The outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic at the beginning of the year has affected global and regional mobility, including mobility in Pakistan, 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 ten months, the Displacement Tracking Matrix Regional Evidence for Migration Analysis and Policy (DTM REMAP) team in Pakistan mapped and gathered data on the locations, statuses and restrictions at Points of Entry (PoE) in Pakistan.

The information gathered allows more in-depth analysis to uncover specific trends related to the locations, statuses and restrictions of PoEs in Pakistan.

In December 2020, the DTM REMAP team in Pakistan assessed 17 PoEs. The most common type of PoE reported was airports (9), followed by land borders (6) and blue borders (2). Internal transit points are not taken into account for analysis in this snapshot.

During the reporting period, the status of the PoEs did not vary greatly. The Torkham border re-opened on 24 November after four days of closure. Trade activities began again, and pedestrians were allowed to resume crossing four days a week. The Pakistan-China border remained closed throughout the reporting period except between 15 and 25 December to allow containers to pass. In addition, the Kartarpur border crossing was opened briefly to allow international travellers to travel for the Guru Nanak birthday anniversary.

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Assessed PoEs by type
(As of December 2020)

17
Points of entry were assessed in December 2020.

9 Airports

6 Land borders

2 Blue borders

0 Internal transit points

Locations and statuses of PoEs
(As of December 2020)

Legend
International border
Province border
District border
Line of control
Disputed border
Districts

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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.
Timeline of confirmed national COVID-19 cases (weekly change), status of PoEs and country-level mobility restrictions

- **23 February**: Border closure with Iran (Islamic Republic of)
- **2 March**: Government closes Chaman border crossing
- **13 March**: Government decides to close remaining borders
- **22-25 March**: Complete lockdown in all provinces. After 25 March, all provinces move to partial lockdown
- **9 May**: Government decides to end lockdown in phases
- **22 June**: Torkham border crossing re-opens six days per week for business and regular migrants
- **20 June**: Partial resumption of international flights
- **21 August**: Chaman border crossing opens for all kinds of traffic
- **10 August**: End of COVID-19 state of emergency and lockdown
- **29 October**: Mandatory use of facemasks to tackle second wave
- **1 October**: Last phase of the reopening of educational institutions
- **24 November**: Torkham border crossing was re-opened for business and regular migrants after it was closed for 4 days
- **15 December**: The border with China was re-opened for 10 days for business purposes

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

**Timeline COVID-19 cases**
- March
- April
- May
- June
- July
- August
- September
- October
- November
- December

**Number of assessed PoEs**

**Confirmed COVID-19 cases**
- Number of confirmed COVID-19 cases (weekly change)