

OVERVIEW

IOM Pakistan collects data on the outflows of undocumented Afghan migrants at the Torkham and Chaman border crossing points to better understand the migration movements of undocumented Afghan migrants returning to Afghanistan from Pakistan.

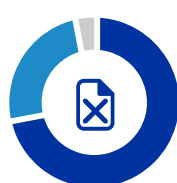
Between 1 and 15 August 2023, 3,382 undocumented Afghan nationals spontaneously returned to Afghanistan, including 1,233 through the Torkham border point and 2,149 through the Chaman border point. Border authorities facilitated the return of 44 individuals due to the lack of legal documentation to remain in Pakistan. Therefore, information about these individuals is not included in the count. Although IOM identified 56,164 undocumented Afghan returnees (between 1 January - 15 August 2023) at two border crossings, this may not reflect the total number of undocumented Afghan returnees. Moreover, for this study, only the head of household or representative of the family were interviewed. This means that the number of interviews conducted by the enumerators is lower than the number of returnees recorded by IOM. Between 1 and 15 August 2023, IOM interviewed 211 respondents.

HIGHLIGHTS

- The top 3 challenges returnees expect to face in Afghanistan are: finding income opportunities, settling into a new city and arranging for livelihoods.
- During the reporting period, six per cent of returnees were categorized as vulnerable persons.¹
- The primary occupations reported by returnees were: unskilled labour (67%), skilled labour (27%), business (6%). All returnees were carrying household items when interviewed. They also travelled with personal belongings (100%) and additional items, such as cash (99%), productive assets (agriculture tool/seeds, rickshaw, sewing machines, etc.; 89%), and transportation (car, motorcycle, rickshaw, etc.; 3%).
- The average cost of travelling from Pakistan to Afghanistan reported was PKR 47,104 (USD 159 as of 15 August 2023) per family.
- The modes of transportation used by the returnees from their original location to the border and from the border to their destination, were: truck (54%), pick-up truck (41%) and bus/rented car (5%).

56,164 UNDOCUMENTED AFGHAN RETURNEES AT TORKHAM AND CHAMAN (BETWEEN 1 JANUARY - 15 AUGUST 2023)

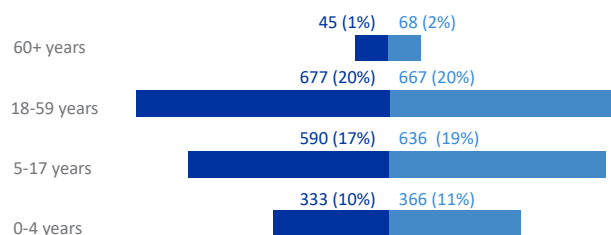
DISTRIBUTION OF UNDOCUMENTED RETURNEES BETWEEN 1 TO 15 AUGUST



	Undocumented family	72%
	Family/Individual holding Afghan Citizenship Card (ACC)	25%
	Undocumented individual travelling with documented family	3%

AGE AND GENDER

FEMALE 51% MALE 49%



PUSH FACTORS



	Unable to pay house rent	37%
	Unable to pay utilities	31%
	No employment	20%
	Fear of arrest or deportation	9%
	Business reason	3%

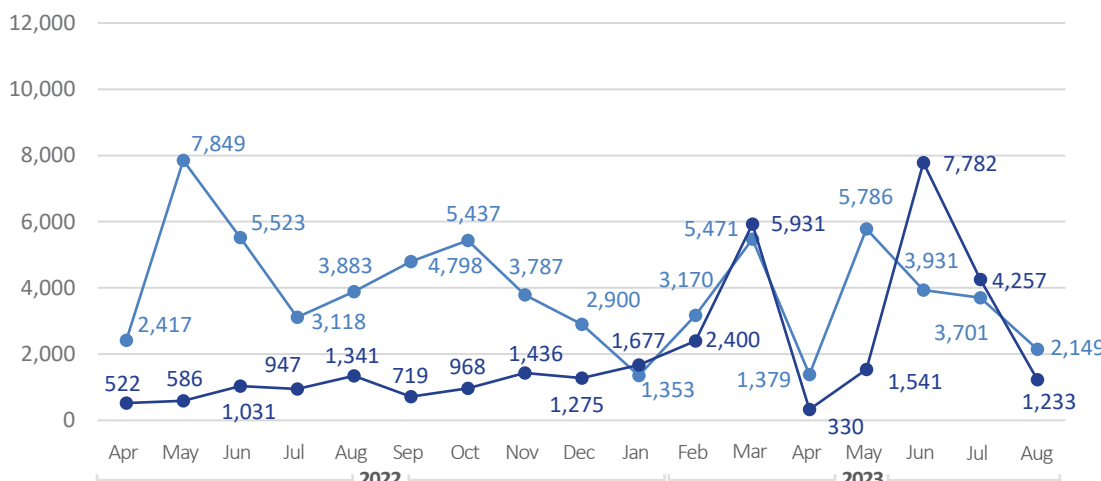
PULL FACTORS



	Availability of assistance	53%
	Family reunion	43%
	Improvement in security situation	4%

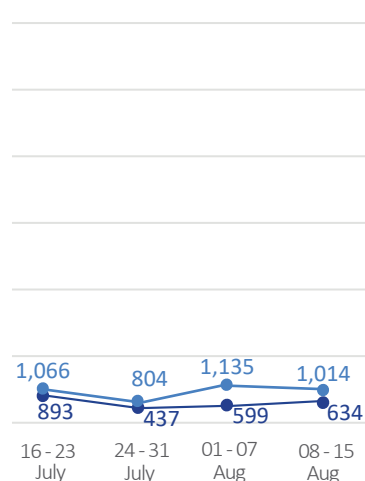
RETURN TREND

Chaman Torkham



MONTHLY TRENDS

WEEKLY TRENDS (LAST FOUR WEEKS)



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

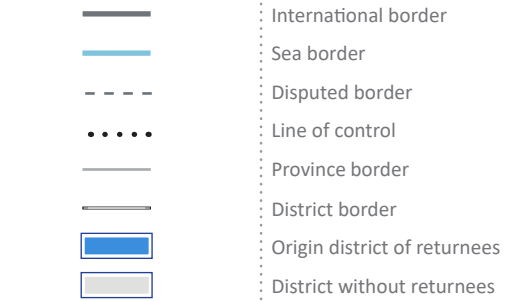
SETTLEMENT TYPE LEGEND



DISTRICTS OF ORIGIN IN PAKISTAN OF RETURNEES

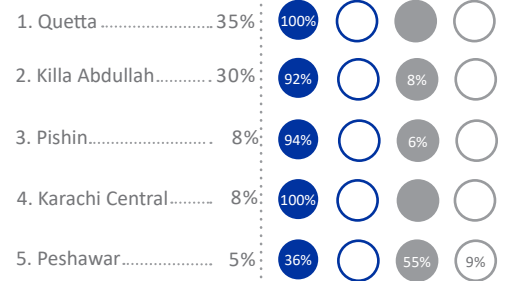


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ORIGIN DISTRICT

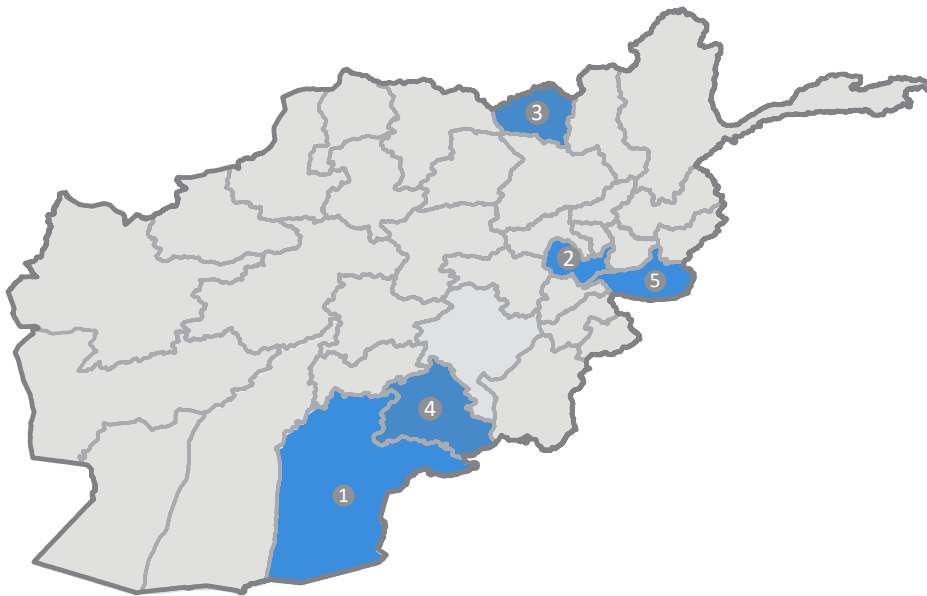
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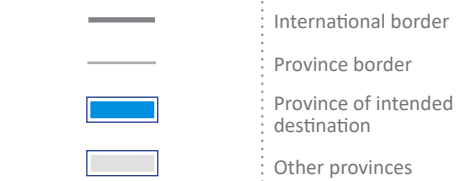
Note: This map and the following legends focus on the top 5 districts of origin in Pakistan during the reporting period from 1- 15 August 2023

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PROVINCES OF INTENDED DESTINATION

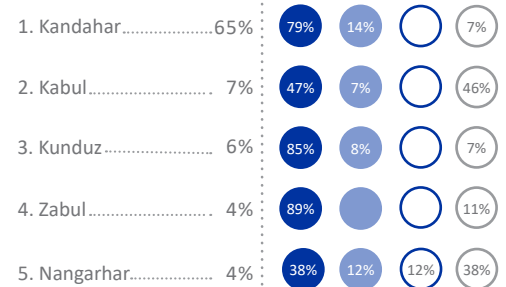


LEGEND



INTENDED PROVINCE

SETTLEMENT TYPE



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