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Subject: Addressing the Operational Issues for resolve in North Waziristan

My dear Bangash sb,

PS/Sect Health KPK
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Polio eradication is a highest national priority of the government. The Government is executing polio campaigns to curtail the poliovirus spread. In this regard, it is imperative to conduct high quality polio campaigns to ensure all eligible children are reached and vaccinated against the polio menace. It is also pertinent to mention that the quality of campaign is largely dependent on the quality of polio teams and UC level polio staff.

2. Through the assessment, the Program has found out serious operational gaps in 06 UCs from where the 10 cases have been reported recently from these UCs (Mir Ali 2, Mir Ali 4, Mir Ali 6, Mir Ali 7, Miran Shah 3 and Dosali) of North Waziristan. The operational issues include low quality campaign execution, fake finger marking and lethargic attitude of polio staff. Out of all the operational issues, fake finger marking is seen as a grave violation of SOPs. Certain team members in the South Khyber Pakhtunkhwa specially in North Waziristan and Bannu districts are involved in the practice of fake finger marking. They mark the children's finger without performing the actual vaccination.

3. False finger marking is a criminal negligence at the behest of teams who are coming with the field vaccinators. As the finger marking is an important part of the entire vaccination process which gives the proof that a child is vaccinated or not and is used as an indicator during post and intra campaign monitoring.

4. It is, therefore requested to direct the Deputy Commissioner of North Waziristan through your good office to replace the existing government staff (Area incharges and UCMOs) of above five UCs with professional and competent staff.

5. The implementing partners (WHO and UNICEF) are being communicated through the National EOC to replace existing staff (teams, UCPOs, UCSPs, SMs, UCCSOs) of these 05 UCs and TSPO, TTSP, DDPO (Area Coordinator) & DHCSO of North Waziristan district with competent staff and officials.

Best regards,

Mr. Shahzad Khan Bangash,
Chief Secretary,
Khyber Pakhtunkhwa,
Peshawar

Yours Sincerely,

(Dr. Utikhar Aji Shallwani)
Special Secretary

Chief Secretary
Govt. of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa

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