Methodology for Points of Entry Status Baseline Assessment

IOM COVID-19 Mobility Tracking Database

### Description and Objective

The current outbreak of COVID-19 has affected global mobility in various ways. To better understand how COVID-19 affects global mobility, IOM has developed global mobility database mapping the status of different **Points of Entry (PoE)**, globally. These include airports, land border crossing points (could be rail or road), blue border crossing points (sea, river or lake), internal transit points and areas of interest.

This information is meant to serve IOM Member States, IOM and its UN partner agencies as well as voluntary partner agencies in analysing the present situation and tailoring their response. It is particularly important when addressing specific needs faced by migrants and mobile populations, disproportionately affected by the global mobility restrictions. Finally, the global mobility database also provides valuable information to the civil society, including media, and the general population, to disseminate up to date information about mobility restrictions in place.

### Data Source

DTM utilizes in-country expertise of IOM offices around the world to collect relevant information in a systematic and structured approach.

Data is collected at the following points:

- **i. Points of entry and exit (airports, land border crossings, seaports etc.)**
- **ii. Transit points (locations on crossroads between cities and regions in a given country, territory or area)**
- **iii. Areas of interest (towns or cities in a given country, territory or area)**

For each point precise geographic location is collected and mapped.

For each point data is collected on:

- **iv. Type of mobility restriction in place**
- **v. Measures applied and the time they were imposed**
- **vi. Population category that might be affected by the measures**

### Locations

Data is collected about the following locations:

- **Airport** (presently or recently functioning airport with a designated International Air Traffic Association (IATA) code)
- **Land Border Crossing Point** (international border crossing point on land, including rail)
- **Sea Border Crossing Point** (international border crossing point on sea, river or lake)
- **Internal Transit Point** (internal transit point inside a given country, territory or area)
- **Area of interest** (region, town, city or sub-administrative unit in a given country, territory or area)

### Status of Location

To systematically capture the status of each location, the following categorizations are collected:

- **Official** (a location on the land border, airport or seaport, where border officials e.g. immigration, customs or port health are present for inspection and clearance of travellers and/or goods, in order to enter the country, territory or area)
- **Unofficial** (a location or border crossing points that lack border officials and related monitoring of travellers and/or goods)
- **IHR designated point of entry** (under WHO’s International Health Regulations, countries, territories or areas designate specific airports, ground crossings and ports at which it is essential to develop the capabilities to minimize public health risks caused by the spread of diseases through international traffic)

To systematically capture the status of each location, the follow statuses are captured:

- **Closed for entry**
- **Closed for exit**
- **Partial closure** (reduced number of individuals can use the point to exit and enter the country, territory or area, due to reduction in hours of operation or closure to specific nationalities)
- **Closed for both entry and exit**
- **Other**
- **Unknown**

### Type of restrictions imposed

To systematically capture the different mobility restrictions currently enacted, the following categories are used for point locations (airport, crossing/transit point):
- Movement restricted to this location
- Movement restricted from this location
- Visa requirements have changed for this location
- Certain nationalities are restricted to enter or disembark at this location
- Rules pertaining to identification and/or travel documents needed to enter or disembark at this location have changed
- Medical measures including mandatory quarantine or additional medical checks have been imposed at this location
- Other
- None

To systematically capture the different measures currently enacted the following categories are used for area locations:
- Public events cancelled or postponed
- Schools closed
- Restricted operating hours for public establishments (café, restaurant, etc)
- Alternative working arrangements (work remotely, etc.)
- Other limitations which restrict mobility
- Port health present
- Medical screening of travellers for COVID-19 symptoms
- Isolation space exist
- Quarantine space exist
- Other
- Unknown

Population Categories
To systematically capture the different population groups which are affected by the enacted mobility restrictions, the following groups are considered:
- **Nationals**: Citizens or permanent residents who currently reside in this location
- **Regular Travelers**: Persons who possess required identity or travel documents and regularly enter/exit through a given location
- **Irregular Migrants**: Persons may not possess required identity or travel documents to enter a country, territory or area and/or otherwise enter a country, territory or areas in an irregular manner
- **Returnees**: Persons who have left and returned to given location
- **Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs)**: Persons who have left a given locations and have not returned but remain in their country, territory or area of origin

Aggregation
The various restrictions were categorised into seven major groupings:
1. **Travel restriction (RC)**: applies to all passengers arriving from or transiting through a specific country, territory or area regardless of their nationality
2. **Document Change (VC)**: In a free movement regime between two countries, a change has occurred in the identity or travel document needed for entry/exit
3. **Medical Measures (MR)**: implemented for all arriving passengers such as quarantine, requirement to produce a health certificate, etc.
4. **Nationality Restriction (RN)**: entry is restricted to certain nationalities
5. **Visa Change (VC)**: a change in visa policy has occurred, such as suspension of visa on arrival, visa invalidations
6. **Other Limitation (OL)**: limitation that does not fall under previous categories

Restrictive measures captured for areas (regions, cities, or all country, territory or area)
- Public events cancelled or postponed
- Schools closed
- Restricted operating hours for public establishments (café, restaurant, etc.)
- Alternative working arrangements (i.e. work remotely, etc.)
- Other limitations which restrict mobility

Country/territory/area level restrictions are aggregated as following
- Complete restriction
- Partial Restriction
- No restrictions
- National measures such as: national emergency declared and mandatory quarantine of arrivals from abroad
| Medical measures captured for PoE | - Port health present  
|                                 | - Is COVID screening of travellers taking place  
|                                 | - Isolation space exists  
|                                 | - Quarantine space exists  
|                                 | - Other: specify  |

| Data Analysis | The analysis is conducted at global, regional and country/territory/area level, with the analysis based on the type of location/point, its status, type of restrictive measures and affected populations. The aim of the data analysis is to provide an overview of the COVID-19 outbreak on global mobility and to help identify and develop response at national and sub-national level. |

| Limitations | The situation related to COVID-19 mobility restrictions evolves rapidly and thus data is continuously changing. The analysis presented on both the interactive and static products are always dated and timestamped in order to reflect the reality at a given time.  
|             | The presented data categorisations may not accurately reflect the multiple and simultaneous restrictive measures at a specific point. Data accuracy is ensured through regular assessments and triangulation of information when feasible and possible through regular contact with the IOM country missions. |

| Key Categories |

| Location Type | **Airport:** Presently or recently functioning airport with designated IATA code  
|               | **Land Border Crossing Point:** International border crossing point  
|               | **Blue Border Crossing Point:** International border crossing points on sea, river or lake  
|               | **Internal Transit Point:** Internal transit point inside country  
|               | **Area of interest:** Region, town, city or sub-administrative unit  |

| Status | Closed for entry/entry  
|        | Closed for entry  
|        | Closed for exit  
|        | Partial closure  
|        | Other  
|        | Unknown  |