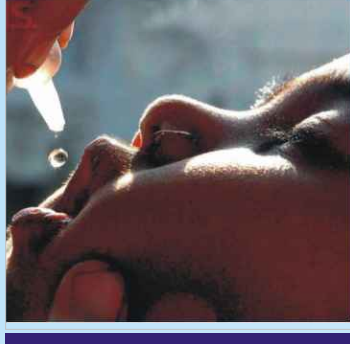


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2008 Polio Case Counter	
Islamabad	3 Cases
Balochistan	6 Cases
Punjab	12 Cases
Sindh	15 Cases
NWFP	23 Cases
Total	59 Cases
Total Cases Last Year: 32	

2008 Global Polio Case Counter	
INDIA	420 Cases
NIGERIA	655 Cases
AFGHANISTAN	16 Cases
Total global cases including non endemic countries	1210 Cases
Total Cases Last Year: 1315	

Case Update
More New Polio Cases ...

Initiative Update
International Communications review meeting for Sindh ...

We are Winning!
Another edict in Favour of PEI activities in Waziristan ...

Reporter of the Week:
Mushtaq Yousafzai (The News)
special report on new case ...

Case Update: More Cases Detected. To date in 2008, Pakistan has a total of 59 cases.

Peshawar (NWFP): 12 month old female child. **Faisalabad (Punjab):** 8 month old female child. **Quetta (Balochistan):** 12 month old female child. **Sialkot (Punjab):** 30 month old male child. **Batagram (NWFP):** 24 month old female child. **Khyber Agency (NWFP):** 60 month old female child. **Jhung (Punjab):** 22 month old male child. **Jacobabad (Sindh):** 12 month old male child. **Islamabad (ICT):** 18 month old male child. **Gujranwala (Punjab):** 6 month old male child. **Nakana Sahib (Punjab):** 18 month old male child. **Mohmand Agency (NWFP):** 9 month old male child. **Peshawar (NWFP):** 18 month old Female child. **Peshawar (NWFP):** 16 month old Male child.

Next Campaign: National Door to Door Polio campaign is to be held from the 13-15 of October in all the districts of the country targeting 35 million children.

Initiative Update: International Communications Review (Sindh) ends.
From 13-16 September the Sindh polio programme conducted a review of communications and social mobilization activities. The outcomes of the review showed significant progress in this key area. The attendance of Shahi Syed, Provincial Leader of ANP on the first and the last day of communications review clearly showed his commitment to help the provincial polio eradication team achieve maximum targets in the heavily Pushtoon populated areas of SITE town and UC 9. Mr. Syed however, requested an increase in the number of female vaccinators in these areas due to cultural reasons. We are grateful to him and other partners working for a Polio free Pakistan.

We are Winning: Another Religious Edict in favour of PEI activities in Waziristan.
Almost all the leading and well known religious leaders of North Waziristan Agency (FATA) have issued another Fatwa (Religious Order) in favor of Polio Eradication. The order requests parents to make sure that each and every child is vaccinated so that their children are saved from the deadly poliovirus. This edict of religious support is just another addition to the many such orders issued for the cause by key religious leaders throughout the country. These edicts perform as a catalyst for convincing people in areas where certain elements are spreading incorrect rumours about the campaign and also emphasize the fact that Islam's eternal message underscored prevention from disease with care and compassion for children. (A copy of the order is attached).

Reporter of the Week: Mushtaq Yousafzai
Holder of the AFP's global Kate Webb Best Journalist Award for the Year 2008, Mushtaq Yousafzai was declared as the best reporter of the week. Mushtaq's story on the confirmation of the 21st polio case of the year from Mohmand Agency where a nine year old child had to pay the price for his father's negligence by not receiving a single dose of the oral polio vaccine. Mushtaq started his career as a health beat reporter with the daily edition of The News in 1999 after graduating with a masters degree in Journalism. These days Mushtaq is making headlines every now and then by writing explosive stories on the war against terror besides carrying on as the health reporter for The News.