

## OVERVIEW

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

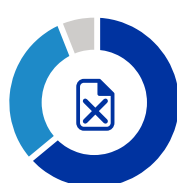
Between 16 and 31 July 2023, 3,200 undocumented Afghan nationals spontaneously returned to Afghanistan, including 1,330 through the Torkham border point and 1,870 through the Chaman border point. Border authorities facilitated the return of 73 individuals due to the lack of legal documentation to remain in Pakistan. Therefore, information about these individuals is not included in the count. Although IOM identified 52,782 undocumented Afghan returnees (between 1 January - 31 July 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 16 and 31 July 2023, IOM interviewed 201 respondents.

## HIGHLIGHTS

- The top 3 challenges returnees expect to face in Afghanistan are: arranging for livelihoods, finding income opportunities and settling into a new city.
- During the reporting period, seven per cent of returnees were categorized as vulnerable persons.<sup>1</sup>
- The primary occupations reported by returnees were: unskilled labour (74%), skilled labour (18%) and business (8%).
- All returnees were carrying household items when interviewed. They also travelled with personal belongings (99%) and additional items, such as cash (98%), productive assets (agriculture tool/seeds, rickshaw, sewing machines, etc.; 85%), and transportation (car, motorcycle, rickshaw, etc.; 1%).
- The average cost of travelling from Pakistan to Afghanistan reported was PKR 55,580 (USD 194 as of 31 July 2023) per family.
- The worsening economic conditions in Pakistan are leading to significant return flows of undocumented Afghans. The perceived availability of assistance in Afghanistan, as well as the ability to reside with family back in their home country, were noted as major pull factors.

# 52,782 UNDOCUMENTED AFGHAN RETURNEES AT TORKHAM AND CHAMAN (BETWEEN 1 JANUARY - 31 JULY 2023)

### DISTRIBUTION OF UNDOCUMENTED RETURNEES BETWEEN 16 TO 31 JULY



	Undocumented family	64%
	Family/Individual holding Afghan Citizenship Card (ACC)	30%
	Undocumented individual travelling with documented family	6%

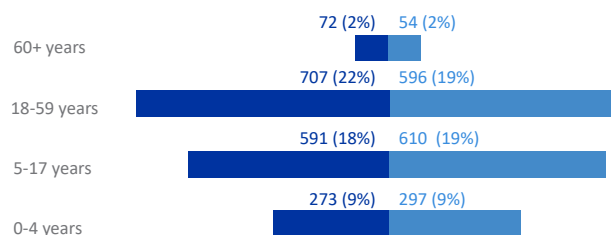
### PUSH FACTORS



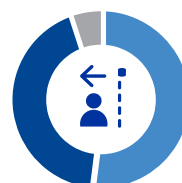
	Unable to pay house rent	33%
	Unable to pay utilities	32%
	No employment	21%
	Fear of arrest or deportation	10%
	Business reason	4%

### AGE AND GENDER

FEMALE 51% MALE 49%

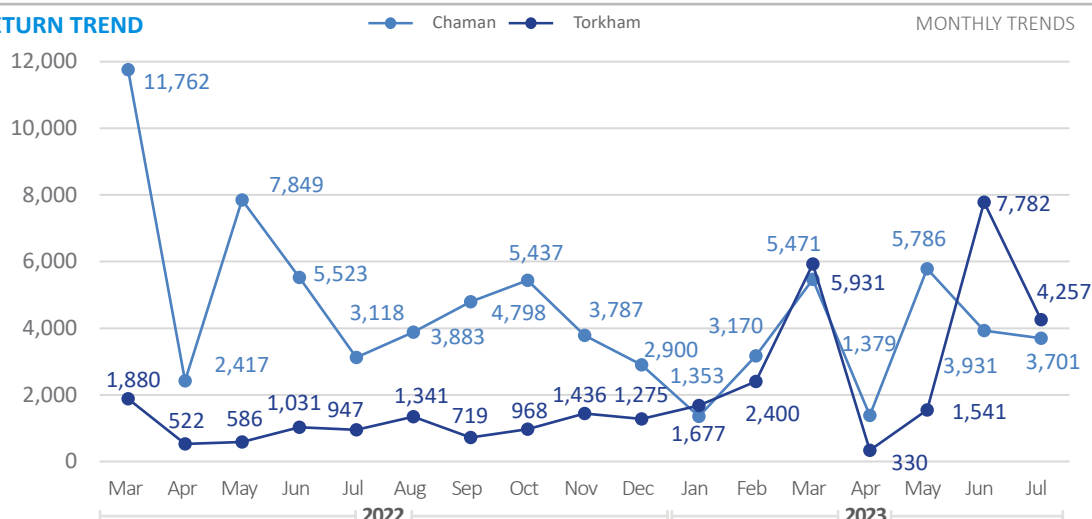


### PULL FACTORS



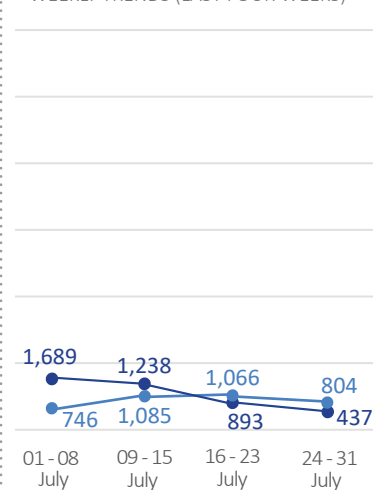
	Availability of assistance	52%
	Family reunion	43%
	Improvement in security situation	5%

### RETURN TREND



### MONTHLY TRENDS

### WEEKLY TRENDS (LAST FOUR WEEKS)



<sup>1</sup> 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.

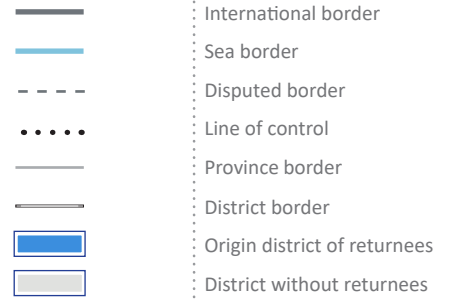
**SETTLEMENT TYPE LEGEND**



**DISTRICTS OF ORIGIN IN PAKISTAN OF RETURNEES**

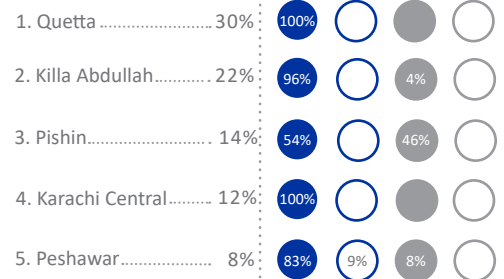


**LEGEND**



**ORIGIN DISTRICT**

**SETTLEMENT TYPE**



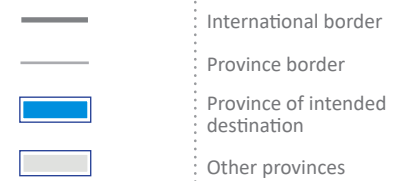
Note: This map and the following legends focus on the top 5 districts of origin in Pakistan during the reporting period from 16- 31 July 2023

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**PROVINCES OF INTENDED DESTINATION**

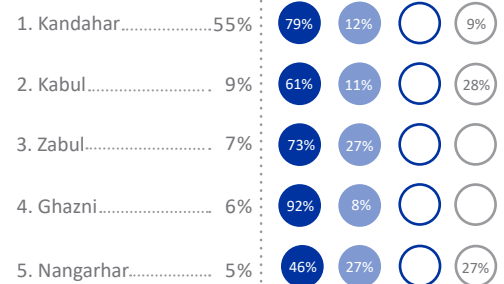


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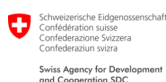
**INTENDED PROVINCE**

**SETTLEMENT TYPE**



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