SPONTANEOUS RETURN OF UNDOCUMENTED AFGHAN MIGRANTS FROM PAKISTAN (28 FEB. - 13 MAR. 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 28 February to 13 March 2021, 705 undocumented Afghan migrants returned to Afghanistan, including 106 through the Torkham border point and 599 through the Chaman border point. During the reporting period, border authorities facilitated the return of 55 individuals due to the lack of legal documentation to remain in Pakistan. Therefore, information concerning these 55 individuals is not included in the report analysis.*

HIGHLIGHTS

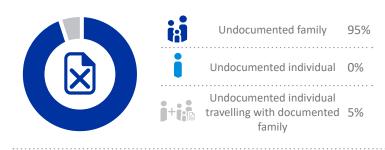
- During the reporting period, 12% of returnees were categorized as vulnerable persons, mainly elderly and chronically ill.
- In Pakistan, the primary sources of income reported by returnees were: unskilled labor (63%), skilled labor (20%), business (14%) and salaried jobs (3%).
- All returnees were carrying household items and cash when surveyed. They also travelled with additional items, such as personal belongings (97%), productive assets (90%), transportation or private vehicles (14%) and livestock (8%).
- The average cost of travelling from Pakistan to Afghanistan reported was 10,896 PKR per family.
- The top 3 challenges returnees expected to face in Afghanistan were: arranging for livelihoods (27%), settling into a new city (27%) and finding income opportunities (26%).

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

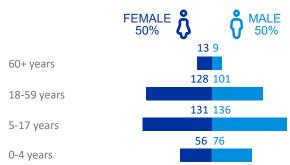


2,148 UNDOCUMENTED AFGHAN RETURNEES AT TORKHAM AND CHAMAN SINCE JANUARY 2021

DISTRIBUTION OF UNDOCUMENTED RETURNEES



AGE AND GENDER



PUSH FACTORS





PULL FACTORS





RETURN TREND MONTHLY TRENDS -- Chaman 1,678 Torkham 1,107 650 520 355 349 304 150 75 34 22 22 19 Mar Apr May June July Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec Jan Feb **---** 2021 ----2020

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WEEKLY TRENDS (LAST FOUR WEEKS)

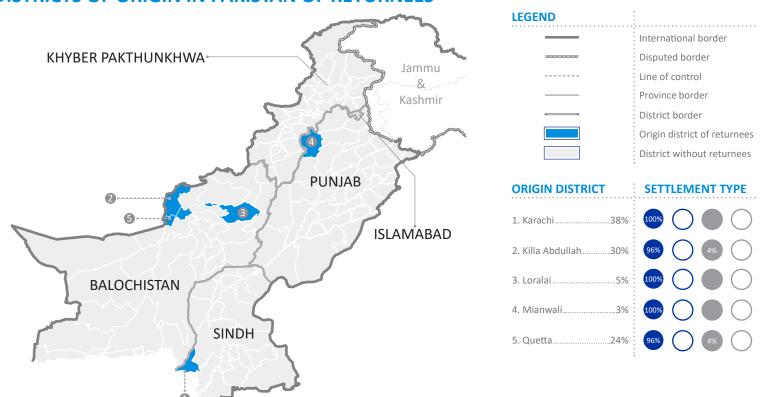
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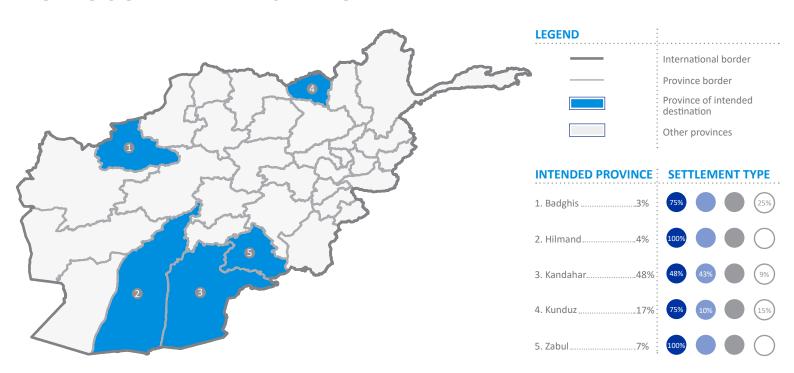
DISTRICTS OF ORIGIN IN PAKISTAN OF RETURNEES



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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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