

# PAKISTAN NATIONAL HEPATITIS ELIMINATION PROFILE

## HEPATITIS C VIRUS

The vision of the NHSF 2017-21 is "In Pakistan; viral hepatitis transmission is halted and everyone living with viral hepatitis has access to safe, affordable and effective prevention, care and treatment services."

### THE HEALTH BURDEN OF VIRAL HEPATITIS

 **9,800,000**

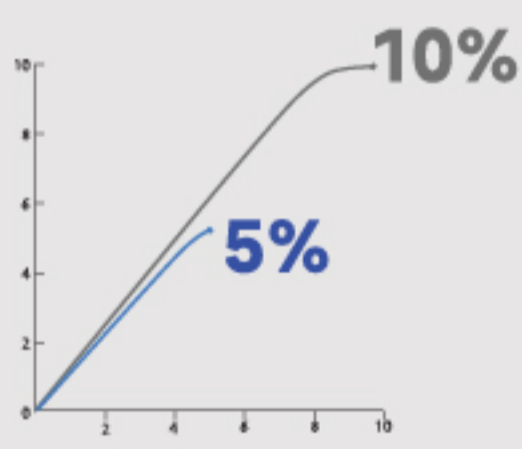
Living with hepatitis infection, 2021

 **17,644**

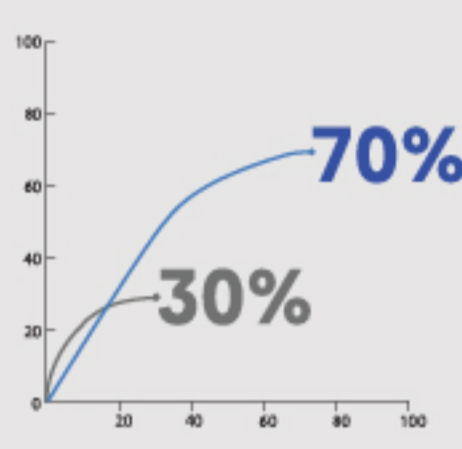
Hepatitis - related deaths

### PROGRESS TOWARDS 2020 WHO ELIMINATION GOALS

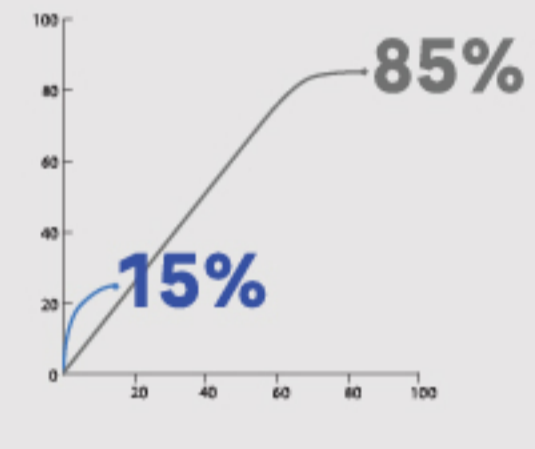
■ WHO TARGET 2020 ■ PAKISTAN



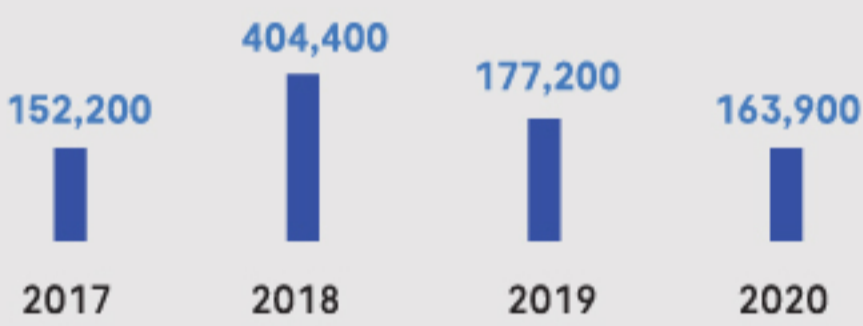
Percentage change in new deaths, 2015-2020



Proportion of persons living with hepatitis diagnosed, 2021



Proportion of persons diagnosed with hepatitis treated, 2021



Number of persons diagnosed with chronic hepatitis, 2017-2020

**2.6M**

Number of persons treated for hepatitis, cumulative, 2004-2020

### TESTING TO DIAGNOSE HCV INFECTION

#### ACHIEVEMENTS:

- Anti-hepatitis testing is free-of-charge in the public sector.
- The Prime Minister set a target for July 2020 to June 2025 to screen 50% of the eligible population, aiming to reach 69M persons with Anti-hepatitis screening and 5.15M with PCR confirmation testing.
- A model community-based hepatitis based, "Test and Treat" programme is underway in Punjab province.
- An ambitious hepatitis programme aims to treat 9.8M patients by 2030.

### NEXT STEPS TOWARD ELIMINATION

Continue to focus on HCV prevention



Evolve a comprehensive monitoring and evaluation framework for provincial hepatitis elimination programs



Improve implementation of standard guidelines on blood transfusion, reuse of syringes and needles for tattooing and ear piercing, and insufficient sterilisation of potentially contaminated surgical and dental equipment



Build on early micro-elimination and hepatitis programs to scale-up HCV testing



Large-scale mass media campaigns to reduce demand for injections to lower risk of transmission