

UZBEKISTAN COVID-19 SITUATION REPORT

28 JANUARY 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 national

Total Cases: **78,556**

Total Recovered: **77,047**

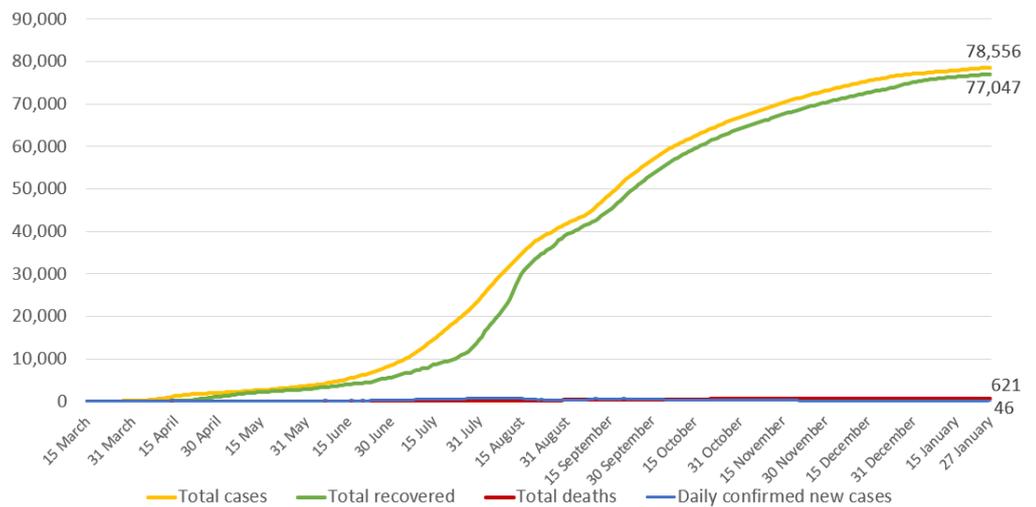
Total Deaths: **621**

Daily new cases: **46**

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

National Hotline: 1003 / 103

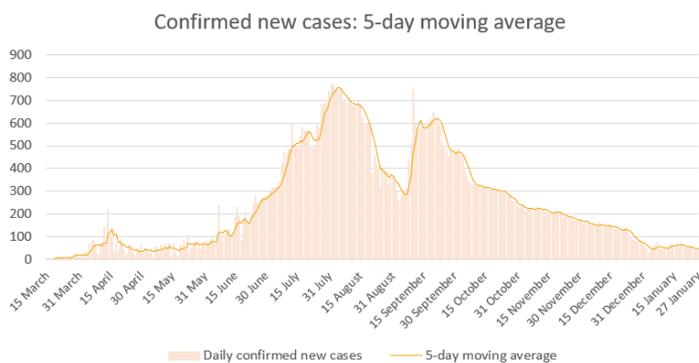
COVID-19 cases in Uzbekistan



HIGHLIGHTS

- **Lockdown measures eased further**
- **Health professionals to be trained for mass vaccination**

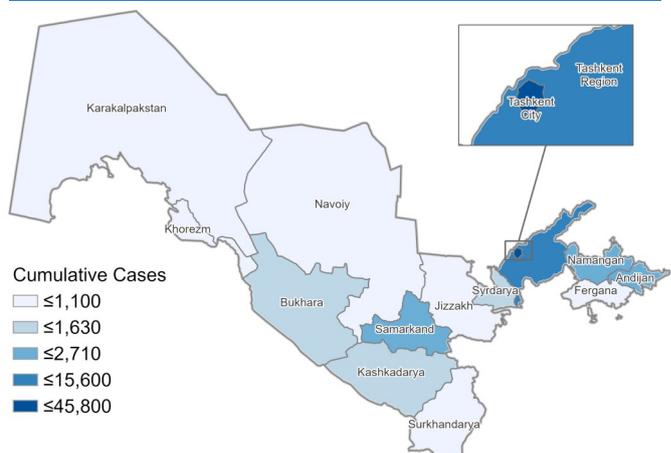
EPIDEMIOLOGICAL UPDATE



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 27 January:

Tashkent City: 45,765 (+13)	Syrdarya: 1296
Tashkent region: 15,588 (+8)	Surkhandarya: 1104
Namangan: 2711 (+2)	Karakalpakstan: 869
Samarkand: 2531 (+3)	Khorezm: 895 (+9)
Andijan: 2288 (+2)	Fergana: 857 (+3)
Kashkadarya: 1630	Jizzakh: 839 (+3)
Bukhara: 1473 (+1)	Navoiy: 710 (+2)



This map visualizes data as of 27 January 2021.

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

- 21 January: +53. **Tashkent City +33; Tashkent region +6; Andijan +2; Khorezm +2; Namangan +2; Navoiy +2; Syrdarya +2; Fergana +1; Jizzak +1; Karakalpakstan +1; Samarkand +1.**
- 22 January: +45. **Tashkent City +28; Khorezm +6; Samarkand +3; Syrdarya +3; Bukhara +1; Karakalpakstan +1; Kashkadarya +1; Namangan +1; Navoiy +1.**
- 23 January: +58. **Tashkent City +28; Tashkent region +8; Khorezm +5; Bukhara +3; Namangan +3; Samarkand +3; Surkhandarya +3; Andijan +2; Jizzakh +2; Kashkadarya +1.**
- 24 January: +54. **Tashkent City +30; Tashkent region +7; Khorezm +6; Samarkand +5; Navoiy +2; Andijan +1; Jizzakh +1; Namangan +1; Surkhandarya +1.**
- 25 January: +42. **Tashkent City +32; Tashkent region +6; Khorezm +4.**
- 26 January: +39. **Tashkent City +24; Khorezm +3; Namangan +3; Tashkent region +3; Jizzakh +2; Samarkand +2; Navoiy +1; Surkhandarya +1.**
- 27 January: +46. **Tashkent City +13; Khorezm +9; Tashkent region +8; Fergana +3; Jizzakh +3; Samarkand +3; Andijan +2; Namangan +2; Navoiy +2; Bukhara +1.**

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

Latest National COVID-19 Response News

- As of 27 January, **888 patients are being treated** in medical institutions, of whom **158 are in serious condition and 32 are in critical condition** (MoH on coronavirus.uz and via Public Relations Dept).
- **Uzbekistan to train doctors for mass vaccination.** From 1 February, trainings and seminars will be held to prepare for mass vaccination against COVID-19. (podrobno.uz).
- **Lockdown measures eased further.** Concert halls are officially allowed to resume work and catering facilities may remain open after 11PM. Other precautionary measures, including hand hygiene and wearing masks, remain applicable (kun.uz).

Health Capacity-Building

- From 19 to 21 January, **WHO** and the Ministry of Health (MoH) jointly organized a training course on **Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) in the context of COVID-19 for general health care staff of Tashkent region.** Over 100 participants joined the training to improve their knowledge on the main IPC components and measures to be followed in health care settings. Another IPC training for health care staff in **Fergana region** is taking place from 26 to 28 January.
- The Pan-American Health Organization, **WHO** and London School for Hygiene and Tropical Medicine issued a **tool to estimate the number of people at increased risk of severe COVID-19 disease due to underlying health conditions.** Quantifying this number is important to **inform public health policies**, including creating targeted public health messages, planning health care personnel needs, planning for medical equipment use, the use of digital technologies, the distribution of medications and the prioritization of vaccines.

Health Procurement & Supply Chain

- **UNICEF** procured and delivered additional **PPE** to the government of Uzbekistan, including **5,086 pcs of gloves** (three different types) which were delivered to the Agency for Sanitary and Epidemiological Well-Being.

Vaccination

- **UNICEF** and **WHO** provided joint support to the MoH for its communication and submissions to the **COVAX** facility for vaccine.
- **UNICEF** provided technical assistance to the MoH to carry out an **assessment of cold chain capacity**, using **WHO's Sizing Tool**. The results of the assessment were presented at a meeting of the National Technical Working Group, in order to facilitate planning and initiate procurement of cold chain equipment.
- **UNICEF** also provided support to assess and **maintain ultra-cold chain freezers and back-up power generators** at the Institutes of Virology and Microbiology.

HEALTH RESPONSE

ADDITIONAL RESPONSE PRIORITIES

Protection and Key Populations

- Data published on the ‘No To Violence’ Telegram channel, launched by **UNFPA** and the Gender Commission of the Senate, indicates the following:
 - The Ministry of Internal Affairs reports that a total of **14,774 Protection Orders were issued in 2020**, with the highest number in Tashkent City, Tashkent Region and Samarkand Region. The hotline of the Ministry of Internal Affairs (#1002) received **2,746 calls relating to violence and harassment against women**.
 - The **#1146 national hotline on GBV**, launched on 27 October 2020, received over **7,000 calls**, including cases that required immediate **intervention by law enforcement authorities**.
 - The Bukhara regional center for social protection ‘Oydin Nur’, **accommodated or provided psychological counselling to 126 women** in December. The hotline of the civil society organization ‘Rahmdillik’ in Samarkand Region received 32 calls in December.

Risk Communication and Community Engagement

- According to data collected by the Ministry of Public Education, from October to December, a total of **270 information sessions** were conducted based on the **UNFPA-developed teachers’ manual on healthy lifestyle, sexual and reproductive health, and COVID-19 prevention** in Samarkand region, Tashkent Region and Karakalpakstan. The sessions reached a total of **8365 persons**.
- **UNICEF**, the MoH and the National Agency for Electronic Mass Media (NAEMM) produced and broadcast a **talk-show on mental health** during COVID-19. The programme focused on pre-school children, adolescents and parents.
- **UNICEF**, the MoH and NAEMM produced and broadcast a **TV programme on pre-school reopening** during COVID-19. The programme highlighted the importance ensuring a **safe school environment**, provided information on **measures taken** to reduce infection and spread of COVID-19 at school facilities, and highlighted the **importance of hygiene and physical distancing**.

- In cooperation with the **UN Resident Coordinator’s Office**, **UNDP** has issued a report on ‘**Development Finance Assessment for the Republic of Uzbekistan**’ (DFA) jointly with the Ministry of Finance. The DFA provides a comprehensive assessment of the country’s SDG financing architecture as well as an analysis of **financing sustainable and resilient recovery from COVID-19**.

Other response

- **UNICEF** secured USD 3.1 million for the project ‘Investing in a resilient future of **Karakalpakstan** by improving health, nutrition, water, sanitation, hygiene and well-being of **adolescents** and by harnessing the **talents of youth during and after COVID-19**’ from the Multi-Partner Human Security Trust Fund for the Aral Sea Region. The project aims to mitigate negative consequences of COVID-19 and to **improve the overall health security** in vulnerable communities by improving WASH infrastructure, better access to health education in Karakalpak language, combating anemia and parasitic infections, etc.
- **UNICEF** provided comprehensive assistance to the MoH to develop and submit the technical assistance request to GAVI for the deployment of the COVID-19 vaccine. **GAVI provided USD 115,000 to UNICEF** and unfunded activities were covered by a **supplemental grant of USD 295,000 from the Asian Development Bank**. With this financial support, UNICEF supports the MoH in the preparation of a **comprehensive approach to cover all aspects of vaccine deployment**, from regulatory preparedness, planning and coordination, and final evaluation as per **WHO guidelines**.

Socio-Economic Mitigation