## SPONTANEOUS RETURN OF UNDOCUMENTED AFGHAN MIGRANTS FROM PAKISTAN (OCTOBER - DECEMBER 2020)



#### **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 report is part of the European Union funded project "Displacement Tracking Matrix Regional Evidence for Migration Analysis and Policy (DTM REMAP)". Key findings during this reporting period are:

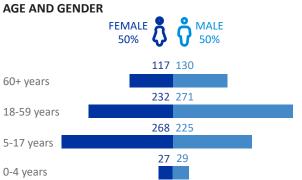
- From October to December 2020, 1,602 undocumented Afghan migrants returned to Afghanistan, including 1,125 through the Chaman border point and 477 through the Torkham border point.
- Border authorities facilitated the return of 303 individuals due to the lack of legal documentation to remain in Pakistan. Information concerning these 303 individuals is not included in the report analysis.
- The average family size of returnees was 10 individuals and 12% of all returnees recorded during the reporting period were categorized as vulnerable persons.
- All returnees were carrying household items, personal belongings and cash when surveyed. They also traveled with additional items, such as productive assets (80%), transportation vehicles (14%) and livestock (8%).\*
- The top 3 challenges returnees expected to face in Afghansitan were: arranging livelihood (26%), settling into a new city (25%) and finding better income opportunities (25%).

# DISTRIBUTION OF UNDOCUMENTED RETURNEES

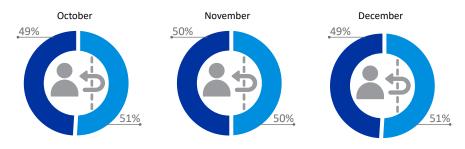
### UNDOCUMENTED AFGHAN RETURNEES THROUGH TORKHAM AND CHAMAN BETWEEN OCTOBER AND DECEMBER 2020

**DOCUMENTATION STATUS BY MONTH** 





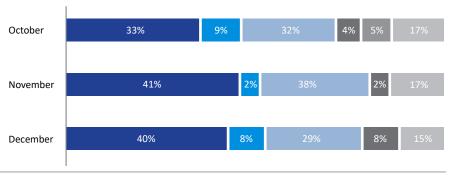
#### GENDER DISTRIBUTION BY MONTH

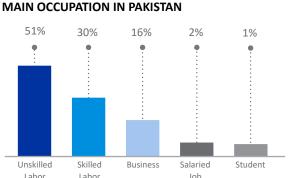


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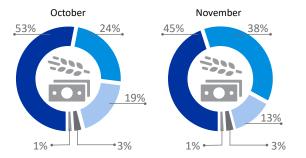


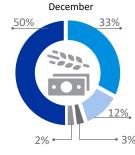
#### **VULNERABILITIES BY MONTH**





#### **OCCUPATION STATUS BY MONTH**





<sup>\*</sup> Multiple answers were possible, so totals may not add up to 100%

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#### **PUSH FACTORS MONTHLY TREND** 37% 43% 42% Unable to pay house rent 30% 30% Unable to pay utilities 29% 25% 14% 12% Business reasons 13% 13% 10% **10%** 12% No employment 9% 9% Fear of arrest/deportation November October December **PULL FACTORS MONTHLY TREND** 58% 57% 57% Reunion with family 42% Availability of assistance 43% 43%

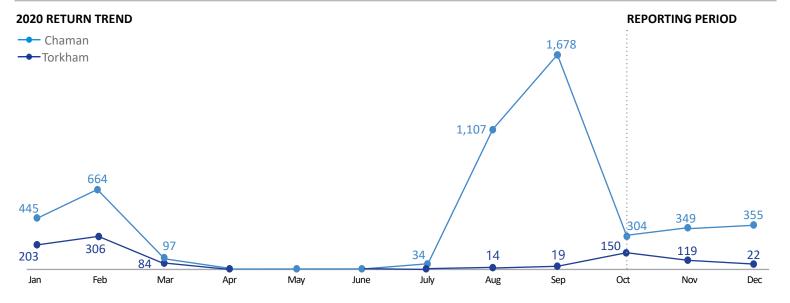
#### **FORESEEN CHALLENGES OF RETURNEES**

|     | Resettle in a new city | 25% | Education                                      | 6% |
|-----|------------------------|-----|--|----|
| 100 | Arrange for livelihood | 26% | Availability of medicine and health facilities | 1% |
|     | Income opportunities   | 26% | Availability of clean drinking water           | 1% |
|     | Arrange for shelter    | 15% | Security challenges                            | 0% |

October

November

December

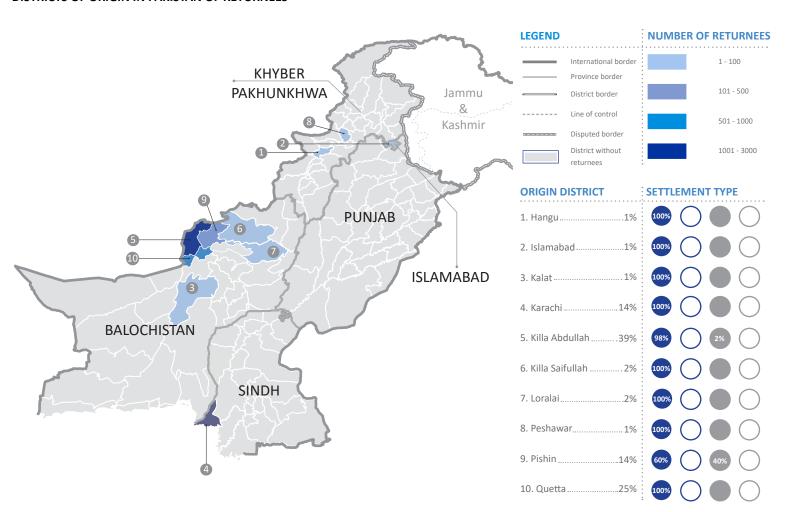


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**SETTLEMENT TYPE LEGEND** Living with relatives Rented house Spontaneous settlement in Pakistan Camp

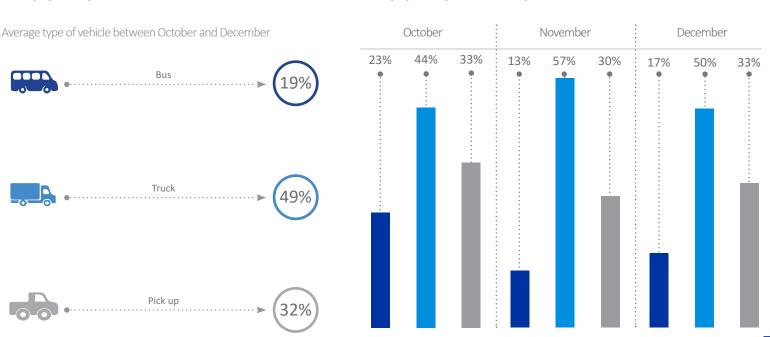
#### **DISTRICTS OF ORIGIN IN PAKISTAN OF RETURNEES**



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#### TRANSPORTATION TYPE

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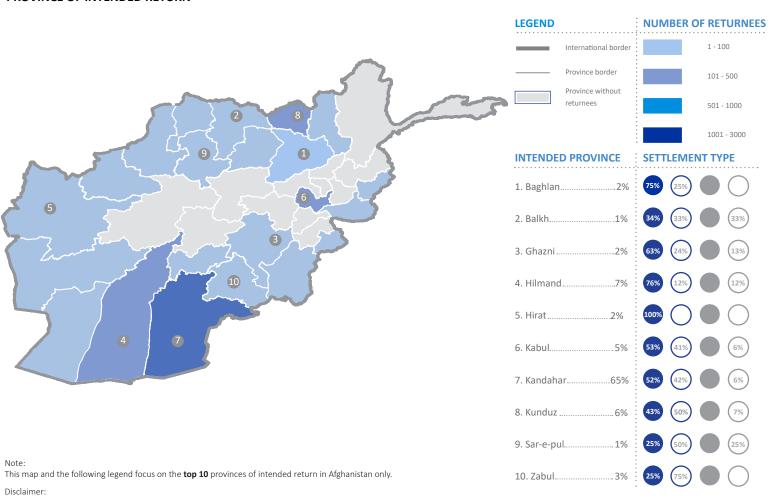


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# SETTLEMENT TYPE LEGEND Rented house Own house in Afghanistan Camp Living with relatives

#### **PROVINCE OF INTENDED RETURN**



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