# FLOW MONITORING OF UNDOCUMENTED AFGHANS RETURNEES FROM PAKISTAN (OCT - DEC. 2022)







#### **OVERVIEW**

IOM Pakistan collects data on the outflows of undocumented Afghan nationals at the Torkham and Chaman border crossing points in an effort to better understand the migration movements of undocumented Afghan nationals 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 October and December 2022, 15,803 undocumented Afghan nationals spontaneously returned to Afghanistan, including 3,679 through the Torkham border point and 12,124 through the Chaman border point. Border authorities facilitated the return of 1,105 individuals due to the lack of legal documentation to remain in Pakistan. Therefore, information concerning these 1,105 individuals is not included in the count.
- Although IOM identified 15,803 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 October and December 2022, IOM
  interviewed 988 respondents.
- The average family size of returnees was 7 individuals and 7 per cent of all returnees recorded during the reporting period were categorized as vulnerable persons.
- All returnees were carrying personal belongings when surveyed. They also traveled with additional items, such as household items (99%), cash (98%), productive assets (91%), transportation vehicles (2%) and livestock (1%).
- The top 3 challenges returnees expected to face in Afghanistan were: arranging livelihood, settling into a new city and finding better income opportunities.

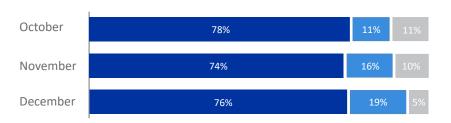
## DISTRIBUTION OF UNDOCUMENTED RETURNEES

### UNDOCUMENTED AFGHAN RETURNEES THROUGH TORKHAM AND CHAMAN BETWEEN OCTOBER AND DECEMBER 2022

# Family/Individual holding ACC Undocumented family 76% Family/Individual holding ACC 15%

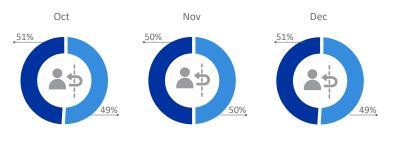
with documented family

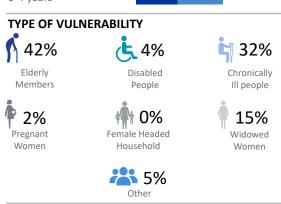
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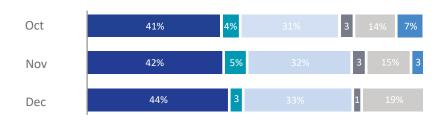
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#### GENDER DISTRIBUTION BY MONTH



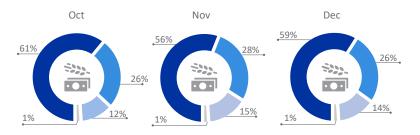


#### **VULNERABILITIES BY MONTH**





#### **OCCUPATION STATUS BY MONTH**



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1%

0%

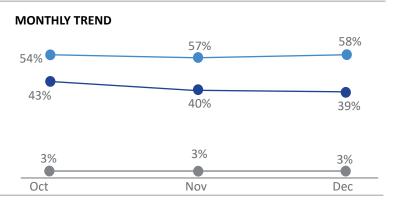
1%

2%

#### **PUSH FACTORS MONTHLY TREND** 37% 36% Unable to pay house rent 32% 32% 31% 32% Unable to pay utilities 18% 18% 19% No employment 21% 121 7% **Business reasons** 8% 8% 6% Fear of arrest/deportation 6% 6% 6% Oct Nov Dec

# **PULL FACTORS**





#### CHALLENGES RETURNEES EXPECTED TO FACE IN AFGHANISTAN\*

Resettle in a new city	25%	Education
Arrange for livelihood	25%	Security challenges
Income opportunities	25%	Availability of clean drinking water
Arrange for shelter	19%	Availability of medicine and health facilities

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

<sup>2021 - 2022</sup> RETURN - Chaman REPORTING PERIOD Torkham 11.762 12,000 10.000 7,849 8,000 6,429 6,229 6,000 5,532 5.500 4,798 3,787 5,108 5.437 3,883 3,879 4,000 2,900 3.118 1,065 2.417 1,880 1,436 1,275 2,000 968 1,341 1,031 992 886 719 80 817 \_ 148 866 459 586 April May Oct Nov Dec July Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec Jan Feb Mar June July Sep Aug 2022 12021 ⊢

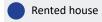
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#### **SETTLEMENT TYPE LEGEND**



Spontaneous settlement in Pakistan

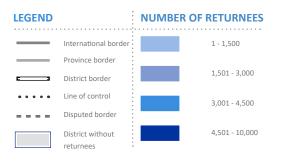
Camp

Living with relatives

#### **DISTRICTS OF ORIGIN IN PAKISTAN OF RETURNEES**

TRANSPORTATION TYPE FROM ORIGIN TO BORDER





Killa Abdullah 32%	5%
. Quetta31%	0%
Pishin14%	/%
Peshawar 5%	1%
. Killa Saifullah4%	2%



**SETTLEMENT TYPE** 



**ORIGIN DISTRICT** 







This map and the following legend focus on the top 5 districts of origin in Pakistan during the reporting period of October to December 2022.

Dotted line represents approximately the line of control in Jammu and Kashmir agreed upon by India and Pakistan. The final status of Jammu and Kashmir has not yet been agreed upon by the parties. The designations employed and the presentation of material on this map do not imply the expression of any opinion whatsoever on the part of IOM or United Nations concerning the legal status of any country, territory, city or area or of its authorities, or concerning the delimitation of its frontiers or boundaries.

TRANSPORTATION TYPE BY MONTH

#### Average type of vehicle used until border point Oct Nov Dec between October to December 2022 55% 39% 6% 57% 39% 4% 43% 51% 6% 42% On foot / Bus / Rented vehicle

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#### SETTLEMENT TYPE LEGEND



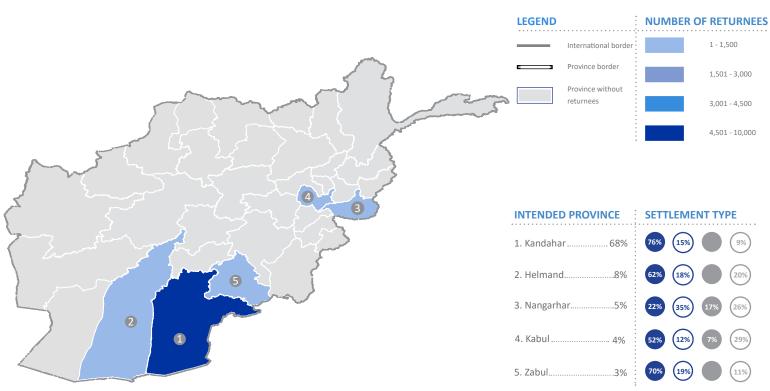
Own house in Afghanistan



Camp

Living with relatives

#### **PROVINCE OF INTENDED RETURN**



Note:

This map and the following legend focus on the top 5 provinces of intended destination in Afghanistan only during the reporting period of October to December 2022.

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#### TRANSPORTATION TYPE FROM BORDER TO FINAL DESTINATION TRANSPORTATION TYPE BY MONTH

