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The outbreak of COVID-19 has affected global mobility 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, where mobility restrictions and response measures are in place. To support these efforts, the Displacement Tracking Matrix Regional Evidence for Migration Analysis and Policy (DTM REMAP) team in Pakistan mapped and gathered data on the current statuses of POEs in the country.

Between September and October 2021, the DTM REMAP team in Pakistan monitored 17[1] POEs. These included nine airports, six land borders and two blue borders. The status of various POEs changed significantly between September and October 2021 due to a decrease in COVID-19 cases, changes to the security situation and fluctuations in national and international mobility restrictions. At the end of September, twelve POEs were fully operational, four were partially operational and one was fully closed. At the end of October, twelve POEs were fully operational, three were partially operational and two were fully closed.

On 2nd September, the Chaman bording crossing was temporarily closed due to security concerns. Because of similar security concerns, on 13th September the Torkham border was closed for pedestrians. However, it was opened a day later exclusively for Afghan nationals entering Afghanistan. On 29th September, the Taftan border crossing with the Islamic Republic of Iran was closed from both sides causing major disruptions and suspension of trade. In early October, the Chaman border crossing was closed again by the authorities due to security concerns. This caused major disruptions for traders and travelers on both sides of the border. The Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) issued a new advisory that made COVID-19 vaccination certificates mandatory for air travel starting from 1st October for passengers aged 18 years old and above. As per the latest directives, international and domestic travel would not be allowed without COVID-19 vaccinations after 30th September. CAA also updated the number of Category-C countries (International travel to Pakistan from the 'Category-C' countries is banned) from 23 to 12 for inbound travel to Pakistan.

## ASSESSED POEs BY TYPE
(As of October 2021)

**17**
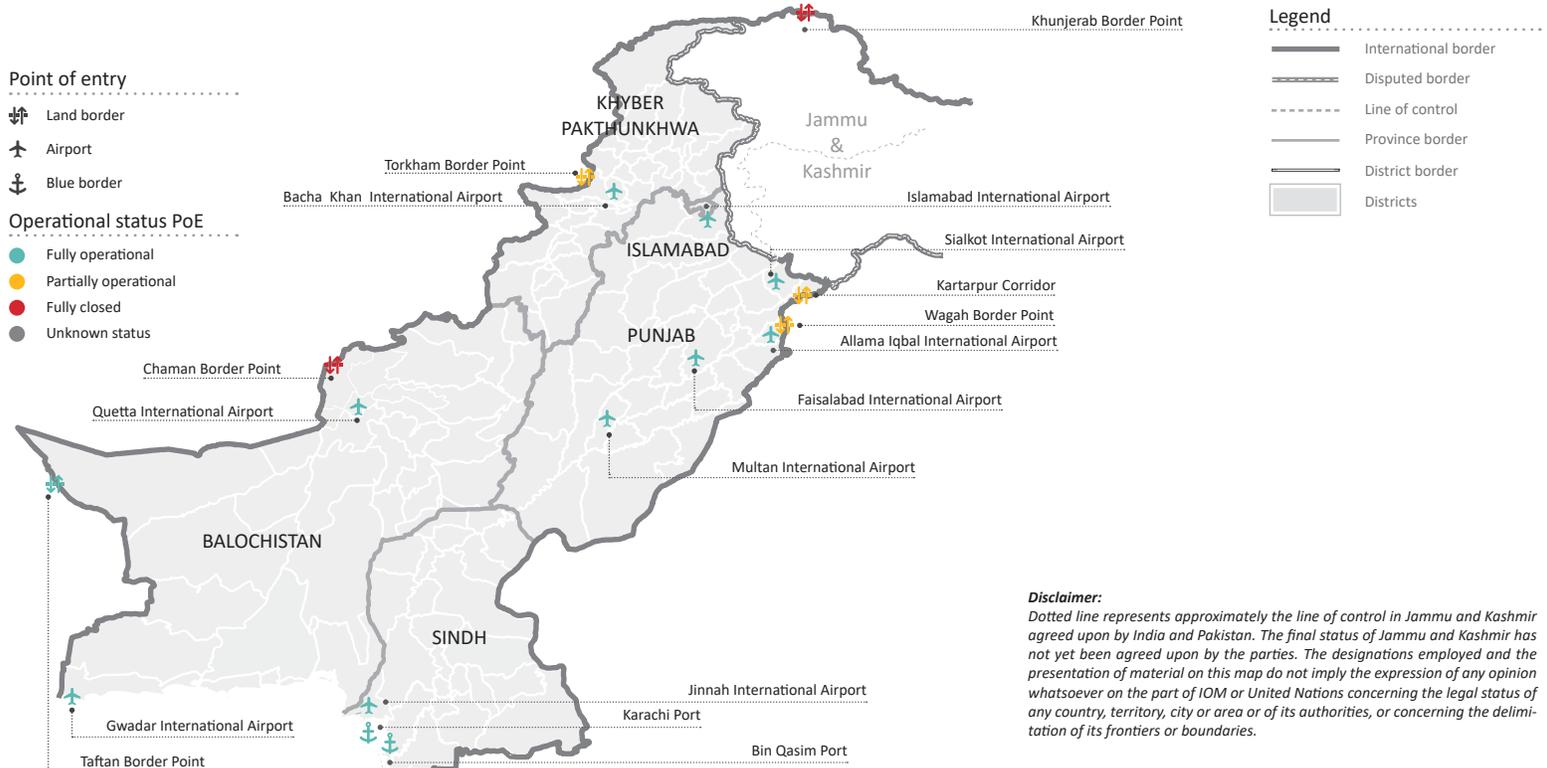Points of entry were assessed in October 2021

✈ 9 Airports

⚓ 2 Blue borders

⬍ 6 Land borders

⊗ 0 Internal transit points

## LOCATIONS AND STATUSES OF POEs
(AS OF OCTOBER 2021)

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

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

Map labels: Khunjerab Border Point, KHYBER PAKTHUNKHWA, Jammu & Kashmir, Torkham Border Point, Bacha Khan International Airport, Islamabad International Airport, Sialkot International Airport, ISLAMABAD, 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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### Timeline of Confirmed National COVID-19 Cases (weekly change) and Status of PoEs (March 2020 - October 2021)



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

Timeline COVID-19 cases :  ── Confirmed COVID-19 cases
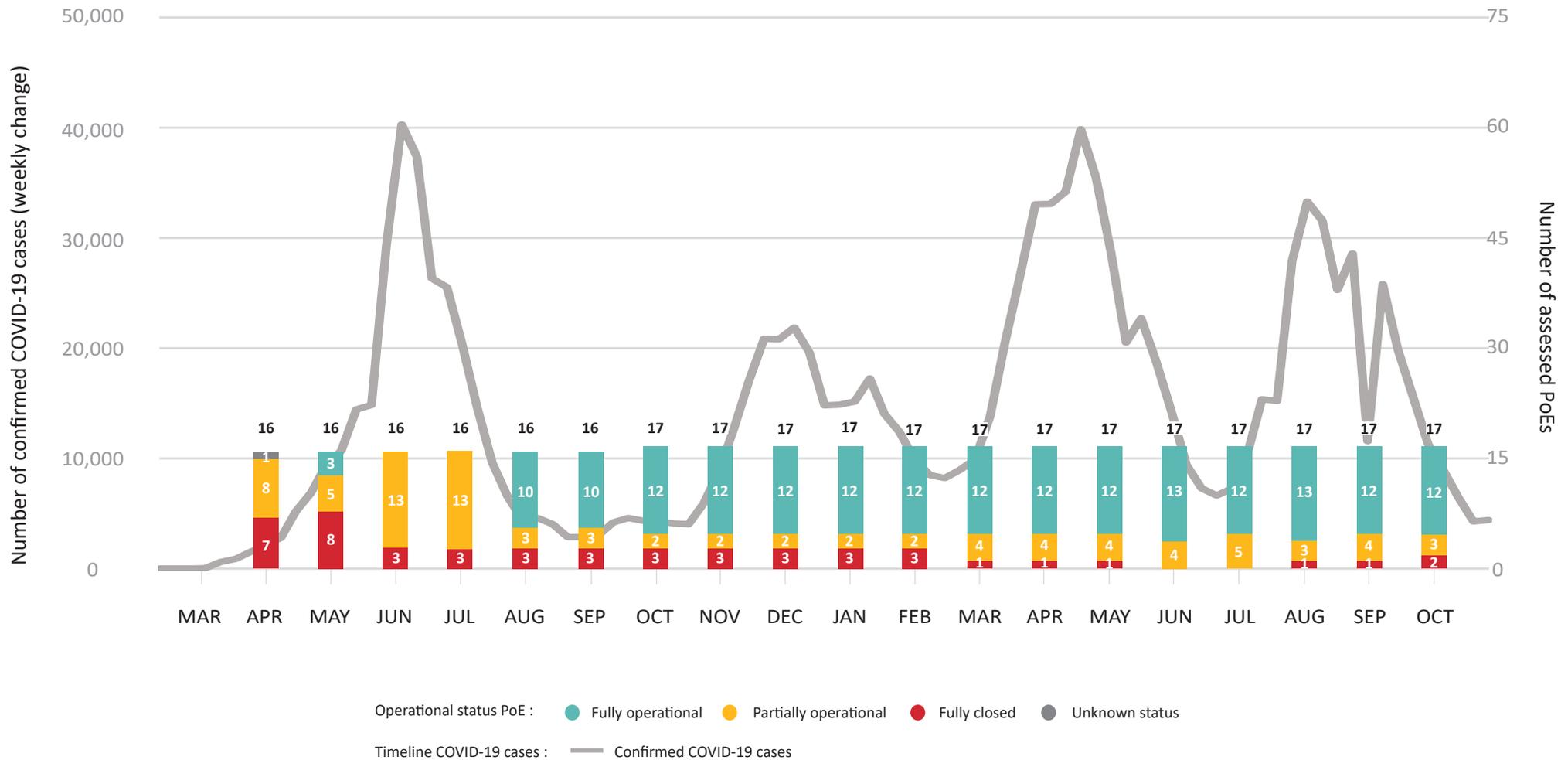
**PAKISTAN**

## Timeline of Confirmed National COVID-19 Cases (weekly change) and Status of PoEs (March 2020 - October 2021)
Inset graph of the last six months with country-level mobility restrictions



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**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)

**03 May**
Pakistan tightens borders as COVID-19 cases soar

**01 May**
The CAA suspends flights for two weeks on Eid-ul-Fitr, mainly from the Middle East

**01 Jun**
Pakistan and China open the Khunjerab pass for trade and travel activities from China to Pakistan only

**25 Jun**
Taftan border with the Islamic Republic of Iran opened for all travelers, except pilgrims, with COVID-19 vaccinations as a pre-requisite

**02 Jul**
Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) issues warning to foreign airlines to suddenly cancel flights

**22 Jul**
Traffic on Karakoram Highway remains suspended for second consecutive day

**06 Aug**
Taliban close Chaman border crossing point, demanding visa-free travel for Afghans

**25 Aug**
China shuts down border with Pakistan after temporary opening

**19 Aug**
Pakistan opens doors to Afghan and foreign diplomats and officials

**13 Sep**
Torkham closed for travelers coming from Afghanistan

**29 Sep**
Islamic Republic of Iran and Pakistan shut down Taftan border, causing suspension of trade

**24 Sep**
Pakistan updates the number of category C countries to 12 for inbound flights

**05 Oct**
Chaman Border shuts down for all travelers and trade due to security concerns near the border

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