

BI-WEEKLY FLOW MONITORING REPORT: SPONTANEOUS RETURN OF UNDOCUMENTED AFGHANS FROM PAKISTAN (9 APR. TO 22 APR. 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.

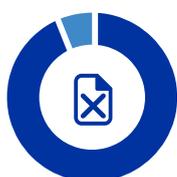
Between 09 April and 22 April 2023, 542 undocumented Afghan nationals spontaneously returned to Afghanistan, including 63 through the Torkham border point and 479 through the Chaman border point. Border authorities facilitated the return of 10 individuals due to the lack of legal documentation to remain in Pakistan. Therefore, information about these individuals are not included in the count. Although IOM identified 21,059 undocumented Afghan returnees (between 1 January - 22 April 2023) 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 09 March and 22 April 2023, IOM interviewed 59 respondents.

HIGHLIGHTS

- During the reporting period, 9 per cent of returnees were categorized as vulnerable persons (chronically ill and elderly).
- The primary occupations reported by returnees were: unskilled labor (75%), skilled labor (17%) and business (5%).
- All returnees were carrying cash and personal belongings when interviewed. They also travelled with additional items, such as household items (100%), cash (100%), personal belongings (98%) and productive assets (agriculture tool/seeds, rickshaw, sewing machines, etc.) (74%).
- The average cost of travelling from Pakistan to Afghanistan reported was 38,000 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 (58%), truck (29%) and bus/rented car (13%).

21,059 UNDOCUMENTED AFGHAN RETURNEES AT TORKHAM AND CHAMAN (BETWEEN 1 JANUARY - 22 APRIL 2023)

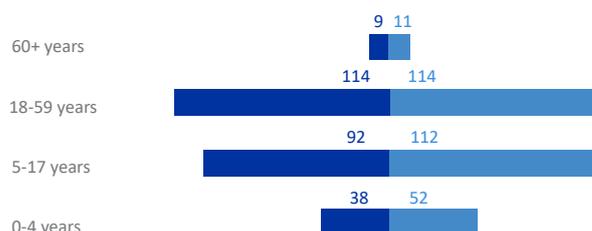
DISTRIBUTION OF UNDOCUMENTED RETURNEES BETWEEN 09 TO 22 APR.



	Undocumented family	94%
	Family/Individual holding Afghan Citizenship Card (ACC)	6%

AGE AND GENDER

FEMALE 47% MALE 53%



PUSH FACTORS



	Unable to pay house rent	38%
	Unable to pay utilities	36%
	No employment	18%
	Fear of arrest/deportation	6%
	Business reasons	2%

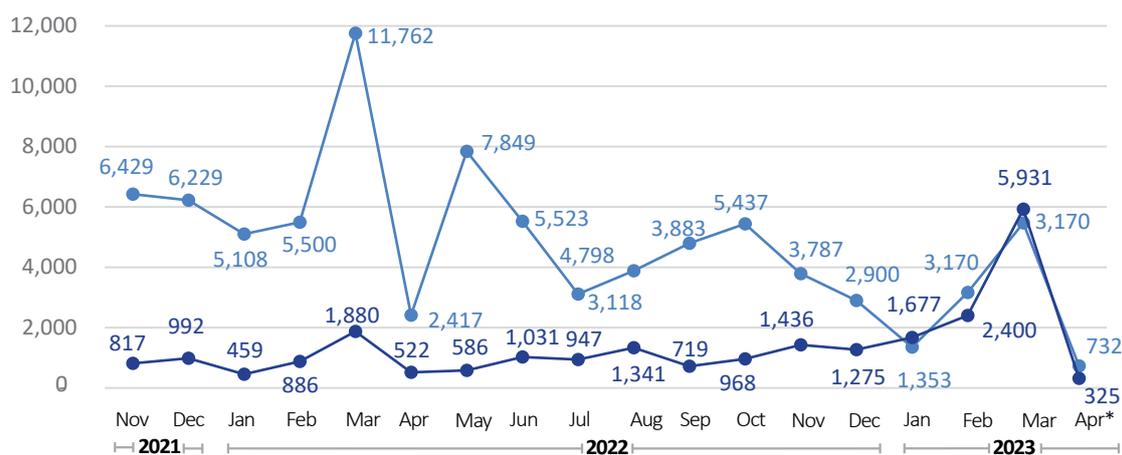
PULL FACTORS



	Availability of assistance	52%
	Family reunion	40%
	Improvement in security situation	8%

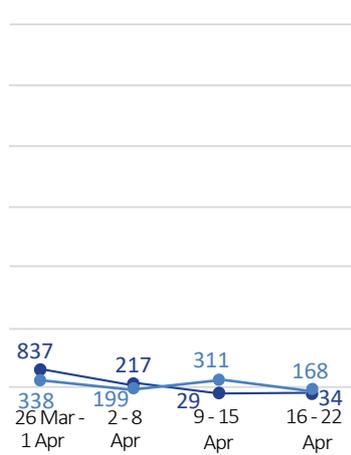
RETURN TREND

— Chaman
— Torkham



MONTHLY TRENDS

WEEKLY TRENDS (LAST FOUR WEEKS)



*The number represented on the graph only covers the period until 22nd April 2023

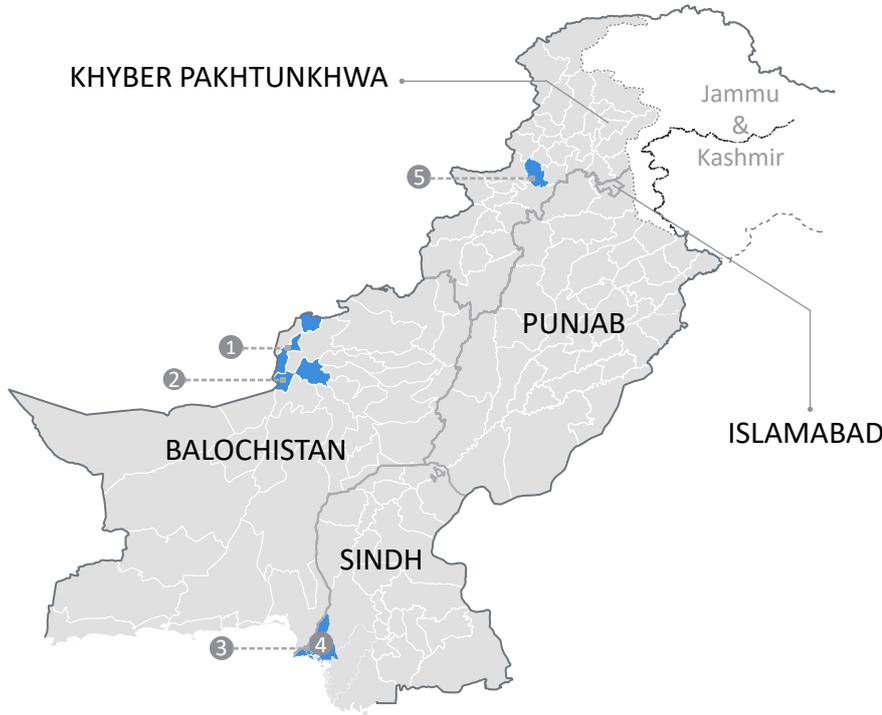
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SETTLEMENT TYPE LEGEND



DISTRICTS OF ORIGIN IN PAKISTAN OF RETURNEES



LEGEND



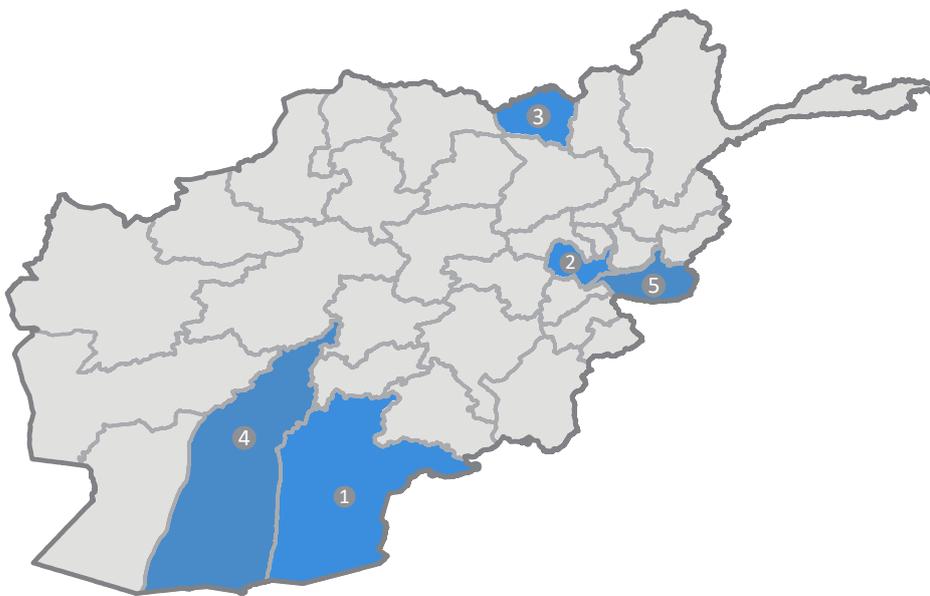
ORIGIN DISTRICT

SETTLEMENT TYPE

ORIGIN DISTRICT	Percentage	Rented house	Spontaneous settlement	Own house	Camp	Living with relatives
1. Killa Abdullah	29%	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%
2. Quetta	20%	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%
3. Karachi Central	15%	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%
4. Karachi Malir	10%	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%
5. Peshawar	8%	80%	0%	0%	0%	20%

Note:
This map and the following legends focus on the top 5 districts of origin in Pakistan during the reporting period from 09 to 22 Apr. 2023
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PROVINCES OF INTENDED DESTINATION



LEGEND



INTENDED PROVINCE

SETTLEMENT TYPE

INTENDED PROVINCE	Percentage	Rented house	Spontaneous settlement	Own house	Camp	Living with relatives
1. Kandahar	44%	85%	4%	0%	0%	11%
2. Kabul	19%	82%	0%	18%	0%	0%
3. Kunduz	7%	0%	0%	100%	0%	0%
4. Hilmand	7%	75%	25%	0%	0%	0%
5. Nangarhar	5%	33%	0%	33%	0%	34%

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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 09 to 22 Apr. 2023
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