BI-WEEKLY FLOW MONITORING REPORT:
Flow Monitoring of Undocumented Afghan Returnees from Pakistan (23 APR. TO 06 MAY 2023)

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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 23 April and 06 May 2023, 2,704 undocumented Afghan nationals spontaneously returned to Afghanistan, including 74 through the Torkham border point and 2,630 through the Chaman border point. Border authorities facilitated the return of 236 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 23,763 undocumented Afghan returnees (between 1 January - 06 May 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 23 April and 06 May 2023, IOM interviewed 210 respondents.

HIGHLIGHTS

- During the reporting period, 8 per cent of returnees were categorized as vulnerable persons (chronically ill and elderly).
- The primary occupations reported by returnees were: unskilled labor (63%), skilled labor (27%), salaried job (9%) and business (1%).
- 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 (100%) and productive assets (agriculture tool/seeds, rickshaw, sewing machines, etc.) (94%).
- The average cost of travelling from Pakistan to Afghanistan reported was 47,000 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: truck (51%), pick up truck (40%) and bus/ rented car (9%).

23,763 UNDOCUMENTED AFGHAN RETURNEES AT TORKHAM AND CHAMAN (BETWEEN 1 JANUARY - 06 MAY 2023)
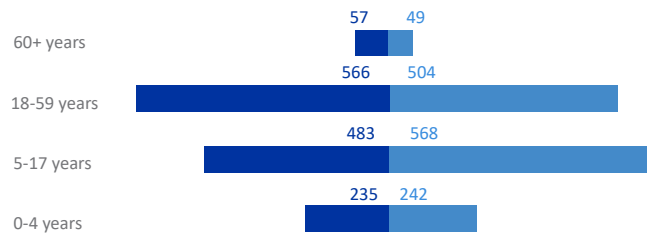

DISTRIBUTION OF UNDOCUMENTED RETURNEES BETWEEN 23 APR. TO 06 MAY
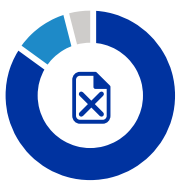
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Undocumented family	85%
Family/Individual holding Afghan Citizenship Card (ACC)	11%
Undocumented individual travelling with documented family	4%

AGE AND GENDER

FEMALE 50%   MALE 50%

Age	Female	Male
60+ years	57	49
18-59 years	566	504
5-17 years	483	568
0-4 years	235	242

PUSH FACTORS

Unable to pay house rent	37%
Unable to pay utilities	34%
No employment	20%
Business reasons	5%
Fear of arrest/deportation	4%

PULL FACTORS
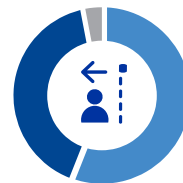
Availability of assistance	56%
Family reunion	41%
Improvement in security situation	3%

RETURN TREND

Legend: Chaman, Torkham

MONTHLY TRENDS

Month	Chaman	Torkham
Dec 2021	6,229	992
Jan	5,108	459
Feb	5,500	886
Mar	11,762	1,880
Apr	2,417	522
May	7,849	586
Jun	5,523	1,031
Jul	3,118	947
Aug	3,883	1,341
Sep	5,437	719
Oct	4,798	968
Nov	3,787	1,436
Dec	2,900	1,275
Jan 2023	1,677	1,353
Feb	3,170	2,400
Mar	5,471	5,931
Apr	1,379	330
May*	179	69
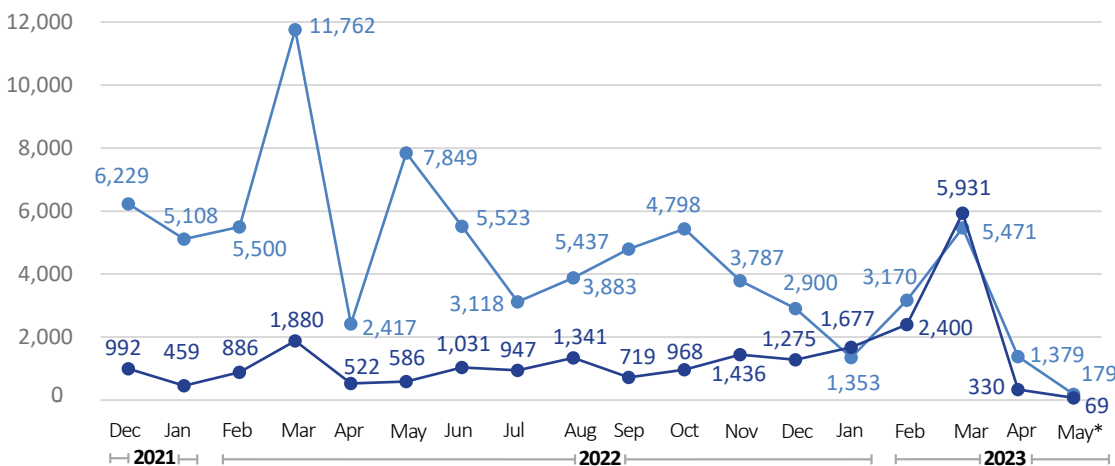
WEEKLY TRENDS (LAST FOUR WEEKS)

Week	Chaman	Torkham
9 - 15 Apr	311	29
16 - 22 Apr	168	34
23 - 29 Apr	492	5
30 Apr - 6 May	2,138	69
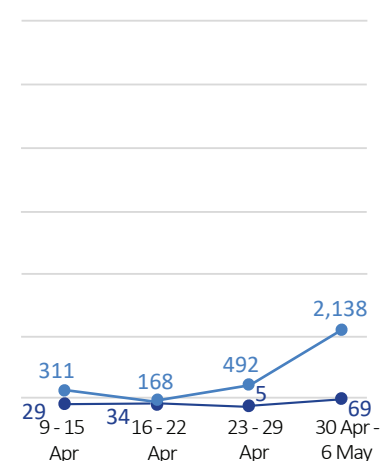
*The number represented on the graph only covers the period until 06th May 2023

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SETTLEMENT TYPE LEGEND

● Rented house   ○ Spontaneous settlement   ● Own house   ● Camp   ○ Living with relatives

DISTRICTS OF ORIGIN IN PAKISTAN OF RETURNEES

KHYBER PAKHTUNKHWA

Jammu & Kashmir

PUNJAB

ISLAMABAD

BALOCHISTAN

SINDH

LEGEND

——	International border
– – –	Disputed border
·····	Line of control
——	Province border
——	District border
▬	Origin district of returnees
▭	District without returnees
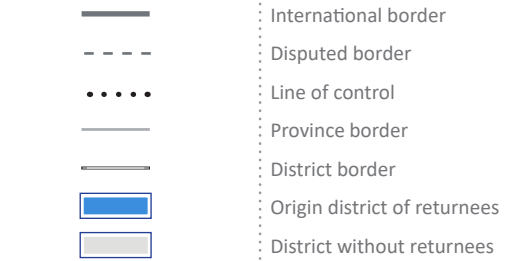
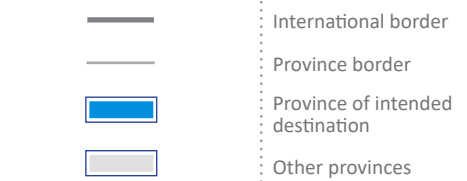| ORIGIN DISTRICT		SETTLEMENT TYPE			
1. Quetta	40%	100%	○	●	○
2. Killa Abdullah	22%	100%	○	●	○
3. Karachi Central	13%	100%	○	●	○
4. Pishin	11%	73%	○	27%	○
5. Karachi Malir	5%	100%	○	●	○
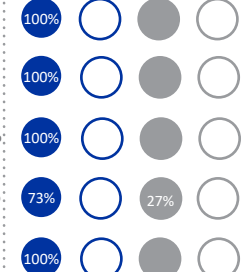
Note:
This map and the following legends focus on the top 5 districts of origin in Pakistan during the reporting period from 23 Apr. to 06 May 2023
Disclaimer:
Dotted line represents approximately the line of control in Jammu and Kashmir agreed upon by India and Pakistan. The final status of Jammu and 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.
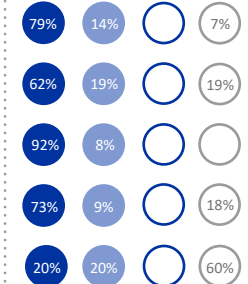
PROVINCES OF INTENDED DESTINATION
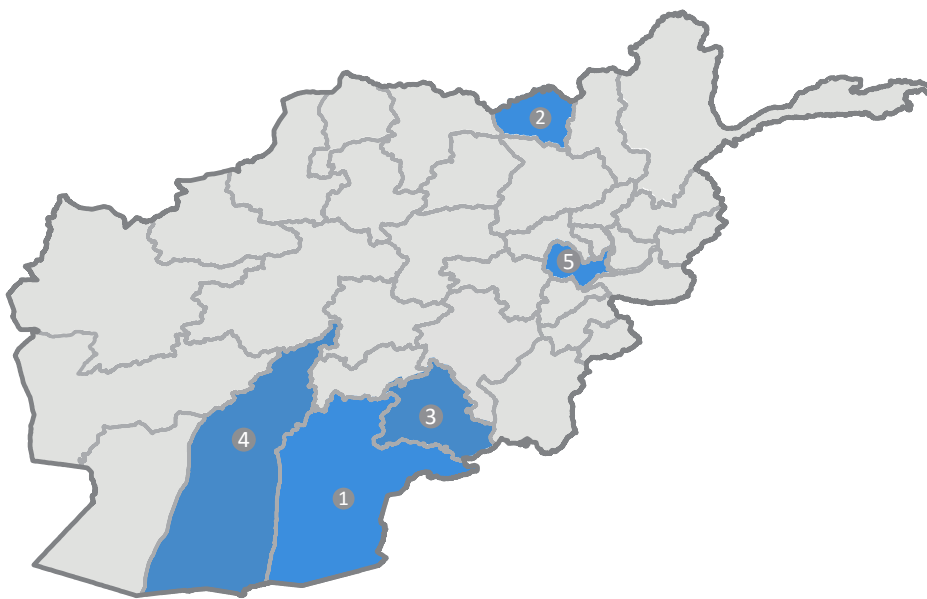
LEGEND

——	International border
——	Province border
▬	Province of intended destination
▭	Other provinces

INTENDED PROVINCE		SETTLEMENT TYPE			
1. Kandahar	55%	79%	14%	○	7%
2. Kunduz	8%	62%	19%	○	19%
3. Zabul	6%	92%	8%	○	○
4. Hilmand	5%	73%	9%	○	18%
5. Kabul	5%	20%	20%	○	60%

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