The outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic at the beginning of the year 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 eight 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 Bangladesh.
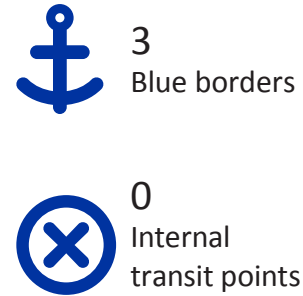
The information gathered allows more in-depth analysis to uncover specific trends related to the locations, statuses and restrictions of PoEs in Bangladesh.

In October 2020, the DTM REMAP team in Bangladesh assessed 20 PoEs. The most common type of PoE reported was land borders (9), followed by airports (8) and blue borders (3). Internal transit points are not taken into account for analysis in this snapshot.

During the reporting period, the number of assessed PoEs in Bangladesh increased from 19 to 20[1] PoEs. The status of the PoEs changed notably. None of the PoEs were fully operational at the beginning of the assessment. However, by October 2020, 10 PoEs were fully operational, seven were partially operational and three were fully closed.
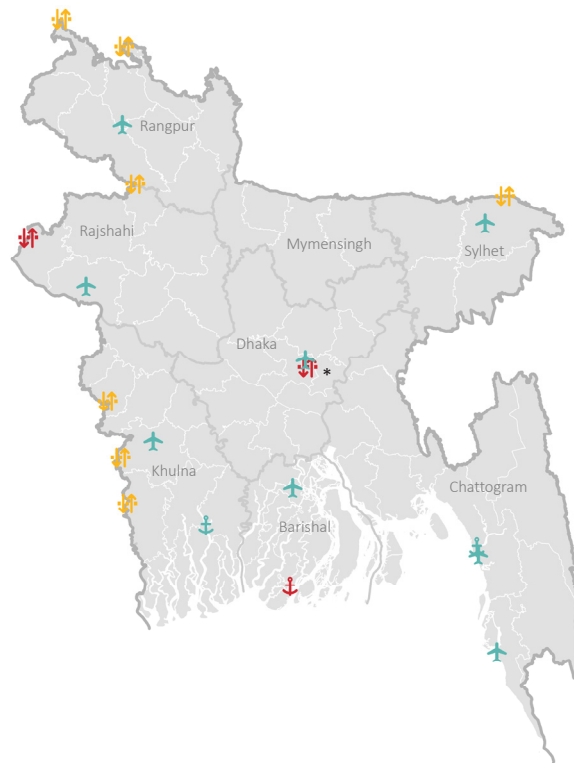
ASSESSED POES BY TYPE
(AS OF OCTOBER 2020)

20
Points of entry were assessed in October 2020.

9 Land borders

3 Blue borders

8 Airports

0 Internal transit points

LOCATIONS AND STATUSES OF POES
(AS OF OCTOBER 2020)

Point of entry
- Land border
- ✈ Airport
- ⚓ Blue border

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

Rangpur
Rajshahi
Mymensingh
Sylhet
Dhaka
Khulna
Barishal
Chattogram

Legend
- International border
- Division border

[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), status of PoEs and country-level mobility restrictions
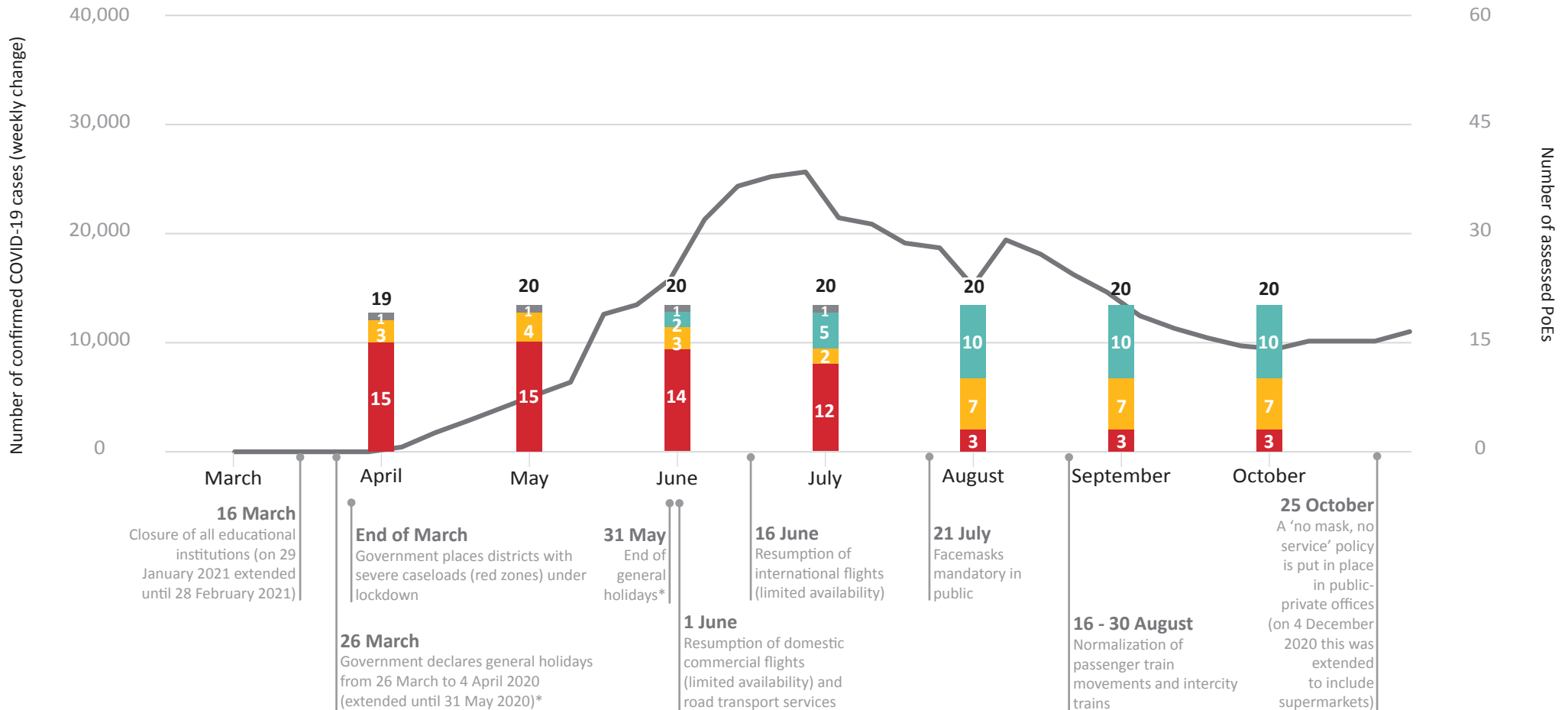
Operational status PoE
- Fully operational
- Partially operational
- Fully closed
- Unknown status

Timeline COVID-19 cases
- Confirmed COVID-19 cases

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

16 March
Closure of all educational institutions (on 29 January 2021 extended until 28 February 2021)

End of March
Government places districts with severe caseloads (red zones) under lockdown

26 March
Government declares general holidays from 26 March to 4 April 2020 (extended until 31 May 2020)*

31 May
End of general holidays*

1 June
Resumption of domestic commercial flights (limited availability) and road transport services

16 June
Resumption of international flights (limited availability)

21 July
Facemasks mandatory in public

16 - 30 August
Normalization of passenger train movements and intercity trains

25 October
A 'no mask, no service' policy is put in place in public-private offices (on 4 December 2020 this was extended to include supermarkets)

*General holidays include measures such as the closure of businesses and offices, educational institutions and a ban on all modes of transport.