DTM IOM DISPLACEMENT TRACKING MATRIX

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The outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic at the beginning of 2020 has affected global 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 14 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 the country.

In April 2021, the DTM REMAP team in Pakistan assessed 17[1] POEs. The most common type of POEs reported was airports (9), followed by land borders (6) and blue borders (2). The status of POEs between March and April 2021 changed due to increase of COVID-19 cases as well as the emergence of the new strains of COVID-19 in other countries. In April 2021, twelve POEs were fully operational, four were partially operational and one was fully closed.

On April 19, 2021, Pakistan officially banned travelers from India for two weeks due to new record of COVID-19 cases in India. However, land border with India remained open for trade of essential goods. The land borders with Iran (Islamic Republic of) remained open for trade of essential goods and only limited crossing of travelers was allowed. During March and April 2021, the Chaman and Torkham border crossings with Afghanistan remained open for trade activities and international travelers. Repatriation of Afghans continued only at the Chaman border crossing.

Pakistan has created a list of categorized countries with different travel restrictions for inbound travel as a measure to curb the spread of COVID-19 in the country. Passengers arriving from category-C countries are restricted from entering Pakistan and allowed only under NCOC (National Command and Operation Center) guidelines. The number of countries listed on category-C has increased from 12 countries in February 2021 to 23 countries in April 2021. In addition, all inbound travelers (except those who are exempt) must provide the required personal details through Pass Track Application 72 hours prior to departure to Pakistan.

ASSESSED POEs BY TYPE
(As of April 2021)
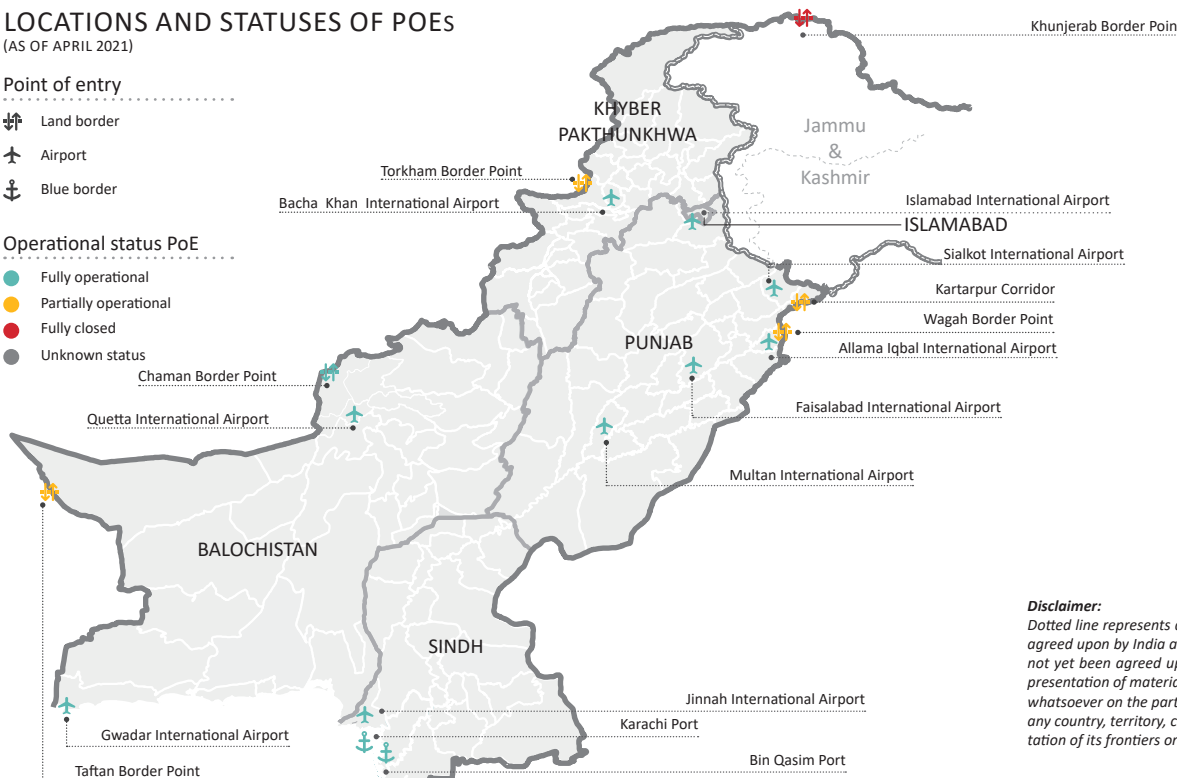
17
Points of entry were assessed in April 2021

✈ **9** Airports

⚓ **2** Blue borders

⬍ **6** Land borders

⊗ **0** Internal transit points
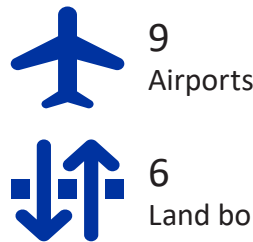
LOCATIONS AND STATUSES OF POEs
(AS OF APRIL 2021)

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
Wagah Border Point
Allama Iqbal International Airport

PUNJAB

Faisalabad International Airport

Chaman Border Point
Quetta International Airport

Multan International Airport

BALOCHISTAN

SINDH

Jinnah International Airport
Karachi Port
Bin Qasim Port

Gwadar International Airport
Taftan Border Point

Legend
- ─── International border
- ═══ Disputed border
- ----- Line of control
- ─── Province border
- ─── District border
- ▢ Districts

Disclaimer:
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 whatsoever 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.

[1] *Number only represents land borders, airports and blue borders.*

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PAKISTAN

Timeline of Confirmed National COVID-19 Cases (weekly change) and Status of PoEs (March 2020 - April 2021)

Operational status PoE: ● Fully operational   ● Partially operational   ● Fully closed   ● Unknown status

Timeline COVID-19 cases: —— Confirmed COVID-19 cases

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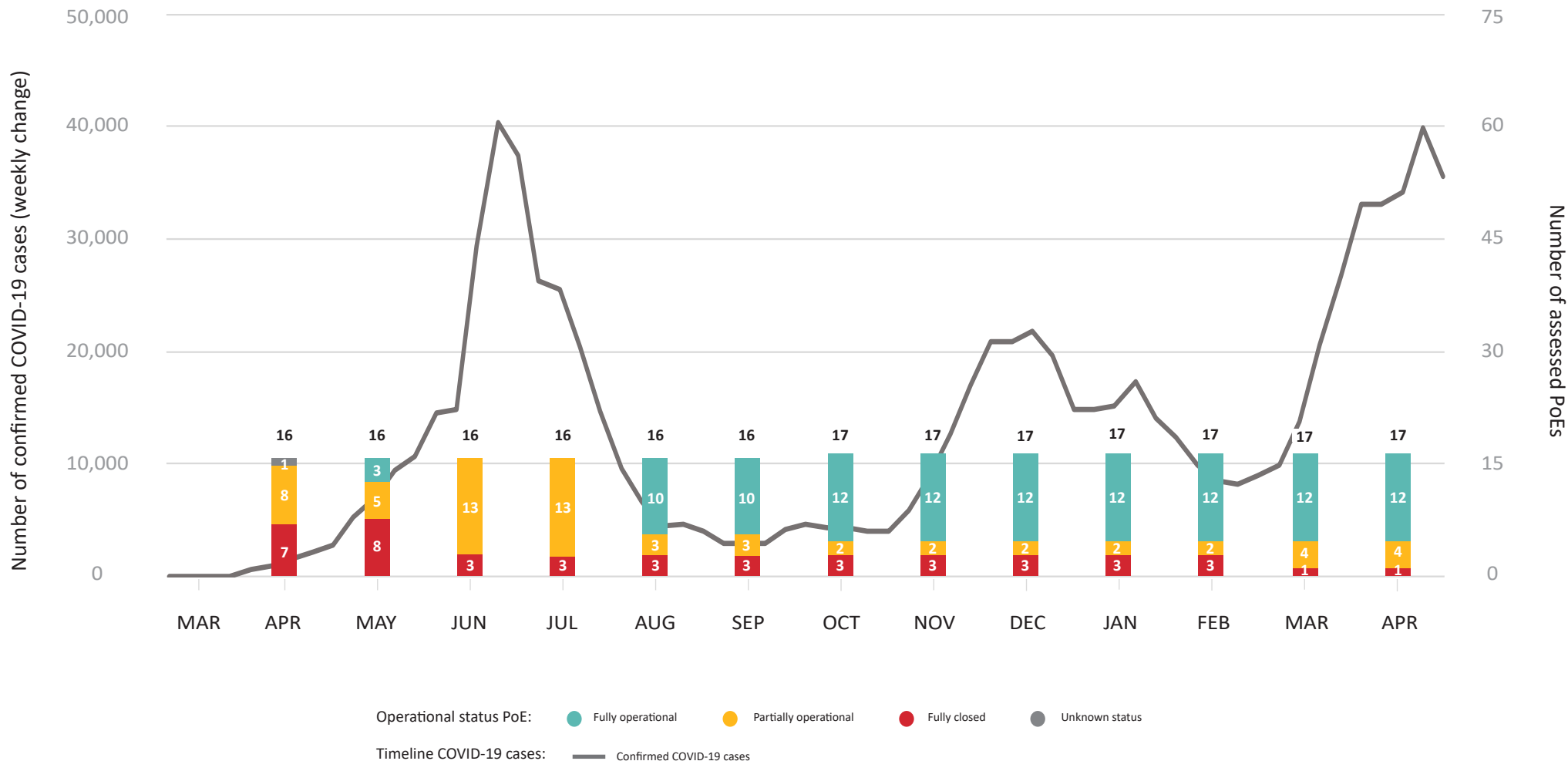
PAKISTAN

Timeline of Confirmed National COVID-19 Cases (weekly change) and Status of PoEs (March 2020 - April 2021)
Inset graph of the last four months with 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)

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

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

05 Mar
Government introduces new requirements for inbound travelers:
- Provide contact information through the PassTrack App/browser
- Undergo screening by a health official
- Provide a certificate of negative COVID-19 RT-PCR test

19 Apr
Pakistan bans travelers from India for two weeks

23 Apr
Government calls in army to help contain COVID-19 spread

24 Apr
Extended travel restrictions for international passengers arriving from 23 category-C countries