# SPONTANEOUS RETURN OF UNDOCUMENTED AFGHAN MIGRANTS FROM PAKISTAN (12 TO 25 FEB. 2022)



## **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 February 2022, 3,598 undocumented Afghan migrants returned to Afghanistan, including 429 through the Torkham border point and 3,169 through the Chaman border point. During the reporting period, border authorities facilitated the return of 37 individuals due to the lack of legal documentation to remain in Pakistan. Therefore, information concerning these 37 individuals is not included in the report analysis.

# **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 majority of returnees were: unskilled labor (61%), skilled labor (25%) and business (15%).
- 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 (5%).
- The average cost of travelling from Pakistan to Afghanistan reported was 19,908 PKR per family.
- The top 3 challenges returnees expected to face in Afghanistan were: arranging for livelihoods, settling into a new city and finding income opportunities.



11,379 UNDOCUMENTED AFGHAN RETURNEES AT TORKHAM AND CHAMAN SINCE JANUARY 2022

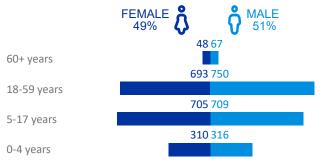
#### **DISTRIBUTION OF UNDOCUMENTED RETURNEES**





# Undocumented individual travelling with documented 2% family

#### **AGE AND GENDER**



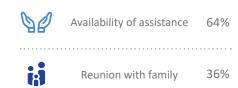
#### **PUSH FACTORS**



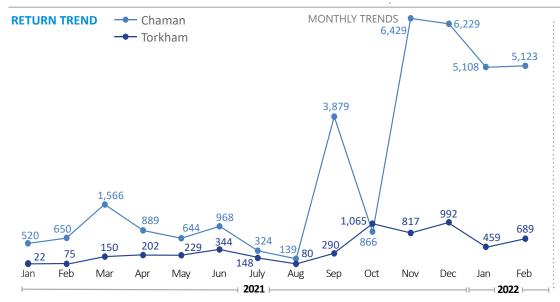
	Unable to pay house rent	33%
X	No employment	27%
×	Unable to pay utilities	24%
350	Business reasons	11%
Ť	Fear of arrest/deportation	5%

#### **PULL FACTORS**





WEEKLY TRENDS (LAST FOUR WEEKS)



1,774
1,166
1,328
1,395

211
90
198
231
29 Jan
05-11
12-18
19-25
04 Feb
Feb
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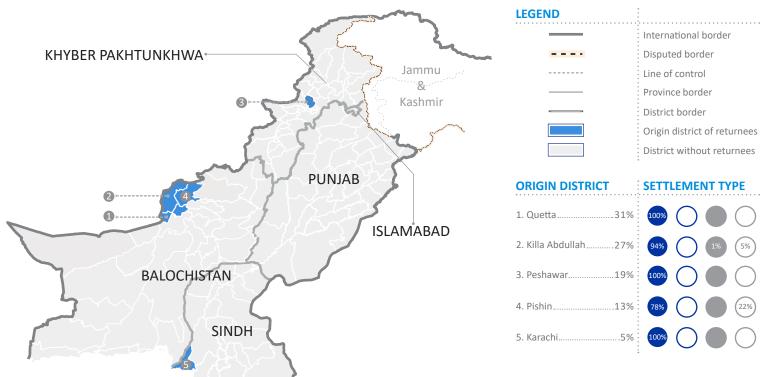
## **BI-WEEKLY FLOW MONITORING REPORT:**

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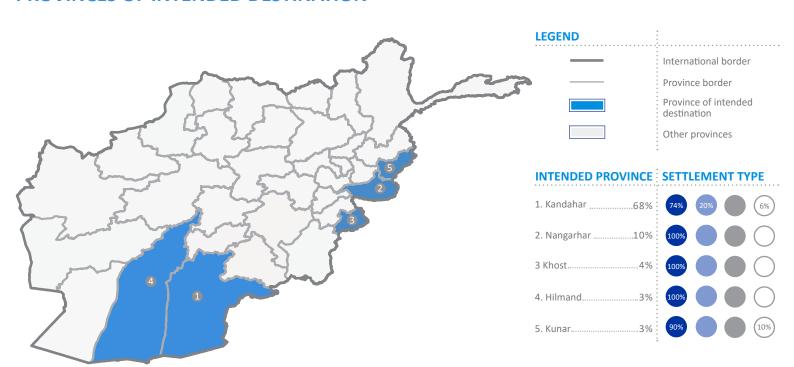
# DISTRICTS OF ORIGIN IN PAKISTAN OF RETURNEES



This map and the following legends focus on the top 5 districts of origin in Pakistan during the reporting period of 12 to 25 Feb. 2022

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# PROVINCES OF INTENDED DESTINATION



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