DTM IOM DISPLACEMENT TRACKING MATRIX

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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 Bangladesh, 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 22 months, the Displacement Tracking Matrix Regional Evidence for Migration Analysis and Policy (DTM REMAP) team in Bangladesh mapped and gathered data on the locations, statuses and restrictions at Points of Entry (PoE) in the country. The information gathered allows more in-depth analysis to uncover specific trends related to the locations, statuses and restrictions of PoEs in Bangladesh.

In December 2021, the DTM REMAP team in Bangladesh assessed 23 PoEs. The most common type of PoE reported was land borders (12), followed by airports (8) and blue borders (3). Internal transit points are not taken into account for analysis in this snapshot. During the PoE reporting period, the number of assessed PoEs in Bangladesh increased from 19 to 23[1] PoEs. The status of the PoEs changed notably. None of the PoEs were fully operational at the beginning of the assessment. However, by December 2021, 19 PoEs were fully operational, one was partially operational, three were fully closed.

ASSESSED POES BY TYPE
(AS OF DECEMBER 2021)

23 Points of entry were assessed in December 2021

12 Land borders

3 Blue borders

8 Airports

0 Internal transit points

LOCATIONS AND STATUSES OF POES
(AS OF DECEMBER 2021)

Point of entry
- Land border
- Airport
- Blue border

Operational status PoE
- ● Fully operational
- ● Partially operational
- ● Fully closed
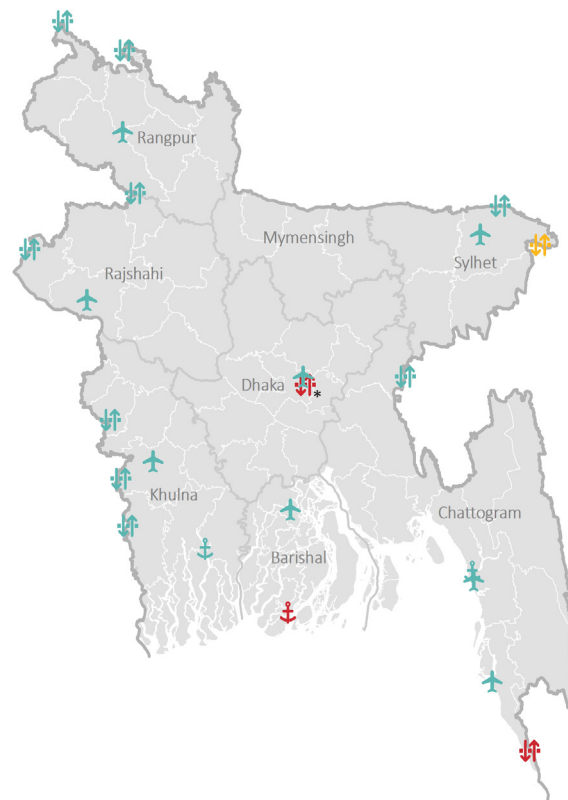
Legend
- International border
- Division border

Rangpur

Mymensingh

Sylhet

Rajshahi

Dhaka

Khulna

Chattogram

Barishal

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

* The Cantonment Railway Station is categorized as a land border in this report as it functions as a major rail transit point between Bangladesh and India.

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

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)
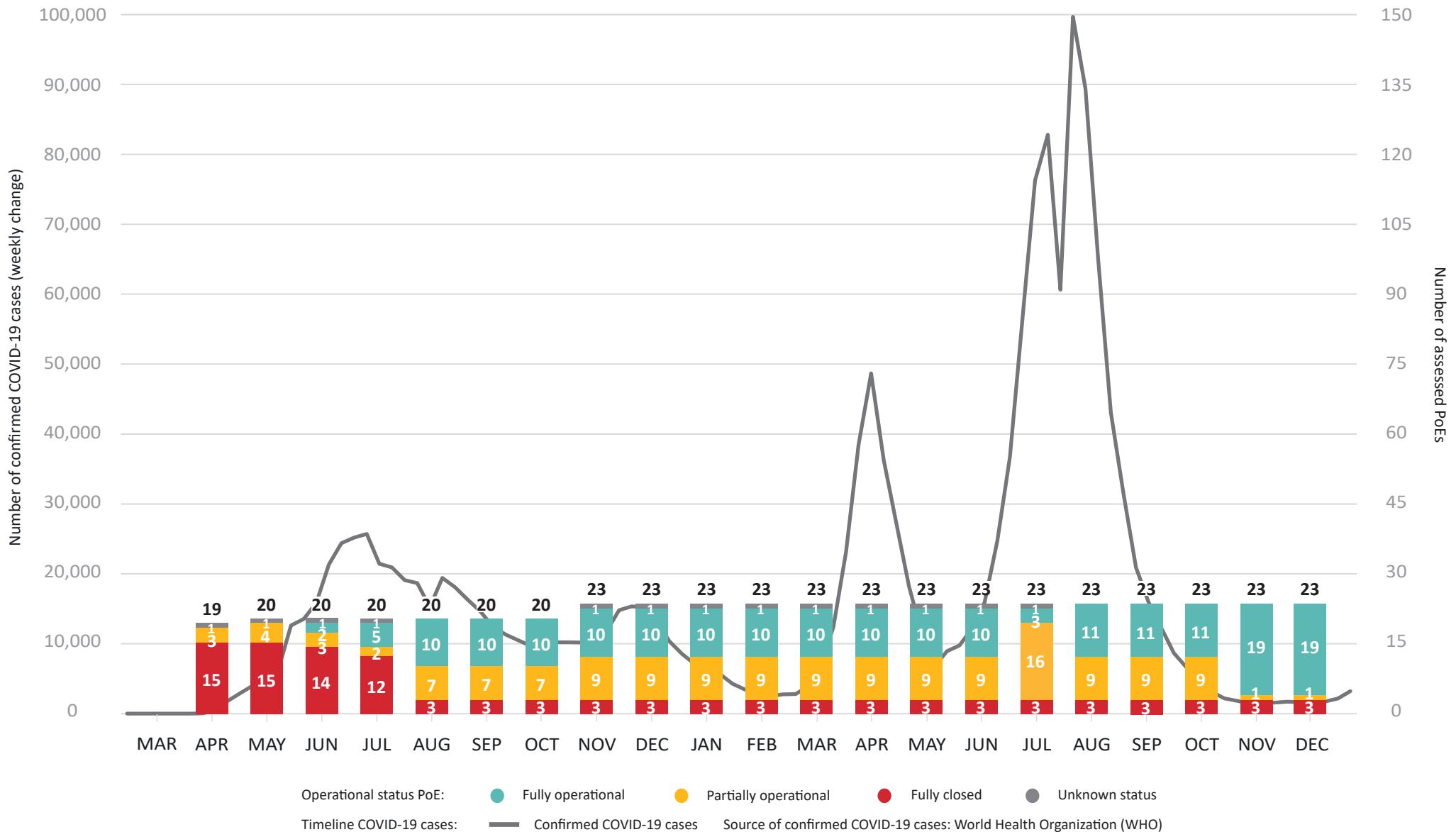
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Inset graph of the last six months with country-level mobility restrictions

Inset

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)

15 July
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

01 July
After the outbreak of the COVID-19 delta variant, the government imposes a complete lockdown across the country until 15 July 2021

16 August
International passenger flight resumes its regular operation

11 August
Lockdown is lifted and passenger movement across the land border with India is permitted from 14 August 2021

16 September
Individuals entering and exiting Bangladesh through land ports no longer require 'No Objection Certificates'

12 September
Government reopens schools and colleges in the country after 18 months of closure

14 November
Secondary School Certificate (SSC) examination started

23 October
Travelers without vaccination from 13 countries must fulfil a mandatory 7-day institutional quarantine at government-designated hotels and 14-day home quarantine for others

04 December
Due to the Omicron variant, passengers travelling from African countries must complete a mandatory 14-day quarantine at government-designated hotels

02 December
Higher Secondary School Certificate (HSC) examination started

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