

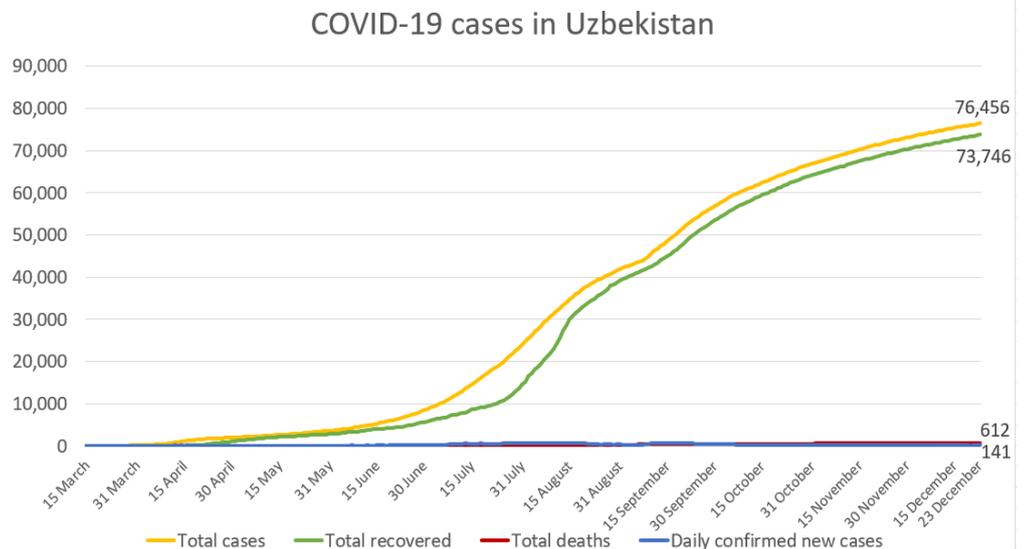
UZBEKISTAN COVID-19 SITUATION REPORT

24 DECEMBER 2020
(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 national response effort.

Total Cases: **76,456**
Total Recovered: **73,746**
Total Deaths: **612**
Daily new cases: **141**

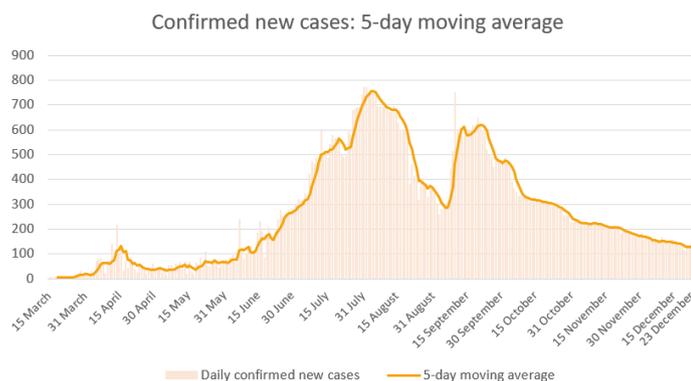
Global Info: Text "Hi" to +41 79 893 18 92 (WhatsApp) for the latest WHO global updates and statistics.
National Hotline: 1003 / 103



HIGHLIGHTS

- Direct flights with several European countries, Australia and South Africa suspended until 10 January
- Incoming travelers to take rapid COVID-tests at points of entry in addition to PCR test certificates

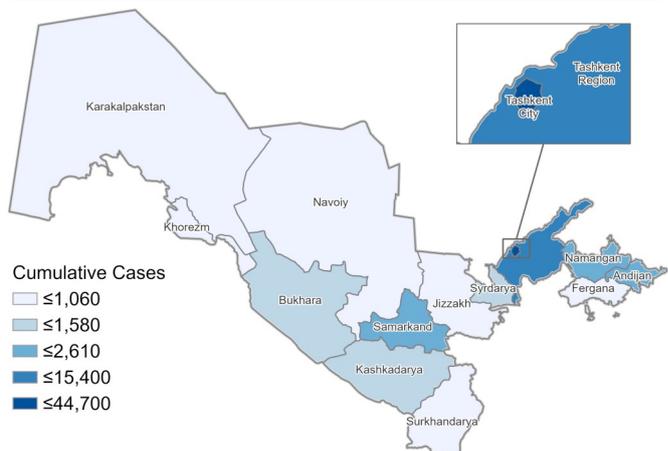
EPIDEMIOLOGICAL UPDATE



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 23 December:

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| Tashkent City: 44,715 (+107) | Syrdarya: 1267 |
| Tashkent region: 15,357 (+19) | Surkhandarya: 1064 |
| Namangan: 2607 | Karakalpakstan: 844 (+1) |
| Samarkand: 2445 | Khorezm: 795 |
| Andijan: 2136 (+3) | Jizzakh: 777 (+1) |
| Kashkadarya: 1579 (+3) | Fergana: 764 (+7) |
| Bukhara: 1439 | Navoiy: 667 |



This map visualizes data as of 23 December 2020.

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

- 17 December: +137. Tashkent City +103; Tashkent region +26; Andijan +3; Jizzakh +2; Kashkadarya +2; Karakalpakstan +1.
- 18 December: +131. Tashkent City +87; Tashkent region +24; Fergana +11; Namangan +5; Khorezm +3; Karakalpakstan +1.
- 19 December: +127. Tashkent City +76; Tashkent region +26; Fergana +7; Andijan +6; Bukhara +5; Khorezm +3; Jizzakh +2; Kashkadarya +2.
- 20 December: +115. Tashkent City +80; Tashkent region +23; Fergana +8; Kashkadarya +3; Jizzakh +1.
- 21 December: +132. Tashkent City +107; Tashkent region +20; Kashkadarya +5.
- 22 December: +135. Tashkent City +103; Tashkent region +21; Andijan +4; Khorezm +4; Namangan +2; Jizzakh +1.
- 23 December: +141. Tashkent City +107; Tashkent region +19; Fergana +7; Andijan +3; Kashkadarya +3; Jizzakh +1; Karakalpakstan +1.

(MoH on coronavirus.uz and via Public Relations Dept).

Latest National COVID-19 Response News

- As of 23 December, **2,098 patients are being treated** in medical institutions, of whom **168 are in serious condition and 32 are in critical condition** (MoH on coronavirus.uz and via Public Relations Dept).
- **Uzbekistan submits application to COVAX facility for 2 million COVID-vaccines.** This was announced by Deputy Head of the Sanitary and Epidemiological Welfare Service, N. Atabekov (gazeta.uz).
- **Rapid COVID-tests to be carried out at points of entry, at expense of incoming travelers.** The procedure also applies to people who have a certificate of a negative PCR test (podrobno.uz).
- **From 21 December to 10 January, direct flights suspended between Uzbekistan and UK, Italy, Germany, Denmark, Austria, Australia, the Netherlands and South Africa.** This is in accordance with a decision by the COVID-19 Special Republican Commission (podrobno.uz).

HEALTH RESPONSE

Health Capacity-Building

- From 16 to 18 December, **WHO** Regional Office and Country Office, in cooperation with the Secretariat of the Multisectoral Expert Council and several national NGOs, conducted a workshop **on HIV prevention, treatment in Syrdarya region.** Amongst other topics, the 32 participants discussed the **impact of COVID-19 on people living with HIV**, the work of multidisciplinary teams to support people living with HIV and HIV prevention amongst vulnerable groups.
- In December, **WHO** and the MoH organized training courses on **Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) in the context of COVID-19** for general health care staff in **Jizzakh, Kashkadarya, Namangan and Navoiy** regions. Over 561 participants took part in the trainings to improve their knowledge on the main components and measures of IPC. In total, **from November to December 2020, seven trainings were conducted, with a total of 1199 participating medical workers .**

ADDITIONAL RESPONSE PRIORITIES

Protection and Key Populations

- With financial support from the Swedish Government, **UNDP**, the Ministry of Mahalla and Family Affairs and the Parliamentary Commission on Gender Equality held a **webinar for employees of the 197 Centres for Rehabilitation and Adaptation of Victims of Violence and Suicide Prevention.** Over **300 representatives** of government agencies took part in the training.
- **UNDP** launched a new mobile application called 'Najot', designed to **protect the rights of victims of violence and to provide them with timely assistance.**
- With financial support from the Swedish Government, **UNDP** is holding **online consultations for victims of violence** through a dedicated [Telegram channel](#). **Professional legal and psychological counselling** is made available.
- With support from the Ministry of Mahalla and Family Affairs, and with financial assistance from the Swedish Government, **UNDP** launched **Uzbekistan's [gender commission website](#).** The site allows users to learn

more about women's rights in Uzbekistan and about activities of the commission.

Risk Communication and Community Engagement

- **WHO** produced six new **videos** in Uzbek and Russian on the **differences between COVID-19 and the Flu**, and on preventive and protective measures to stay healthy during the winter seasons. The videos are available on [social media](#).

Socio-Economic Mitigation

- **UNDP**, together with the Ministry of Employment and Labour Relations, launched a new digital initiative on **'Adapting entrepreneurial and employees' skills to post-pandemic economic development in Fergana Valley'**. The project will work towards addressing emerging constraints and strengthening skills development.
- Within the EU Multi-Partner Trust Fund project, **UNDP** has trained and supported close to **300 women through organizing home-based small businesses**. Within the same project, **UNDP** also supported the Ministry of Mahalla and Family Affairs to assess the [impact of COVID-19 on local communities](#). The assessment identified Karakalpakstan, Fergana and Kashkadarya as regions experiencing high unemployment rates.
- **UNDP** supported the modernization of the **'Job Café' online platform**, and developed a new application called 'Imkoniyat', which simplifies the **job search processes for informally employed people and provides advice to people with disabilities**. The number of users of the 'Job Café' platform increased to close to 9,500 people by 9 December, up from just 1,000 users in June.