



**SENATE OF PAKISTAN**

Report No.9 of 2020

**REPORT OF THE**  
**STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICES,**  
**REGULATIONS AND COORDINATION**

**Starred Question No.58 regarding the percentage / coverage of immunization / vaccination of children under the Expanded Program on Immunization (EPI) in the country at present” moved by Senator Dr.Mehr Taj Roghani on 14th January, 2020**

**PRESENTED BY**  
**SENATOR KHUSHBAKHT SHUJAT**  
**Chairperson SSC on National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination**

## SENATE SECRETARIAT

### REPORT OF THE SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICES, REGULATIONS AND COORDINATION

I, Chairperson of the Senate Standing Committee on National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination have the honor to present the report, on behalf of the Committee on Starred Question No.58 regarding **“the percentage / coverage of immunization / vaccination of children under the Expanded Program on Immunization (EPI) in the country at present”** moved by Senator Dr.Mehr Taj Roghani on 14<sup>th</sup> January, 2020.

2. The matter was referred to the Senate Standing Committee on National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination for consideration and report to the House.

3. The composition of the Committee is as under:-

1. Senator Khushbakht Shujat	Chairperson
2. Senator Ayesha Raza Farooq	Member
3. Senator Bahramand Khan Tangi	Member
4. Senator Dilawar Khan	Member
5. Senator Dr. Asad Ashraf	Member
6. Senator Dr.Ashok Kumar	Member
7. Senator Sikandar Mandhro	Member
8. Senator Dr. Ghous Muhammad Khan Niazi	Member
9. Senator Liaqat Khan Tarakai	Member
10. Senator Prof. Dr.Mehr Taj Roghani	Member
11. Senator Sana Jamali	Member
12. Senator Sardar Muhammad Shafiq Tareen	Member
13. Senator Syed Muhammad Ali Shah Jamot	Member
14. Minister for National Health Services, Regulations & Coordination	Ex-Officio Member

4. The Standing Committee considered the issue in its meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> September, 2020. The Committee disposed of the matter and decided to submit the report to the House. The meeting was attended by the following members, namely:-

1. Senator Ayesha Raza Farooq	Member
2. Senator Bahramand Khan Tangi	Member
3. Senator Dilawar Khan	Member
4. Senator Dr. Asad Ashraf	Member

5. Senator Dr.Ashok Kumar	Member
6. Senator Dr. Sikandar Mandhro	Member/Mover
7. Senator Dr. Ghous Muhammad Khan Niazi	Member
8. Senator Liaqat Khan Tarakai	Member
9. Senator Prof. Dr.Mehr Taj Roghani	Member/Mover
10. Senator Sana Jamali	Member
11. Senator Sardar Muhammad Shafiq Tareen	Member/Mover
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### SUMMARY

The Ministry briefed that significant progress has been made to improve immunization coverage all over the country. Special outreach programmes were initiated in December, 2018 to reach the defaulters and un-immunized children. It provided multiple antigens to the community and covered 2609217 children in Sindh, Baluchistan, KPK and Islamabad.

Maintaining the cold chain for fool proof preservation of vaccine is all the more important. It was ensured that the cold chain capacity is enhanced and optimized. Strengthening of cold chain capacity at National, Provincial, District and UC level through implementation of Cold Chain Equipment Optimization Platform (CCECP) is always the goal. 6,782 CCE have been deployed in the country whereas, 8,2018 will be deployed by 2021.

Efforts were made to keep up an uninterrupted supply chain of vaccine and logistics at all levels. Cognizant of the human resource problems it was ensured that immunization service delivery has improved. Recruitment of more than 500 Vaccinators has been made in Sindh, around 340 new vaccinators in Baluchistan, 1800 new vaccinators in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa for improvement of immunization service delivery.

Research and data go hand in hand for better implementation of health programmes. Data and research help in identification of gaps. For this purpose data quality

assessments are conducted throughout the country to improve the data quality. EPI Management Information System has been developed. It is being rolled out to all Provinces for generation of timely and complete data reports across the country. It also serves as data repository. Comprehensive EPI Reviews are being carried out in the country to assess the performance of the Programme, identify gaps and suggest way forward to bridge the gaps.

Training is an important component in implementation of the immunization programme. Training programmes are conducted periodically at all levels so that every nook and corner of the country is in loop of the recent research produced at national and international levels.

#### RECOMMENDATION

The Committee felt satisfied and recommended to further strengthen the research departments of the health care. The Committee endorsed all the programmes of the Ministry and decided to submit the report to the House.



(Javaid Iqbal)  
Secretary Committee



(Senator Khushbakht Shujat)  
Chairperson Committee