

# BI-WEEKLY FLOW MONITORING REPORT: SPONTANEOUS RETURN OF UNDOCUMENTED AFGHANS FROM PAKISTAN (12 MAR. TO 25 MAR. 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.

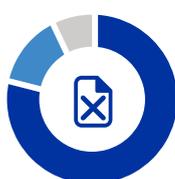
Between 12 March and 25 March 2023, 5,181 undocumented Afghan nationals spontaneously returned to Afghanistan, including 2,679 through the Torkham border point and 2,502 through the Chaman border point. Border authorities facilitated the return of 329 individuals due to the lack of legal documentation to remain in Pakistan. Therefore, information about these individuals are not included in the count. Although IOM identified 18,926 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 March and 25 March 2023, IOM interviewed 206 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 (67%), skilled labor (24%), salaried job (8%) and business (1%).
- All returnees were carrying cash and personal belongings when interviewed. They also travelled with additional items, such as personal belongings (100%), household items (99%) and productive assets (agriculture tool/seeds, rickshaw, sewing machines, etc.) (90%).
- The average cost of travelling from Pakistan to Afghanistan reported was 40,000 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 (54%), truck (39%) and bus/rented car (6%).

**18,926** UNDOCUMENTED AFGHAN RETURNEES AT TORKHAM AND CHAMAN (BETWEEN 1 JANUARY - 25 MARCH 2023)

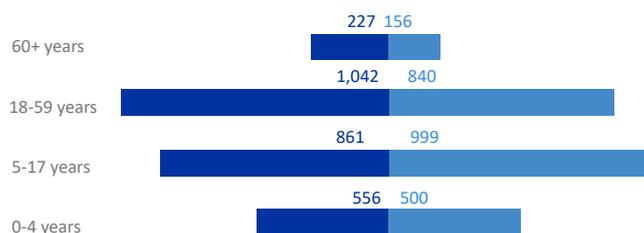
### DISTRIBUTION OF UNDOCUMENTED RETURNEES BETWEEN 12 TO 25 MAR.



Undocumented family	79%
Family/Individual holding Afghan Citizenship Card (ACC)	14%
Undocumented individual travelling with documented family	7%

### AGE AND GENDER

FEMALE 52% MALE 48%



### PUSH FACTORS



Unable to pay house rent	37%
Unable to pay utilities	37%
No employment	18%
Business reasons	4%
Fear of arrest/deportation	4%

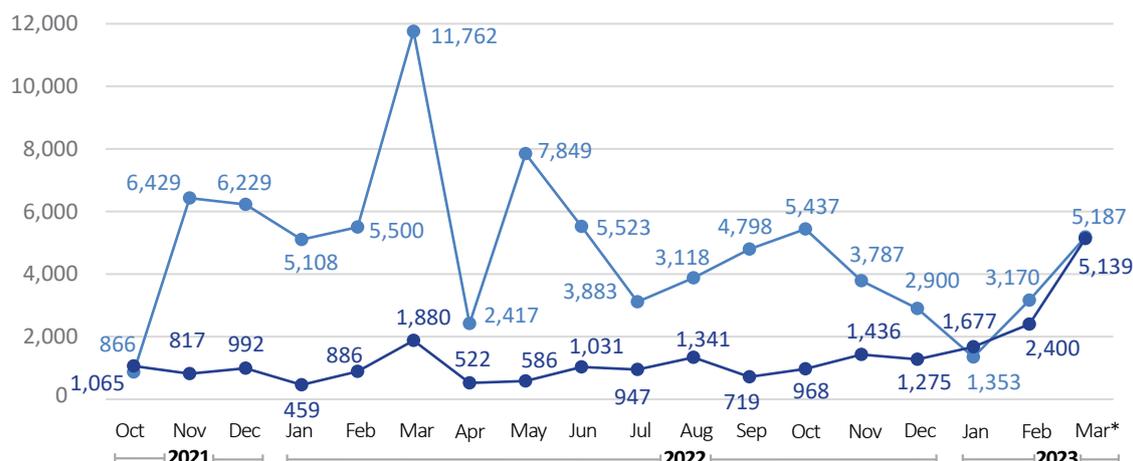
### PULL FACTORS



Availability of assistance	55%
Family reunion	42%
Improvement in security situation	3%

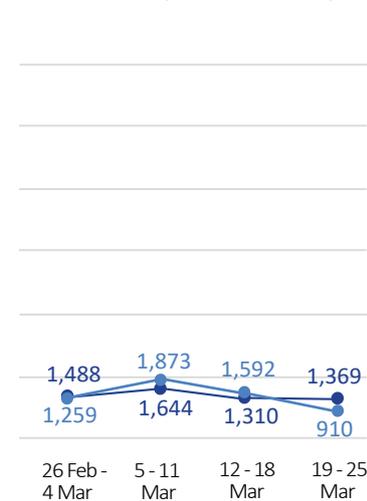
### RETURN TREND

Chaman  
Torkham



### MONTHLY TRENDS

### WEEKLY TRENDS (LAST FOUR WEEKS)



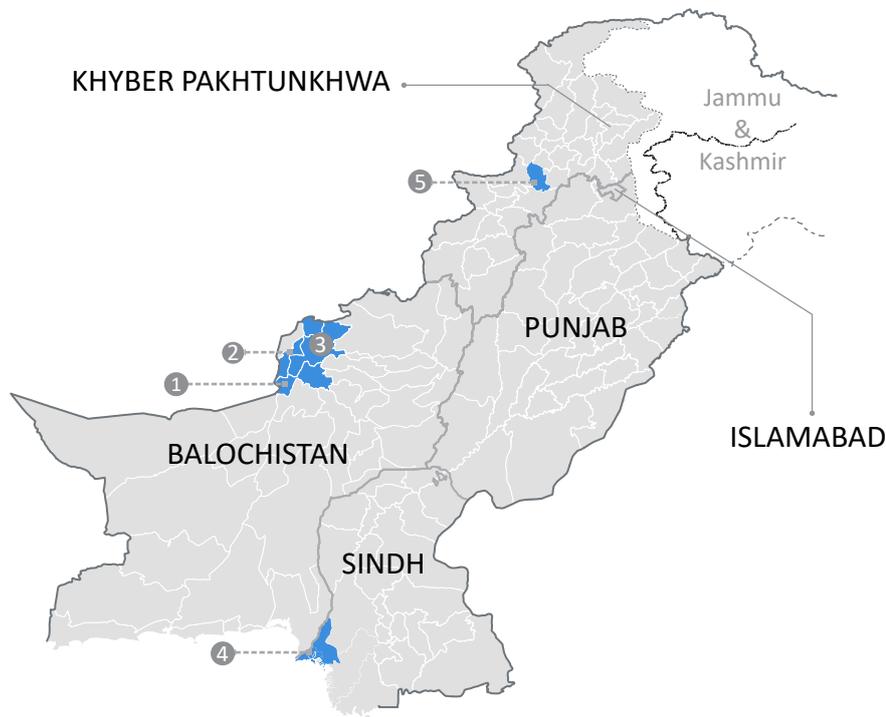
\*The number represented on the graph only covers the period until 25<sup>th</sup> March 2023

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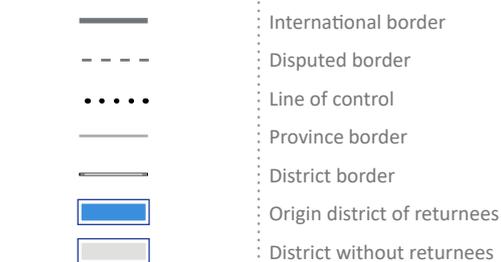
## SETTLEMENT TYPE LEGEND



## DISTRICTS OF ORIGIN IN PAKISTAN OF RETURNEES



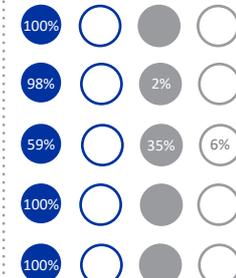
### LEGEND



### ORIGIN DISTRICT

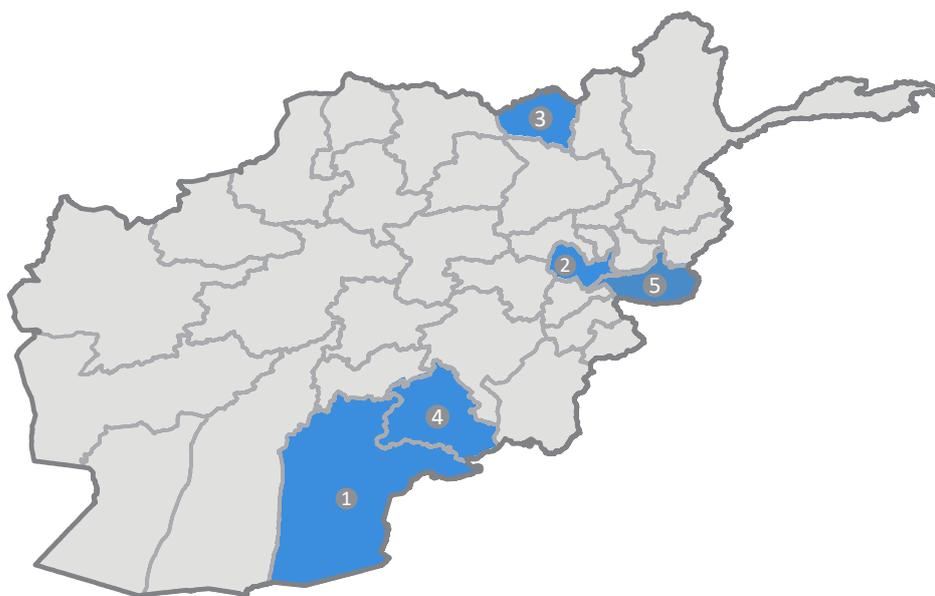
Origin District	Percentage
1. Quetta	33%
2. Killa Abdullah	28%
3. Pishin	8%
4. Karachi Central	6%
5. Peshawar	5%

### 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 to 25 Mar. 2023  
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## PROVINCES OF INTENDED DESTINATION



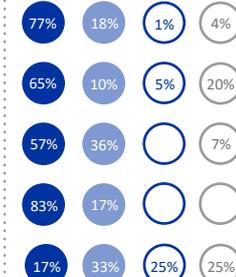
### LEGEND



### INTENDED PROVINCE

Intended Province	Percentage
1. Kandahar	54%
2. Kabul	10%
3. Kunduz	7%
4. Zabol	6%
5. Nangarhar	6%

### SETTLEMENT TYPE



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