

BI-WEEKLY FLOW MONITORING REPORT: SPONTANEOUS RETURN OF UNDOCUMENTED AFGHANS FROM PAKISTAN (12 FEB. TO 25 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)**”.

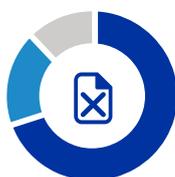
Between 12 February and 25 February 2023, 2,772 undocumented Afghan nationals spontaneously returned to Afghanistan, including 1,044 through the Torkham border point and 1,728 through the Chaman border point. Border authorities facilitated the return of 212 individuals due to the lack of legal documentation to remain in Pakistan. Therefore, information about these individuals are not included in the count. Although IOM identified 7,481 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 12 February and 25 February 2023, IOM interviewed 152 respondents.

HIGHLIGHTS

- During the reporting period, 6 per cent of returnees were categorized as vulnerable persons (chronically ill and elderly).
- The primary occupations reported by returnees were: unskilled labor (59%), skilled labor (29%), salaried job (9%) and business (3%).
- All returnees were carrying cash and personal belongings when interviewed. They also travelled with additional items, such as personal belongings (100%), household items (98%) and productive assets (agriculture tool/seeds, rickshaw, sewing machines, etc.) (86%).
- The average cost of travelling from Pakistan to Afghanistan reported was 35,000 PKR per family.
- The top 3 challenges returnees expect 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 (48%), truck (43%) and bus/rented car (9%).

7,481 UNDOCUMENTED AFGHAN RETURNEES AT TORKHAM AND CHAMAN (BETWEEN 1 JANUARY - 25 FEBRUARY 2023)

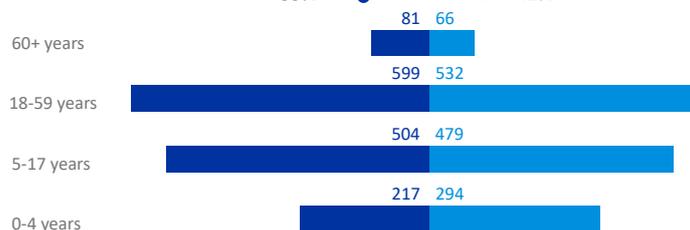
DISTRIBUTION OF UNDOCUMENTED RETURNEES BETWEEN 12 TO 25 FEB



Undocumented family	70%
Family/Individual holding Afghan Citizenship Card (ACC)	18%
Undocumented individual travelling with documented family	12%

AGE AND GENDER

FEMALE 59% MALE 41%



PUSH FACTORS



Unable to pay house rent	35%
Unable to pay utilities	32%
No employment	21%
Fear of arrest/deportation	8%
Business reasons	4%

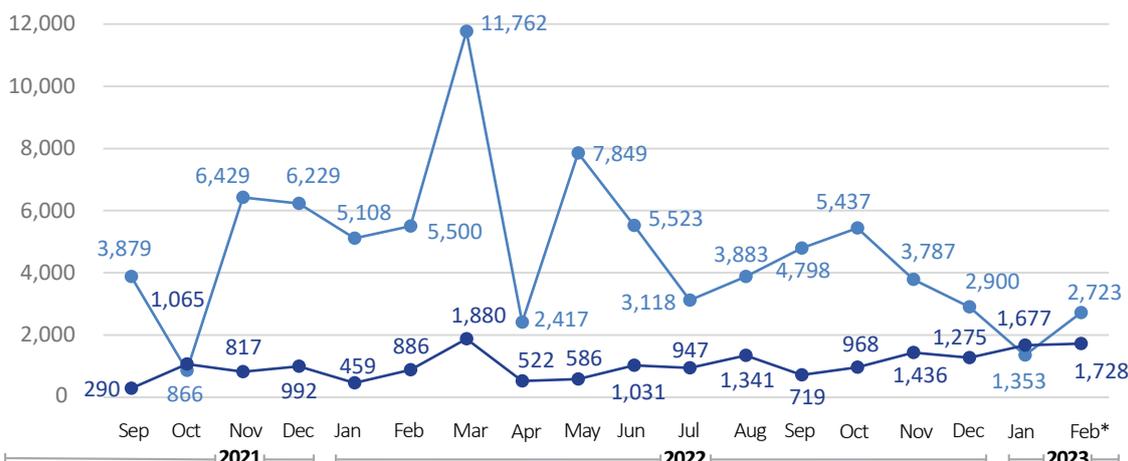
PULL FACTORS



Availability of assistance	54%
Family reunion	43%
Improvement in security situation	3%

RETURN TREND

Chaman
Torkham



MONTHLY TRENDS

WEEKLY TRENDS (LAST FOUR WEEKS)



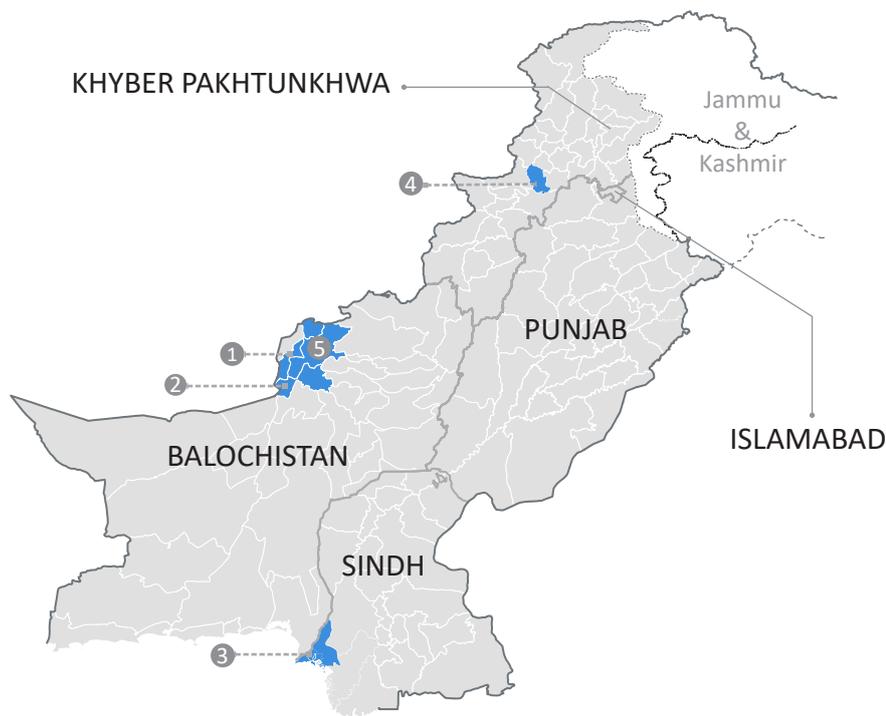
*The number represented on the graph only covers the period until 25th February 2023

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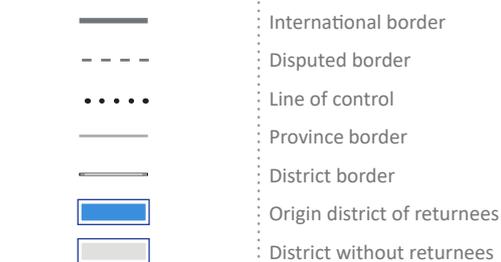
SETTLEMENT TYPE LEGEND



DISTRICTS OF ORIGIN IN PAKISTAN OF RETURNEES

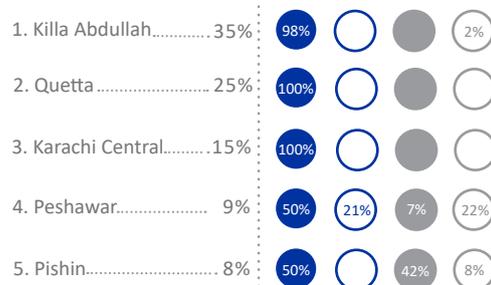


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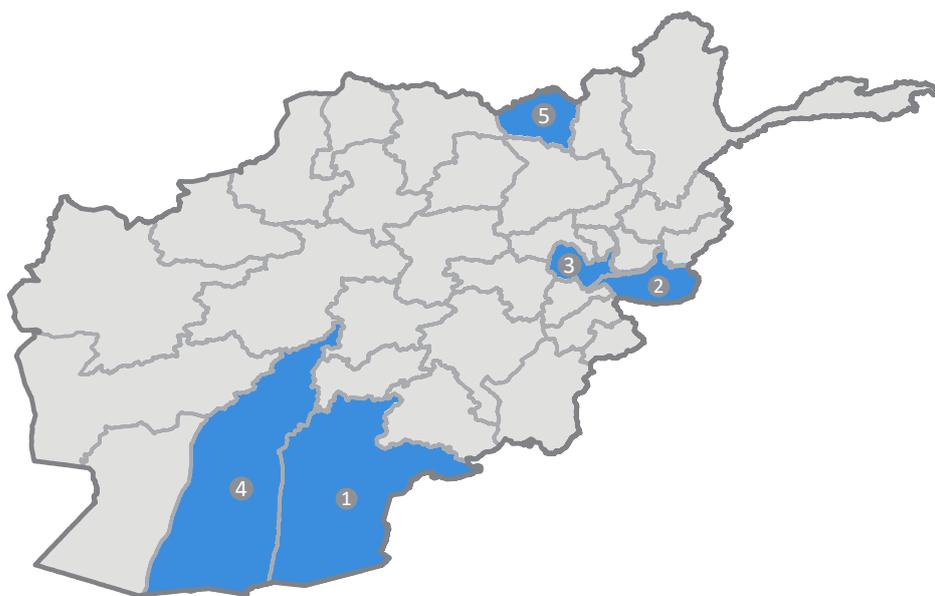
ORIGIN DISTRICT

SETTLEMENT TYPE



Note:
This map and the following legends focus on the top 5 districts of origin in Pakistan during the reporting period from 12 Feb. to 25 Feb. 2023
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PROVINCES OF INTENDED DESTINATION

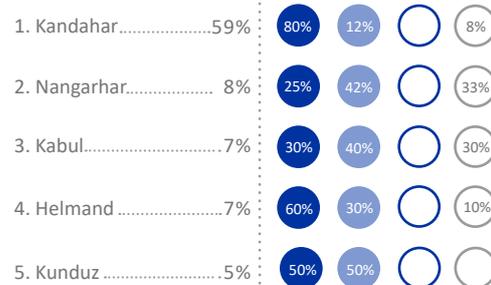


LEGEND



INTENDED PROVINCE

SETTLEMENT TYPE



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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 12 Feb. to 25 Feb. 2023
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