



WHO delegation led by Dr M Fikri, WHO Regional Director, were received by H.E. Abdulaziz Alneyadi, First Secretary, United Arab Emirates embassy in Pakistan, and H.E. Abdulla Khalifa Al Ghufli, Director of United Arab Emirates Project to Assist Pakistan Islamabad, 30 March 2017 – During his 2-day visit to Pakistan on 30–31 March 2017, Dr Mahmoud Fikri, WHO Regional Director for the Eastern Mediterranean, met with H.E. Abdulaziz Ali Rashed Binmesaied Alneyadi, First Secretary with the Embassy of United Arab Emirates in Pakistan, to express his appreciation of the country's funding to the Pakistan Polio Eradication Programme and encouraged continued support to Pakistan's relentless efforts to wipe out the virus.

Dr Fikri, accompanied by Dr Jaouad Mahjour, Director of Programme Management, WHO Regional Director, and Dr Mohammad Assai, Acting WHO Representative in Pakistan, were received by H.E. Abdulaziz Alneyadi and H.E. Abdulla Khalifa Al Ghufli, Director of the United Arab Emirates Project to Assist Pakistan.

The United Arab Emirates has played a pivotal role in supporting Pakistan's polio eradication efforts. In 2016, thanks to their financial support, amounting to \$18.4 million, more than 10.6 million children were vaccinated in each of the 3 phases of the campaign supported by the United Arab Emirates Project to Assist Pakistan.

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