

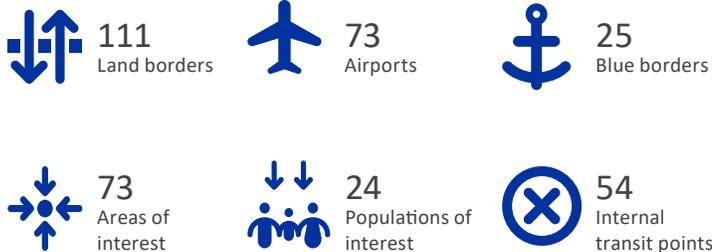


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● DTM REMAP project countries

ASSESSED POES BY TYPE

(AS OF FEBRUARY 2022)



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 24 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 209¹ PoEs.

The most common type of PoE reported in February 2022 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.

ASSESSED POES BY TYPE AND BY COUNTRY

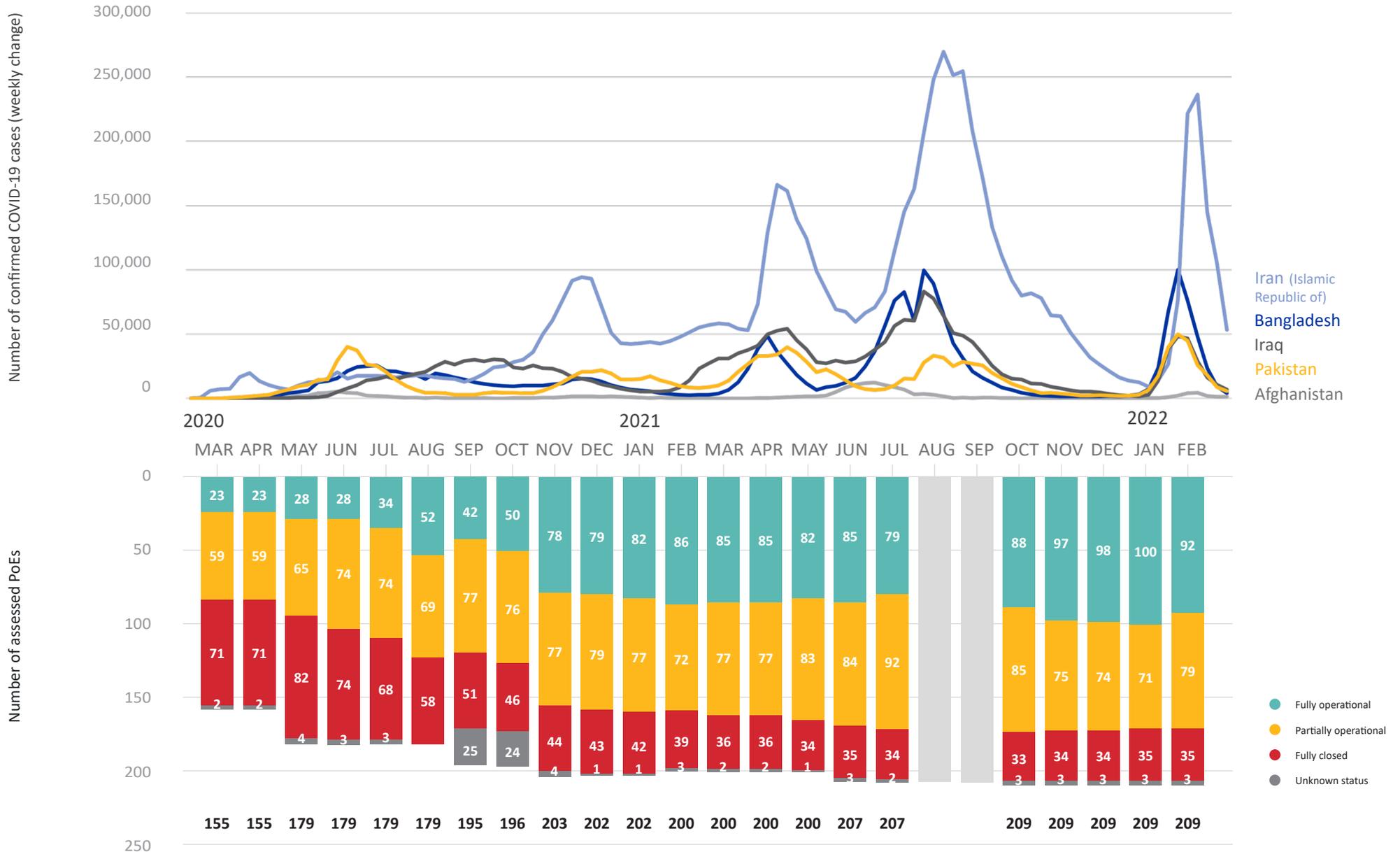
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	Land Borders	Airports	Blue Borders
Afghanistan	44	4	0
Bangladesh	23	8	3
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	93	47	16
Iraq	32	5	4
Pakistan	17	9	2

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

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

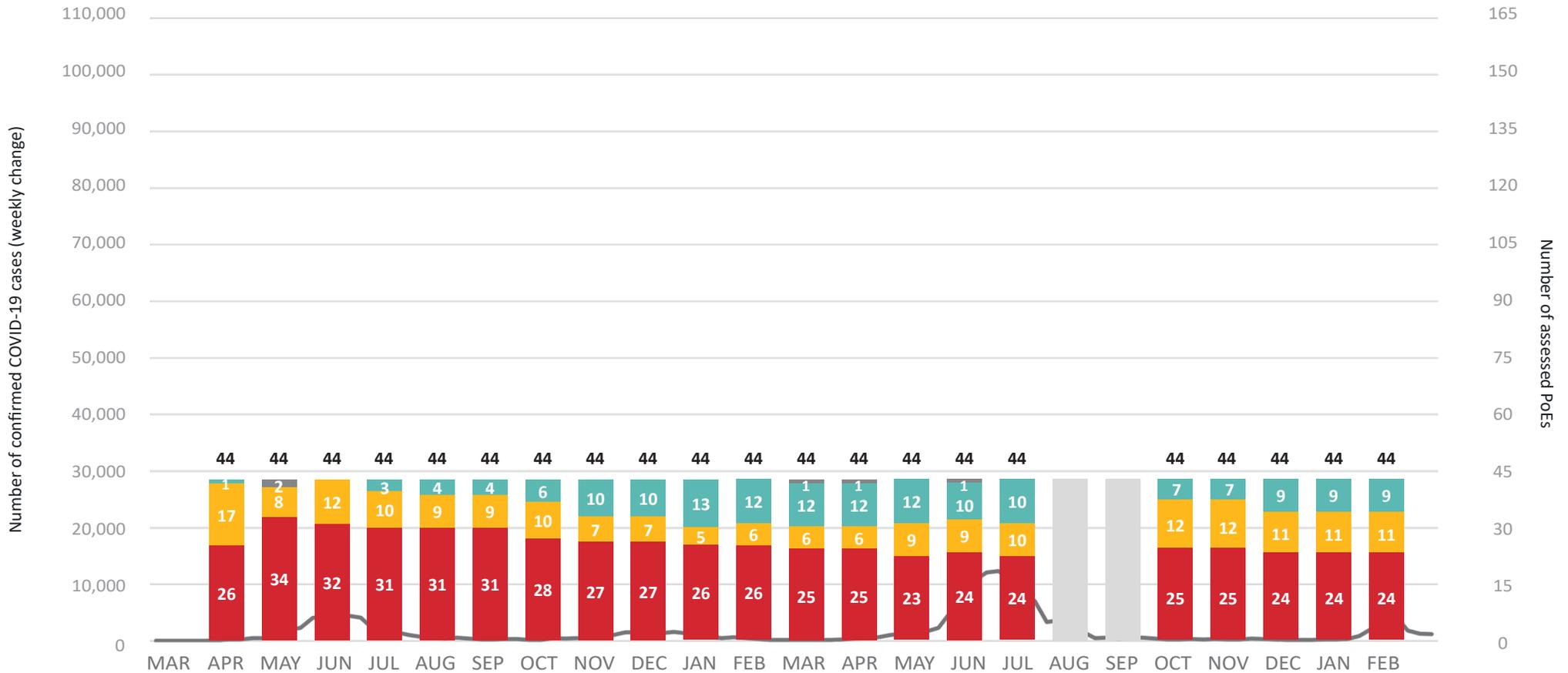
Source of confirmed COVID-19 cases: World Health Organization (WHO)



Disclaimer: Due to security reasons, the DTM team in Afghanistan was not able to verify the status of PoEs in August and September 2021. Therefore, the total number of PoEs for August and September 2021 is visualised in grey.

AFGHANISTAN

Timeline of confirmed national COVID-19 cases (weekly change) and status of PoEs (March 2020 - February 2022 - 24 months)



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

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

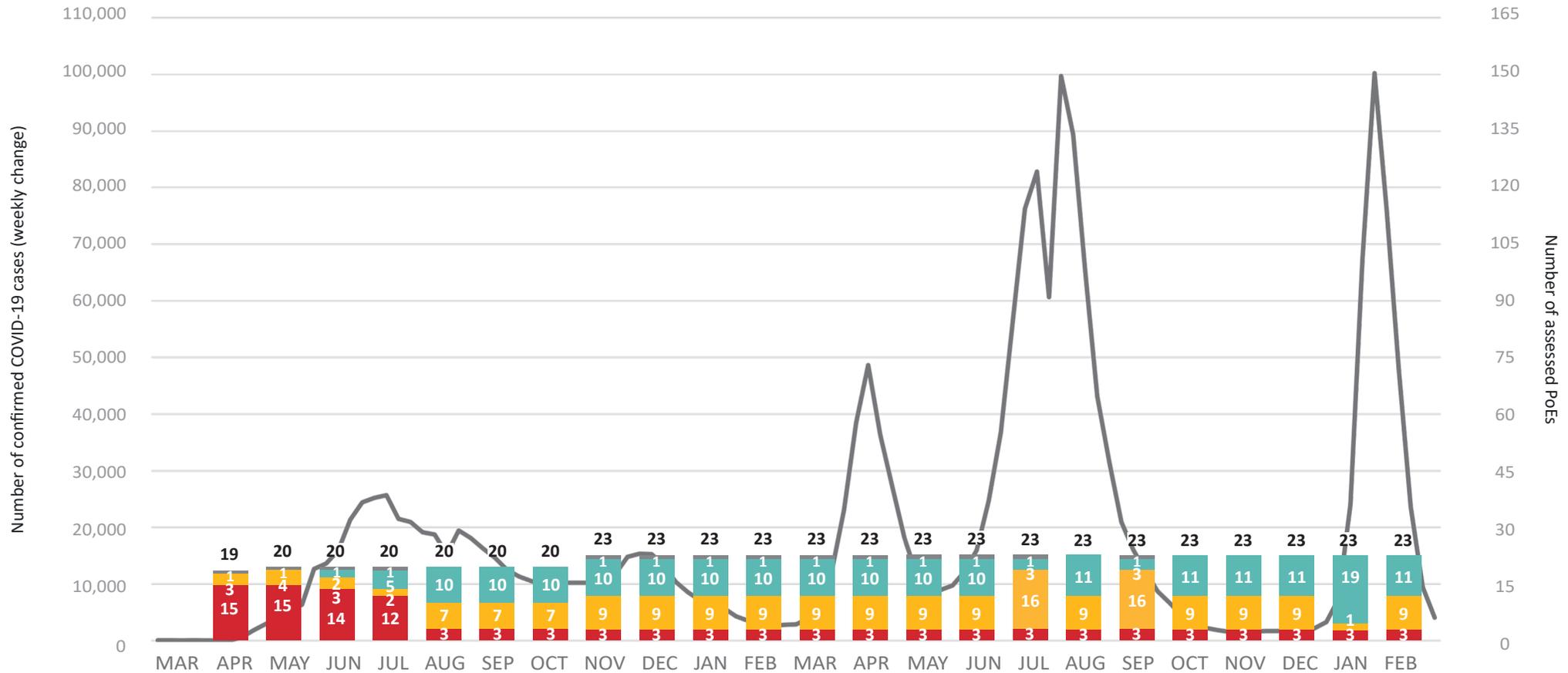
Disclaimer: Please be aware that, due to COVID-19 diagnostic and reporting challenges in Afghanistan, the WHO official source may underestimate the actual prevalence of COVID-19 cases in the country. Therefore, it is not possible to positively correlate border closures with the low COVID-19 caseload reported. Moreover, due to security reasons, the DTM team in Afghanistan was not able to verify the status of PoEs in August and September 2021.

Key policy changes related to PoEs, mobility and COVID-19 (September 2021 - February 2022)

- 05 Sept 2021 Ariana Afghan Airlines resumes domestic flights between Kabul and three major provincial cities
- 06 Sept 2021 Taliban claim total control over Afghanistan after capture of the Panjshir Valley
- 13 Sept 2021 Pakistan International Airlines from Islamabad is the first foreign commercial jet to land in Kabul since Taliban take over Afghanistan
- 02 Nov 2021 Pakistan reopens Chaman border crossing to Afghanistan
- 22 Dec 2021 Afghan Taliban stop Pakistan army from fencing international border
- 26 Dec 2021 Taliban authorities say women must be accompanied by close male relative if travelling for more than 72 km and need a hijab and in some cases a chaperone to get a taxi ride
- 02 Feb 2022 Qatar reaches an agreement with the Taliban to resume chartered evacuation flights from Afghanistan
- 16 Feb 2022 The Taliban-led Defense Ministry establishes several new military units in three border provinces in the country
- 25 Feb 2022 Clashes between Afghan and Pakistani security forces killed two people and wounded several in a border region of the two neighbouring countries

BANGLADESH

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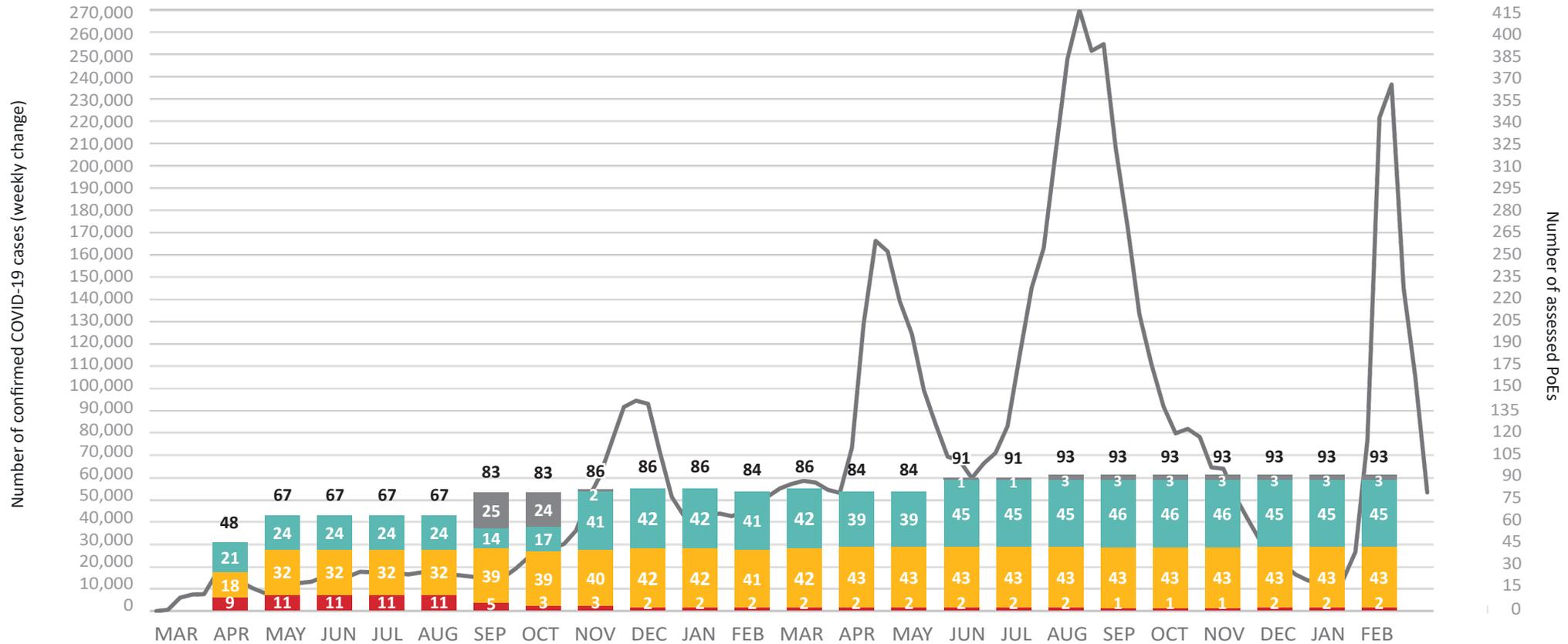
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Key policy changes related to PoEs, mobility and COVID-19 (September 2021 - February 2022)

- 12 Sept 2021 Government reopens schools and colleges in the country after 18 months of closure
- 16 Sept 2021 Individuals entering and exiting Bangladesh through land borders no longer require 'No Objection Certificate'
- 23 Oct 2021 Travelers without COVID-19 vaccinations from 13 high caseload countries must fulfil a mandatory 7-day institutional quarantine at government-designated hotels, while other non-vaccinated travelers must complete a 14-day home quarantine
- 04 Dec 2021 Due to the Omicron variant, passengers travelling from 7 African countries must complete a mandatory 14-day quarantine at government-designated hotels
- 10 Jan 2022 As COVID-19 cases increased, international travelers arriving in Bangladesh must have a vaccination certificate and undergo a rapid antigen test
- 20 Jan 2022 Schools, colleges and other education institutions remain closed from 21 January to 6 February 2022
- 20 Feb 2022 The government decides not to extend domestic COVID-19 restrictions

IRAN (ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF)

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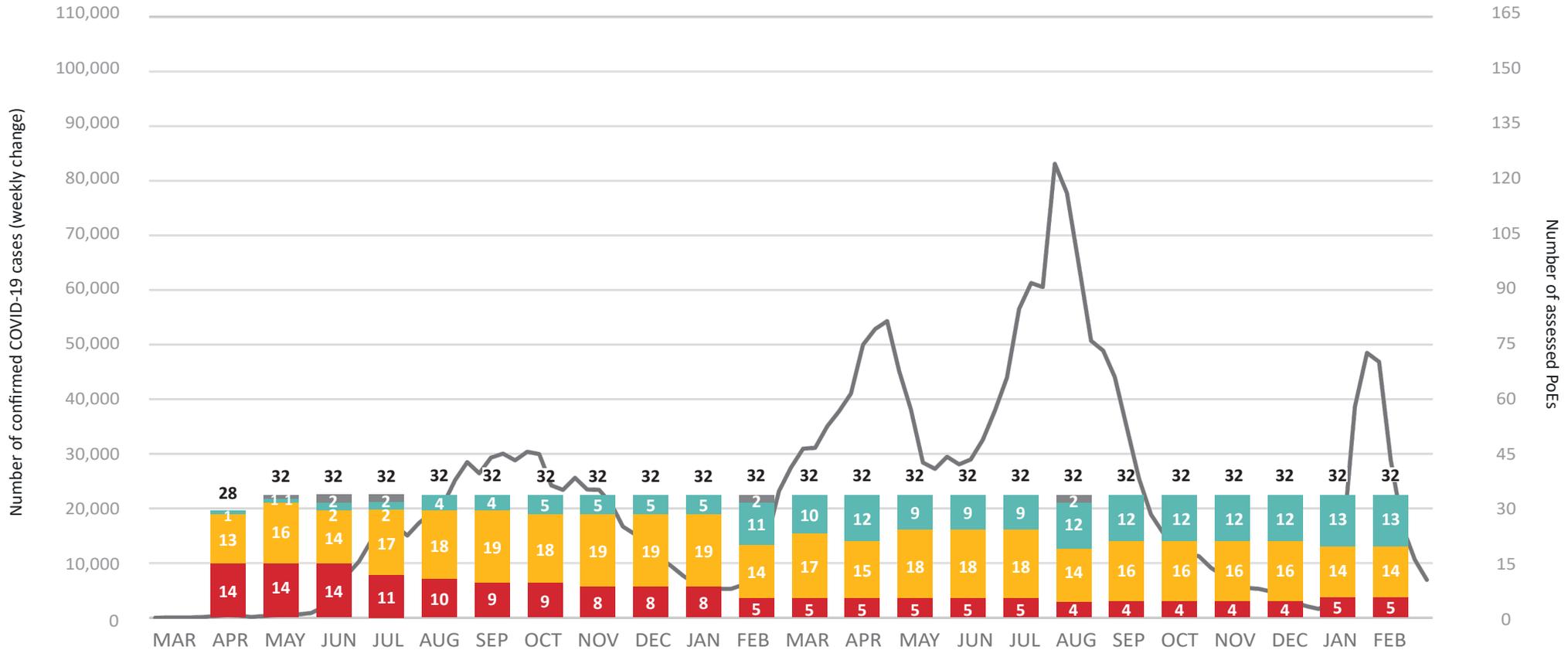
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Key policy changes related to PoEs, mobility and COVID-19 (September 2021 - February 2022)

- 29 Sept 2021 Shalamcheh border is open only for the return of Arba'een pilgrims
- 04 Oct 2021 Border with Pakistan is reopened in Taftan for businesses and students
- 11 Oct 2021 Trade at the Iraqi border resumes after a few days of suspension
- 14 Oct 2021 Inche Borun land border with Turkmenistan is reopened after 20 months
- 27 Oct 2021 Iranian tourist visas are resumed for Iranian and foreign nationals
- 23 Nov 2021 Proof of COVID-19 vaccination or negative PCR test is required to travel by public transport and stay in lodging establishments
- 28 Nov 2021 Due to the detection of Omicron variant, all land borders are closed to travelers from eight African countries
- 09 Jan 2022 The land borders between the Islamic Republic of Iran and Iraq are closed to prevent further transmission of the Omicron variant
- 11 Jan 2022 Travelers can enter the Islamic Republic of Iran with proof of COVID-19 vaccinations and negative PCR COVID-19 test. Travelers from 8 African countries, France and the United Kingdom are not allowed to enter the country
- 17 Feb 2022 Flights between the Republic of Azerbaijan and the Islamic Republic of Iran resume

IRAQ

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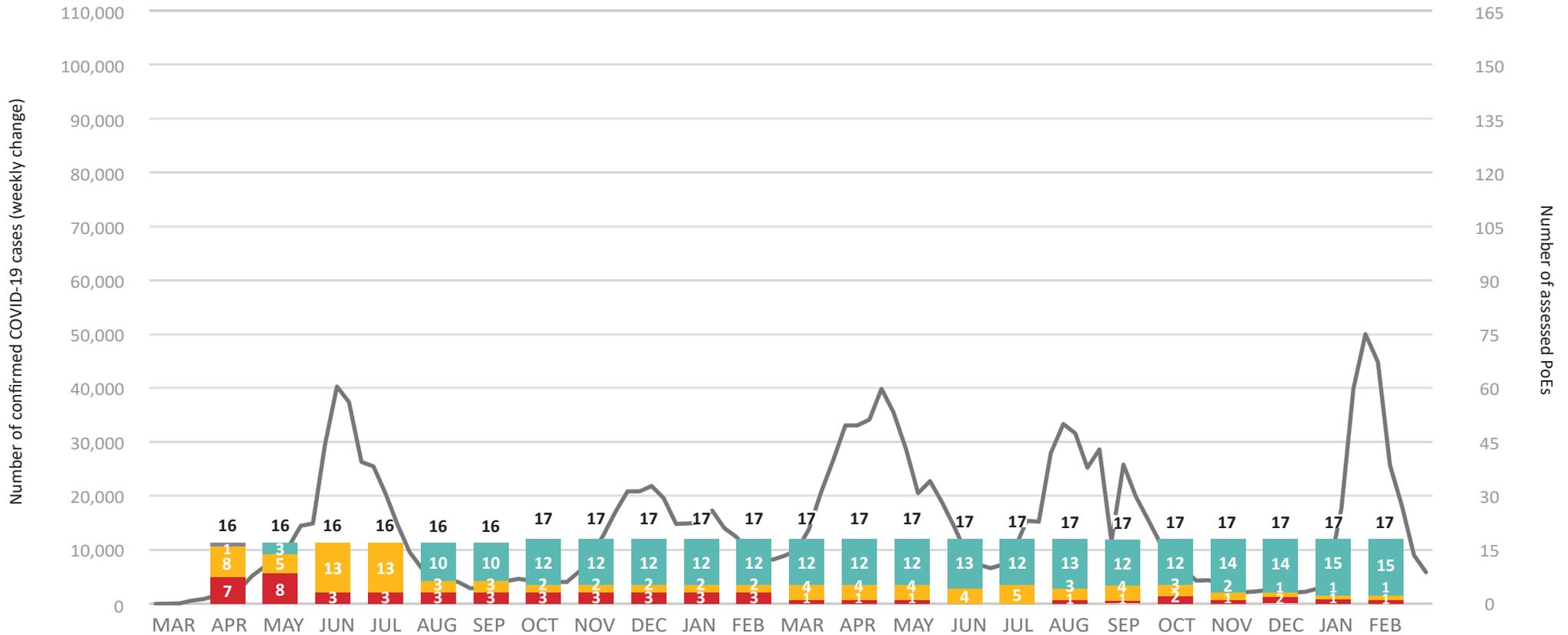
Key policy changes related to PoEs, mobility and COVID-19 (September 2021 - February 2022)

- 30 Sept 2021 GOI announces the opening of Jamima border-crossing port with Saudi Arabia for the first time since 1991
- 1 Nov 2021 Pakistan International Airlines resumes direct flights from Karachi in Pakistan to Najaf in Iraq
- 26 Dec 2022 Iraq is included in the United Arab Emirates green list to enter the country without undergoing the mandatory quarantine
- 16 Jan 2022 GOI repatriates almost 4,000 of its citizens stuck on the Belarus borders with European Union members Poland, Lithuania and Latvia
- 29 Jan 2022 KRG approves COVID-19 booster shots for adults amid Omicron surge
- 30 Jan 2022 Kuwait suspends flights to Iraq for a week after a rocket attack targeted Baghdad international airport
- 05 Feb 2022 Kuwait Airways resumes commercial flights to Iraq's Najaf city

KRG: Kurdistan Regional Government
GOI: Government of Iraq

PAKISTAN

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Key policy changes related to PoEs, mobility and COVID-19 (September 2021 - February 2022)

- 13 Sept 2021: Torkham border crossing is closed for travelers coming from Afghanistan
- 24 Sept 2021: Pakistan updates the number of category-C countries to 12 for inbound flights
- 29 Sept 2021: Islamic Republic of Iran and Pakistan shut down Taftan border, causing suspension of trade
- 05 Oct 2021: Chaman border shuts down for all travelers and trade due to security concerns near the border
- 02 Nov 2021: Chaman border crossing is reopened after being closed for almost a month
- 19 Nov 2021: The Kartarpur Corridor is reopened after being closed for a prolonged period of time due to COVID-19 restrictions
- 24 Dec 2021: Pakistani citizens abroad are allowed to enter Pakistan from category-C countries without an exemption certificate until 10 January 2022
- 15 Jan 2022: Screening at Bacha Khan International Airport and Torkham border crossing stepped up due to the increasing number of Omicron cases in Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa province
- 10 Feb 2022: New restrictions at the Chaman border crossing are imposed allowing only people with legal documents to enter Pakistan
- 24 Feb 2022: Chaman border crossing is closed due to clashes on the border between the Afghan Taliban and Pakistani forces