



NATIONAL EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTRE FOR POLIO ERADICATION

Newsletter (Nov 01 - 30, 2024)



Activities (National Level)

A high-level delegation from the GPEI visited Pakistan from November 20-22. The delegation was led by Dr Chris Elias, POB Chair and President of Global Development at the BMGF, and included WHO Regional Director for the Eastern Mediterranean Region, Dr Hanan Balkhy, UNICEF Regional Director for South Asia, Mr Sanjay Wijesekera, National Polio Plus Committee Chair, Mr Aziz Memon, US CDC's Deputy Director Ms Andi Fristedt, and representatives from KS Relief, Dr Ziad Memish and Dr Abdullah Saleh al Moallem.

Appreciating the government for its laser-focused approach to polio, the delegation thanked the PM for his direct supervision and highlighted the need for sustained efforts to address immunity gaps, strengthen RI, enhance cross-border collaboration on health and keep children protected from preventable diseases. The delegation advocated for continued global collaboration and sustained efforts to engage communities and health workers in the fight as they are critical to achieving success against polio.



Activities (Provincial Level)

Post Campaign Review meeting of Punjab was held on 14th November.



Post Campaign Review meeting of Sindh was held on 06 November.



Chief Secretary KP chaired a meeting to discuss and finalize plans for the leftover areas on November 15.



Supplementary Immunization Activities

December SNID Campaign

The December SNID campaign is scheduled to be conducted from December 16 – 22.



A total of 44.7 million under five children in 143 districts will be targeted for vaccination during campaign:

- 23.3 million children in Punjab
- 10.6 million children in Sindh
- 7.3 million children in KP
- 2.6 million children in Balochistan
- 302,677 children in AJK
- 71,880 children in GB
- 0.46 million children in Islamabad

Surveillance

Sixteen polio cases were reported during the period, bringing the total number of cases in 2024 to 59.



Province wise breakup of the new cases is mentioned below:

- Nine reported from KP (seven from DI Khan and one each from Lakki Marwat, and Tank)
- Four reported from Balochistan (two from Jafarabad and one each from Killa Saifullah and Zhob)
- Three reported from Sindh (one each from Ghotki, Khi-Keamari and Kashmore)

Map of Polio Cases in 2024

