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**THE LAW AND ORDER SITUATION IN
PAKISTAN IS THE BIGGEST OBSTACLE IN
COMBATING POLIO – MILLENNIUM
DEVELOPMENT GOAL (MDG) # 6**



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ABSTRACT

The entire global community is battling to deal with Coronavirus. However, developing countries, such as, Pakistan has yet to cease the spread of Polio before streamlining strategy to encounter any other novel disease. Polio eradication is one of the top agendas of the recent visit of the United Nations Secretary General, His Excellency António Guterres, to Pakistan. The government of Pakistan has launched its first nationwide campaign of 2020 on 17th February, this year. Nearly 39.6 million children under the age of five will be vaccinated across Pakistan with the help of 265,000 polio workers. The UN has come up with 50 goals spanning from 1960 to 2000. The goals varied with different circumstances under consideration including; focus on education, child mortality, life expectancy, hunger and poverty, and sustainable development. The significance of the eight goals set during the Millennium Summit which was held in New York in 2000 is being criticised for not achieving the desired results. Apparently the failure on part of Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) relies on the fact that some countries have been side lined. Out of the eight, the MDG # 6 was envisaged with two targets of halting HIV by 2015 and reversing it, and halting malaria and other diseases and reversing it; including Polio. The World Health Organization (WHO) along with its partner organizations launched a Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) in 2001. In 2015, the MDGs were redefined as Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and 2030 was set as the redefined deadline to achieve development targets, including improvement in health conditions and eradication of deadly diseases, such as, polio. A lot of resources were spent on anti-polio campaigns and about 200 countries participated in the campaign of eradicating polio. Some significant results were achieved; however, three countries, Pakistan, Afghanistan and Nigeria failed to eradicate polio.

KEYWORDS

Coronavirus, Polio, and its eradication; Health, UN Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) & Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs); Analysis of Polio Eradication in Pakistan; World Health Organization (WHO) & Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI); Management, Anti-Polio Drives & Health Policy.