

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 21 May and 03 June 2023, 4,866 undocumented Afghan nationals spontaneously returned to Afghanistan, including 2,074 through the Torkham border point and 2,792 through the Chaman border point. Border authorities facilitated the return of 273 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 33,904 undocumented Afghan returnees (between 1 January - 3 June 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 21 May and 3 June 2023, IOM interviewed 226 respondents.

HIGHLIGHTS

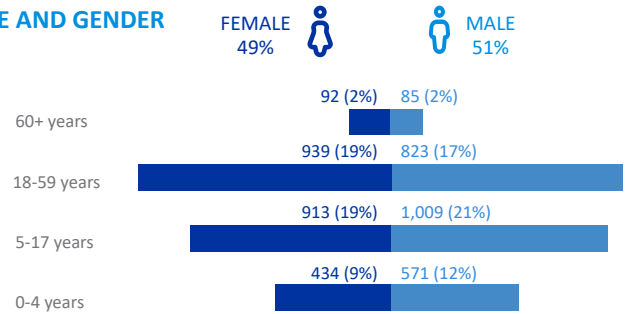
- The top 3 challenges returnees expect to face in Afghanistan are: arranging for livelihoods, finding income opportunities and settling into a new city.
- During the reporting period, 5 per cent of returnees were categorized as vulnerable persons.¹
- The primary occupations reported by returnees were: unskilled labor (59%), skilled labor (29%), business (11%) and salaried job (1%).
- All returnees were carrying personal belongings and household items when interviewed. They also travelled with additional items, such as cash (96%) and productive assets (agriculture tool/seeds, rickshaw, sewing machines, etc.) (88%).
- The average cost of travelling from Pakistan to Afghanistan reported was PKR 58,619 (USD 206 as of 03 June 2023) per family.
- The modes of transportation used by the returnees from their original location to the border and from the border to their destination, were: truck (59%), pick up truck (35%) and bus/rented car (6%).

33,904 UNDOCUMENTED AFGHAN RETURNEES AT TORKHAM AND CHAMAN (BETWEEN 1 JANUARY - 03 JUNE 2023)

DISTRIBUTION OF UNDOCUMENTED RETURNEES BETWEEN 21 MAY TO 3 JUNE



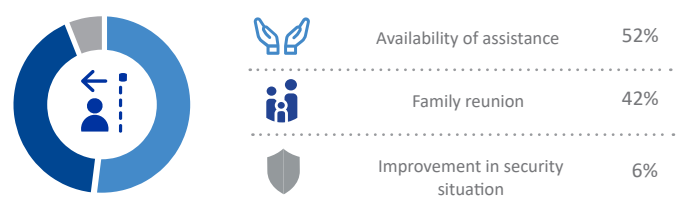
AGE AND GENDER



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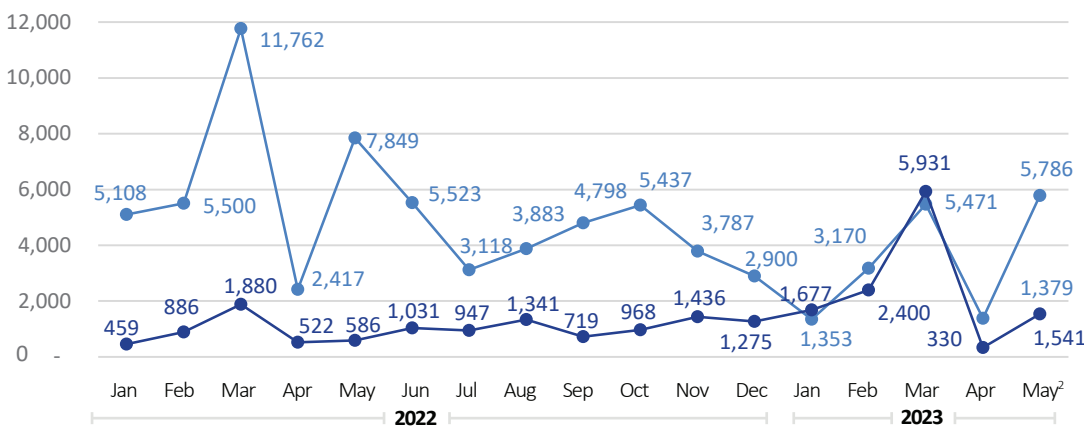


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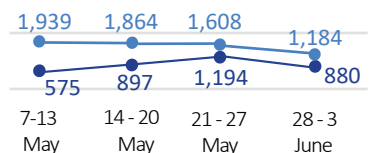
RETURN TREND

Chaman
Torkham



MONTHLY TRENDS

WEEKLY TRENDS (LAST FOUR WEEKS)



¹ Vulnerable persons include: persons with physical disability, those who need medical attention, pregnant women, elderly persons, unaccompanied minors, drug addicts, mentally ill persons and widowed persons.

² The number represented on the graph covers the period until 31st May 2023

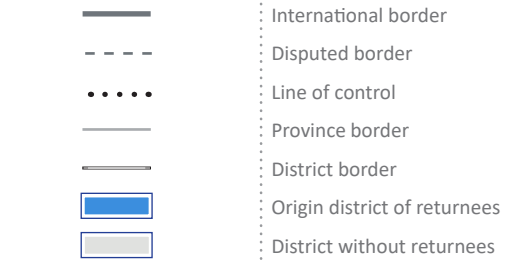
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DISTRICTS OF ORIGIN IN PAKISTAN OF RETURNEES



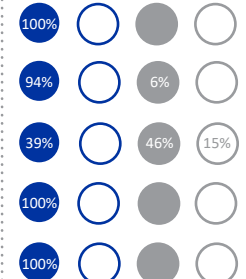
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ORIGIN DISTRICT

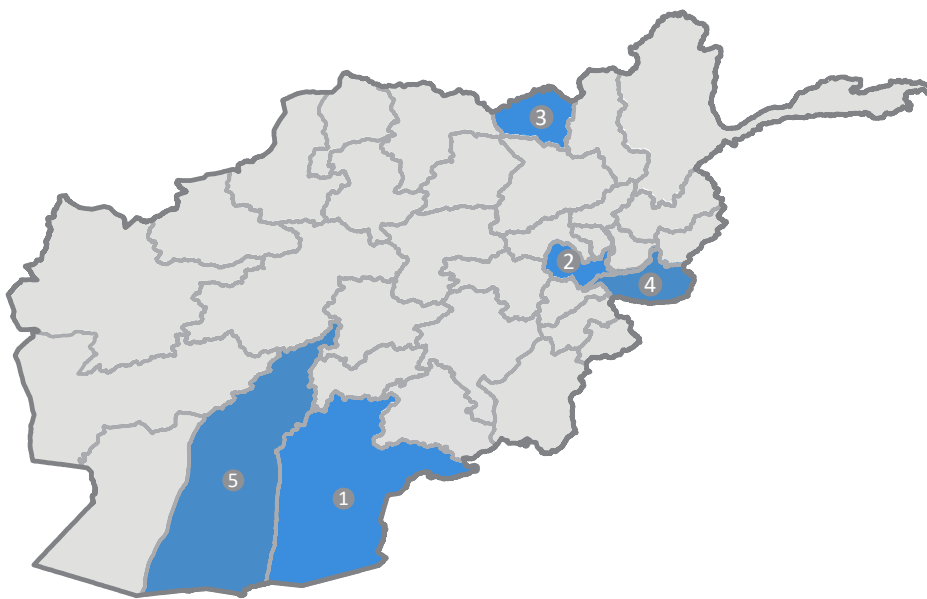
| Origin District | Percentage |
|--------------------|------------|
| 1. Quetta | 34% |
| 2. Killa Abdullah | 24% |
| 3. Peshawar | 12% |
| 4. Pishin | 9% |
| 5. Karachi Central | 8% |

SETTLEMENT TYPE

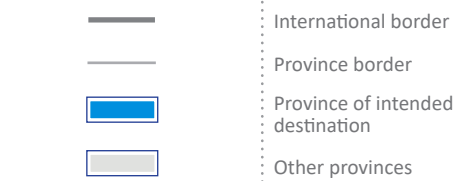


Note: This map and the following legends focus on the top 5 districts of origin in Pakistan during the reporting period from 21 May to 3 June 2023
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PROVINCES OF INTENDED DESTINATION



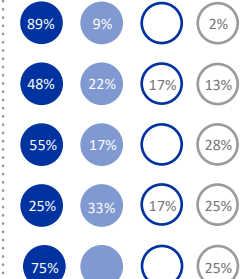
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INTENDED PROVINCE

| Intended Province | Percentage |
|-------------------|------------|
| 1. Kandahar | 48% |
| 2. Kabul | 10% |
| 3. Kunduz | 8% |
| 4. Nangarhar | 5% |
| 5. Helmand | 5% |

SETTLEMENT TYPE



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