

# UZBEKISTAN COVID-19 SITUATION REPORT

**18 FEBRUARY 2021**  
(DATA AS AT 11PM, PREVIOUS DAY)

*This Sitrep outlines current information on the COVID-19 outbreak in Uzbekistan, and summarizes international partners' support to the nation-*

Total Cases: **79,548**

Total Recovered: **78,059**

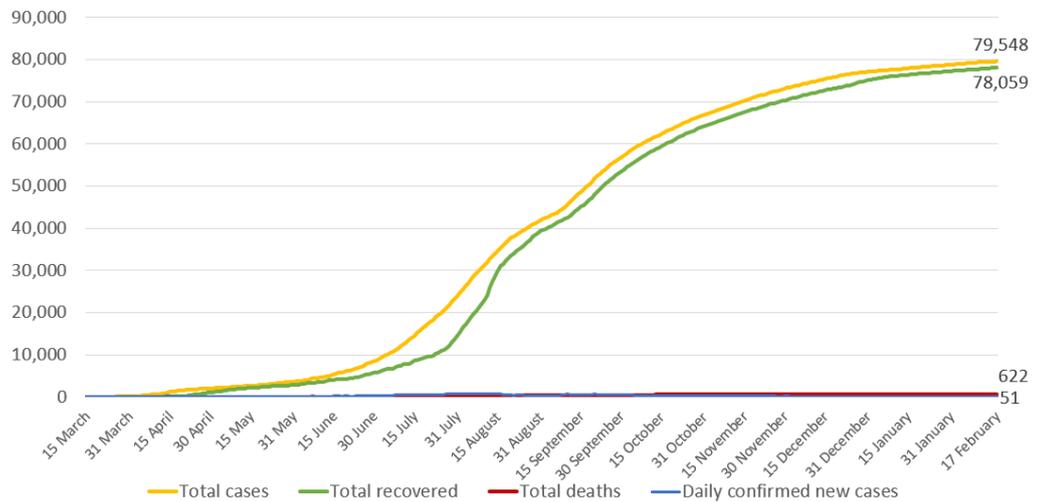
Total Deaths: **622**

Daily new cases: **51**

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**National Hotline:** 1003 / 103

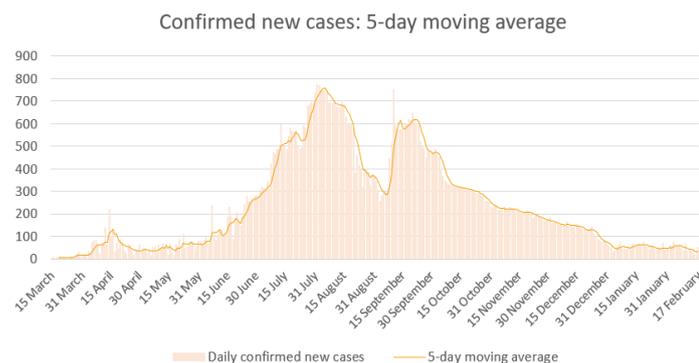
COVID-19 cases in Uzbekistan



## HIGHLIGHTS

- **Government holds briefing on COVID-19 vaccination**

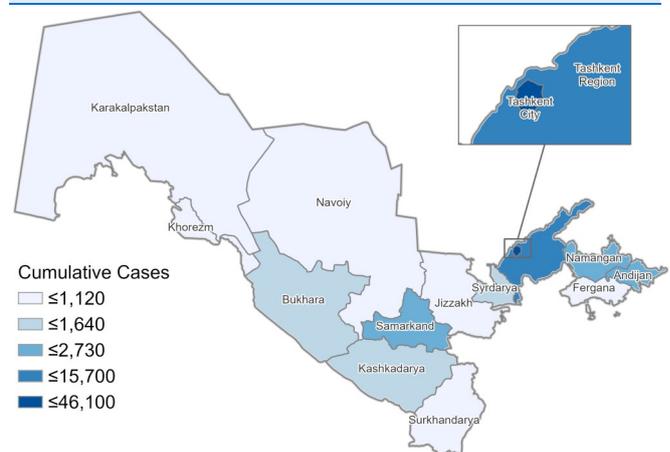
## EPIDEMIOLOGICAL UPDATE



This chart shows the daily increase in confirmed new cases, as well as a 5-day moving average which helps smooth out the 'noise' from short-term fluctuations by averaging the data from the last five days reported.

Cumulative cases by regions as of 17 February:

Tashkent City: 46,305 (+33)	Syrdarya: 1297
Tashkent region: 15,765 (+11)	Surkhandarya: 1130
Namangan: 2735 (+5)	Karakalpakstan: 877
Samarkand: 2578	Khorezm: 970
Andijan: 2309 (+2)	Fergana: 881
Kashkadarya: 1639	Jizzakh: 861
Bukhara: 1484	Navoiy: 717



This map visualizes data as of 17 February 2021.

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### Epidemiological update (cont'd): New cases by region

- 11 February: +37. **Tashkent City +19; Tashkent region +11; Khorezm +3; Namangan +2; Karakalpakstan +1; Surkhandarya +1.**
- 12 February: +41. **Tashkent City +26; Surkhandarya +5; Karakalpakstan +3; Fergana +2; Samarkand +2; Andijan +1; Kashkadarya +1; Khorezm +1.**
- 13 February: +35. **Tashkent City +24; Khorezm +3; Tashkent region +3; Andijan +2; Bukhara +1; Jizzakh +1; Namangan +1**
- 14 February: +26. **Tashkent City +22; Andijan +2; Tashkent region +2.**
- 15 February: +19. **Khorezm +6; Tashkent City +4; Tashkent region +3; Andijan +2; Bukhara +2; Namangan +1; Surkhandarya +1.**
- 16 February: +36. **Tashkent City +32; Andijan +2; Tashkent region +2.**
- 17 February: +51. **Tashkent City +33; Tashkent region +11; Namangan +5; Andijan +2.**

(MoH on [coronavirus.uz](https://coronavirus.uz) and via Public Relations Dept).

### Latest National COVID-19 Response News

- As of 17 February, **867 patients are being treated** in medical institutions, of whom **153 are in serious condition and 28 are in critical condition** (MoH on [coronavirus.uz](https://coronavirus.uz) and via Public Relations Dept).
- **Government holds briefing on COVID-19 vaccination.** According to the Service of Sanitary and Epidemiological Welfare, the vaccine delivered through the COVAX-facility will be available free of charge. Subsequently, should Uzbekistan be producing vaccines locally, it is possible that certain people will be vaccinated on a paid basis ([podrobno.uz](https://podrobno.uz)).
- **Uzbekistan to vaccinate over four million people in a first stage.** According to the Service of Sanitary and Epidemiological Welfare, 3,138 vaccination points and 862 mobile teams have been created throughout the country, each consisting of one family doctor, one vaccinator and one nurse ([podrobno.uz](https://podrobno.uz)).

### HEALTH RESPONSE

#### Health Capacity-Building

- On 17 February, **WHO** Regional Office organized another **joint online global consultation on Contact Tracing for COVID-19**. The meeting will focussed on 'COVID-19 Surveillance: Contact tracing - EWARN's Experience from Northwest Syria'.

#### Vaccine

- **Gavi** published more information on indicative COVID-19 vaccine allocations. According to the information, Uzbekistan will receive **2,640,000 doses of AstraZeneca** vaccines in Q1 (35-40 per cent) and in Q2 (60-65 per cent).
- **WHO** Regional Office for Europe will hold a **webinar on COVID-19 Vaccination for the chairs and members of National Immunization Technical Advisory Groups (NTAGs) and National Immunization Programme Managers**. The webinar will be conducted jointly with the Robert Koch Institute (RKI) Germany as part of a joint WHO-RKI project on strengthening NITAGs in the WHO European Region.
- **UNICEF** received a request from the Service for Sanitary and Epidemiological Welfare and Public Health (SSEPH) to **provide technical support for the procurement of COVID-19 vaccines beyond the 20% of a first tranche** (10 million doses and ancillary products).
- **UNICEF** procured **five computers to support the work of the newly established Coordination Office of COVID-19 Vaccine Introduction** at the SSEWPH.
- To facilitate COVID-19 vaccine deployment, **UNICEF** supported the SSEWPH to conduct an **assessment of the cold chain system and to identify gaps in cold chain equipment**. Based on the assessment, Uzbekistan's cold chain equipment application has been finalized and submitted to Gavi. The following equipment will be procured by UNICEF, if approved for funding support through Gavi:
  - 172 ice-lined refrigerators
  - 6,276 cold boxes
  - 862 vaccine carriers
  - 209 voltage regulators

- With technical support from **UNICEF** and **WHO**, SSEWPH has **formally submitted the National COVID-19 Vaccine Deployment Plan to the COVAX-facility**. By officially submitting the plan, the Government of Uzbekistan is indicating that they are prepared to receive and deploy COVID-19 vaccines to target populations. **UNICEF** and **WHO** continue to provide technical support to the Government to ensure that Uzbekistan meets all requirements before receiving COVID-19 vaccines.
- **UNICEF** handed over a **new cold chain warehouse** in Akkurgan district of Tashkent region to the SSEWPH. The warehouse will have capacity to **store vaccines for 9,000 children and can also meet the need of COVID-19 vaccine deployment** for the population of Akkurgan and neighbouring districts.

held **trainings for girls** between 12 and 18 years old in Namangan, Fergana and Chust cities. Through these events, **230 girls received guidance to identify various social problems with corresponding tech solutions**. The trainings were implemented as part of efforts to enhance the socio-economic empowerment of women throughout the pandemic.

- With funding from the Japanese Government, **UNDP procured 100 laptops and routers for the Ministry of Mahalla and Family Affairs**. These will be used to support the ministry's digitalization strategy, which seeks to enhance public resilience and optimize social service processes throughout COVID-19 and beyond.

## ADDITIONAL RESPONSE PRIORITIES

### Protection and Key Populations

- **UNICEF** undertook a study on the **impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the wellbeing of children in Uzbekistan**. Its findings indicate that the pandemic resulted the number of children in poverty grew by 20 per cent.
- Through **U-Report**, over 200 volunteers actively participate in peer engagement and advocacy activities., and **eight COVID-19-related polls were conducted**. The polls indicated the **need for psychosocial support** for young people during the pandemic.

### Risk Communication and Community Engagement

- **UNICEF** developed a second **Public Service Announcement on the safety of the vaccine**, which was shared via Social Media platforms of UNICEF and the Ministry of Health, and was broadcast on national TV.
- During the week of 15 February, **UNICEF**, as part of the Technical Working Group on Public Communication and Demand Generation on COVID-19 vaccines, started rolling out a **media training for journalists on COVID-19 vaccine introduction in all regions of Uzbekistan**.

### Socio-Economic Mitigation

- With funding from the Japanese Government, **UNDP**