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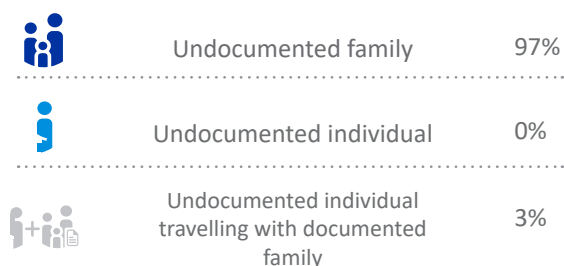
OVERVIEW

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:

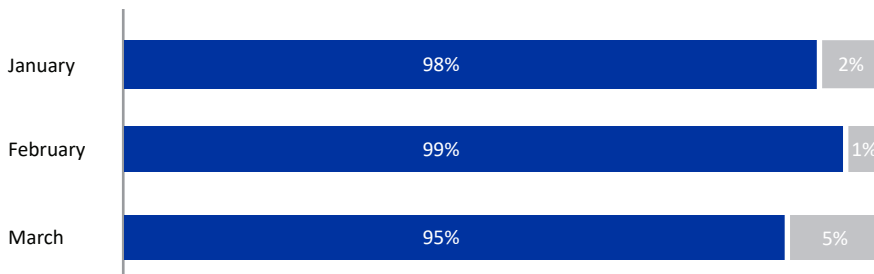
- From January to March 2021, 3,015 undocumented Afghan migrants returned to Afghanistan, including 2,594 through the Chaman border point and 421 through the Torkham border point.
- Border authorities facilitated the return of 297 individuals due to the lack of legal documentation to remain in Pakistan. Information concerning these 297 individuals is not included in the report analysis.
- The average family size of returnees was 6 individuals, and 14% of all returnees recorded during the reporting period were categorized as vulnerable persons.
- The majority of returnees were carrying household items (99%), productive assets (91%), cash (83%) and personal belongings (81%) when surveyed. They also traveled with additional items, such as transportation vehicles (25%) and livestock (22%).*
- The top 3 challenges returnees expected to face in Afghanistan were: arranging livelihood (27%), settling into a new city (27%) and finding better income opportunities (26%).

3,015 UNDOCUMENTED AFGHAN RETURNEES THROUGH TORKHAM AND CHAMAN BETWEEN JANUARY AND MARCH 2021

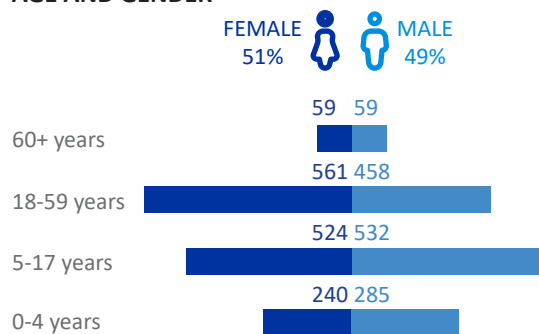
DISTRIBUTION OF UNDOCUMENTED RETURNEES



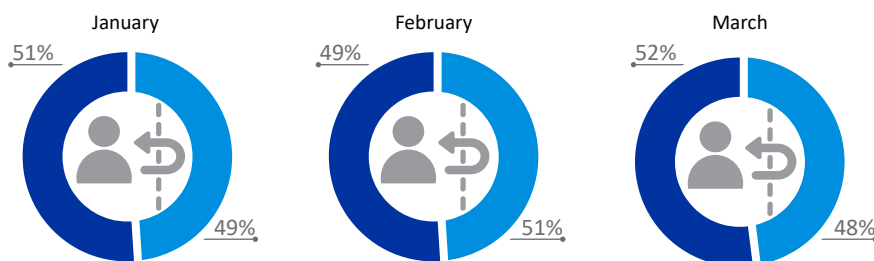
DOCUMENTATION STATUS BY MONTH



AGE AND GENDER



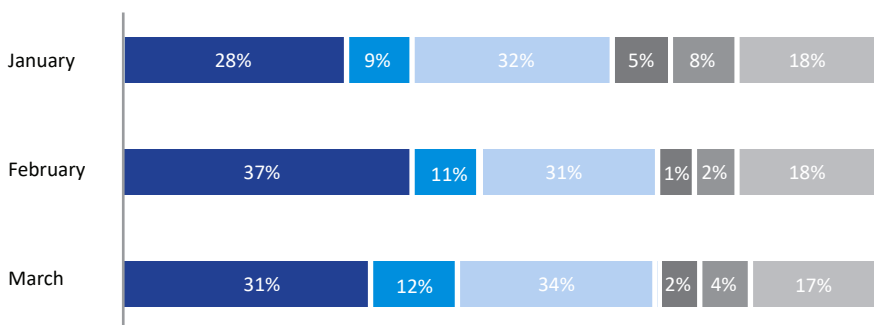
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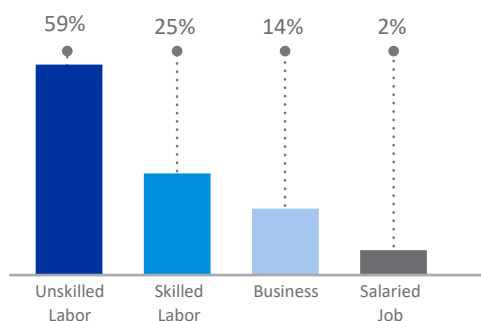
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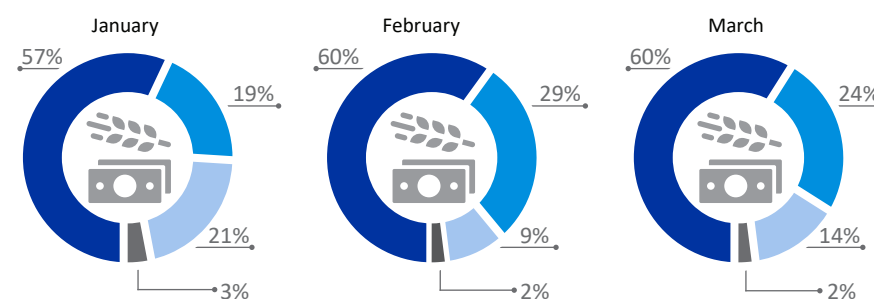
VULNERABILITIES BY MONTH



MAIN OCCUPATION IN PAKISTAN



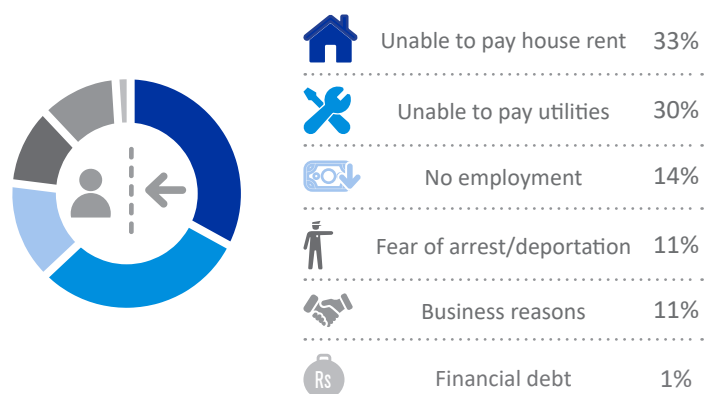
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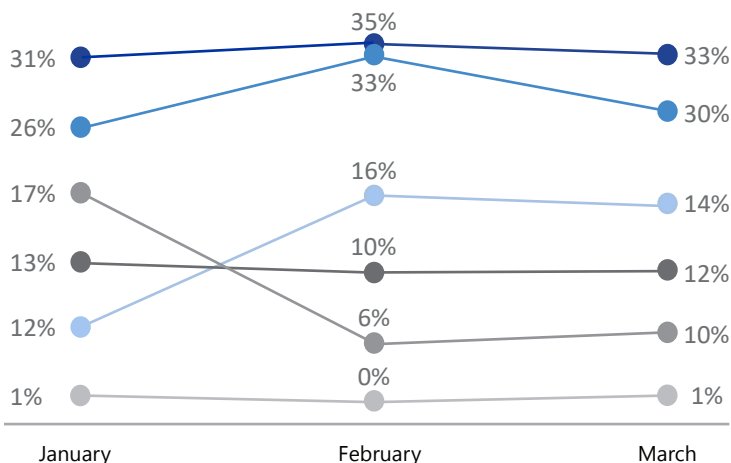
* Multiple answers were possible, so totals may not add up to 100%

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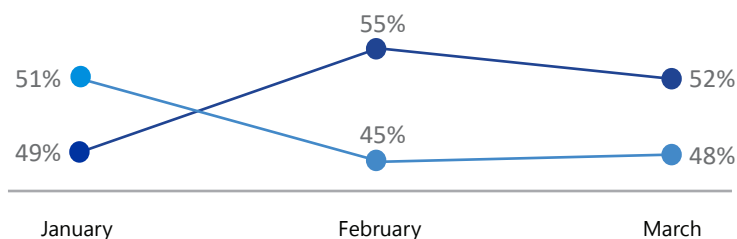
MONTHLY TREND



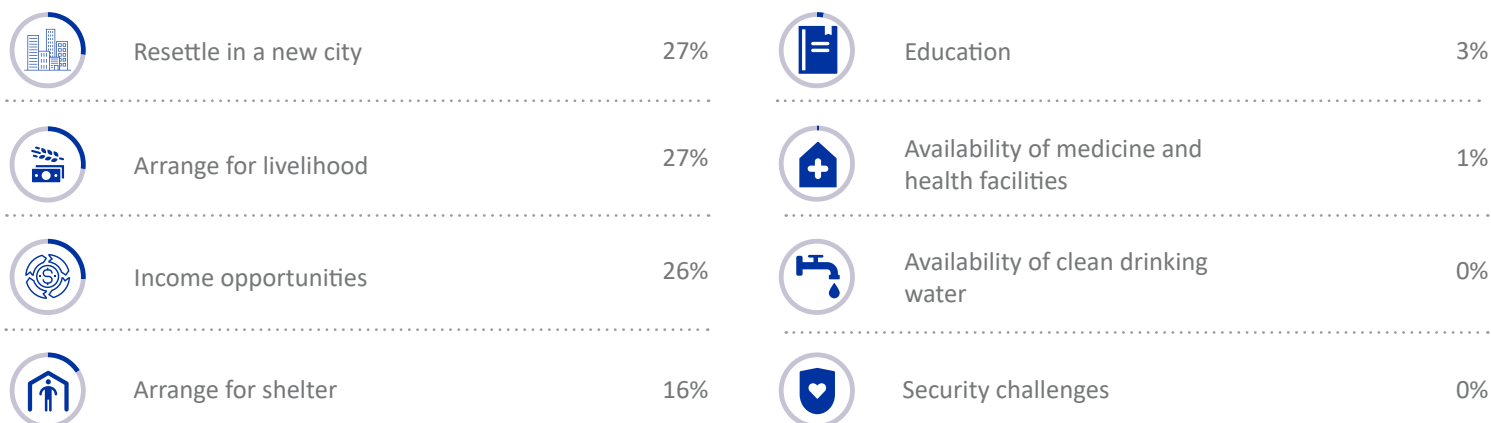
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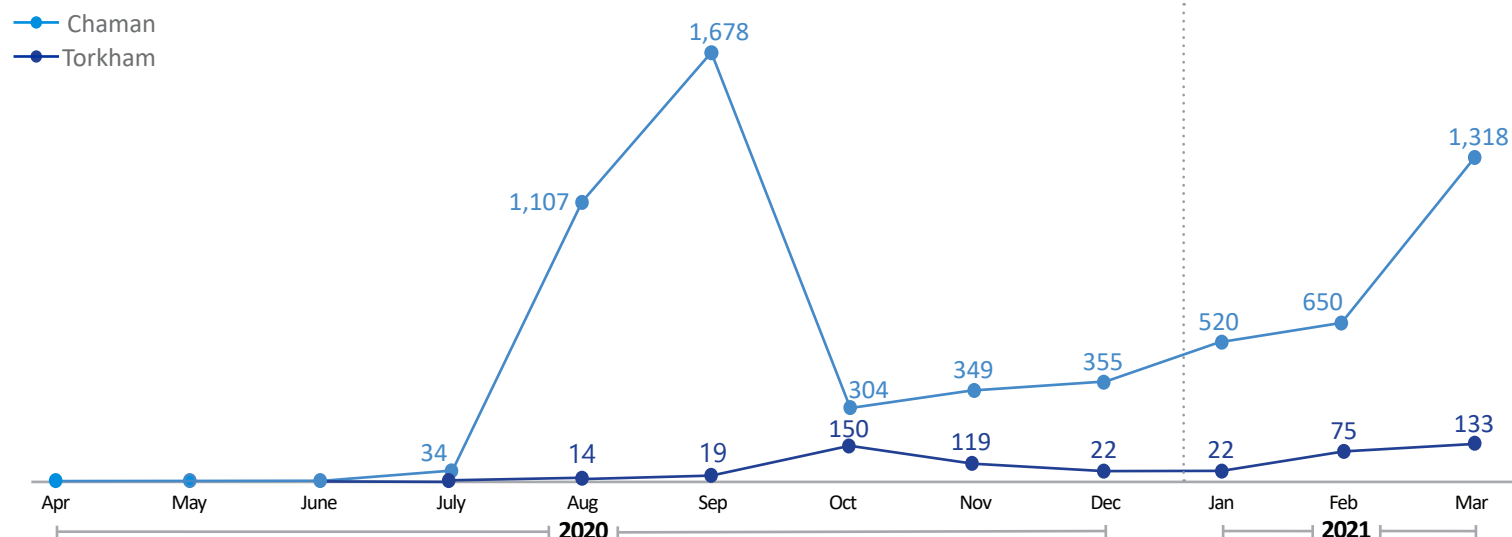
MONTHLY TREND



FORESEEN CHALLENGES OF RETURNEES



RETURN TREND



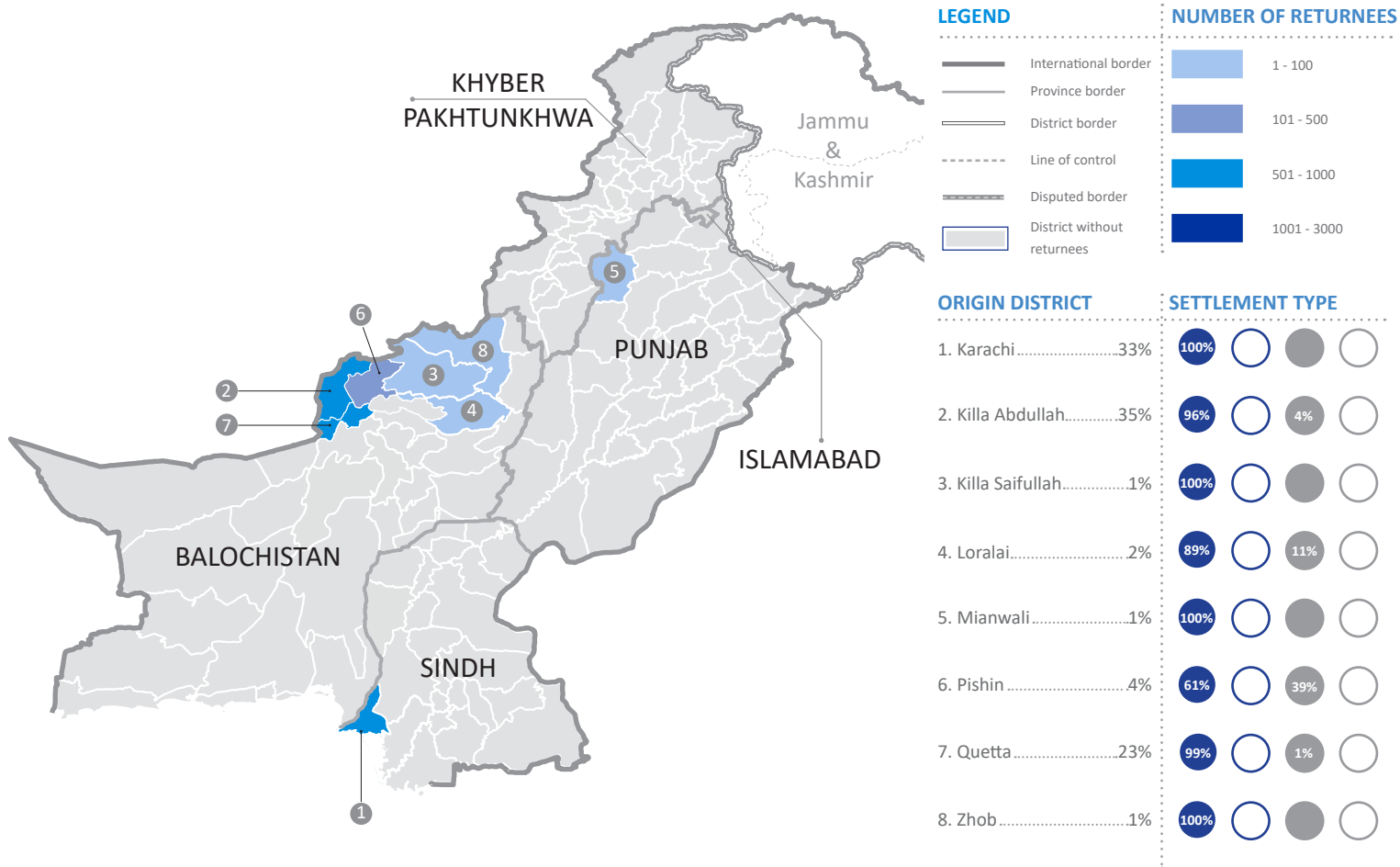
Note: The Torkham border point has been partially closed since 1 November 2020. The figures represented on the timeline from November 2020 to March 2021 include a data compilation effort between IOM Pakistan and IOM Afghanistan.

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SETTLEMENT TYPE LEGEND

- Rented house
- Spontaneous settlement in Pakistan
- Camp
- Living with relatives

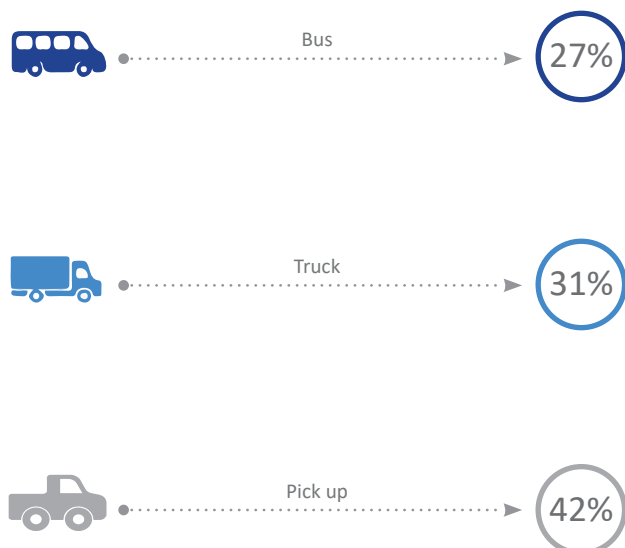
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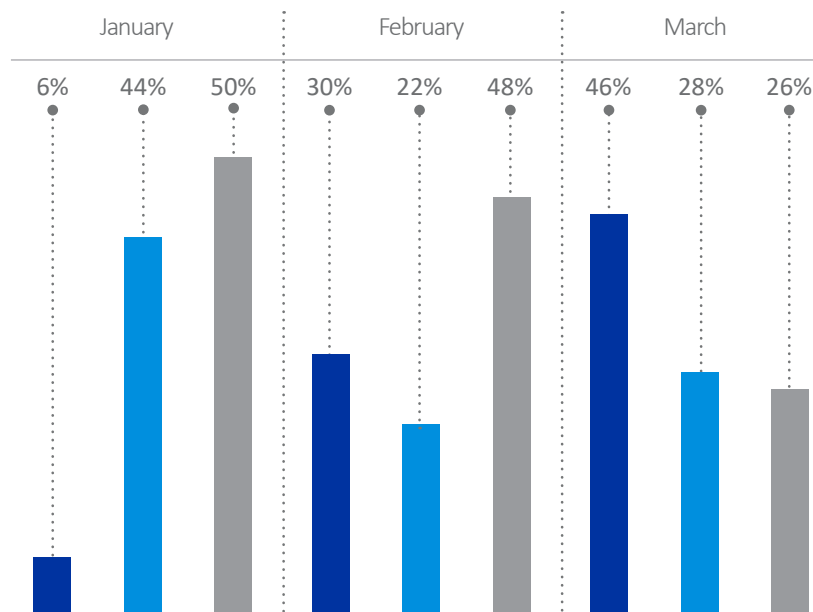
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TRANSPORTATION TYPE

Average type of vehicle between January and March

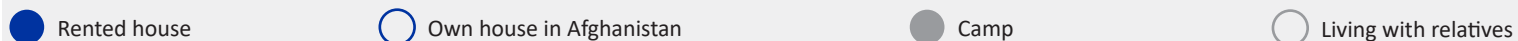


TRANSPORTATION TYPE BY MONTH

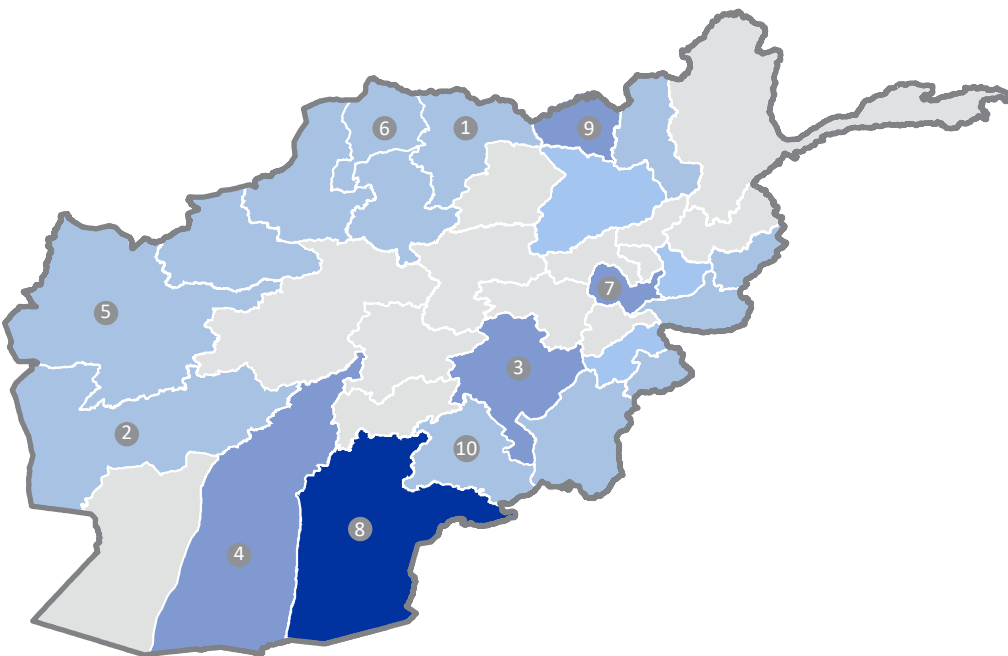


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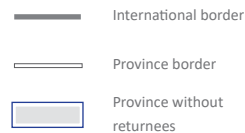
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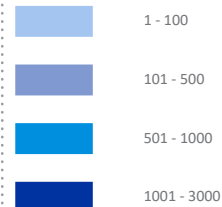
PROVINCE OF INTENDED RETURN



LEGEND



NUMBER OF RETURNEES



INTENDED PROVINCE

INTENDED PROVINCE	PERCENTAGE	Rented house	Own house in Afghanistan	Camp	Living with relatives
1. Balkh	2%	78%	22%	0%	0%
2. Farah	2%	100%	0%	0%	0%
3. Ghazni	4%	47%	53%	0%	0%
4. Hilmand	4%	74%	21%	0%	5%
5. Hirat	2%	63%	37%	0%	0%
6. Jawzjan	1%	83%	17%	0%	0%
7. Kabul	5%	52%	42%	0%	6%
8. Kandahar	56%	61%	22%	0%	17%
9. Kunduz	13%	70%	17%	0%	13%
10. Zabul	3%	82%	18%	0%	0%

Note:
This map and the following legend focus on the **top 10** provinces of intended return in Afghanistan only.

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