SPONTANEOUS RETURN OF UNDOCUMENTED AFGHAN MIGRANTS FROM PAKISTAN (29 AUG. - 11 SEPT. 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 29 August to 11 September 2021, 1,312 undocumented Afghan migrants returned to Afghanistan, including 76 through the Torkham border point and 1,236 through the Chaman border point. During the reporting period, border authorities facilitated the return of 680 individuals due to the lack of legal documentation to remain in Pakistan. Therefore, information concerning these 680 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 occupations reported by returnees were: unskilled labor (46%), skilled labor (33%), business (18%) and student (3%).
- All returnees were carrying household items and cash when surveyed. They also travelled with additional items, such as personal belongings (99%), productive assets (98%), transportation or private vehicles (39%) and livestock (3%).
- The average cost of travelling from Pakistan to Afghanistan reported was 9,822 PKR per family.
- The top 3 challenges returnees expected to face in Afghanistan were: arranging for livelihoods (28%), settling into a new city (28%) and finding income opportunities (27%).

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

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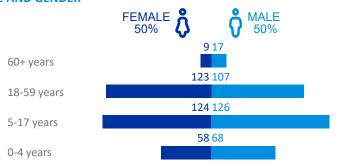


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DISTRIBUTION OF UNDOCUMENTED RETURNEES



AGE AND GENDER



PUSH FACTORS

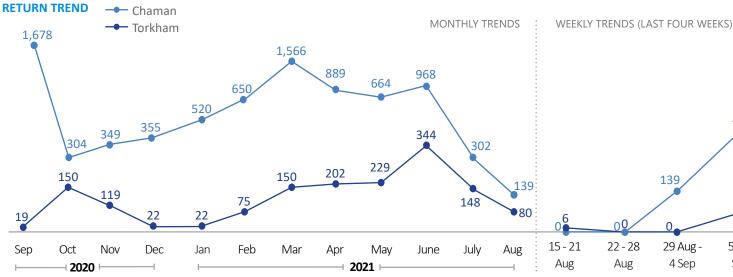


	Unable to pay house rent	34%
×	Unable to pay utilities	29%
EX	No employment	20%
350	Business reasons	13%
Ť	Fear of arrest/deportation	4%

PULL FACTORS







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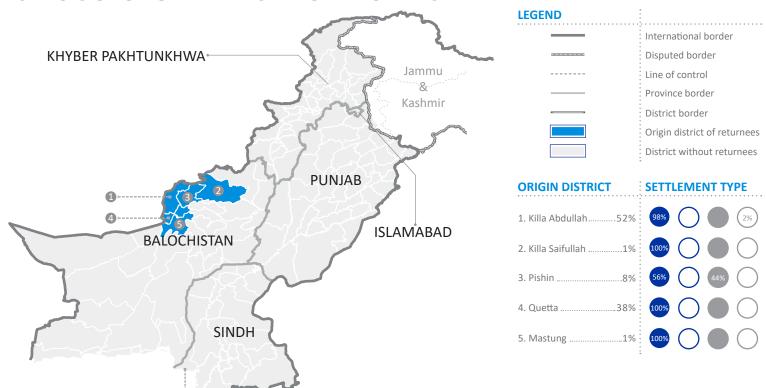
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DISTRICTS OF ORIGIN IN PAKISTAN OF RETURNEES



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