SPONTANEOUS RETURN OF UNDOCUMENTED AFGHAN MIGRANTS FROM PAKISTAN (26 MAR. TO 08 APR. 2022)

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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 26 March to 08 April 2022, 3,553 undocumented Afghan migrants returned to Afghanistan, including 460 through the Torkham border point and 3,093 through the Chaman border point. During the reporting period, border authorities facilitated the return of 35 individuals due to the lack of legal documentation to remain in Pakistan. Therefore, information concerning these 35 individuals is not included in the report analysis.
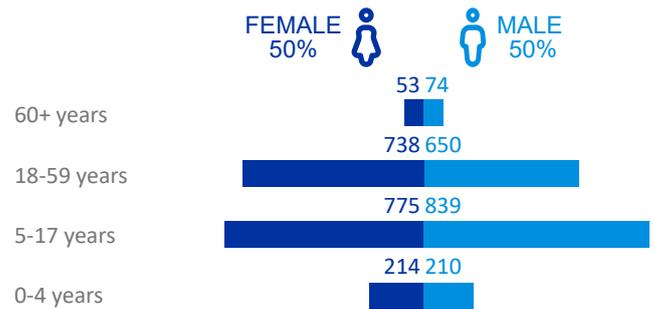
HIGHLIGHTS

- 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 (23%), business (14%) and salaried job (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 (5%).
- The average cost of travelling from Pakistan to Afghanistan reported was 21,272 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.

26,896 UNDOCUMENTED AFGHAN RETURNEES AT TORKHAM AND CHAMAN
SINCE JANUARY 2022
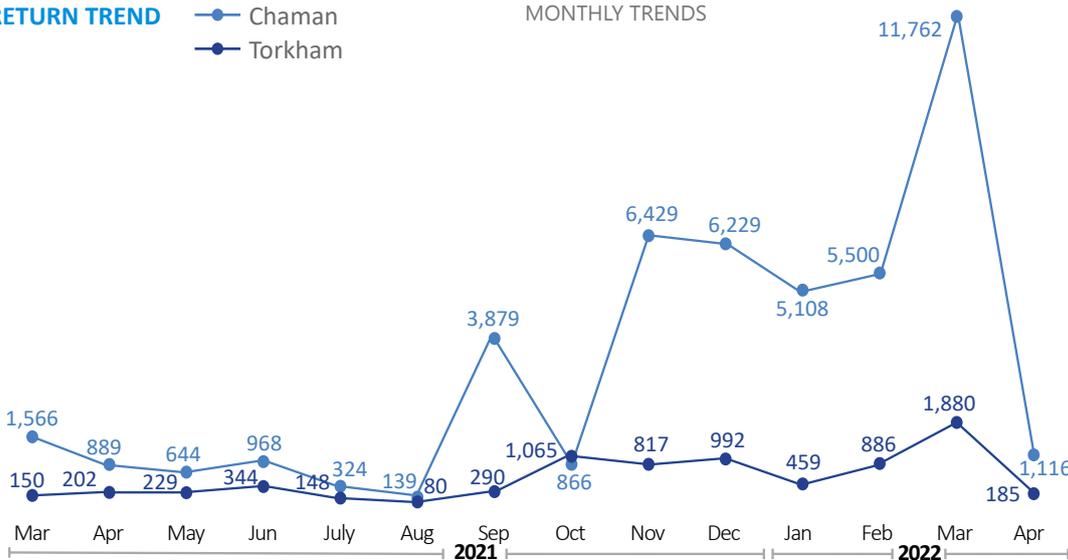
DISTRIBUTION OF UNDOCUMENTED RETURNEES

Undocumented family	96%
Family/Individual holding ACC	3%
Undocumented individual travelling with documented family	1%

AGE AND GENDER

FEMALE 50%   MALE 50%

	Female	Male
60+ years	53	74
18-59 years	738	650
5-17 years	775	839
0-4 years	214	210

PUSH FACTORS

No employment	37%
Unable to pay utilities	29%
Unable to pay house rent	19%
Business reasons	9%
Fear of arrest/deportation	6%

PULL FACTORS

Availability of assistance	60%
Reunion with family	40%

RETURN TREND

— Chaman
— Torkham

MONTHLY TRENDS

Month	Chaman	Torkham
Mar (2021)	1,566	150
Apr	889	202
May	644	229
Jun	968	344
July	324	148
Aug	139	80
Sep	3,879	290
Oct	1,065	866
Nov	6,429	817
Dec	6,229	992
Jan (2022)	5,108	459
Feb	5,500	886
Mar	11,762	1,880
Apr	1,116	185

WEEKLY TRENDS (LAST FOUR WEEKS)
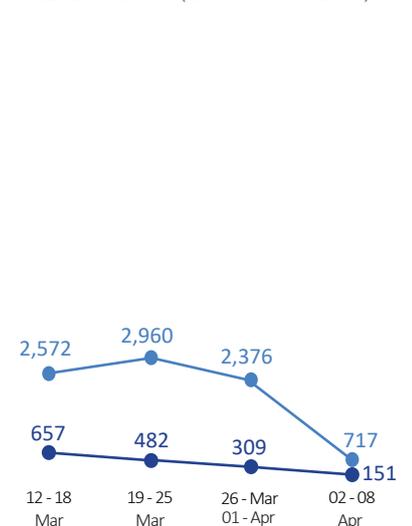
Week	Chaman	Torkham
12 - 18 Mar	2,572	657
19 - 25 Mar	2,960	482
26 - Mar 01 - Apr	2,376	309
02 - 08 Apr	717	151

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SETTLEMENT TYPE LEGEND

● Rented house ◯ Spontaneous settlement in Pakistan ● Own house ● Camp ◯ Living with relatives

DISTRICTS OF ORIGIN IN PAKISTAN OF RETURNEES

KHYBER PAKHTUNKHWA

Jammu & Kashmir

PUNJAB

ISLAMABAD

BALOCHISTAN

SINDH

LEGEND

———	International border
– · – · –	Disputed border
- - - -	Line of control
———	Province border
———	District border
▭	Origin district of returnees
▭	District without returnees

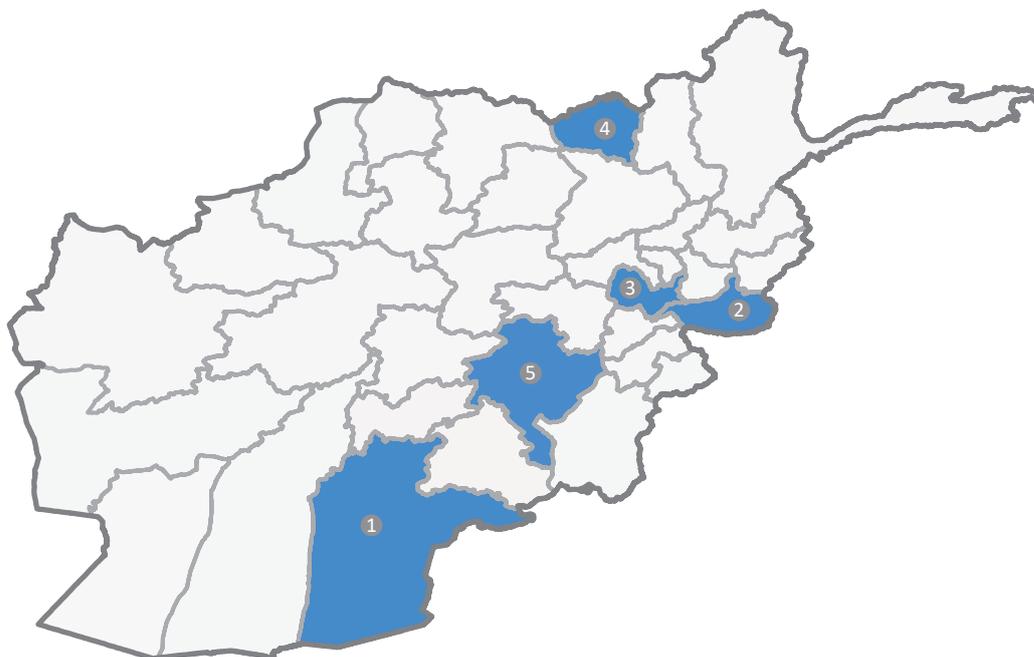| ORIGIN DISTRICT		SETTLEMENT TYPE
1. Quetta..........................31%		100% ◯ ● ◯
2. Killa Abdullah............24%		100% ◯ ● ◯
3. Peshawar....................16%		100% ◯ ● ◯
4. Pishin.........................14%		62% ◯ 38% ◯
5. Karachi.........................2%		100% ◯ ● ◯

Note:
This map and the following legends focus on the top 5 districts of origin in Pakistan during the reporting period of 26 Mar. to 08 Apr. 2022.

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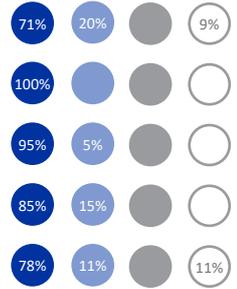
PROVINCES OF INTENDED DESTINATION

LEGEND

———	International border
———	Province border
▭	Province of intended destination
▭	Other provinces

INTENDED PROVINCE		SETTLEMENT TYPE
1. Kandahar 61%		71% 20% ● 9%
2. Nangarhar...................9%		100% ● ● ◯
3 Kabul............................7%		95% 5% ● ◯
4. Kunduz 4%		85% 15% ● ◯
5. Ghazni..........................3%		78% 11% ● 11%

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