



# NATIONAL EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTRE FOR POLIO ERADICATION

Newsletter (16 - 31 December 2023)



## Key Events/Activities



**National Ulema Conference:** Eminent religious leaders from across Pakistan gathered on 28th December in support of polio eradication and pledged solidarity with the Government of Pakistan as it aims to eradicate this disease from the country. Over 100 prominent religious scholars from across Pakistan participated in the National Ulema Conference, which was held at the PM Secretariat under the leadership of Prime Minister Anwaarul Haq Kakar.

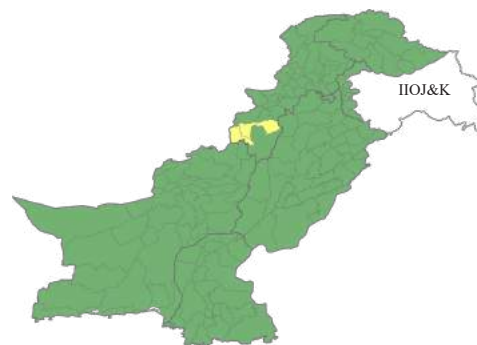
During the conference, the scholars signed a joint decree endorsing that polio vaccine contains no harmful constituents, and its use is fully permissible to protect individuals from debilitating disease of polio. They also emphasized that it is obligatory for parents, and the right of children, to be protected from the crippling effects of polio. The declaration supported all national and international Fatwas issued in that context.



## Supplementary Immunization Activities

### January NID Campaign

The January nationwide (NID) Polio vaccination campaign is scheduled to be conducted from 8 – 12 January 2024 in all provinces and regions of the country. Notably, in three districts of South KP, namely Lakki Marwat, SW Upper, SW Lower, the campaign will be conducted from 15 - 19 January.



All Provinces / Regions	8 – 12 Jan
<b>Three Districts:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lakki Marwat</li> <li>South Waziristan Upper</li> <li>South Waziristan Lower</li> </ul>	15 – 19 Jan

A total of **44.35 million** under five children will be targeted for vaccination during campaign:

- 22.6 m children vaccinated in Punjab
- 10.3 m children vaccinated in Sindh
- 7.5 m children vaccinated in KP
- 2.6 m children vaccinated in Balochistan
- 0.72 m children vaccinated in AJK
- 0.28 m children vaccinated in GB
- 0.42 m children vaccinated in Islamabad

## Surveillance

No new Polio cases were reported during this period, and the number of Wild Poliovirus (WPV1) cases in Pakistan for the year 2023 remains six.

**06**  
WPV1 Cases in 2023

**98**  
Positive Environmental  
Samples in 2023

Eight new positive environmental samples were reported taking the total number of positive samples in 2023 to 98:

- Two each from Quetta and Chaman
- One each from Karachi Keamari, Hyderabad, Peshawar and Karachi South

## Other Activities

**Polio eradication Programme and Emergency Operations 6-month planning meeting** was held on 19 – 20 December in Murree.

