SPONTANEOUS RETURN OF UNDOCUMENTED AFGHAN MIGRANTS FROM PAKISTAN (4 - 17 July 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 4 to 17 July 2021, an estimated* 343 undocumented Afghan migrants returned to Afghanistan, which includes 286 through the Chaman border point and 57 individuals (through facilitated** return by border authorities) through the Torkham border point.***

- * Due to recent events within the border-territory in Afghanistan the FM teams had intermitted access during this reporting cycle.
- ** The return of the 57 reported Afghan migrants through Torkham during this reporting period was facilitated by border authorities and therefore excluded within the analysis sections in this report.
- *** The Torkham border point has been partially closed since 1 November 2020. The figures represented on the timeline from August 2020 to July 2021 include a data compilation effort between IOM Pakistan and IOM Afghanistan.

HIGHLIGHTS

- During the reporting period, 12% of returnees were categorized as vulnerable persons, mainly elderly and chronically ill.
- In Pakistan, the primary occupations reported by returnees were: unskilled labor (53%), skilled labor (32%) and business (15%).
- All returnees were carrying household items and cash when surveyed. They also travelled with additional items, such as personal belongings (92%), productive assets (89%) and transportation or private vehicles (8%).
- The average cost of travelling from Pakistan to Afghanistan reported was 8,269 PKR per family.
- The top 3 challenges returnees expected to face in Afghanistan were: arranging for livelihoods (30%), settling into a new city (29%) and finding income opportunities (24%).

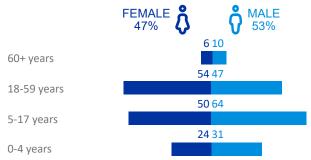


7,252 UNDOCUMENTED AFGHAN RETURNEES AT TORKHAM AND CHAMAN SINCE JANUARY 2021

DISTRIBUTION OF UNDOCUMENTED RETURNEES



AGE AND GENDER



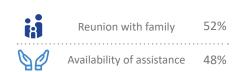
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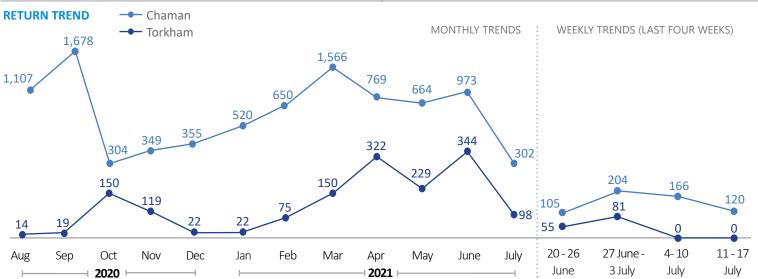




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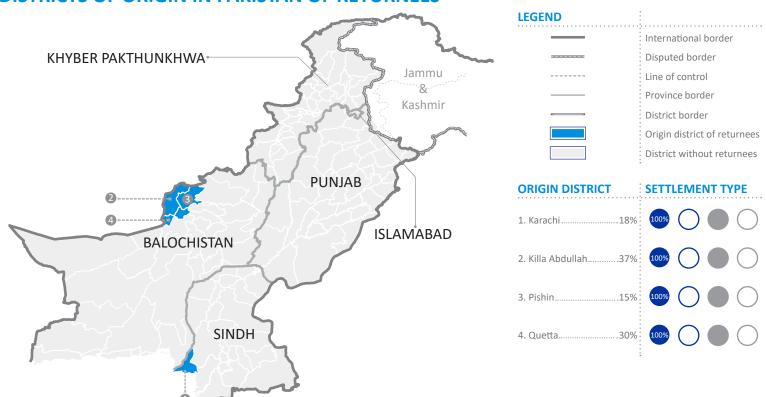
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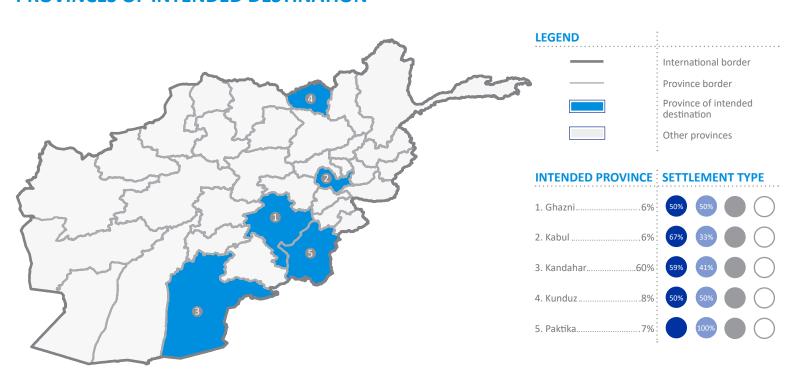
DISTRICTS OF ORIGIN IN PAKISTAN OF RETURNEES



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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 during the reporting period of 4 to 17 July 2021

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