

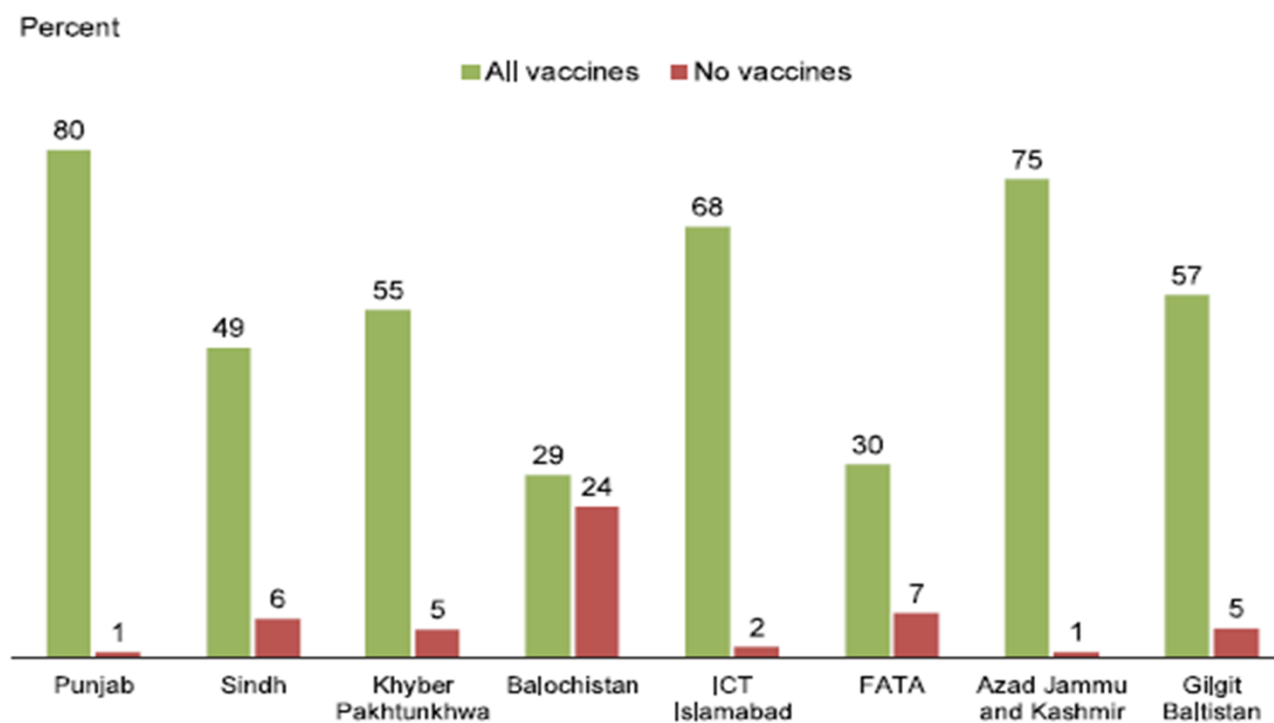


Zero Dose Children and Missed Communities in Pakistan

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Unvaccinated Children - PDHS 2018.

Figure 10 Vaccination coverage by region

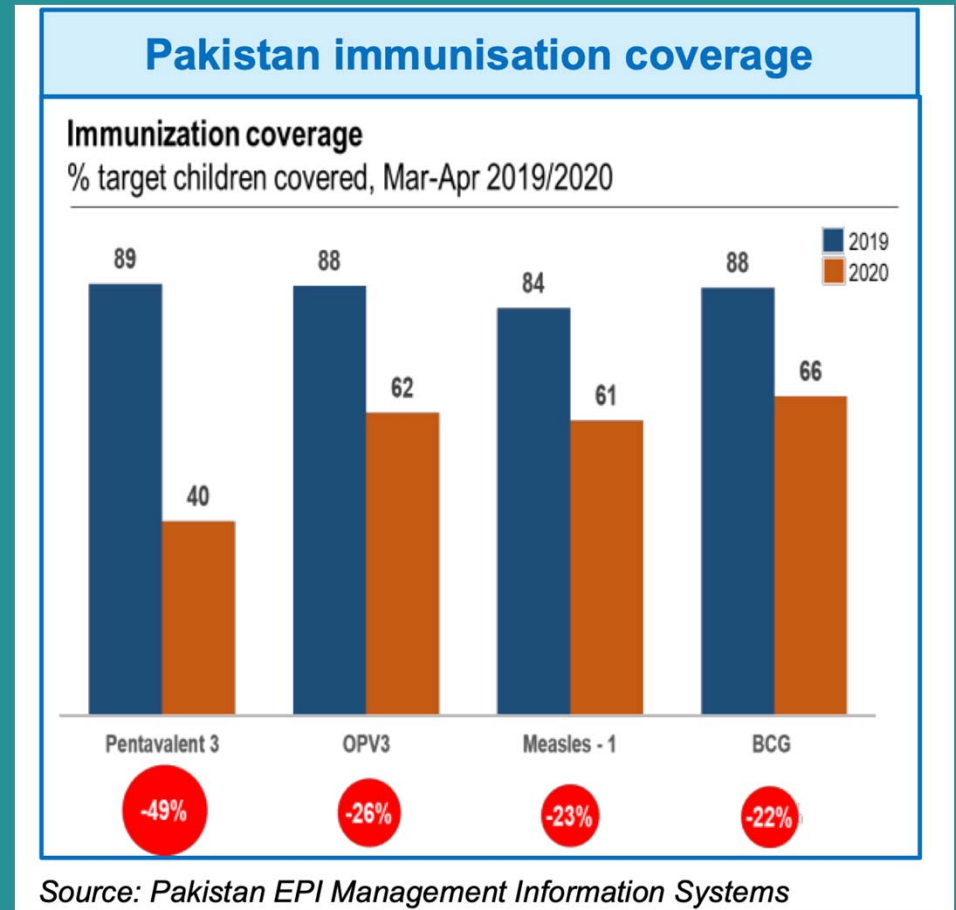


Immunization coverage gradually improved across the country



Challenges to routine immunization during the COVID-19 era

- Parents unable or unwilling to access immunization services
- Staff unable to operate, leading to increased absenteeism
- Vaccine stockouts
- There was a 52.5% decline in the daily average total number of vaccinations administered during lockdown compared to baseline
- Enrolments declined furthest in rural districts, urban sub-districts





Mother & Child Friendly Communities in urban Karachi

- ✓ HELP works in marginalized communities of Karachi.

<i>EPI Coverage in</i>		<i>TT Coverage in</i>	
<i><5 years children:</i>	95.35%	<i>Pregnant women:</i>	94.59%
● Fully Immunized	61.67%	● Fully Immunized	29.88%
● In process	33.68%	● In process	64.71%
● Incomplete/Defaulters	4.30%	● Incomplete/Defaulters	2.59%
● Not Immunized	0.17%	● Not Immunized	2.82%
● <i>Refusals</i>	0.00%	● <i>Refusals</i>	0.00%

- ✓ Since 1996 till 2020, the immunization coverage has increased from **21%** to **88%**, beneficiaries included around 150,000 residents.
- ✓ HELP has no case of Poliomyelitis in last 20 years in our communities.
- ✓ HELP has two EPI centres and a network of CHWs who identify pregnant women and zero dose children.
- ✓ HELP-MCH centre registers every birth along with inoculating with BCG and OPV.