabad to review the ongoing eradication efforts and progress, and to discuss the priorities for the upcoming months. The meeting was also attended by the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) delegation.

The **honorable Federal Minister for NHR&C inaugurated the extended Regional Reference Polio Laboratory** at the NIH Islamabad on 20th July. The Chair of the Polio Oversight Board and other delegates were also present at the occasion.



AUGUST SNID (OBR) Campaign



The August Sub-national (OBR) campaign will be conducted from 1 – 5 August in Balochistan and two UCs of Islamabad & Mianwali, and from 7 - 11 August in Sindh and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

Around eight million under five children in 61 districts will be targeted for vaccination during campaign including 2.6 million children in all 35 districts of Balochistan, 2.3 million children in 15 districts of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, 3.1 million children in nine districts of Sindh, 5,562 children in one UC of Islamabad, and 3,212 children in one UC of Punjab (Mianwali).

In Peshawar and Khyber districts, fIPV+OPV will be administered to the children. While in all other planned districts, bOPV will be administered to the children.

No new polio case or positive environmental sample was reported during the period (16-25 July)

01 Polio Cases
Polio case has been reported in Pakistan so far this year.

11 Environmental Surveillance
Environmental samples positive for wild poliovirus have been reported from Pakistan so far this year.

69 UCs

EPI and PEI have jointly planned and implementing Reach the Unreached (RUR) activity to combat the circulation of WPV1, targeting 69 UCs with in 6 districts of South KP. The initiative consists of three rounds which will focus on all essential immunization antigens for zero dose children, due defaulters/dropouts for less than 2 years and OPV for all children up to 5 years. The activity will last for 8 days where site to site outreach vaccination will be conducted for 6 days and catch up will be of 2 days. The first round has been held from 17th to 24th July 2023.

Reach the unreachable **ROUND 01**