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Development

# Support operationalizing routine microplanning in the priority provinces with more focus on integrating EPI&LHW programs in Pakistan

## Project Information

- ◆ Department: Public Health Program
- ◆ Unit: Polio & Immunization Department

## OBJECTIVES

This project goal is to support Pakistan in achieving an increased and equitable immunization coverage through improved Routine Immunization (RI) microplanning. In specific, the project will strengthen the knowledge and capacity of the Expanded Immunization Program (EPI) staff at selected state to generate updated micro-plans.

## REGIONS OF WORK

The project will be implemented in Pakistan at Baluchistan and Khayber Pakhton Khwa (KP) provinces.

## BENEFICIARIES

The targeted beneficiaries are vaccinators and LHWs at Khayber Pakhton Khwa (KP) and Baluchistan provinces.

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Building on GHD experience in Pakistan in operationalizing routine microplanning in KP in low performing facilities, via strengthening the knowledge and skill of vaccination workers on strategies to deliver immunization services and developing realistic micro-plans through an in-depth understanding of the immunization barrier, GHD will support Pakistan in implementing the EPI at KP and Baluchistan provinces. EPI will support Pakistan in achieving increased and equitable immunization coverage through improved Routine Immunization (RI) microplanning. GHD will provide RI microplanning training sessions for over 900 KP participants, including vaccinators and LHWs. Building the capacity of core facilitators in Baluchistan over three days, then assisting frontline workers in low-performing facilities with roughly 12 district-level workshops targeting over 300 vaccinators and LHWs.

## PROJECT PHASES

This project involves two phases as follows:

**Phase 1-** Planning and Preparations: to agree with the MOH in Pakistan on the targeted health facilities in both Khayber Pakhton Khwa (KP) and Baluchistan provinces.

**Phase 2-** Implementation:

- GHD will conduct RI microplanning training workshops targeting more than 900 participants from low performing facilities at KP including vaccinators and LHWs.
- Building the capacity of core facilitators in Baluchistan province by conducting a three-day TOT followed by supporting the capacity building of frontline workers in low-performing facilities by conducting around 12 workshops at the district level targeting more than 300 vaccinators and LHWs.
- Update/ develop micro plans for all targeted facilities.



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## Currently . . .

Immunization coverage in Pakistan has stagnated over the last decade. Pakistan Demographic and Health Survey (PDHS) findings indicate that the increase in coverage rate between 1999 and 2008 was only 12%. The current vaccination coverage varies between 47% to 88%. Currently large parts of immunization services are delivered via outreach (extending from a fixed site), a lesser part by fixed sites, and a small part by mobile teams in remote areas. The most common strategy in the rural areas is outreach; whereas urban areas rely more on fixed centers.

Last year, more than 600 vaccination providers at the district level in KP province were trained on RI Microplanning and around 170 micro plans were updated.

## What's next . . .

Through implementing this project, the EPI staff at health facilities in KP and Baluchistan provinces will be able to develop, regularly update RI micro plans to support EPI team in reaching target population with immunization services targeting areas where the polio cases are reported, and frequent outbreak of VPDs are reported.

## By the Numbers

**30**

EPI provincial staff trained as RI Microplanning master trainers in Baluchistan

**+300**

Vaccination providers trained on RI microplanning in Baluchistan

**+900**

Vaccination providers trained on RI microplanning in KP

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