

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.

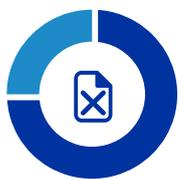
Between 01 and 15 July 2023, 4,746 undocumented Afghan nationals spontaneously returned to Afghanistan, including 2,915 through the Torkham border point and 1,831 through the Chaman border point. Border authorities facilitated the return of 67 individuals due to the lack of legal documentation to remain in Pakistan. Therefore, information about these individuals is not included in the count. Although IOM identified 49,582 undocumented Afghan returnees (between 1 January - 15 July 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 01 and 15 July 2023, IOM interviewed 193 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, five per cent of returnees were categorized as vulnerable persons.<sup>1</sup>
- The primary occupations reported by returnees were: unskilled labor (63%), skilled labor (27%), business (8%) and salaried job (2%).
- All returnees were carrying household items when interviewed. They also travelled with personal belongings (99%) and additional items, such as cash (98%) and productive assets (agriculture tool/seeds, rickshaw, sewing machines, etc.; 88%).
- The average cost of travelling from Pakistan to Afghanistan reported was PKR 51,420 (USD 186 as of 15 July 2023) per family.
- The worsening economic conditions in Pakistan are leading to significant return flows of undocumented Afghans. The perceived availability of assistance in Afghanistan, as well as the ability to reside with family back in their home country, were noted as major pull factors.

**49,582** UNDOCUMENTED AFGHAN RETURNEEs AT TORKHAM AND CHAMAN (BETWEEN 1 JANUARY - 15 JULY 2023)

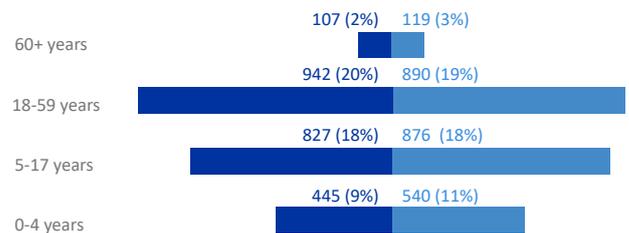
DISTRIBUTION OF UNDOCUMENTED RETURNEEs BETWEEN 01 TO 15 JULY



Undocumented family	75%
Family/Individual holding Afghan Citizenship Card (ACC)	25%
Undocumented individual travelling with documented family	0%

AGE AND GENDER

FEMALE 49% MALE 51%



PUSH FACTORS



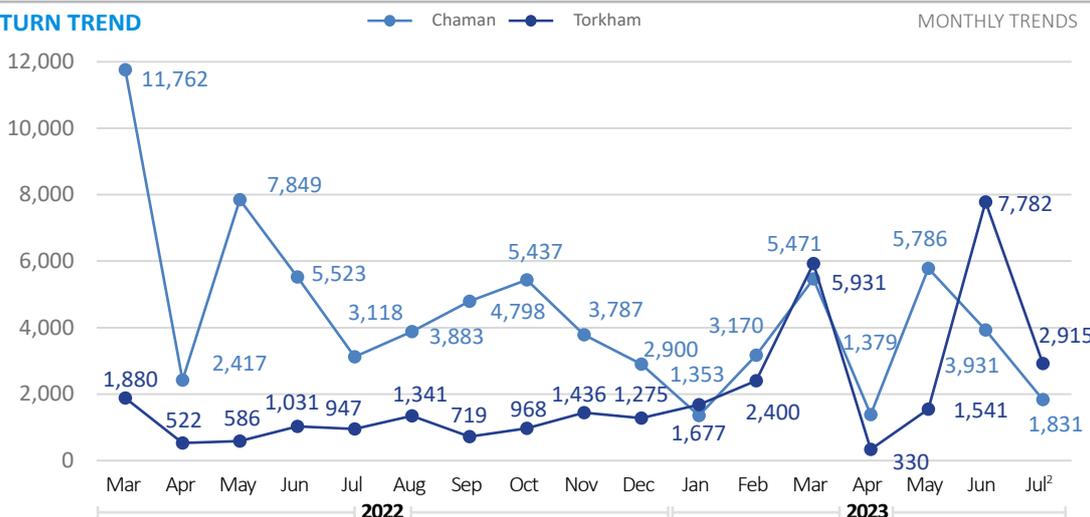
Unable to pay house rent	35%
Unable to pay utilities	30%
No employment	19%
Fear of arrest or deportation	12%
Business reason	4%

PULL FACTORS



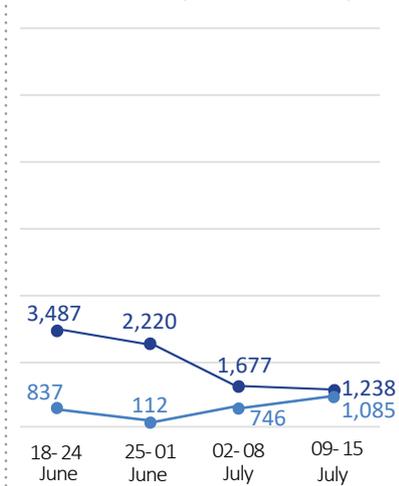
Availability of assistance	51%
Family reunion	44%
Improvement in security situation	5%

RETURN TREND



MONTHLY TRENDS

WEEKLY TRENDS (LAST FOUR WEEKS)

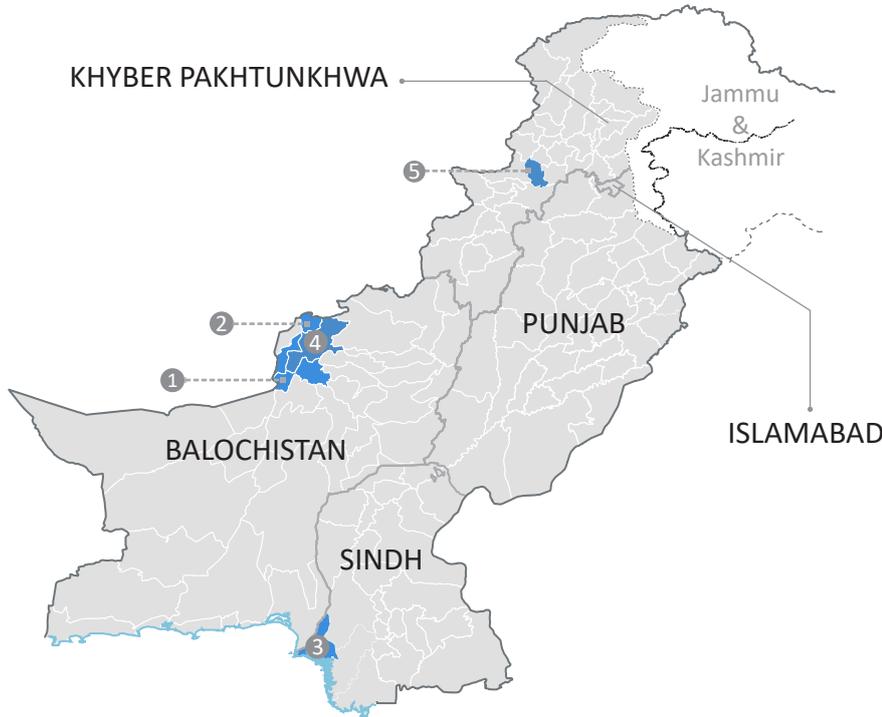


<sup>1</sup> Vulnerable persons include: persons with physical disability, those who need medical attention, pregnant women, elderly persons, unaccompanied minors, drug addicts, mentally ill persons and widowed persons.  
<sup>2</sup> The number represented on the graph covers the period until 15 July 2023

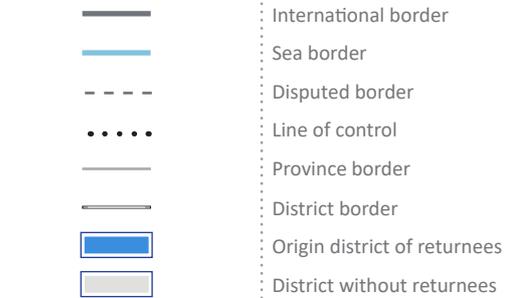
SETTLEMENT TYPE LEGEND



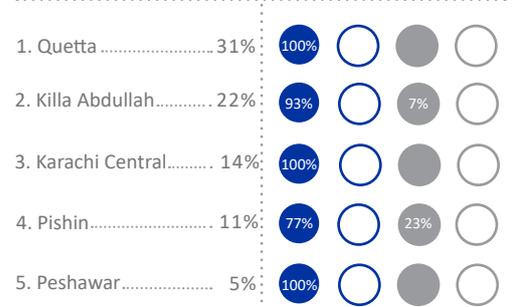
DISTRICTS OF ORIGIN IN PAKISTAN OF RETURNEES



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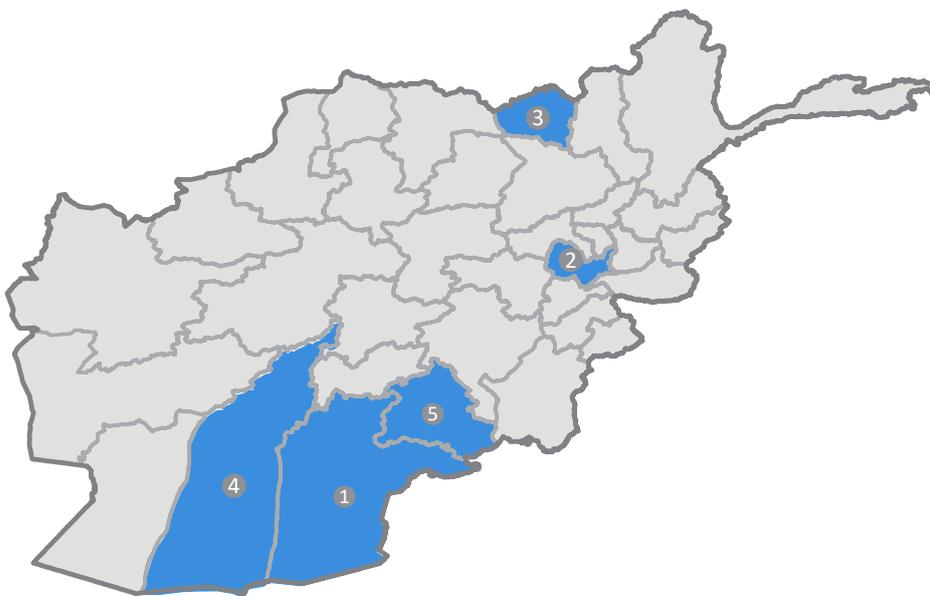


ORIGIN DISTRICT



Note: This map and the following legends focus on the top 5 districts of origin in Pakistan during the reporting period from 01- 15 July 2023  
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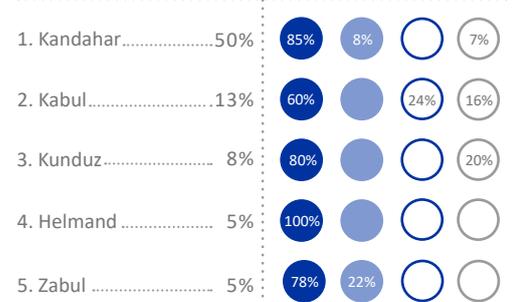
PROVINCES OF INTENDED DESTINATION



LEGEND



INTENDED PROVINCE



Note: This map and the following legends focus on the top 5 provinces of intended destination in Afghanistan during the reporting period from 01- 15 July 2023  
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