SPONTANEOUS RETURN OF UNDOCUMENTED AFGHAN MIGRANTS FROM PAKISTAN (27 AUG TO 9 SEP 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 27 Aug to 9 Sep 2022, 1,801 undocumented Afghan migrants returned to Afghanistan from Pakistan, including 190 through the Torkham border point and 1,611 through the Chaman border point. During the reporting period, border authorities facilitated the return of 113 individuals due to the lack of legal documentation to remain in Pakistan. Therefore, information concerning these 113 individuals is not included in the report analysis.

HIGHLIGHTS

- During the reporting period, 10 per cent of returnees were categorized as vulnerable persons, mainly chronically ill and elderly.
- In Pakistan, the primary occupations reported by returnees were: unskilled labor (64%), skilled labor (20%), business (13%) 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 productive assets (87%), transportation or private vehicles (3%) and livestock (2%).
- The average cost of travelling from Pakistan to Afghanistan reported was 31,925 PKR per family.
- The top 3 challenges returnees expected to face in Afghanistan were: arranging for livelihoods, finding income opportunities and settling into a new city.
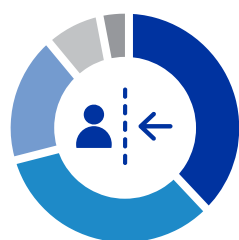
53,991 UNDOCUMENTED AFGHAN RETURNEES AT TORKHAM AND CHAMAN
SINCE JANUARY 2022

### DISTRIBUTION OF UNDOCUMENTED RETURNEES
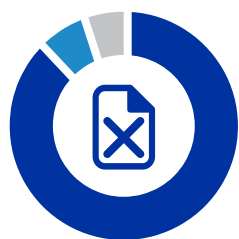
Undocumented family	88%
Family/Individual holding ACC	7%
Undocumented individual travelling with documented family	5%

AGE AND GENDER

FEMALE 50%   MALE 50%

	FEMALE	MALE
60+ years	38	38
18-59 years	393	336
5-17 years	317	371
0-4 years	147	161

PUSH FACTORS

Unable to pay house rent	38%
Unable to pay utilities	33%
No employment	18%
Business reasons	8%
Fear of arrest/deportation	3%
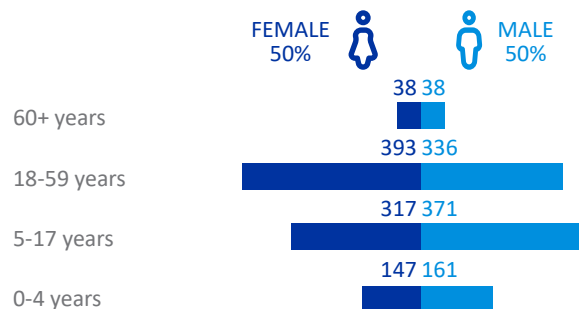
PULL FACTORS

Availability of assistance	54%
Reunion with family	42%
Improvement in security situation	4%

RETURN TREND

— Chaman
— Torkham

MONTHLY TRENDS

	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep
Chaman	324	139	3,879	1,065	6,429	6,229	5,108	5,500	11,762	2,417	7,849	5,523	3,118	3,883	1,045
Torkham	148	80	290	866	817	992	459	886	1,880	522	586	1,031	947	1,341	134

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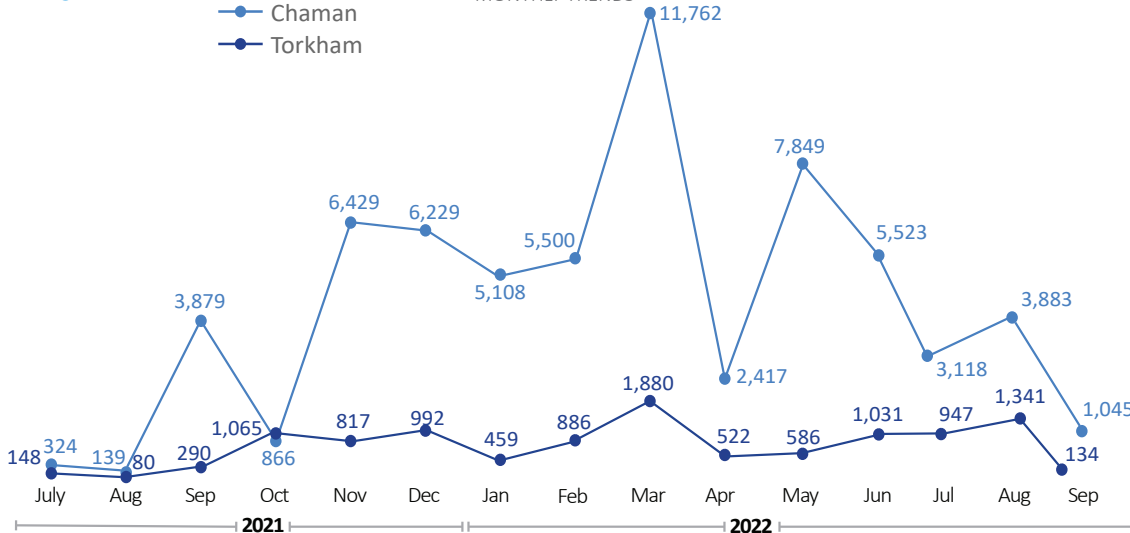
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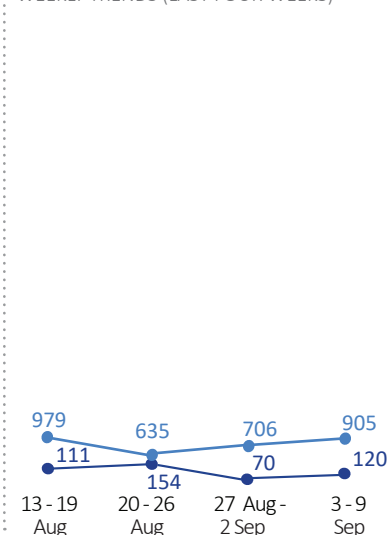
	13 - 19 Aug	20 - 26 Aug	27 Aug - 2 Sep	3 - 9 Sep
Chaman	979	635	706	905
Torkham	111	154	70	120

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SETTLEMENT TYPE LEGEND

- ● Rented house
- ○ Spontaneous settlement
- ● 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
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———	Province border
———	District border
▭ (blue)	Origin district of returnees
▭ (grey)	District without returnees

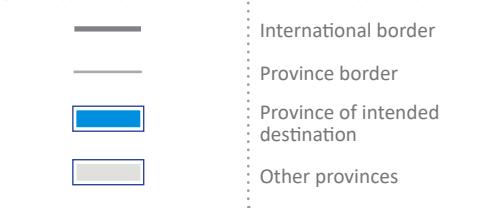| ORIGIN DISTRICT	SETTLEMENT TYPE			
1. Killa Abdullah 35%	95%	○	3%	2%
2.Quetta.........................33%	100%	○	●	○
3. Pishin 12%	63%	○	37%	○
4. Karachi 6%	100%	○	●	○
5. Peshawar.....................6%	89%	○	11%	○
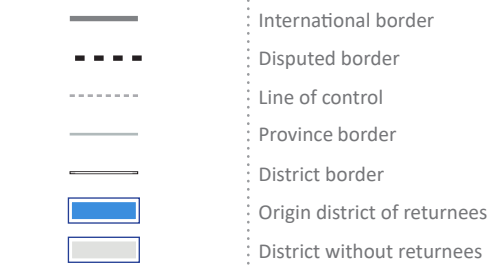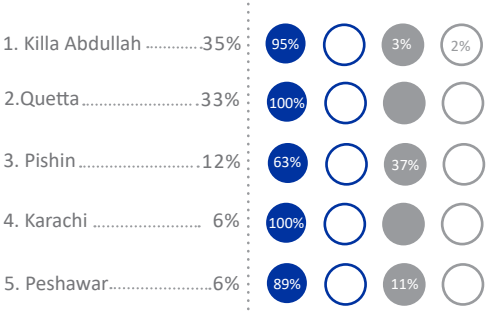
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This map and the following legends focus on the top 5 districts of origin in Pakistan during the reporting period of 27 Aug to 9 Sep 2022

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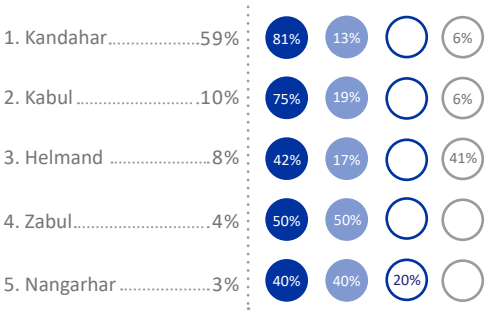
PROVINCES OF INTENDED DESTINATION

LEGEND

———	International border
———	Province border
▭ (blue)	Province of intended destination
▭ (grey)	Other provinces

INTENDED PROVINCE	SETTLEMENT TYPE			
1. Kandahar....................59%	81%	13%	○	6%
2. Kabul 10%	75%	19%	○	6%
3. Helmand 8%	42%	17%	○	41%
4. Zabul............................4%	50%	50%	○	○
5. Nangarhar 3%	40%	40%	20%	○

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