SPONTANEOUS RETURN OF UNDOCUMENTED AFGHAN MIGRANTS FROM PAKISTAN (31 JAN. - 13 FEB. 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 "Displacement Tracking Matrix Regional Evidence for Migration Analysis and Policy (DTM REMAP)".

From 31 January to 13 February 2021, 273 undocumented Afghan migrants returned to Afghanistan, including 34 through the Torkham border point and 239 through the Chaman border point. During the reporting period, border authorities facilitated the return of 23 individuals due to the lack of legal documentation to remain in Pakistan. Therefore, information concerning these 23 individuals is not included in the report analysis.*

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

HIGHLIGHTS

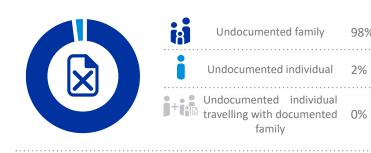
- During the reporting period, 16% of returnees were categorized as vulnerable persons, mainly elderly and chronically ill.
- In Pakistan, the primary sources of income reported by returnees were: unskilled labor (68%), skilled labor (23%) and business (7%).
- All returnees were carrying household items, personal belonging and cash when surveyed. They also traveled with additional items, such as productive assets (82%) and transportation or private vehicle (16%).
- The average cost of travelling from Pakistan to Afghanistan reported was 8,795 PKR per family.
- The top 3 challenges returnees expect to face in Afghanistan are: arranging for livelihoods (26%), finding income opportunities (26%) and settling into a new city (26%).



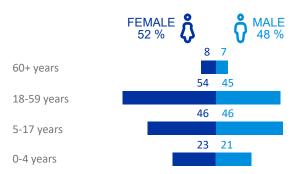
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UNDOCUMENTED AFGHAN RETURNEES AT TORKHAM AND CHAMAN SINCE JANUARY 2021

DISTRIBUTION OF UNDOCUMENTED RETURNEES



AGE AND GENDER



PUSH FACTORS



	Unable to pay house rent	35%
×	Unable to pay utilities	35%
Ť	Fear of arrest/deportation	13%
₹X	No employment	11%
350	Business reasons	5%

PULL FACTORS



90	Availability of assistance	50%
	Reunion with family	48%
	Better security situation	2%

RETURN TREND MONTHLY TRENDS WEEKLY TRENDS (LAST FOUR WEEKS) Chaman 1.678 Torkham 1,107 664 520 201 355 349 304 151 86 150 306 22 34 22 19 13 14 0 24 - 30 Feb Mar Apr May June July Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec Jan 17 - 2331 Jan -7 - 13 2020 2021 Jan 6 Feb Feb Jan

BI-WEEKLY FLOW MONITORING REPORT:

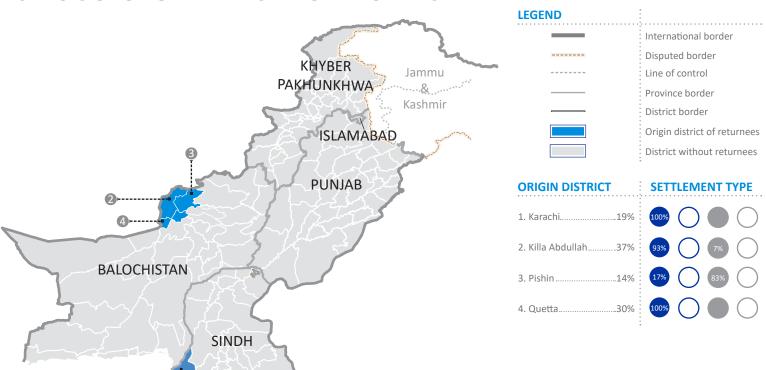
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DISTRICTS OF ORIGIN IN PAKISTAN OF RETURNEES



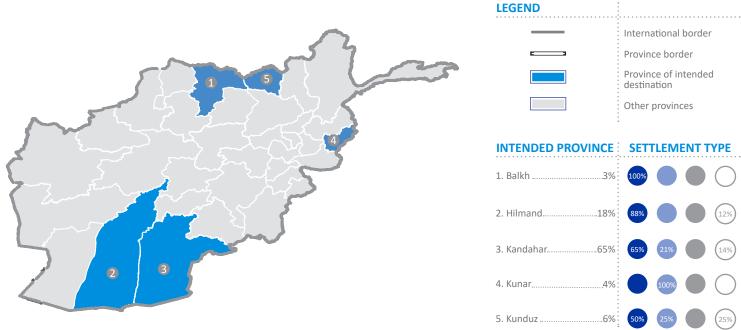
Note:

This map and the following legend focus on the **top 4** districts of origin in Pakistan of returnees.

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PROVINCES OF INTENDED DESTINATION



Note:

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

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