Iran (Islamic Republic of)

Afghanistan

Pakistan

Iraq

Bangladesh

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ASSESSED POES BY TYPE
(AS OF AUGUST 2021)

111 Land borders

73 Airports

25 Blue borders

73 Areas of interest

24 Populations of interest

54 Internal transit points

ASSESSED POES BY TYPE AND BY COUNTRY
(AS OF AUGUST 2021)

	ASSESSED POES	Land Borders	Airports	Blue Borders
Afghanistan 44		40	4	0
Bangladesh 23		12	8	3
Iran (Islamic Republic of) 93		30	47	16
Iraq 32		23	5	4
Pakistan 17		6	9	2

The outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic at the beginning of 2020 has affected global and regional mobility, including mobility in the DTM REMAP project countries, through various travel disruptions and restrictions.
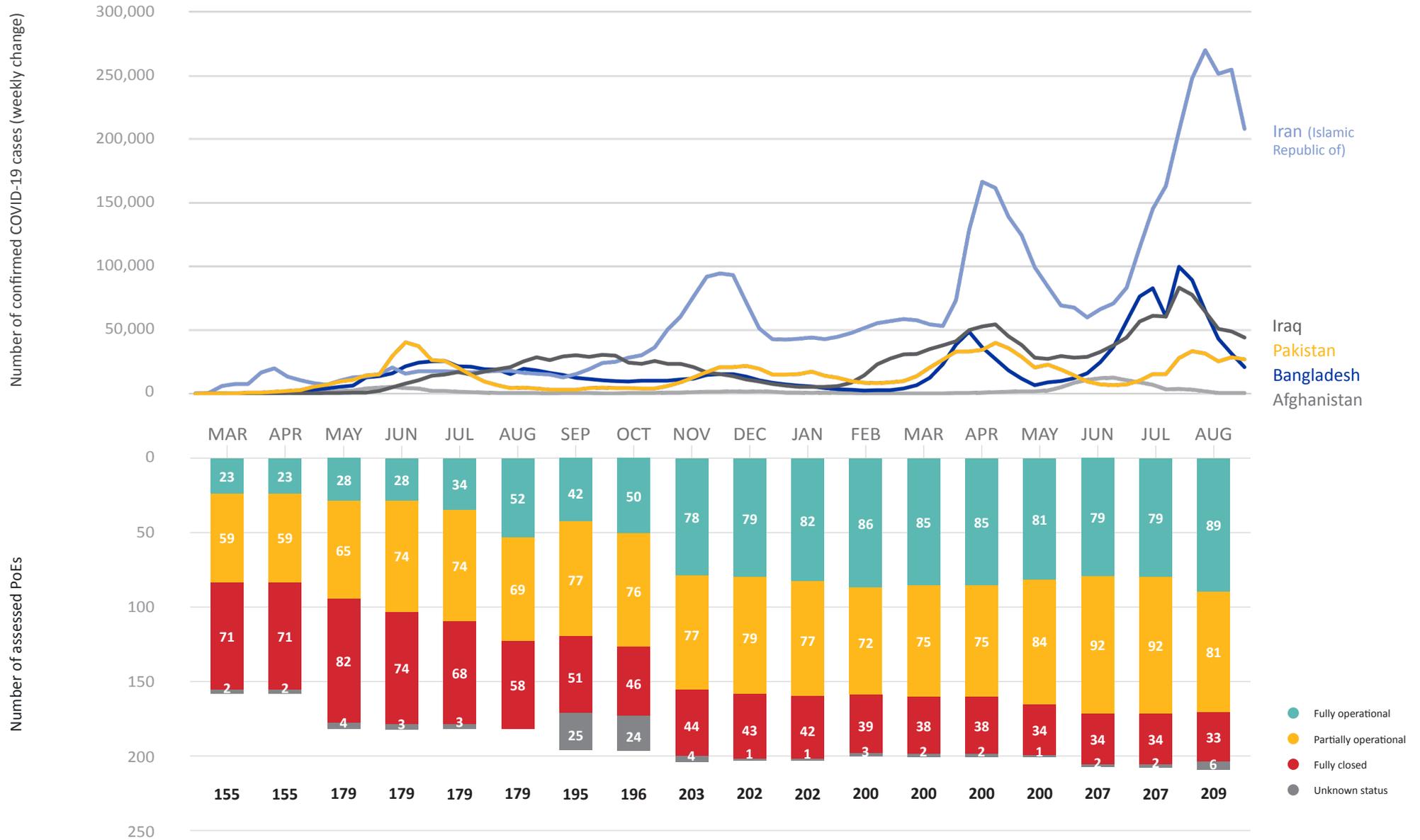
To better understand how the pandemic affects global mobility, the International Organization for Migration (IOM) developed an online tool and database to register points of entry, exit and transit - such as airports and land and blue border crossing points - where mobility restrictions and preparedness and response measures are in place. To support these efforts, over a period of 18 months, the Displacement Tracking Matrix Regional Evidence for Migration Analysis and Policy (DTM REMAP) national teams mapped and gathered data on the locations, statuses and restrictions at Points of Entry (PoE) in the project countries.

The information gathered allows more in-depth analysis to uncover specific trends related to the locations, statuses and restrictions of PoEs in these countries.

During the reporting period, the number of assessed PoEs in the DTM REMAP project countries gradually increased from 155 to 209[1] PoEs.

The most common type of PoE reported in August 2021 was land borders (111), followed by airports (73) and blue borders (25). Areas of interest, populations of interest and internal transit points were also assessed but were not taken into account for further analysis in this snapshot.

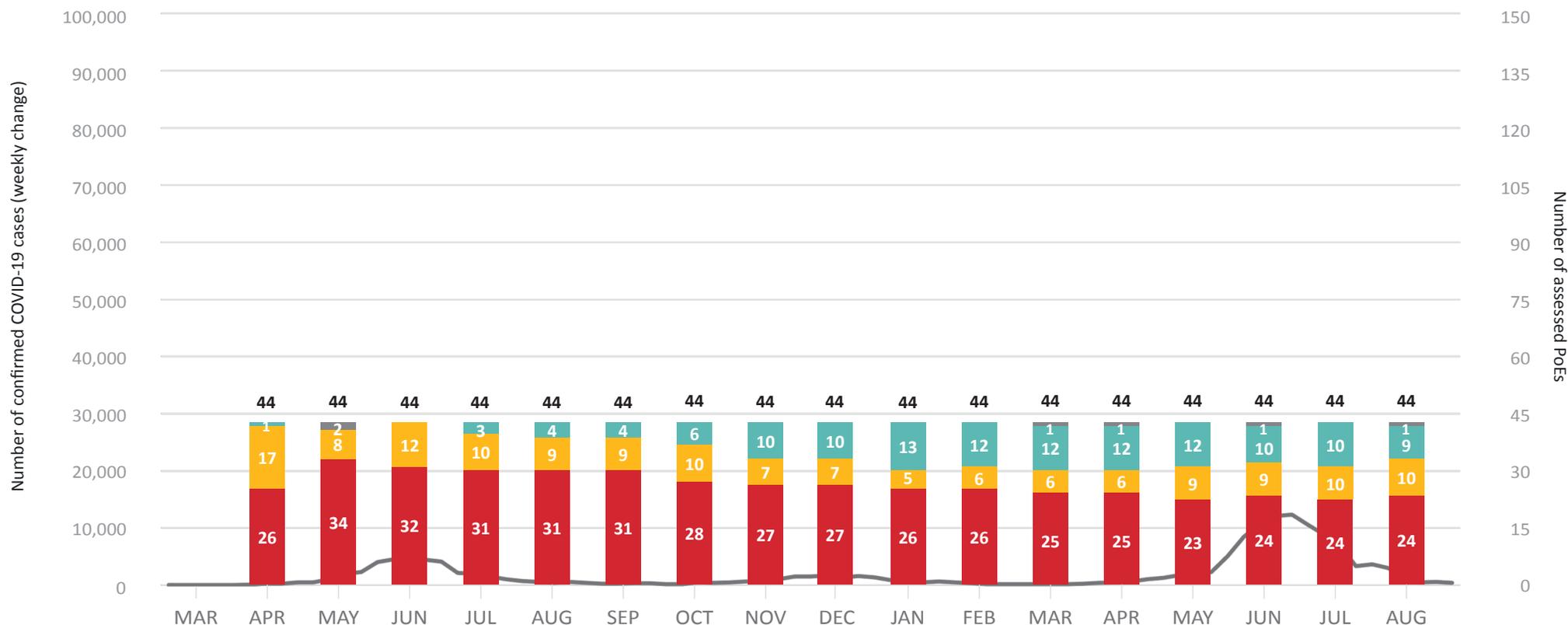[1]Number only represents land borders, airports and blue borders.

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Timeline of confirmed national COVID-19 cases (weekly change) by country and status of PoEs

Number of confirmed COVID-19 cases (weekly change)

Iran (Islamic Republic of)
Iraq
Pakistan
Bangladesh
Afghanistan

	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG
Fully operational	23	23	28	28	34	52	42	50	78	79	82	86	85	85	81	79	79	89
Partially operational	59	59	65	74	74	69	77	76	77	79	77	72	75	75	84	92	92	81
Fully closed	71	71	82	74	68	58	51	46	44	43	42	39	38	38	34	34	34	33
Unknown status	2	2	4	3	3		25	24	4	1	1	3	2	2	1	2	2	6
Total	**155**	**155**	**179**	**179**	**179**	**179**	**195**	**196**	**203**	**202**	**202**	**200**	**200**	**200**	**200**	**207**	**207**	**209**

Number of assessed PoEs

Legend:
- Fully operational
- Partially operational
- Fully closed
- Unknown status

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

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AFGHANISTAN

Timeline of confirmed national COVID-19 cases (weekly change) and status of PoEs (March 2020 - August 2021 - 18 months)

Number of confirmed COVID-19 cases (weekly change)

Number of assessed PoE

	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG
Total		44	44	44	44	44	44	44	44	44	44	44	44	44	44	44	44	44
Unknown		1											1	1		1		1
Fully operational			2		3	4	4	6	10	10	13	12	12	12	12	10	10	9
Partially operational		17	8	12	10	9	9	10	7	7	5	6	6	6	9	9	10	10
Fully closed		26	34	32	31	31	31	28	27	27	26	26	25	25	23	24	24	24

Highlight policy changes during last 6 months (March 2021 - August 2021)

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

Operational status PoE:
- 🟢 Fully operational
- 🟡 Partially operational
- 🔴 Fully closed
- ⚫ Unknown status

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

29 April 2021	Afghan goverment closes the Islam Qala border crossing with Iran (Islamic Republic of) for passengers but keeps open for trade
04 May 2021	Taliban launch major Afghan offensive in Helmand after deadline for U.S. pullout
9 July 2021	Taliban capture Islam Qala and Torghundi border crossings
14 July 2021	Pakistan seals border with Afghanistan after Taliban take control of Wesh border town
06 August 2021	Taliban close Chaman-Spin Boldak border crossing with Pakistan, call for visa-free travel for Afghans
11 August 2021	Taliban take control of borders with Uzbekistan and Tajikistan
15 August 2021	Taliban take over Kabul and announce the restoration of the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan
16 August 2021	Chaos and casualities at Kabul Airport as it becomes hotspot of evacuations of foreign nationals and Afghans who assisted foreign missions
17 August 2021	Thousands of Afghans enter Pakistan via Chaman border crossing
26 August 2021	More than 100 people killed in blasts outside Kabul airport. Evacuation flights resume next day
31 August 2021	Conclusion of US/NATO troop withdrawal

Disclaimer: Please be aware that, due to COVID-19 diagnostic and reporting challenges in Afghanistan, the WHO official source may underestimate the actual prevalence of COVID-19 cases in the country. Therefore, it is not possible to positively correlate border closures with the low COVID-19 caseload reported.

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BANGLADESH | Timeline of confirmed national COVID-19 cases (weekly change) and status of PoEs (March 2020 - August 2021 - 18 months)
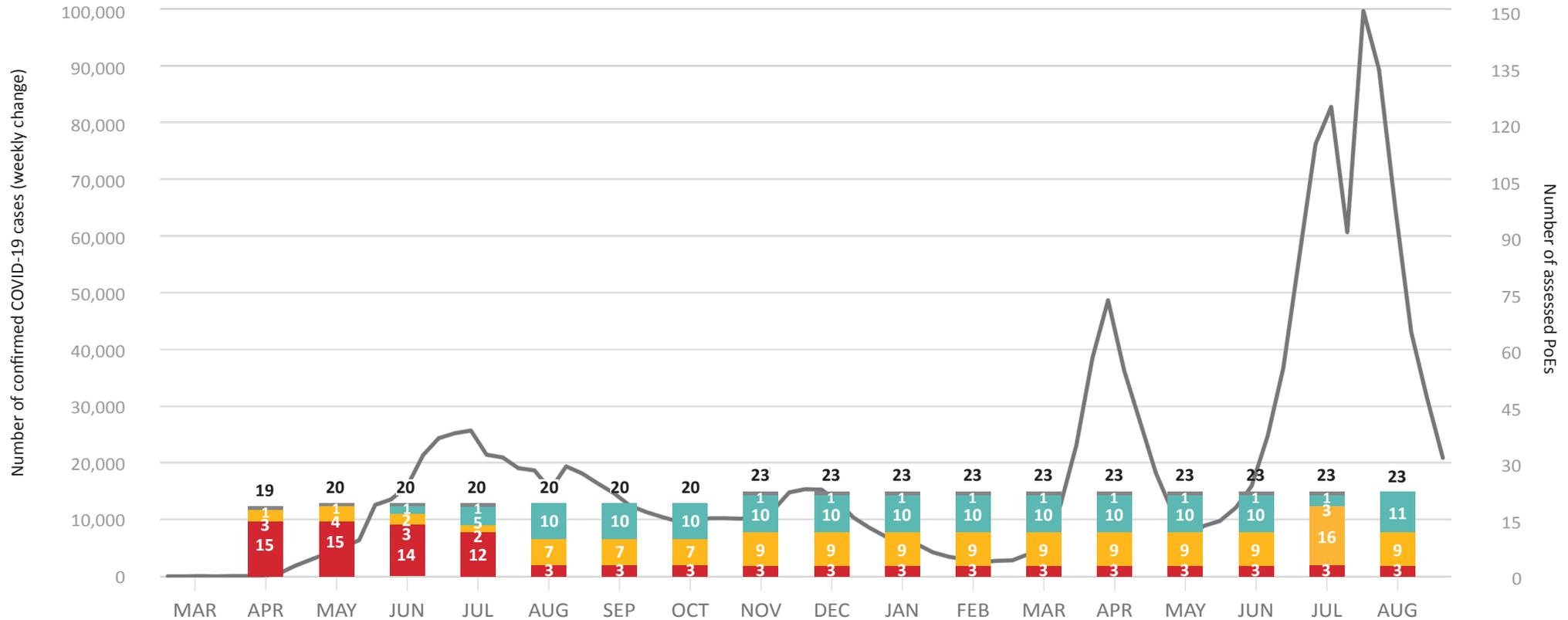
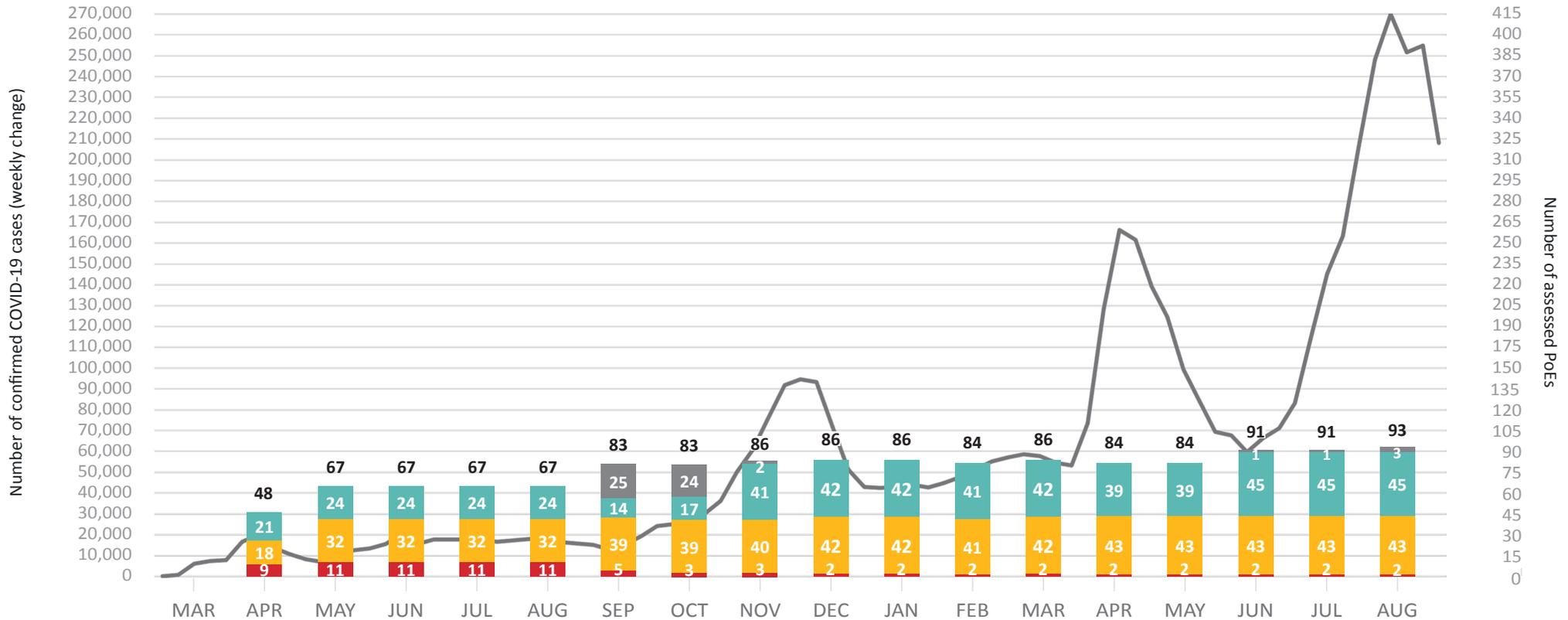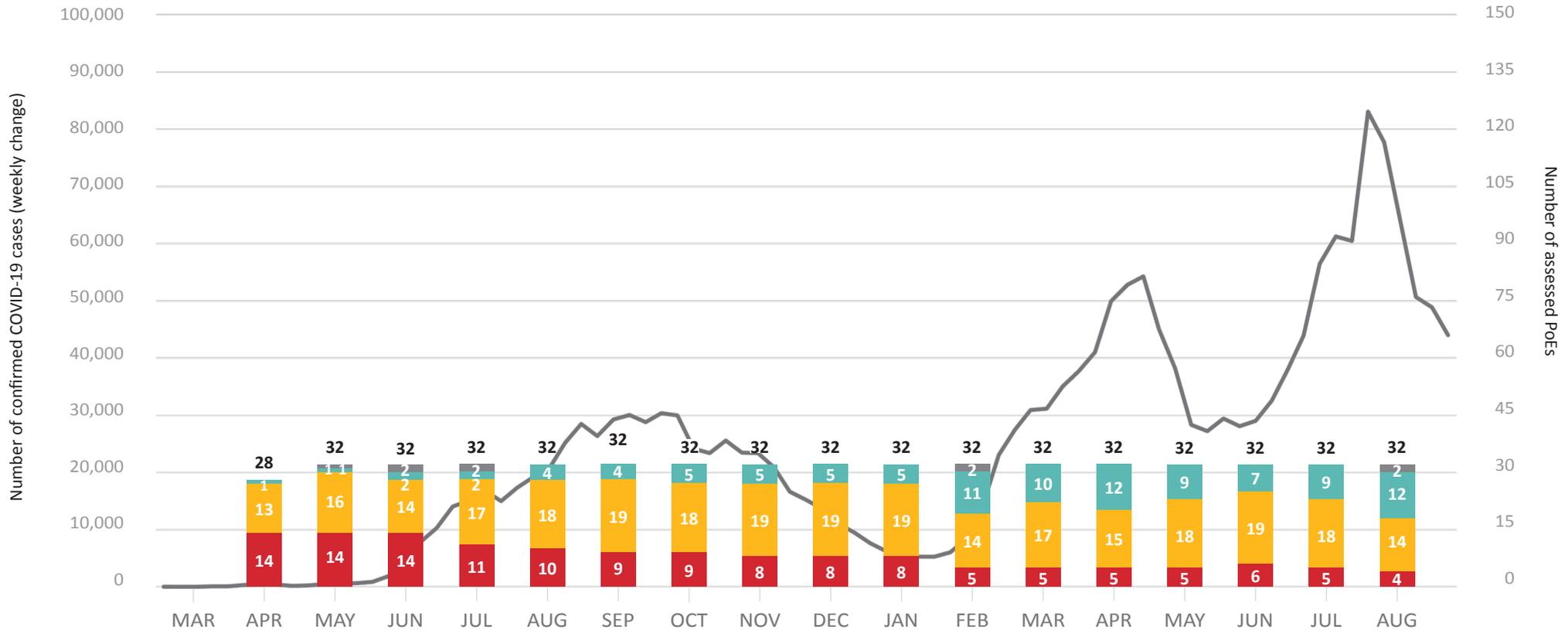### Highlight policy changes during last 6 months (March 2021 - August 2021)

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

Operational status PoE:
- 🟢 Fully operational
- 🟠 Partially operational
- 🔴 Fully closed
- ⚫ Unknown status

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

Date	Policy change
05 April 2021	Government imposes a lockdown (extended until 16 May 2021) and bans domestic travel. Industries and emergency services allowed to operate
11 April 2021	Government bans international travel between 14 and 20 April 2021 (extended to 5 May 2021 but amended to 30 April 2021)
25 April 2021	Government closes border with India for 14 days and reopens shops and malls
21 April 2021	Limited domestic flights allowed to operate
04 May 2021	Passenger movement through land borders with India remains restricted until 9 May 2021
22 May 2021	Government extends ban on land border movement with India (on 14 June 2021 further extended to 30 June 2021)
30 June 2021	Suspension of domestic flights between 1 and 7 July 2021
01 July 2021	Due to Eid al-Adha festivity, the complete lockdown established on 01 July 2021 is lifted. It is reinstated after Eid on 23 July 2021
15 July 2021	Government imposes complete lockdown across the country until 15 July 2021, due to outbreak of COVID-19 delta variant
11 August 2021	International passenger flights resume their regular operation
16 August 2021	Lockdown is lifted and passenger movement across land borders with India is permitted from 14 August 2021

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IRAN (ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF)

Timeline of confirmed national COVID-19 cases (weekly change) and status of PoEs (March 2020 - August 2021 - 18 months)

Number of confirmed COVID-19 cases (weekly change)

Number of assessed PoE

Month	Total	Fully operational	Partially operational	Fully closed	Unknown
MAR					
APR	48	21	18	9	
MAY	67	24	32	11	
JUN	67	24	32	11	
JUL	67	24	32	11	
AUG	67	24	32	11	
SEP	83	14	39	5	25
OCT	83	17	39	3	24
NOV	86	41	40	3	2
DEC	86	42	42	2	
JAN	86	42	42	2	
FEB	84	41	41	2	
MAR	86	42	42	2	
APR	84	39	43	2	
MAY	84	39	43	2	
JUN	91	45	43	2	1
JUL	91	45	43	2	1
AUG	93	45	43	2	3

Highlight policy changes during last 6 months (March 2021 - August 2021)

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

Operational status PoE:
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- Fully closed
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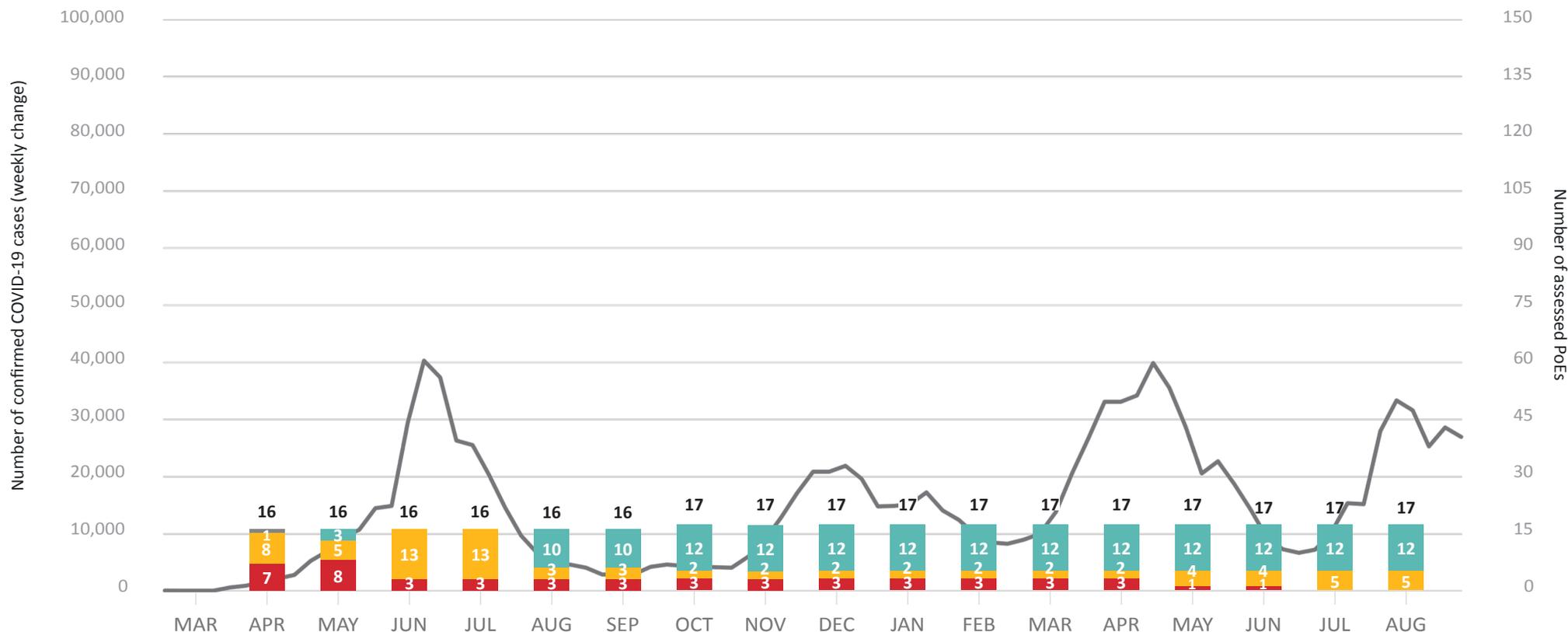Source of confirmed COVID-19 cases: World Health Organization (WHO)

Date	Policy change
06 April 2021	Government categorizes Tehran and more than 40 other cities as red zones
10 April 2021	Government imposes ten day lockdown in 23 of 31 provinces
14 April 2021	Suspension of flights to/from France
24-28 April 2021	Suspension of flights to/from India and Pakistan and partial closure of Taftan border crossing with Pakistan
25 June 2021	Taftan border opens for travellers with COVID-19 vaccinations or negative test results
30 June 2021	Government closes Taftan and Raimdan border crossings to prevent COVID-19 spread
03 July 2021	Government categorizes 92 cities as red, 183 as orange and 173 as yellow
10 July 2021	Strict border restrictions are in place. Only certain government authorised groups are permitted to cross
18 July 2021	Borders with Afghanistan are closed for 5 days due to the upcoming Eid al-Adha festivity
07 August 2021	Milak border remains closed due to conflict in Afghanistan
11 August 2021	All borders with Afghanistan are opened
14 August 2021	Private vehicles are not allowed to travel between cities that are in the red or orange category
15 August 2021	All travelers entering the country, regardless of vaccinations, must have a negative COVID-19 test certificate

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IRAQ

Timeline of confirmed national COVID-19 cases (weekly change) and status of PoEs (March 2020 - August 2021 - 18 months)

Highlight policy changes during last 6 months (March 2021 - August 2021)

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

Operational status PoE:
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- 🟠 Partially operational
- 🔴 Fully closed
- ⚫ Unknown status

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

KRG: Kurdistan Regional Government
KRI: Kurdistan Region
GOI: Government of Iraq
FI: Federal Iraq

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Date	Policy change
04 March 2021	GOI removes ban on entry from certain countries. Establishes mandatory COVID-19 testing and quarantine OR full vaccination to travel
10 March 2021	KRG closes cafes, clubs and bars 00:01-6:00 and cinemas completely. Mandatory COVID-19 testing to enter from other Iraqi governorates
22 March 2021	GOI reduces nighly curfew imposed on 18 February 2021 to 21:00-5:00 Mon-Thu, maintains full curfew Fri-Sun, allows malls, markets and dining places to reopen and bans entry of all tourists
29 March 2021	GOI imposes use of masks in public spaces, closes markets and malls, allows dining places to serve outdoors, prohibits gatherings in confined spaces and travel between FI and KRI Thu-Sat
12 April 2021	GOI imposes restrictions for Ramadan (14 April-14 May 2021): full lockdown Fri-Sat and 20:00-5:00 Sun-Thu, mandatory COVID-19 testing or full vaccination to enter public offices and schools back online
21 April 2021	GOI eases Ramadan restrictions: reopens selected businessess and allows free movement of residents in Baghdad 6:00-19:00
12 May 2021	GOI imposes lockdown 12-22 May 2021: curfew and mandatory closure of most businesses
14 May 2021	GOI lifts full lockdown imposed two days earlier and establishes curfew 21:00-6:00. Dining and leisure centres remain closed during Eid al-Fitr
06 July 2021	Rockets hit Erbil International Airport
08 July 2021	GOI modifies nightly curfew 23:00-5:00. Dining places and leisure centres required to remain closed
14 July 2021	Iraqi citizens included in list of banned nationalities to enter Bahrain

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PAKISTAN

Timeline of confirmed national COVID-19 cases (weekly change) and status of PoEs (March 2020 - August 2021 - 18 months)

Highlight policy changes during last 6 months (March 2021 - August 2021)

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

Operational status PoE:
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- 🟠 Partially operational
- 🔴 Fully closed
- ⚫ Unknown status

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

Date	Policy change
05 March 2021	Government introduces new requirements for inbound travelers: provide contact information through the PassTrack app, undergo screening by a health official and provide a certificate of negative COVID-19 test
19 April 2021	Pakistan bans travelers from India for two weeks
24 April 2021	Extended travel restrictions for international passengers arriving from 23 category C countries
01 May 2021	The CAA suspends flights for two weeks on Eid al-Fitr, mainly from Middle East
03 May 2021	Pakistan tightens borders as COVID-19 cases soar
01 June 2021	Pakistan and China open the Khunjerab pass for trade and travel activities from China to Pakistan only
25 June 2021	Taftan border with the Islamic Republic of Iran opened for all travelers, except pilgrims, with COVID-19 vaccination as a pre-requisite
02 July 2021	Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) issues warning to foreign airlines to suddenly cancel flights
22 July 2021	Traffic on Karakoram Highway remains suspended for second consecutive day
06 August 2021	Taliban close the Chaman crossing, border between Afghanistan and Pakistan, demanding visa-free travel for Afghans
19 August 2021	Pakistan opens doors to Afghan and foreign diplomats and officials
25 August 2021	China closes border with Pakistan after temporary opening

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