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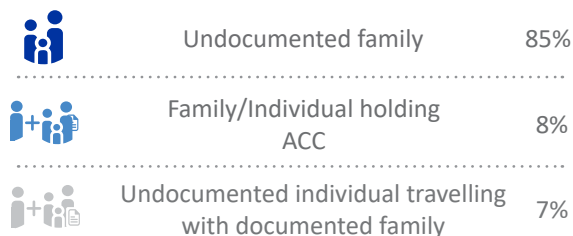
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OVERVIEW

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 report is part of the European Union funded project ''Displacement Tracking Matrix Regional Evidence for Migration Analysis and Policy (DTM REMAP)''. Key findings during this reporting period are:
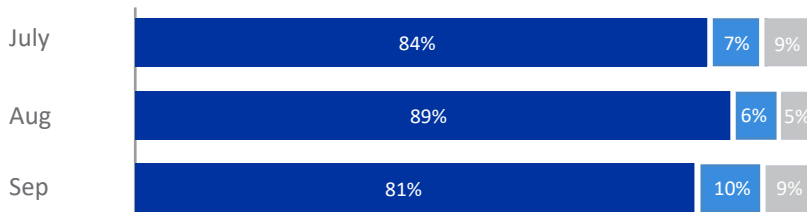
- Between July and September 2022, 14,806 undocumented Afghan migrants spontaneously returned to Afghanistan, including 3,007 through the Torkham border point and 11,799 through the Chaman border point. Border authorities facilitated the return of 843 individuals due to the lack of legal documentation to remain in Pakistan. Therefore, information concerning these 843 individuals is not included in the count.
- Although IOM identified 14,806 undocumented Afghan returnees at two border crossings, this may not reflect the total number of undocumented Afghan returnees. Moreover, for this study, only the head of household or representative of the family were interviewed. This means that the number of interviews conducted by the enumerators is lower than the number of returnees recorded by IOM. Between July and September 2022, IOM interviewed 1,208 respondents.
- The average family size of returnees was 8 individuals and 11 per cent of all returnees recorded during the reporting period were categorized as vulnerable persons.
- All returnees were carrying household items, personal belongings and cash when surveyed. They also traveled with additional items, such as productive assets (84%), transportation vehicles (5%) and livestock (2%).
- The top 3 challenges returnees expected to face in Afghanistan were: arranging livelihood, settling into a new city and finding better income opportunities.

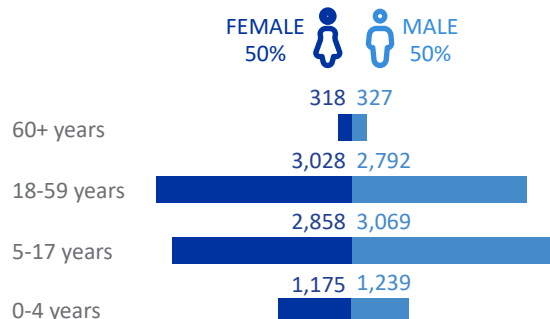**14,806 UNDOCUMENTED AFGHAN RETURNEES THROUGH TORKHAM AND CHAMAN BETWEEN JULY AND SEPTEMBER 2022**
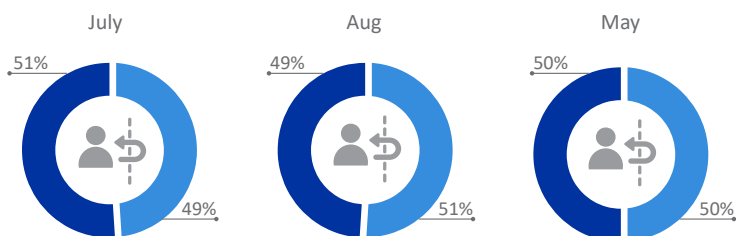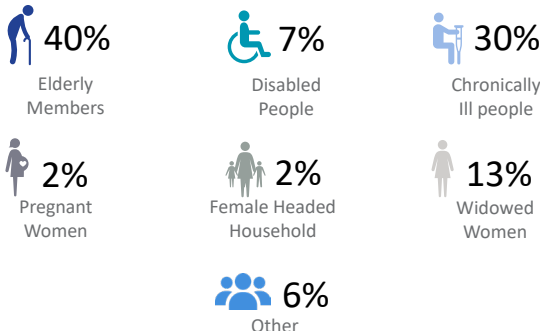
DISTRIBUTION OF UNDOCUMENTED RETURNEES

Undocumented family	85%
Family/Individual holding ACC	8%
Undocumented individual travelling with documented family	7%

DOCUMENTATION STATUS BY MONTH

Month			
July	84%	7%	9%
Aug	89%	6%	5%
Sep	81%	10%	9%

AGE AND GENDER

FEMALE 50%   MALE 50%

Age	Female	Male
60+ years	318	327
18-59 years	3,028	2,792
5-17 years	2,858	3,069
0-4 years	1,175	1,239

GENDER DISTRIBUTION BY MONTH

July: 51% / 49%
Aug: 49% / 51%
May: 50% / 50%

TYPE OF VULNERABILITY

- 40% Elderly Members
- 7% Disabled People
- 30% Chronically Ill people
- 2% Pregnant Women
- 2% Female Headed Household
- 13% Widowed Women
- 6% Other

VULNERABILITIES BY MONTH

Month						
July	44%	2	38%	1	1	13%	1
Aug	37%	11%	27%	4%	1	13%	7%
Sep	40%	6%	30%	4%		12%	8%
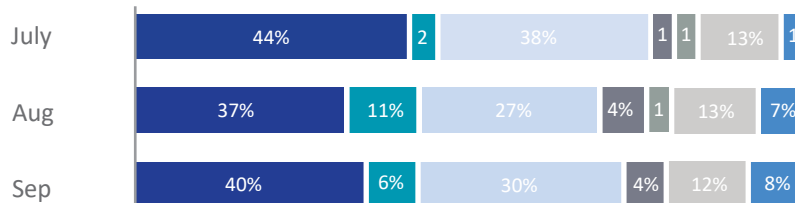
OCCUPATIONS IN PAKISTAN
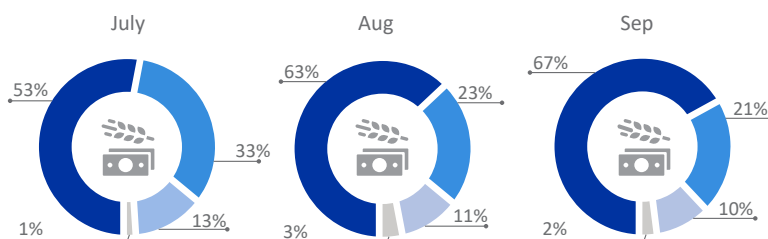
Unskilled Labor	62%
Skilled Labor	25%
Business	11%
Salaried Job	2%

OCCUPATION STATUS BY MONTH

July: 53% / 33% / 13% / 1%
Aug: 63% / 23% / 11% / 3%
Sep: 67% / 21% / 10% / 2%

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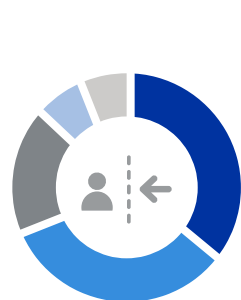
	Factor	%
🏠	Unable to pay house rent	36%
🛠	Unable to pay utilities	33%
💵	No employment	18%
🤝	Business reasons	7%
🚶	Fear of arrest/deportation	6%

MONTHLY TREND

	July	Aug	Sep
	38%	35%	37%
	30%	34%	34%
	19%	17%	20%
	9%	8%	5%
	4%	6%	4%
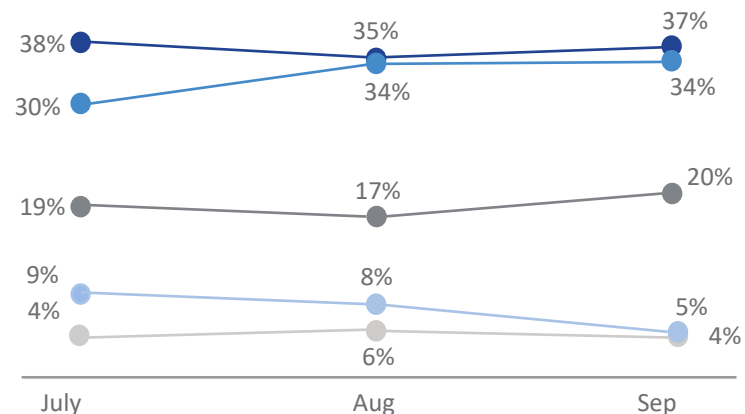
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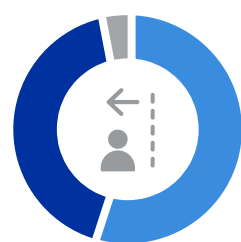
	Factor	%
🙌	Availability of assistance	54%
👪	Reunion with family	39%
🛡	Improvement in security situation	7%

MONTHLY TREND

	July	Aug	Sep
	61%	48%	55%
	36%	38%	42%
	3%	14%	3%

CHALLENGES RETURNEES EXPECTED TO FACE IN AFGHANISTAN*
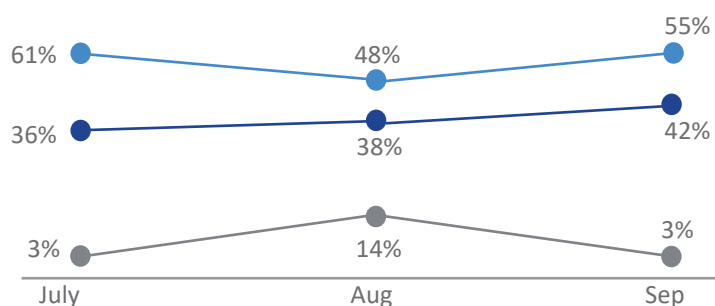
Challenge	%	Challenge	%
Resettle in a new city	23%	Education	3%
Arrange for livelihood	23%	Security challenges	1%
Income opportunities	24%	Availability of clean drinking water	3%
Arrange for shelter	19%	Availability of medicine and health facilities	3%

* Multiple answers possible, total of percentage may not be equal to 100%

2021 RETURN TREND

REPORTING PERIOD

- Chaman
- Torkham

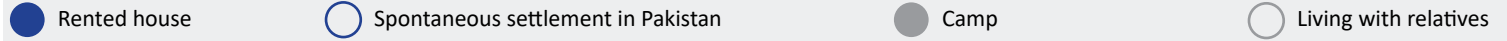| Month	Chaman	Torkham
Apr	889	202
May	644	229
June	968	344
July	148	324
Aug	139	80
Sep	3,879	290
Oct	1,065	866
Nov	6,429	817
Dec	6,229	992
Jan	5,108	459
Feb	5,500	886
Mar	11,762	1,880
April	2,417	522
May	7,849	586
June	5,532	1,031
July	3,118	947
Aug	3,883	1,341
Sep	4,798	719

2021 | **2022**
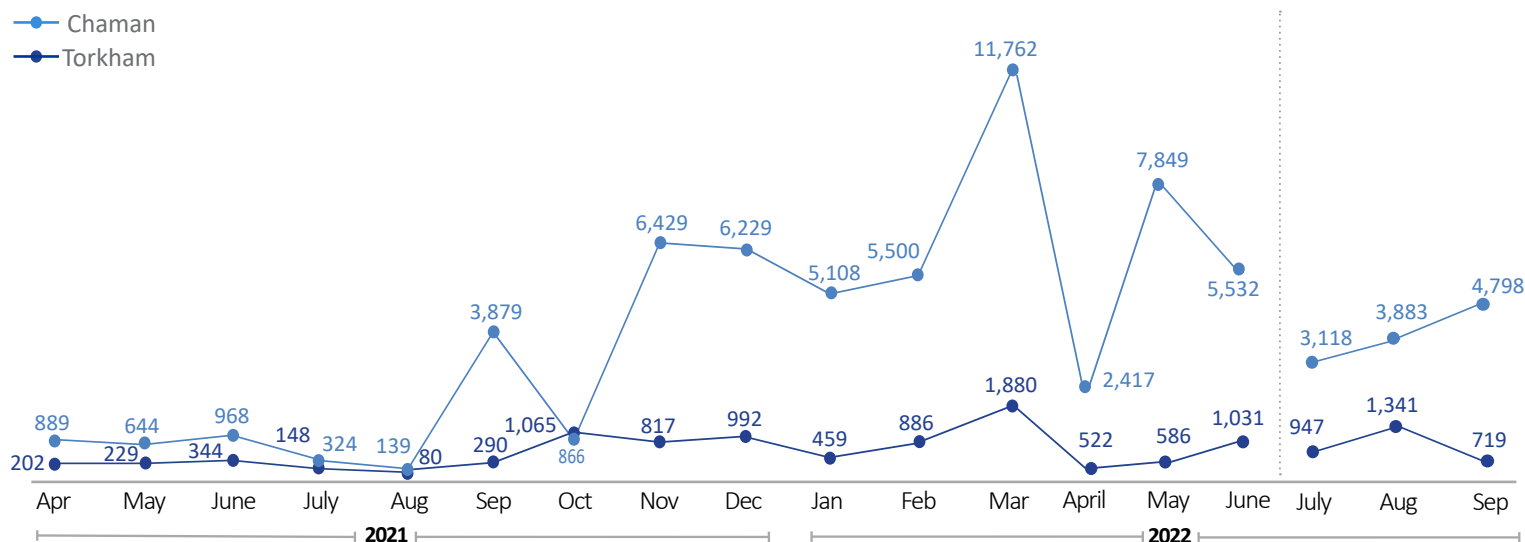
*This question was only answered by head of the family

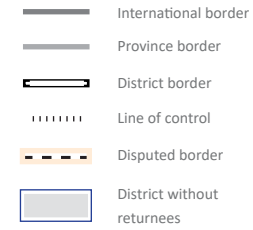# FLOW MONITORING OF UNDOCUMENTED AFGHANS RETURNEES FROM PAKISTAN (JULY - SEP. 2022)

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SETTLEMENT TYPE LEGEND

- ● Rented house
- ○ Spontaneous settlement in Pakistan
- ● Camp
- ○ Living with relatives

DISTRICTS OF ORIGIN IN PAKISTAN OF RETURNEES

KHYBER PAKHTUNKHWA

Jammu & Kashmir

PUNJAB

ISLAMABAD

BALOCHISTAN

SINDH

LEGEND

───	International border
───	Province border
▭	District border
┄┄┄	Line of control
▬▬▬	Disputed border
▭	District without returnees

NUMBER OF RETURNEES

	1 - 1,500
	1,501 - 3,000
	3,001 - 4,500
	4,501 - 10,000
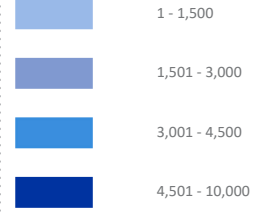
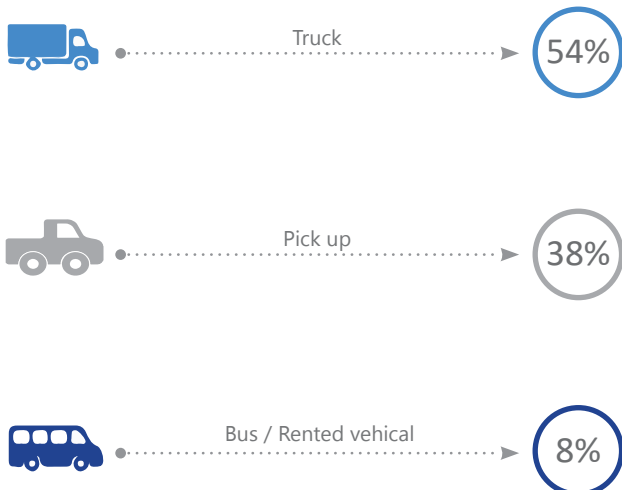| ORIGIN DISTRICT	SETTLEMENT TYPE			
1. Quetta..................32%	100%	○	●	○
2. Killa Abdullah...........29%	95%	○	4%	1%
3. Peshawar.....................11%	80%	○	16%	4%
4. Pishin...........................10%	50%	○	50%	○
5. Karachi..........................4%	96%	○	●	4%
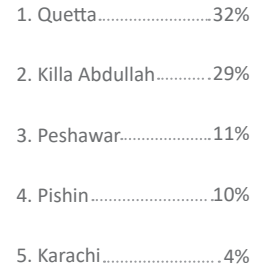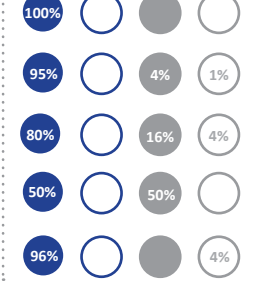
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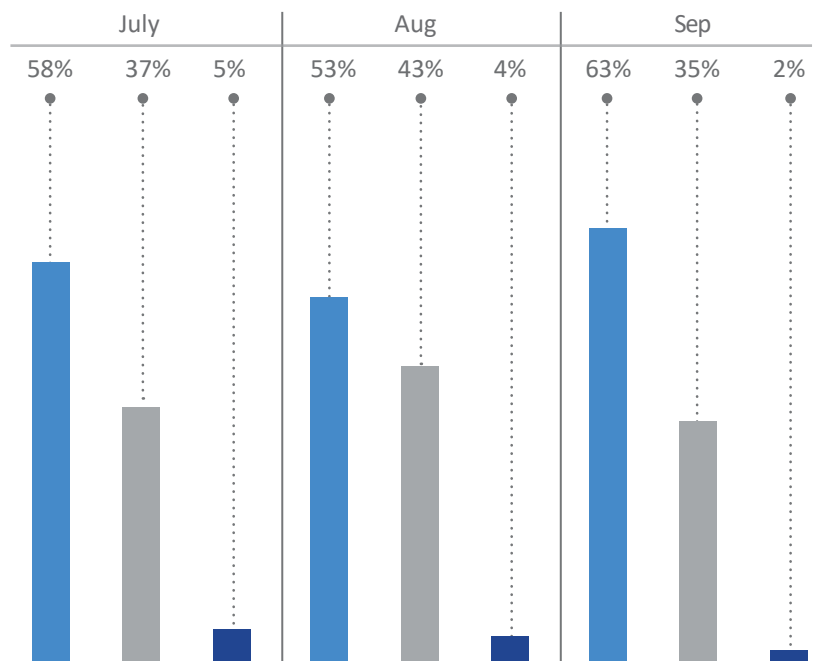
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TRANSPORTATION TYPE FROM ORIGIN TO BORDER

Average type of vehicle used until border point between July to September 2022
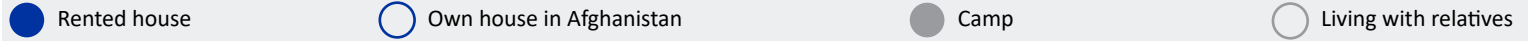
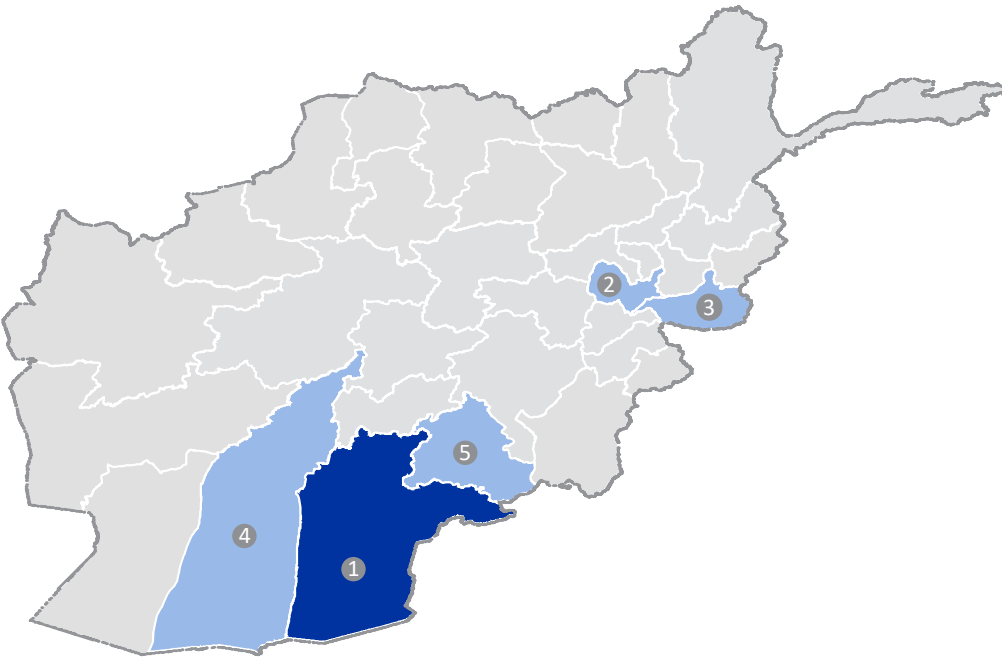|		
🚚	Truck	**54%**
🛻	Pick up	**38%**
🚌	Bus / Rented vehical	**8%**

TRANSPORTATION TYPE BY MONTH

July			Aug			Sep		
58%	37%	5%	53%	43%	4%	63%	35%	2%

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SETTLEMENT TYPE LEGEND

● Rented house   ○ Own house in Afghanistan   ● Camp   ○ Living with relatives

PROVINCE OF INTENDED RETURN

LEGEND

— International border
▭ Province border
▭ Province without returnees

NUMBER OF RETURNEES

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	4,501 - 10,000
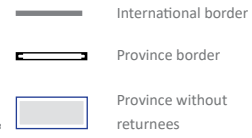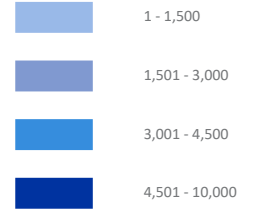
INTENDED PROVINCE	SETTLEMENT TYPE			
1. Kandahar 56%	77%	16%	●	7%
2. Kabul 11%	64%	20%	7%	9%
3. Nangarhar 6%	54%	25%	6%	15%
4. Helmand 6%	64%	21%	●	15%
5. Zabul 5%	56%	35%	2%	7%
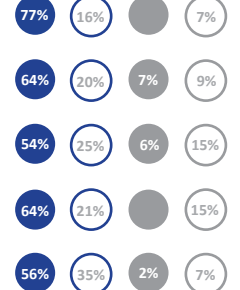
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TRANSPORTATION TYPE FROM BORDER TO FINAL DESTINATION

Average type of vehicle used from border point to final destination between July and September 2022

🚚 Truck ....➤ **54%**

🛻 Pick up ....➤ **45%**

🚌 Bus / Rented vehical ....➤ **1%**

TRANSPORTATION TYPE BY MONTH

July			Aug			Sep		
43%	57%	0%	54%	42%	4%	51%	48%	1%