

C-19 VACCINE INFO & ACCESS (VIA)

COUNTRY PROFILE

PAKISTAN

Asghar Satti-APLHIV-Pakistan

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COVID-19 STATS FROM PAKISTAN AS OF 12TH AUGUST 2021

- Current Cases As On 12th August: 1,089,913
- Critical Cases: 4,656
- Deaths so Far: 24,266
- Recovered: 979,411
- Grand Total: 16,735,03

3 KEY IMPACTS OF COVID-19 ON PLHIV AND KEY POPULATIONS

1. Limited access Of PLHIV To ART Centers/life-saving Drugs Due To Lockdown
2. Limited Testing & Prevention Services Due to Lockdown, Strict Policies For gatherings
3. Socio-Economical Issues

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NAMES OF COVID-19 VACCINES APPROVED AND AVAILABLE

1. **MODERNA:** APPROVED & AVAILABLE
2. **PFIZER:** APPROVED & AVAILABLE
3. **ASTRAZENECA:** APPROVED & AVAILABLE
4. **SPUTNIK V:** APPROVED & CURRENTLY LIMITED AVAILABILITY BUT WILL BE AVAILABLE IN BULK BY EARLY SEPTEMBER
5. **SINOPHARM:** APPROVED & AVAILABLE
6. **CANSINO BIO VACS:** APPROVED & AVAILABLE [SINGLE DOSE]
7. **SINOVAC:** APPROVED & AVAILABLE
8. **PAKVAC: APPROVED** & AVAILABLE [SINGLE DOSE]-IT'S CANSINO BIO VAC-AUTHORIZED BY CHINA TO BE PRODUCED IN PAKISTAN

PRICES ARE NOT DISCLOSED

VACCINATION IS FREE FOR ALL SO FAR

NO VACCINE ALLOWED TO BE IMPORTED BY PRIVATE SECTOR

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VACCINATION STATS AS OF 12TH AUGUST

- 1ST DOSE: **33,301,594** [approximately 16%]
- 2 DOSES/FULLY VACCINATED: **11,646,699** [approximately 5.5 %]

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- ALL CITIZENS ABOVE 18 YEARS OF AGE & HAVING CNIC.
- FROM 16-18 YEARS OF AGE TRAVELING ABROAD FOR STUDIES

3 KEY BARRIERS FOR PLHIV AND KEY POPULATIONS IN ACCESSING C-19 VACCINES

- **THOSE WHO ARE NOT ARE NOT IN POSSESSION OF CNICS MOSTLY PWUDS/PWIDS**
- **NCOC GUIDELINES FOR PLHIV [MODERNA & PFIZER] VS. AVAILABILITY IN SMALL CITIES/TOWNS**
- **LACK OF AWARENESS AMONG HCPS ABOUT VACCINATION OF PLHIV**
- **FEAR OF POTENTIAL STIGMA & DISCRIMINATION AS PLHIV NEED TO PROVIDE AN EVIDENCE TO GET MODERNA/PFIZER**
- **STATE OF COVID DENIAL & MYTHS ABOUT VACCINATION**

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SPECIFIC ISSUES RELATING TO C-19 VACCINATION FOR PLHIV & KPS

- MYTHS ABOUT VACCINATION PARTICULARLY WITHIN HIV COMMUNITY & KPS: [for example state of Denial about COVID-19, perceptions about potential side effects of vaccination, ARVs protect from C19-Infection]
- BARRIERS FOR PLHIV/KPS TO ACCESS VACCINATION: [for example availability of Modern/Pfizer, evidence to be produced by PLHIV]

ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE APLHIV

- AWARENESS CAMPAIGN [VIA APLHIV HELPLINE-1,000,000 SMS, FACEBOOK PAGE, TELEPHONIC COUNSELING, MEDICAL CERTIFICATES FOR EVIDENCE & IEC MATERIAL IN LOCAL LANGUAGES]
- ESTABLISHMENT OF COVID MANAGEMENT GROUP WITH SUPPORT FROM APN+
- LED THE PROCESS TO HAVE COMMUNITY REFLECTIONS IN C19RM

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RECOMMENDATIONS ON COVID-19 VACCINE ACCESS AND INFORMATION FOR PLHIV/KPS

- VACCINATIONS CAMPS FOR PLHIV
- MOBILE VACCINATION FOR KPS
- AVAILABILITY OF VACCINE AT ART CENTERS
- VACCINATION OF THOSE WITHOUT CNICS