

OVERVIEW

The International Organization for Migration (IOM) in Pakistan collects data on the outflows of Afghans at the Torkham and Chaman border crossing points to better understand the movements of Afghans returning to Afghanistan.

Between 16 and 30 September 2023, 20,816 Afghan nationals spontaneously returned to Afghanistan, including 14,168 through the Torkham border point and 6,648 through the Chaman border point. In addition, border authorities forcibly returned 326 individuals due to a lack of valid documentation. Cumulatively, since 1 January 2023, IOM identified 84,660 Afghan returnees at the two border crossings, excluding those forcibly returned.

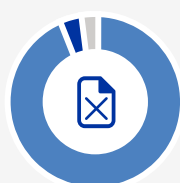
On 26 September 2023, the Ministry of Interior (MoI) in Pakistan announced its decision to enact an “Illegal Foreigners’ Repatriation Plan”. The plan comprises of mechanisms to consolidate databases of “illegal foreigners” in the country, check entry of new illegal entrants, apprehension, deportation, repatriation of illegal/overstaying foreigners.

HIGHLIGHTS

- With the “Illegal Foreigners Repatriation Plan” likely being enacted as of 1 November 2023, the outflow of Afghans has increased significantly at both border crossings.
- As of September 17, the Government of Pakistan allows undocumented Afghans to return to Afghanistan. This change in practice resulted in an exceptional surge of Afghan returnees, with approximately 1,700 returns recorded on that single day.
- In terms of push factors, during the current reporting period, 65 per cent of the surveyed returnee families indicated they are moving back to Afghanistan due to fear of arrest and forced return. This is a significant increase compared to previous reporting periods.
- During the reporting period, six per cent of the overall flow could be considered vulnerable persons.¹ The Displacement Tracking Matrix (DTM) registered 425 returnees moving back to Afghanistan who were chronically ill and require medical attention, in addition to 371 elderly individuals, 118 persons with disabilities (PWD), and 118 Unaccompanied Minors (UMs).

84,660 AFGHAN RETURNEES AT TORKHAM AND CHAMAN (BETWEEN 1 JANUARY – 30 SEPTEMBER 2023)

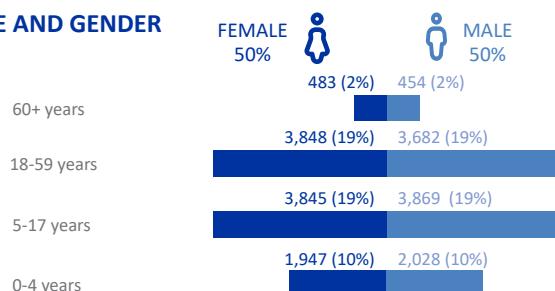
DISTRIBUTION OF RETURNEES BETWEEN 16 TO 30 SEPTEMBER



Undocumented	94%
ACC holder	4%
PoR Card holder	2%

This visual only applies to ACC holders and undocumented Afghans

AGE AND GENDER



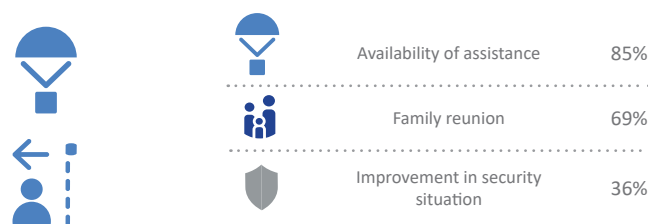
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PUSH FACTORS (Multiple answers, N = 808, can exceed 100%)



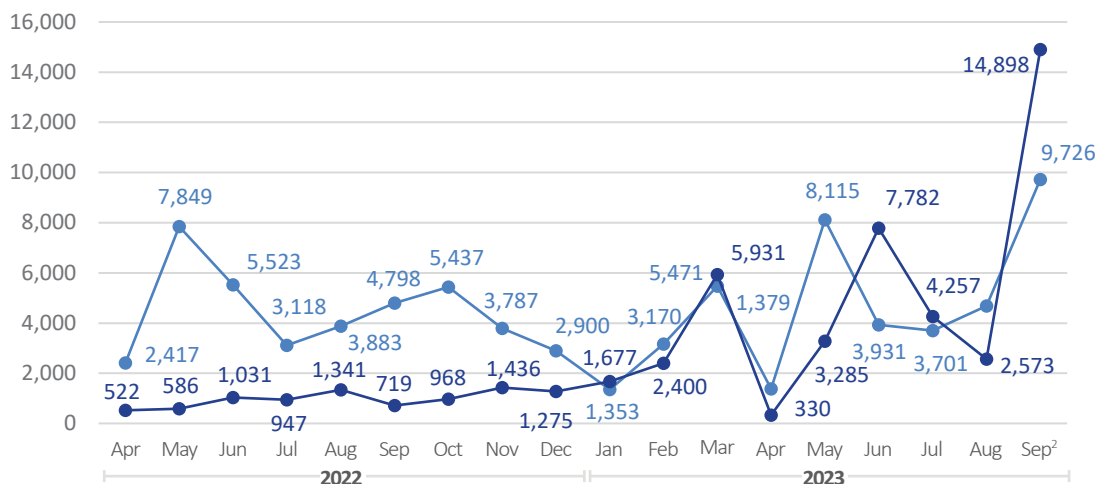
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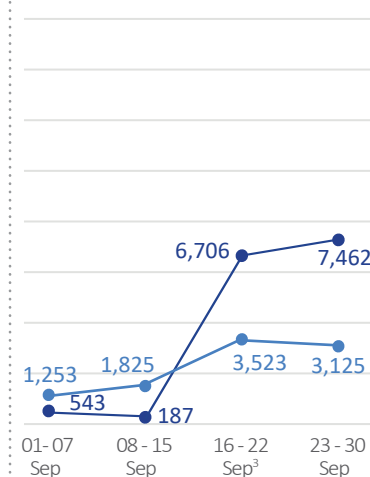
RETURN TREND

Chaman Torkham



MONTHLY TRENDS

WEEKLY TRENDS (LAST FOUR WEEKS)



¹ Vulnerable persons include: persons with disabilities, those who need medical attention, pregnant women, elderly persons, unaccompanied minors, drug addicts, mentally ill persons and widowed persons.

² As of 15 September 2023, IOM and UNHCR have harmonized their flow monitoring data, therefore, data prior to 15 September 2023 does not include PoR holders.

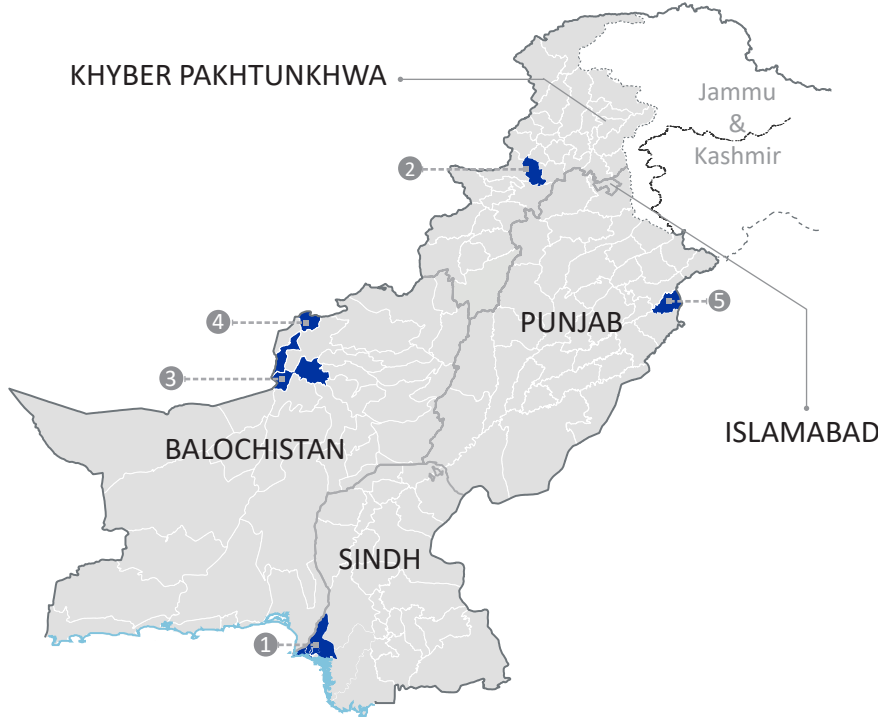
³ Ibid

SETTLEMENT TYPE LEGEND

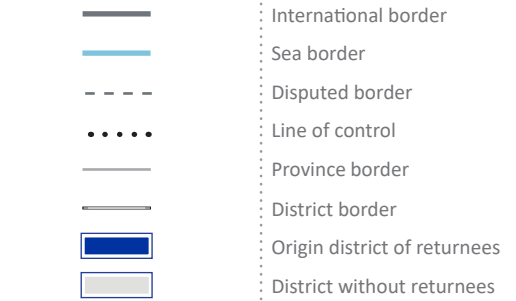


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DISTRICTS OF ORIGIN IN PAKISTAN



LEGEND



ORIGIN DISTRICT

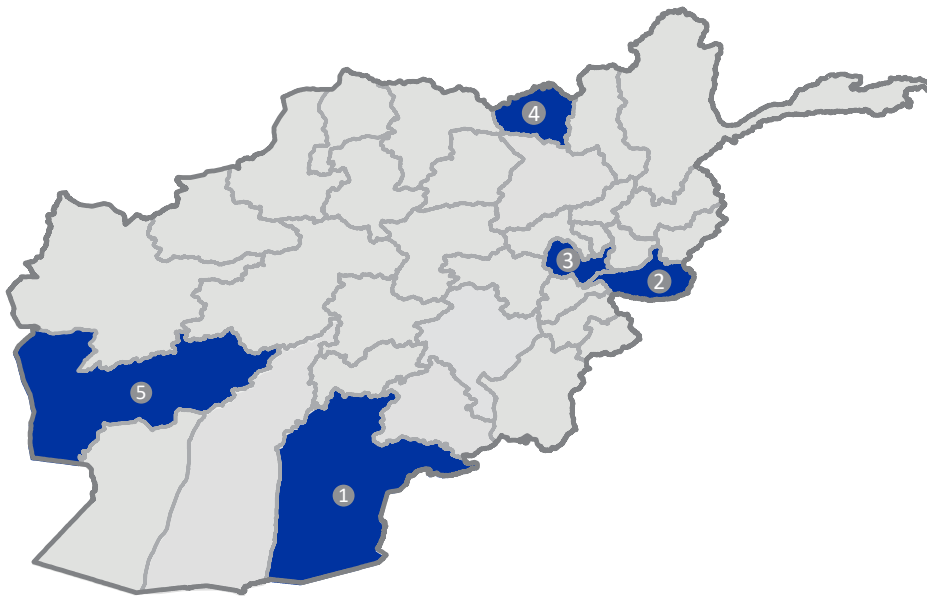
SETTLEMENT TYPE

ORIGIN DISTRICT	Percentage	Rented house	Spontaneous settlement	Own house	Camp	Living with relatives
1. Karachi Central	22%	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%
2. Peshawar	18%	61%	1%	29%	9%	0%
3. Quetta	12%	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%
4. Killa Abdullah	9%	92%	0%	8%	0%	0%
5. Lahore	4%	97%	0%	0%	0%	3%

Note:
 This map and the following legends focus on the top 5 districts of origin in Pakistan during the reporting period from 16 - 30 September 2023
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PROVINCES OF INTENDED DESTINATION



LEGEND



INTENDED PROVINCE

SETTLEMENT TYPE

INTENDED PROVINCE	Percentage	Rented house	Spontaneous settlement	Own house	Camp	Living with relatives
1. Kandahar	26%	90%	5%	0%	0%	5%
2. Nangarhar	20%	64%	11%	1%	24%	0%
3. Kabul	13%	74%	4%	4%	18%	0%
4. Kunduz	7%	83%	6%	0%	11%	0%
5. Farah	5%	82%	4%	0%	14%	0%

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