

SPONTANEOUS RETURN OF UNDOCUMENTED AFGHAN MIGRANTS FROM PAKISTAN (20 DEC. 2020 - 2 JAN. 2021)

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. This exercise is part of the **European Union** funded project “**Regional Evidence for Migration Analysis and Policy (REMAP)**”.

From 20 December 2020 to 2 January 2021, **205** undocumented Afghan migrants returned to Afghanistan, including **38** through the Torkham border point and **167** through the Chaman border point. During the reporting period, border authorities also facilitated the return of **59** individuals due to the lack of legal documentation to remain in Pakistan. Therefore, information concerning these **59** individuals is not included in the report.*

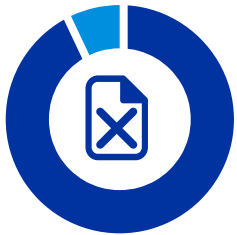
*The Torkham border point has been partially closed since 1 November 2020. The figures represented on the timeline for November 2020, December 2020 and January 2021 include a data compilation effort between IOM Pakistan and IOM Afghanistan.

HIGHLIGHTS

- During the reporting period, 14% of returnees were categorized as vulnerable persons, mainly elderly and chronically ill.
- In Pakistan, the primary sources of income reported by returnees were: unskilled labor (52%), skilled labor (26%) and business (15%).
- All returnees were carrying household items, personal belongings, cash and productive assets when surveyed. They also traveled with additional items, such as livestock (11%) and transportation vehicles (7%).
- The average cost of travelling from Pakistan to Afghanistan reported was 9,138 PKR per family.
- The top 3 challenges returnees expect to face in Afghanistan are: arranging livelihood (26%), settling into a new city (26%) and finding better income opportunities (25%).

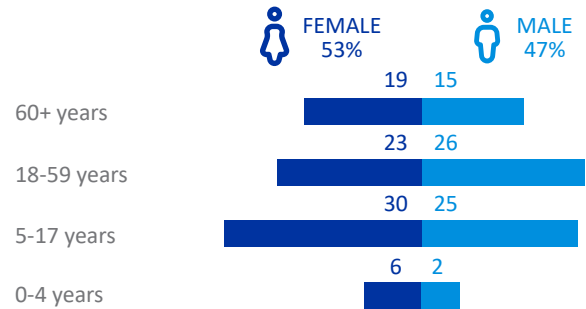
6,661 UNDOCUMENTED AFGHAN RETURNEES AT TORKHAM AND CHAMAN SINCE JANUARY 2020

DISTRIBUTION OF UNDOCUMENTED RETURNEES



Undocumented family	93%
Undocumented individual	7%
Undocumented individual travelling with documented family	0%

AGE AND GENDER

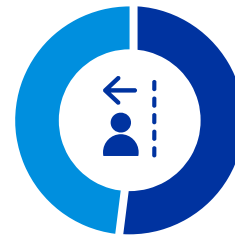


PUSH FACTORS



Unable to pay house rent	47%
Unable to pay utilities	26%
No employment	12%
Business reasons	12%
Fear of arrest/deportation	3%

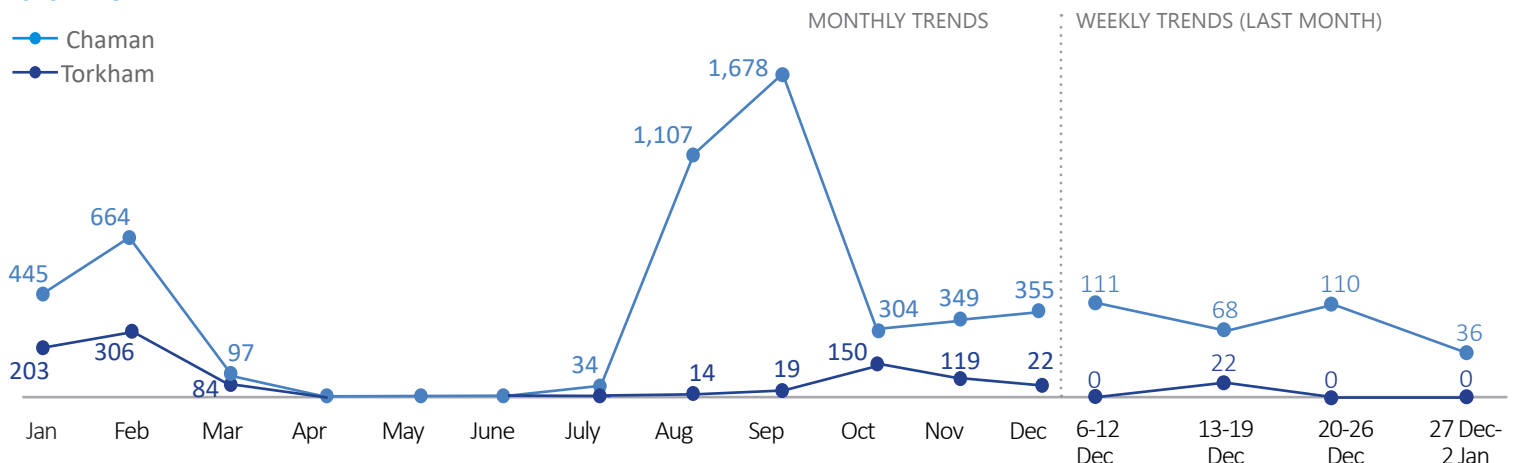
PULL FACTORS



Reunion with family	52%
Availability of assistance	48%

2020 RETURN TREND

Chaman (blue line), Torkham (black line)



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SETTLEMENT TYPE LEGEND



DISTRICTS OF ORIGIN IN PAKISTAN OF RETURNEES



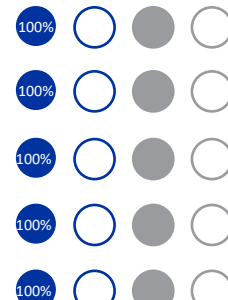
LEGEND



ORIGIN DISTRICT

1. Karachi.....	19%
2. Killa Abdullah.....	47%
3. Loralai.....	8%
4. Pishin.....	13%
5. Quetta.....	13%

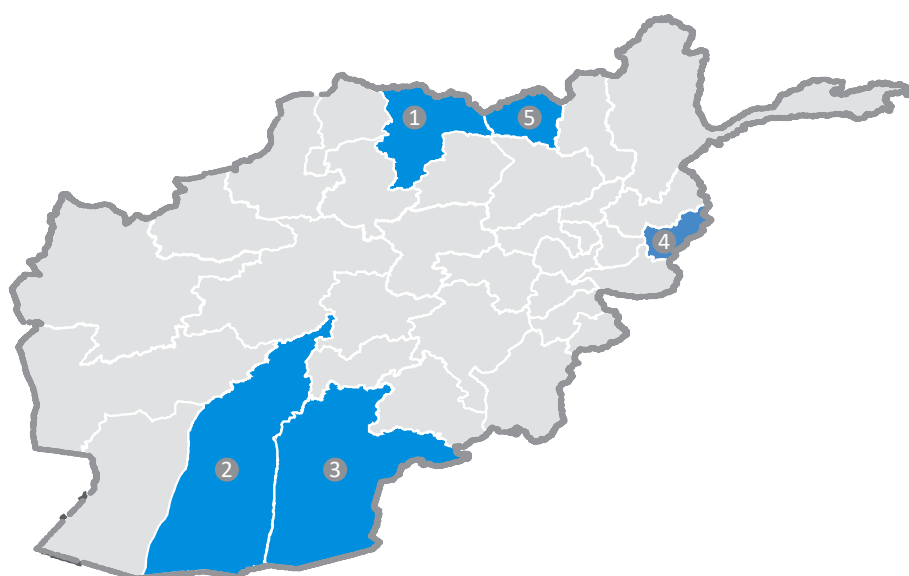
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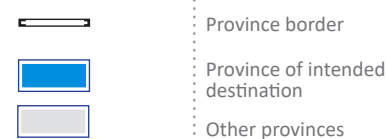
Note:
This map and the following legend focus on the **top 5** districts of origin in Pakistan of returnees.

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PROVINCES OF INTENDED DESTINATION



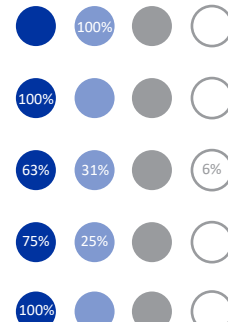
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INTENDED PROVINCE

1. Balkh.....	6%
2. Hilmand.....	9%
3. Kandahar.....	60%
4. Kunar.....	5%
5. Kunduz.....	11%

SETTLEMENT TYPE



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This map and the following legend focus on the **top 5** intended destination provinces in Afghanistan only.

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