

# BI-WEEKLY FLOW MONITORING REPORT: SPONTANEOUS RETURN OF UNDOCUMENTED AFGHANS FROM PAKISTAN (29 JAN. TO 11 FEB. 2023)

## 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)”.

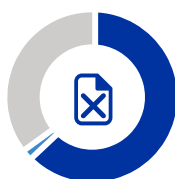
Between 29 January and 11 February 2023, 1,977 undocumented Afghan nationals spontaneously returned to Afghanistan, including 870 through the Torkham border point and 1,107 through the Chaman border point. Border authorities facilitated the return of 48 individuals due to the lack of legal documentation to remain in Pakistan. Therefore, information about these individuals are not included in the count. Although IOM identified 4,709 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 15 January and 28 January 2023, IOM interviewed 89 respondents.

## HIGHLIGHTS

- During the reporting period, 4 per cent of returnees were categorized as vulnerable persons (chronically ill and elderly).
- The primary occupations reported by returnees were: unskilled labor (65%), skilled labor (23%), salaried job (11%) and business (1%).
- All returnees were carrying cash and personal belongings when interviewed. They also travelled with additional items, such as household items (98%) productive assets (Agriculture tool/ seeds, Rickshaw, Sewing Machines etc) (94%) and personal belongings (50%).
- The average cost of travelling from Pakistan to Afghanistan reported was 31,000 PKR per family.
- The top 3 challenges returnees expected to face in Afghanistan are: arranging for livelihoods, finding income opportunities and settling into a new city.
- The modes of transportation used by the returnees from their original location to the border and from the border to their destination, were: pick up truck (57%), truck (31%) and bus/ rented car (12%).

**4,709** UNDOCUMENTED AFGHAN RETURNEES AT TORKHAM AND CHAMAN (BETWEEN 29 JANUARY - 11 FEBRUARY 2023)

### DISTRIBUTION OF UNDOCUMENTED RETURNEES BETWEEN 29 JAN TO 11 FEB



	Undocumented family	63%
	Family/Individual holding Afghan Citizenship Card (ACC)	2%
	Undocumented individual travelling with documented family	35%

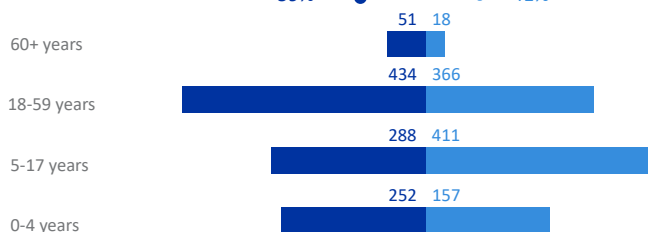
### PUSH FACTORS



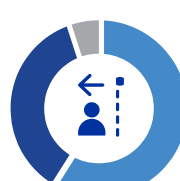
	Unable to pay house rent	37%
	Unable to pay utilities	34%
	No employment	12%
	Fear of arrest/deportation	10%
	Business reasons	7%

### AGE AND GENDER

**FEMALE 59%** **MALE 41%**



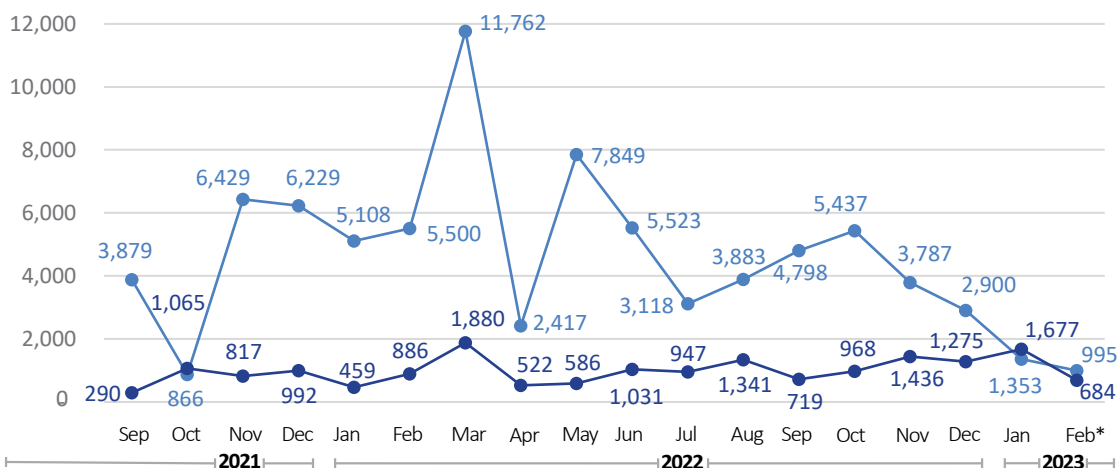
### PULL FACTORS



	Availability of assistance	59%
	Family reunion	36%
	Improvement in security situation	5%

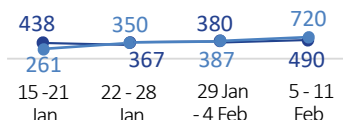
### RETURN TREND

Chaman  
Torkham



### MONTHLY TRENDS

### WEEKLY TRENDS (LAST FOUR WEEKS)



\*The number represented on the graph only covers the period until 11th February 2023

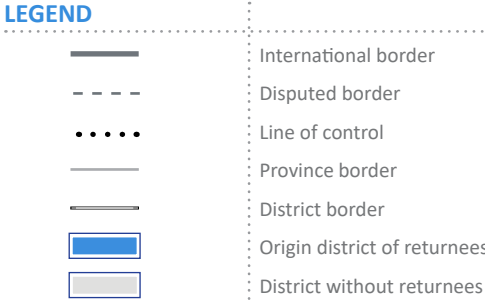
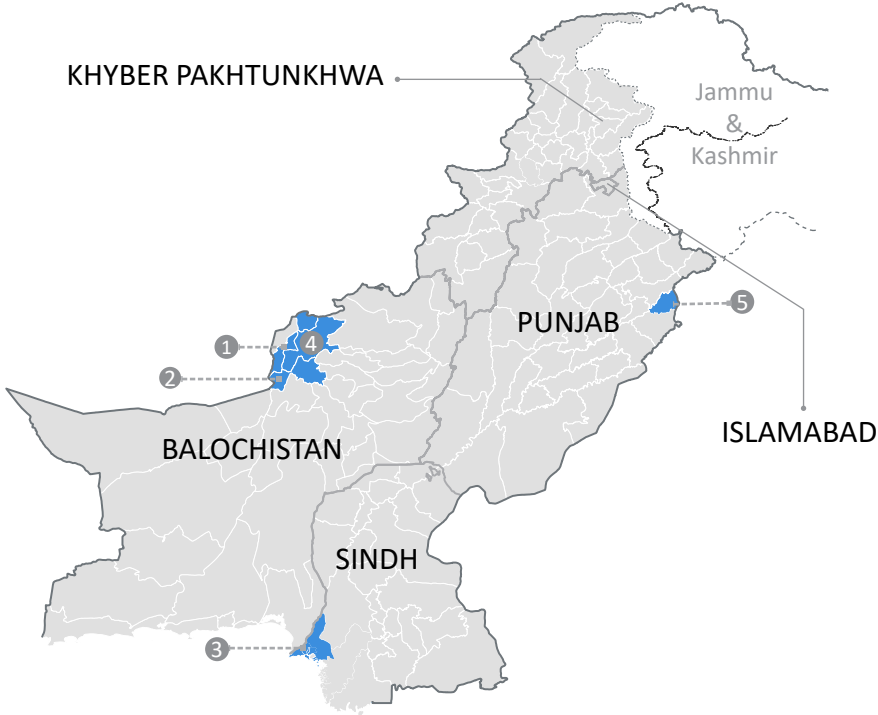
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SETTLEMENT TYPE LEGEND



DISTRICTS OF ORIGIN IN PAKISTAN OF RETURNEES

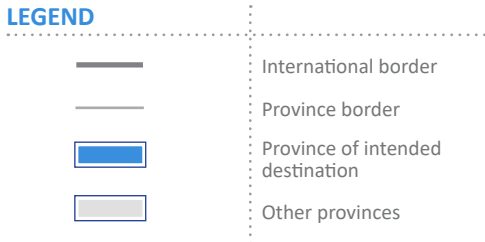
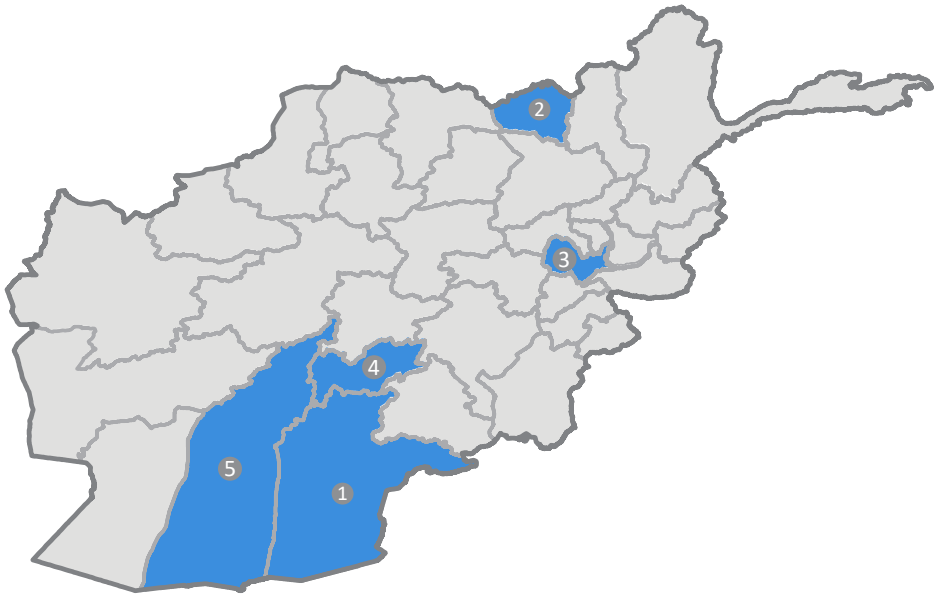


ORIGIN DISTRICT	SETTLEMENT TYPE
1. Killa Abdullah.....35%	100% Rented house, 0% Spontaneous settlement, 0% Own house, 0% Camp, 0% Living with relatives
2. Quetta.....25%	95% Rented house, 0% Spontaneous settlement, 0% Own house, 0% Camp, 5% Living with relatives
3. Karachi Central.....15%	100% Rented house, 0% Spontaneous settlement, 0% Own house, 0% Camp, 0% Living with relatives
4. Pishin.....13%	73% Rented house, 0% Spontaneous settlement, 0% Own house, 27% Camp, 0% Living with relatives
5. Lahore.....2%	100% Rented house, 0% Spontaneous settlement, 0% Own house, 0% Camp, 0% Living with relatives

Note:  
This map and the following legends focus on the top 5 districts of origin in Pakistan during the reporting period from 29 Jan. to 11 Feb. 2023

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PROVINCES OF INTENDED DESTINATION



INTENDED PROVINCE	SETTLEMENT TYPE
1. Kandahar.....61%	69% Rented house, 22% Own house, 0% Spontaneous settlement, 9% Camp, 0% Living with relatives
2. Kunduz.....7%	50% Rented house, 17% Own house, 0% Spontaneous settlement, 17% Camp, 17% Living with relatives
3. Kabul.....6%	80% Rented house, 0% Spontaneous settlement, 0% Own house, 20% Camp, 0% Living with relatives
4. Uruzgan.....5%	100% Rented house, 0% Spontaneous settlement, 0% Own house, 0% Camp, 0% Living with relatives
5. Helmand.....5%	75% Rented house, 0% Spontaneous settlement, 0% Own house, 25% Camp, 0% Living with relatives

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This map and the following legends focus on the top 5 provinces of intended destination in Afghanistan during the reporting period from 29 Jan. to 11 Feb. 2023

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