

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 12 to 25 September 2021, **2,064** undocumented Afghan migrants returned to Afghanistan, including **103** through the Torkham border point and **1,961** through the Chaman border point. The number of individuals who returned through the Torkham border crossing remained low as a consequence of the restrictions imposed by the Pakistan Border Authorities in light of the security situation at the border with Afghanistan and the evolving COVID-19 pandemic.

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

HIGHLIGHTS

- During the reporting period, 15% of returnees were categorized as vulnerable persons, mainly chronically ill and elderly.
- In Pakistan, the primary occupations reported by returnees were: unskilled labor (39%), skilled labor (31%), business (25%), salaried job (4%) and student (1%).
- All returnees were carrying household items, cash, personal belongings and productive assets when interviewed. They also travelled with additional items, such as transportation or private vehicles (39%) and livestock (4%).
- The average cost of travelling from Pakistan to Afghanistan reported was 9,057 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 (27%).

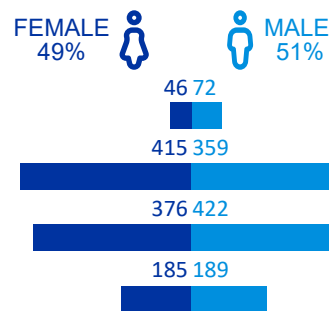
10,663 UNDOCUMENTED AFGHAN RETURNEES AT TORKHAM AND CHAMAN SINCE JANUARY 2021

DISTRIBUTION OF UNDOCUMENTED RETURNEES



Undocumented family	96%
Undocumented individual travelling with documented family	4%
Undocumented individual	0%

AGE AND GENDER



PUSH FACTORS



Unable to pay house rent	32%
Unable to pay utilities	28%
Business reasons	19%
No employment	17%
Fear of arrest/deportation	4%

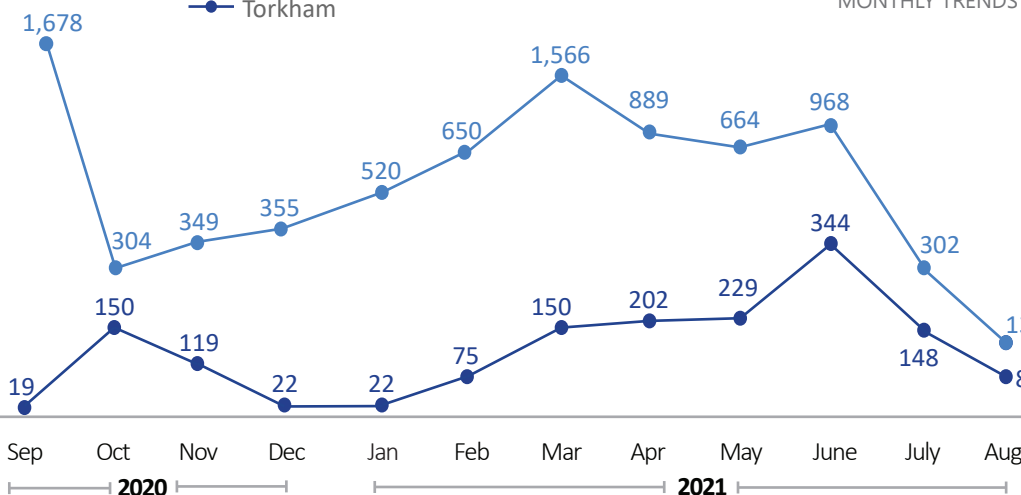
PULL FACTORS



Availability of assistance	56%
Reunion with family	44%

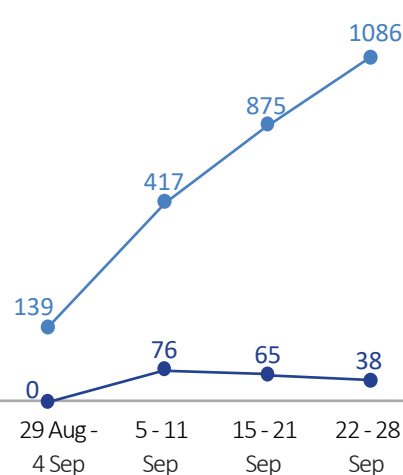
RETURN TREND

● Chaman
● Torkham



MONTHLY TRENDS

WEEKLY TRENDS (LAST FOUR WEEKS)

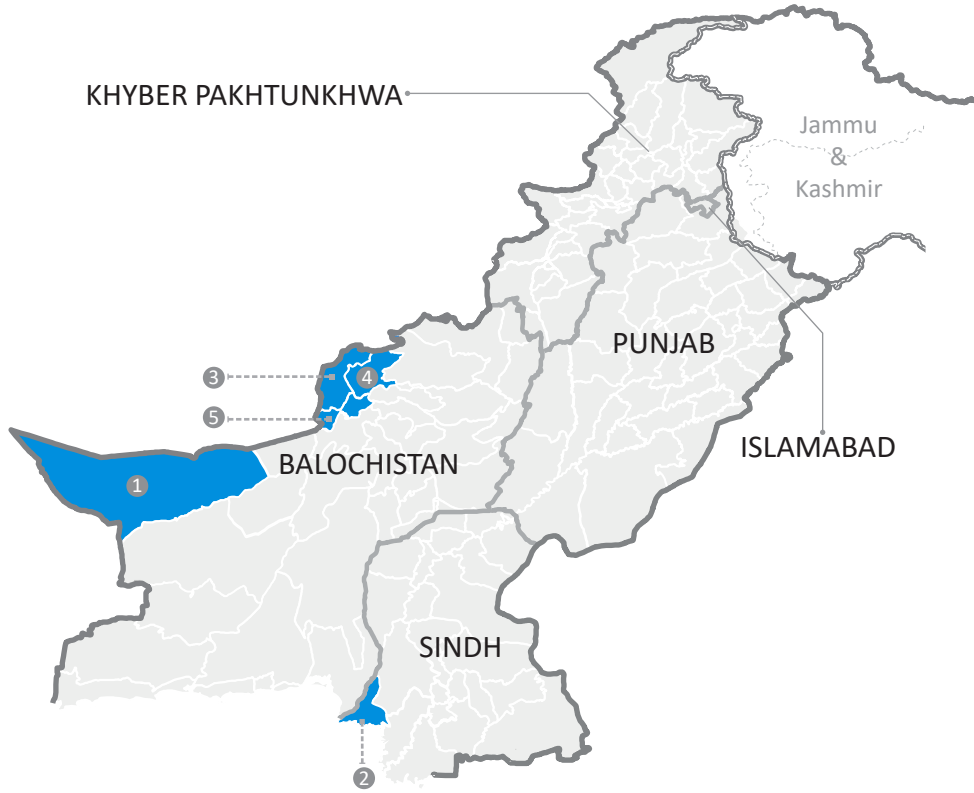


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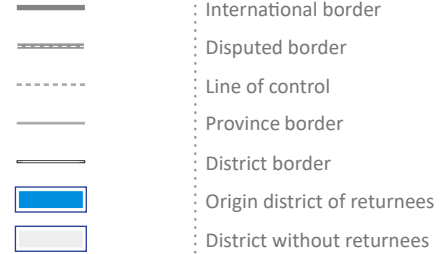
SETTLEMENT TYPE LEGEND



DISTRICTS OF ORIGIN IN PAKISTAN OF RETURNEES



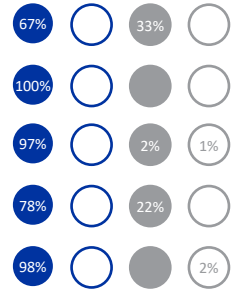
LEGEND



ORIGIN DISTRICT

1. Chagai	1%
2. Karachi	1%
3. Killa Abdullah	54%
4. Pishin	12%
5. Quetta	32%

SETTLEMENT TYPE



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PROVINCES OF INTENDED DESTINATION



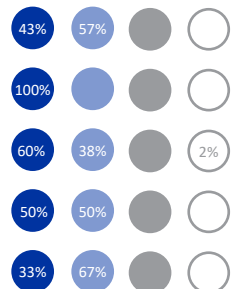
LEGEND



INTENDED PROVINCE

1. Hilmand	4%
2. Kabul	1%
3. Kandahar	88%
4. Uruzgan	1%
5. Zabul	4%

SETTLEMENT TYPE



Note:
This map and the following legend focus on the **top 5** provinces of intended destination in Afghanistan during the reporting period of 12 to 25 Sept. 2021.

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