

# PAKISTAN POLIO UPDATE

January 2022



## PAKISTAN POLIO ERADICATION PROGRAMME AT A GLANCE



41.5 Million  
average no. of children < 5 targeted during NIDs



338,000  
frontline workers



62%  
of frontline workers are female



2,100  
social mobilizers

### WPV1 + cVDPV2 cases:

- There has been no WPV1 and cVDPV2 case reported in January 2022. This is in comparison to one wild polio virus case reported during same point in time in 2021.

### Campaigns:

- The January SNID was conducted in South KP from 17 - 21 January and from 24 - 28 January in the rest of the planned districts. The campaign was held in a total of 70 districts around the country, with a target of 22.5 million children.

### Additional activities:

- A special plan tailored to the needs and challenges of South KP was endorsed by the NEOC. The plan is a holistic approach to addressing the needs of the area, including security, health services and overall immunization. The South KP plan is already in the initial stages of implementation.
- On 26 - 27 January, the SAPM on Health, Dr. Faisal Sultan, visited South KP along with National Coordinator Dr. Shahzad Baig, where they visited a hospital, held meetings with district commissioners, and visited the outbreak field office being set up in DI Khan to oversee implementation of the recently rolled-out South KP plan.

- On 27 January 2022, Pakistan marked one year without any WPV1 case, a major milestone for eradication history. This was a sharp reduction from 84 cases in 2020. The day was observed with both optimism and caution at the NEOC as positive samples for WPV remain in the environment, while also acknowledging that the country is closer than it has ever been to eradicating polio.
- Prime Minister Imran Khan held a telephone call with Bill Gates, Co-Chair of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, on 19 January. The Prime Minister said polio eradication remains amongst the highest priorities for the government and Pakistan is committed to catching up with the rest of the world in eliminating this disease.
- The 150th meeting of the WHO Executive Board was held on 24 - 29 January and virtually attended by National Coordinator Dr. Shahzad Baig.

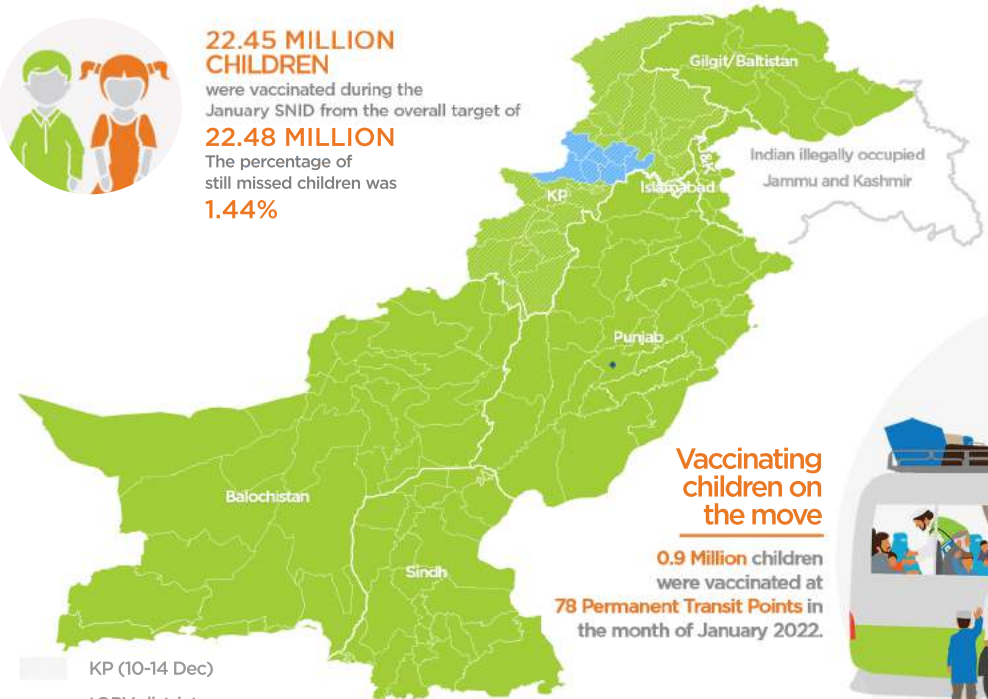


### 22.45 MILLION CHILDREN

were vaccinated during the January SNID from the overall target of

### 22.48 MILLION

The percentage of still missed children was 1.44%



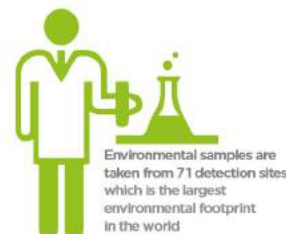
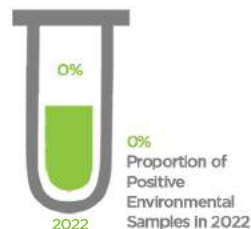
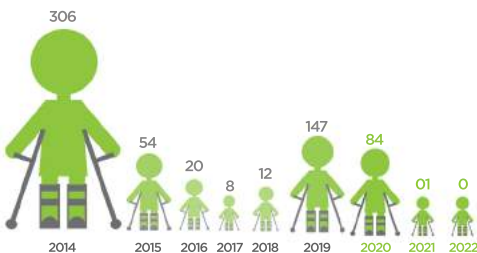
### Vaccinating children on the move

0.9 Million children were vaccinated at 78 Permanent Transit Points in the month of January 2022.



No. of wild polio cases		Proportion of positive environmental samples		No. of infected districts (WPV1 cases, environmental samples)	
January 2021	January 2022	January 2021	January 2022	January 2021	January 2022
1	0	35%	0%	17	0
0	0	0%	0%	0	0
0	0	0%	0%	0	0
0	0	100%	0%	1	0
0	0	46%	0%	5	0
0	0	20%	0%	3	0
0	0	25%	0%	2	0
1	0	54%	0%	6	0

\*Point in time comparison; data as of January 31<sup>st</sup> 2022



## Coverage of Children Not Reached During Campaigns

Percentage of Still Missed Children (Out of Target) in Tier 1 Districts during NIDs (2016-2021)

