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The outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic at the beginning of 2020 has affected global and regional mobility, including mobility in Pakistan, through various travel disruptions and restrictions. To better understand how the pandemic affects global mobility, the International Organization for Migration (IOM) has developed an online tool and database to register points of entry (POE), exit and transit - such as airports, land and blue border crossing points - where mobility restrictions, preparedness and response measures are in place. To support these efforts, over a period of 12 months, the Displacement Tracking Matrix Regional Evidence for Migration Analysis and Policy (DTM REMAP) team in Pakistan mapped and gathered data on the locations, statuses and restrictions at POEs in Pakistan.

Between March 2020 and February 2021, the land borders with the Islamic Republic of Iran and Afghanistan were open for trade of essential goods and only limited crossings of travelers was allowed. Due to emergence of new strains of COVID-19, in February 2021 the Civil Aviation Authority prohibited travelers (other than Pakistani citizens) to enter the country from Brazil, the Republic of Ireland, the Netherlands, Portugal, South Africa and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. In February 2021, the Torkham border with Afghanistan was opened for pedestrians (except on Sundays) but repatriation of Afghan migrants was still on hold. However, at the Chaman border with Afghanistan pedestrian travel, repatriation and trade activities continued all days of the week. The Wagah border with India remained open for limited cargo transport and repatriation of stranded individuals.

In February 2021, the DTM REMAP team in Pakistan assessed 17 POEs. The most common type of POEs reported was airports (9), followed by land borders (6) and blue borders (2). Internal transit points are not taken into account for analysis in this snapshot. During the reporting period (March 2020 – February 2021), the number of assessed POEs increased from 16 to 17[1] POEs. The status of the POEs changed notably. None of the POEs were fully operational at the beginning of the assessment. However, by February 2021, 12 POEs were fully operational, two were partially operational and three were fully closed.

ASSESSED POEs BY TYPE
(As of February 2021)

17
Points of entry were assessed in February 2021

9 Airports

2 Blue borders

6 Land borders

0 Internal transit points

LOCATIONS AND STATUSES OF POEs
(AS OF FEBRUARY 2021)

Point of entry
- Land border
- Airport
- Blue border

Operational status PoE
- Fully operational
- Partially operational
- Fully closed
- Unknown status

Khunjerab Border Point

KHYBER PAKTHUNKHWA

Jammu & Kashmir

Torkham Border Point

Bacha Khan International Airport

Islamabad International Airport

ISLAMABAD

Sialkot International Airport

Kartarpur Corridor

PUNJAB

Wagah Border Point

Allama Iqbal International Airport

Chaman Border Point

Faisalabad International Airport

Quetta International Airport

Multan International Airport

BALOCHISTAN

SINDH

Jinnah International Airport

Karachi Port

Gwadar International Airport

Bin Qasim Port

Taftan Border Point

Legend
- International border
- Disputed border
- Line of control
- Province border
- District border
- Districts

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Dotted line represents approximately the line of control in Jammu and Kashmir agreed upon by India and Pakistan. The final status of Jammu and Kashmir has not yet been agreed upon by the parties. The designations employed and the presentation of material on this map do not imply the expression of any opinion whatsover on the part of IOM or United Nations concerning the legal status of any country, territory, city or area or of its authorities, or concerning the delimitation of its frontiers or boundaries.

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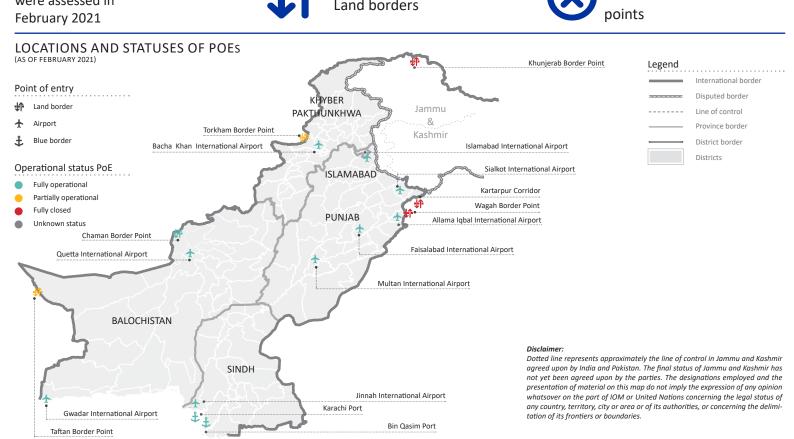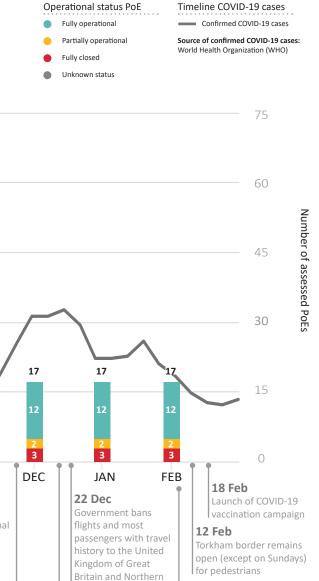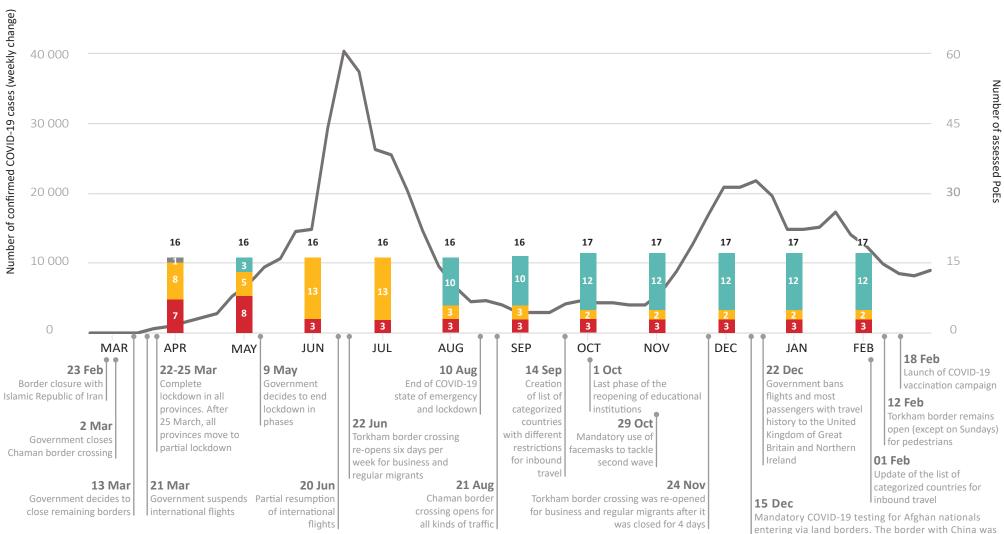### March 2020 - February 2021

PAKISTAN

Timeline of confirmed national COVID-19 cases (weekly change), status of PoEs and country-level mobility restrictions

Operational status PoE
- Fully operational
- Partially operational
- Fully closed
- Unknown status

Timeline COVID-19 cases
— Confirmed COVID-19 cases

Source of confirmed COVID-19 cases: World Health Organization (WHO)

Chart data (Operational status PoE stacked bars):
- MAR: —
- APR: 16 (Unknown 1, Partially 8, Fully closed 7)
- MAY: 16 (Fully operational 3, Partially 5, Fully closed 8)
- JUN: 16 (Partially 13, Fully closed 3)
- JUL: 16 (Partially 13, Fully closed 3)
- AUG: 16 (Fully operational 10, Partially 3, Fully closed 3)
- SEP: 16 (Fully operational 10, Partially 3, Fully closed 3)
- OCT: 17 (Fully operational 12, Partially 2, Fully closed 3)
- NOV: 17 (Fully operational 12, Partially 2, Fully closed 3)
- DEC: 17 (Fully operational 12, Partially 2, Fully closed 3)
- JAN: 17 (Fully operational 12, Partially 2, Fully closed 3)
- FEB: 17 (Fully operational 12, Partially 2, Fully closed 3)

Y-axis left: Number of confirmed COVID-19 cases (weekly change) 0 – 50 000
Y-axis right: Number of assessed PoE 0 – 75

Timeline events:

23 Feb Border closure with Islamic Republic of Iran

2 Mar Government closes Chaman border crossing

13 Mar Government decides to close remaining borders

21 Mar Government suspends international flights

22-25 Mar Complete lockdown in all provinces. After 25 March, all provinces move to partial lockdown

9 May Government decides to end lockdown in phases

20 Jun Partial resumption of international flights

22 Jun Torkham border crossing re-opens six days per week for business and regular migrants

10 Aug End of COVID-19 state of emergency and lockdown

21 Aug Chaman border crossing opens for all kinds of traffic

14 Sep Creation of list of categorized countries with different restrictions for inbound travel

1 Oct Last phase of the reopening of educational institutions

29 Oct Mandatory use of facemasks to tackle second wave

24 Nov Torkham border crossing was re-opened for business and regular migrants after it was closed for 4 days

22 Dec Government bans flights and most passengers with travel history to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

15 Dec Mandatory COVID-19 testing for Afghan nationals entering via land borders. The border with China was re-opened for 10 days for business purposes

01 Feb Update of the list of categorized countries for inbound travel

12 Feb Torkham border remains open (except on Sundays) for pedestrians

18 Feb Launch of COVID-19 vaccination campaign

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