SPONTANEOUS RETURN OF UNDOCUMENTED AFGHAN MIGRANTS FROM PAKISTAN (07 - 20 NOV. 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 07 to 20 November 2021, 3,667 undocumented Afghan migrants returned to Afghanistan, including 323 through the Torkham border point and 3,344 through the Chaman border point. The number of individuals who returned through the Torkham border crossing remained low as restrictions were imposed by the Pakistan Border Authorities in light of the security situation at the border with Afghanistan and the evolving COVID-19 pandemic.

HIGHLIGHTS

- During the reporting period, 11% of returnees were categorized as vulnerable persons, mainly chronically ill and elderly.
- In Pakistan, the primary occupations reported by returnees were: unskilled labor (45%), skilled labor (31%), business (20%), salaried job (2%) and student (2%).
- 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 (30%).
- The average cost of travelling from Pakistan to Afghanistan reported was 24,505 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%).

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



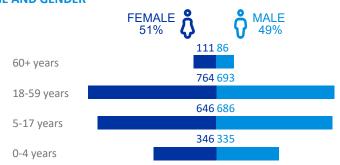
18,303 UNDOCUMENTED AFGHAN RETURNEES AT TORKHAM AND CHAMAN SINCE JANUARY 2021

DISTRIBUTION OF UNDOCUMENTED RETURNEES



	Undocumented family	89%
	Family/Individual holding ACC	8%
+	Undocumented individual travelling with documented family	2%
	Undocumented individual	1%

AGE AND GENDER

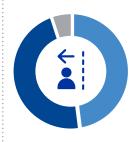


PUSH FACTORS

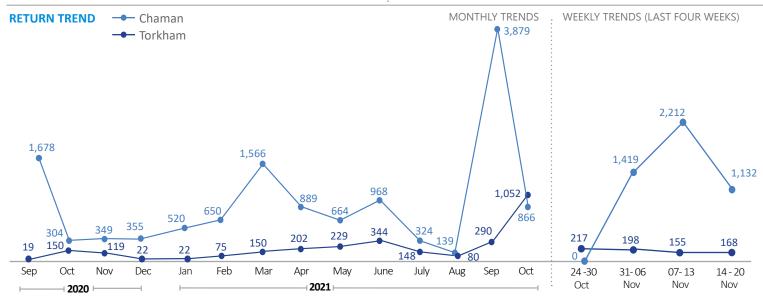


	Unable to pay house rent	35%
×	Unable to pay utilities	21%
S.X	No employment	21%
350	Business reasons	15%
Ť	Fear of arrest/deportation	7%
Rs	Financial debt	1%

PULL FACTORS





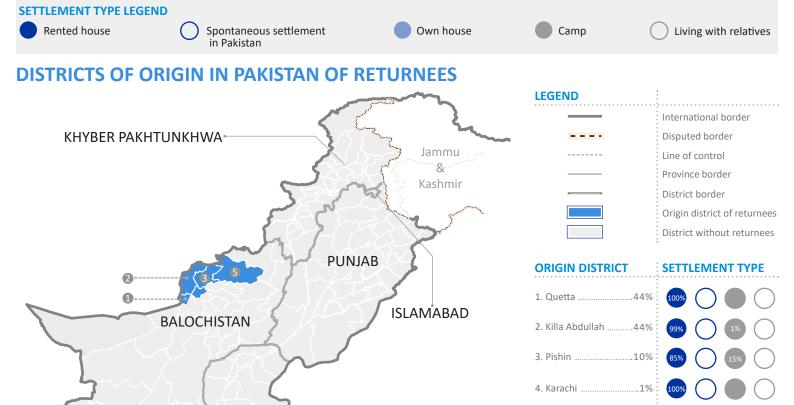


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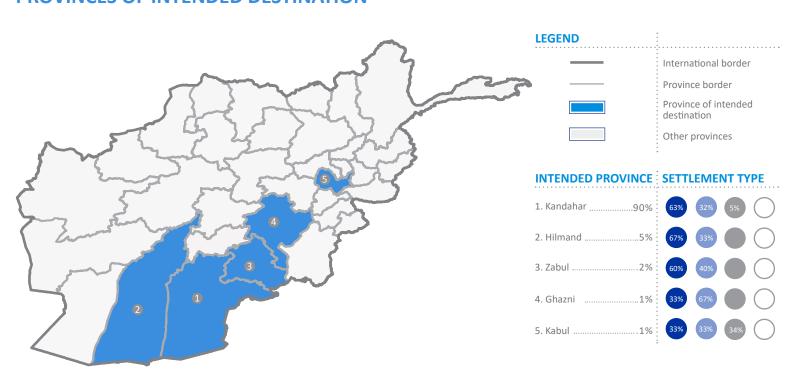


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PROVINCES OF INTENDED DESTINATION

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Note:

This map and the following legend focus on the top 5 provinces of intended destination in Afghanistan during the reporting period of 07 to 20 Nov. 2021.

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