

In the face of a devastating flood emergency in Pakistan, frontline vaccinators are bravely reaching out to communities with lifesaving health services.



Islamabad, 26 September 2022 – Vaccinating children against life-threatening diseases amid a devastating flood crisis is daunting. Vaccinators in Sindh province have endured difficult journeys, navigating flooded villages and crossing broken bridges to reach children who have been exposed to a series of health outbreaks since the August flood. Their efforts have been challenged by the difficult conditions, as the flooded areas remain submerged in sea-like water.

Vaccinators' work has been complicated by the stagnant floodwaters. Inaccessible, damaged public health facilities have disrupted routine immunization services and newborns have missed out on first crucial vaccines – many more are likely to in the coming weeks.

The WHO-led flood response in Sindh province has comprised of emergency vaccination campaigns and mobile emergency health camps in the settlements of internally displaced populations and adjacent flood-affected areas.

More than 2500 vaccinators are tasked to deliver routine immunization services in 23 flood-affected districts of Sindh.

Nizam ud din is one of the vaccinators committed to providing medical care on the humanitarian frontlines.

Every day, he teams up/sets out with a team assistant to reach out to unvaccinated children in the villages of Gambat, District Khairpur, located about 70 kilometres from the main city. However, getting to the remote, flooded village is a challenging task.

Nizam and his colleagues must find a suitable way to get to children and their families who have either relocated or found shelter at the relief camps.







