FLOW MONITORING OF UNDOCUMENTED AFGHANS RETURNEES FROM PAKISTAN (JAN - MAR. 2023)





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. Key findings during this reporting period are:

- Between January and March 2023, 20,002 undocumented Afghan nationals spontaneously returned to Afghanistan, including 10,008 through the
 Torkham border point and 9,994 through the Chaman border point. Border authorities facilitated the return of 2,246 individuals due to the lack of legal
 documentation to remain in Pakistan. Therefore, information concerning these 2,246 individuals is not included in the count.
- Although IOM identified 20,002 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 January and March 2023, IOM interviewed 844 respondents.
- The average family size of returnees was seven individuals and seven 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 (98%), cash (97%), productive assets (89%), transportation vehicles (4%) and livestock (1%).
- The top three challenges returnees expected to face in Afghanistan were: arranging livelihood, settling into a new city and finding better income opportunities.

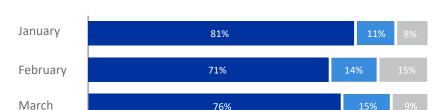
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UNDOCUMENTED AFGHAN RETURNEES THROUGH TORKHAM AND CHAMAN BETWEEN JANUARY AND MARCH 2023

Undocumented family 76% Family/Individual holding ACC 14% Undocumented individual travelling 10%

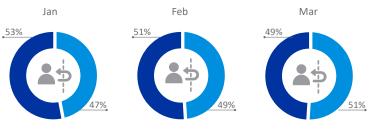
with documented family

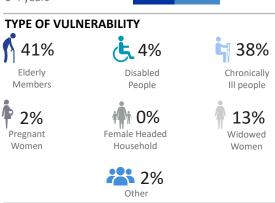
DISTRIBUTION OF UNDOCUMENTED RETURNEES



GENDER DISTRIBUTION BY MONTH

DOCUMENTATION STATUS BY MONTH



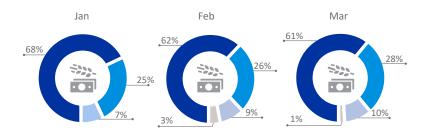


VULNERABILITIES BY MONTH





OCCUPATION STATUS BY MONTH



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Mar

PUSH FACTORS MONTHLY TREND 38% 36% Unable to pay house rent 36% 33% 34% Unable to pay utilities 17% No employment 18% 16% Fear of arrest/deportation 7% 6% 9% 121 Business reasons 5% 4% 5% 5%

Jan

PULL FACTORS



57% 58% 54% 40% 39% 3% 3% 3% 3% 3% Mar

Feb

CHALLENGES RETURNEES EXPECT TO FACE IN AFGHANISTAN*

	Resettle in a new city	24%		Education	2%	
	Arrange for livelihood	25%		Security challenges	1%	
	Income opportunities	25%		Availability of clean drinking water	2%	
Î	Arrange for shelter	19%		Availability of medicine and health facilities	2%	
* Multiple answers possible, total of percentage may not be equal to 100%						

^{2021 - 2023} RETURN - Chaman **REPORTING PERIOD** -Torkham 11,762 12,000 10,000 7,849 8.000 6,429 6,229 5.437 5,532 6,000 5.500 4,798 5,108 3.787 3,883 4,000 5,931 2,900 3,170 3,118 1,065 2,417 1,880 1,436 1,275 1,677 2,000 1,031 1,341 968 992 886 719 2,400 1,353 866 817 459 586 Nov April June Dec Feb Oct Dec Jan Mar May July Aug Sep Oct Jan 2022 2023 -2021

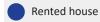
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SETTLEMENT TYPE LEGEND



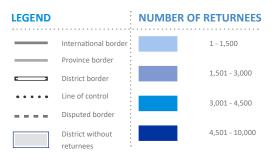
Spontaneous settlement in Pakistan



Living with relatives

DISTRICTS OF ORIGIN IN PAKISTAN OF RETURNEES





ORIGIN DISTRICT	SETTLEMENT TYPE		
1. Killa Abdullah29%	97%		
2. Quetta29%	100%		
3. Karachi Central10%	96% (4%)		
4. Pishin 9%	70% 28% 2%		
5. Karachi Malir6%	100%		

This map and the following legend focus on the top 5 districts of origin in Pakistan during the reporting period of January to March 2023.

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 FROM ORIGIN TO BORDER TRANSPORTATION TYPE BY MONTH Average type of vehicle used until border point Feb Mar Jan between January to March 2023 41% 37% 22% 39% 44% 17% 44% 43% 13% 42% On foot / Bus / Rented vehicle

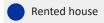
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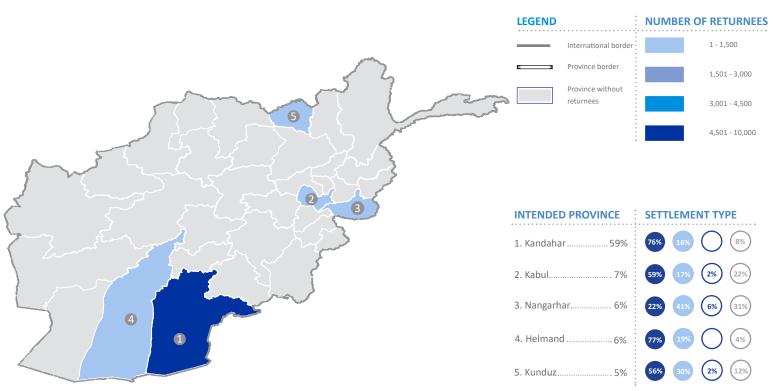


Own house in Afghanistan

Spontaneous settlement in Pakistan

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 January to March 2023.

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TRANSPORTATION TYPE FROM BORDER TO FINAL DESTINATION TRANSPORTATION TYPE BY MONTH

