

OVERVIEW

In response to recent movements, IOM Afghanistan re-launched its DTM Flow Monitoring activity at the beginning of 2024 to better understand the mobility dynamics at Afghanistan's borders. On 10 January 2024, DTM began deploying field teams at four border crossing points with the Islamic Republic of Iran (IRN) and Pakistan (PAK), expanding to another border crossing point Ghulam Khan as of 11 February (see map below for the locations of all five crossing points), to conduct two interlinked exercises. The first is a headcount of all individuals entering or leaving Afghanistan (including returnees), also called Flow Monitoring Counting (FMC), to gauge flow volume. The second is a survey of randomly selected Afghan national individuals or groups entering or leaving Afghanistan, also called the Flow Monitoring Survey (FMS), to understand the profiles, motivations, and vulnerabilities of the target population. This snapshot provides key findings combining various IOM data sources, including DTM Afghanistan's FMC and FMS activities, DTM Pakistan's Flow Monitoring of Afghan returnees, and IOM Afghanistan's Cross-Border Post-Arrival Humanitarian Assistance (CB-PAHA) program, for the period 11 to 17 February 2024. For more information about methodology, see the the section in the last page of this report titled "IOM INFLOWS."

56,194 TOTAL INFLOWS

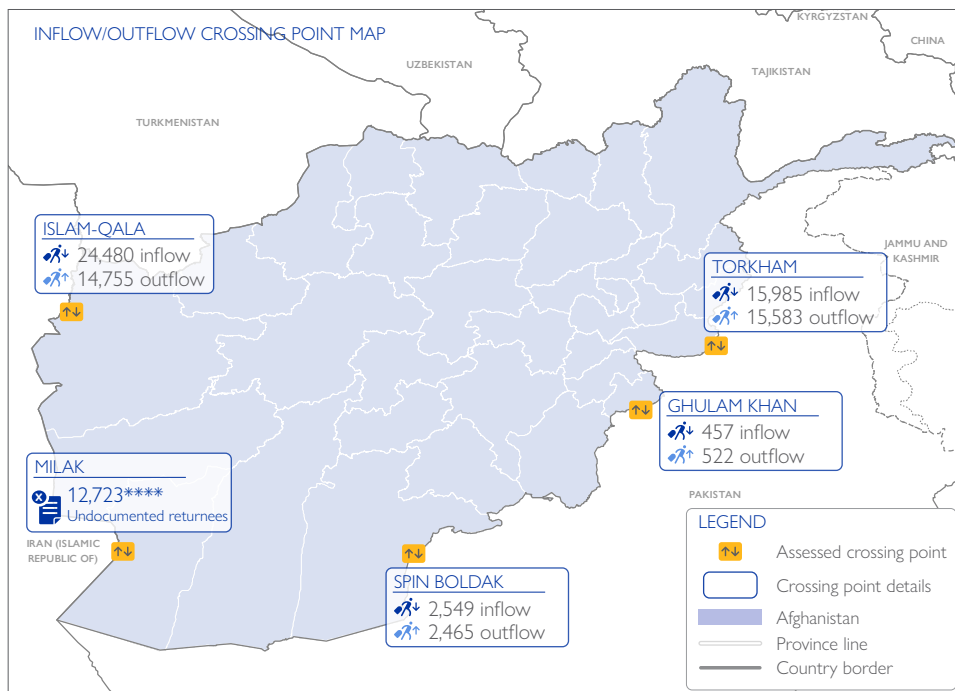
KEY INFLOW FIGURES BY BORDER COUNTRY*

	IRN	PAK
Total inflows	37,203	18,991
Documented returnees	NOT AVAILABLE	398**
Undocumented returnees	22,073***	813***
Assisted by IOM	5,279***	788***

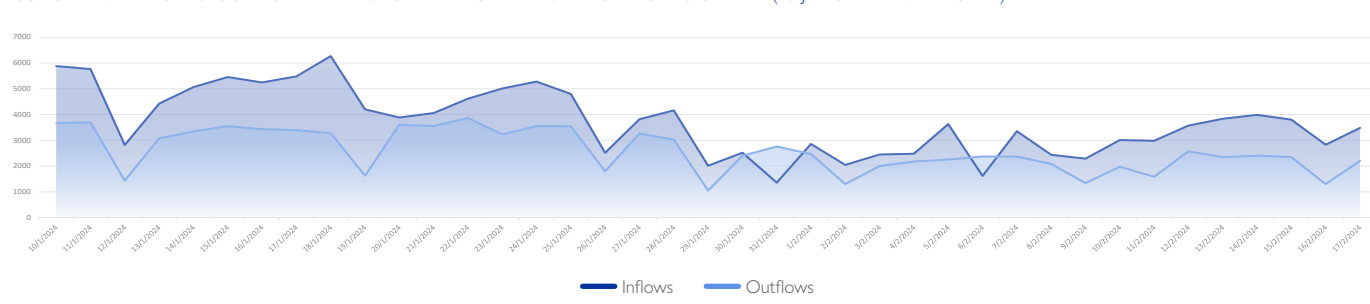
33,325 TOTAL OUTFLOWS

OUTFLOW FIGURES BY BORDER COUNTRY****

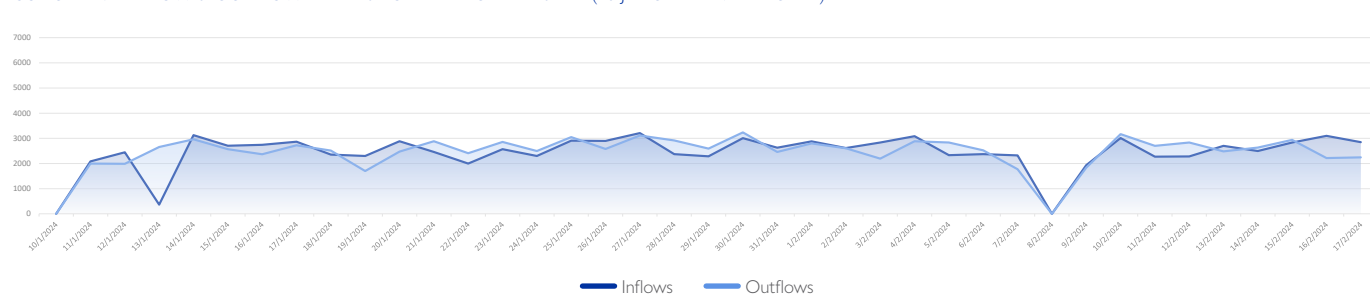
	IRN	PAK
Total outflows	14,755	18,570



CUMULATIVE INFLOW & OUTFLOW TRENDS TO AND FROM THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN (10 JANUARY - 17 FEBRUARY)



CUMULATIVE INFLOW & OUTFLOW TRENDS TO AND FROM PAKISTAN (10 JANUARY - 17 FEBRUARY)



DISCLAIMER: These maps are for illustration purposes only. The boundaries and names shown and the designations used on these maps do not imply official endorsement or acceptance by the International Organization for Migration.

* More information on the methodology of collecting data on different subsets of inflow groups can be found on the last page of this report in the section titled "IOM INFLOW DATA."

** Documented returnees include Proof of Registration (PoR) holders. Source: IOM DTM Pakistan and UNHCR Pakistan

*** This data is collected by IOM CB-PAHA. Individuals receive post-arrival assistance from IOM and support from Border Consortium partners. The Border Consortium is led by IOM. For more information and access to the Consortium dashboard, visit <https://afghanistan.iom.int/situation-reports>

**** No data collection due to operational suspensions, the undocumented returnees data collected by IOM CB-PAHA.

***** DTM Afghanistan does not collect data on subsets of outflow groups.



INFLOWS

FMC TOTAL INDIVIDUALS: 43,471

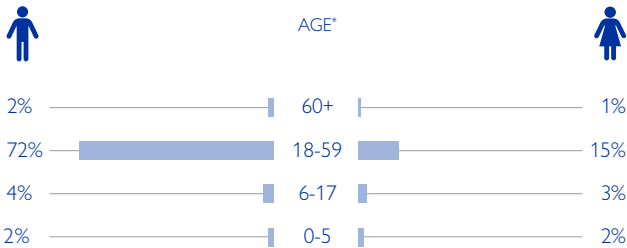
FMS TOTAL RESPONDENTS: 3,625

The following analysis compiles responses from 3,625 total Afghan nationals (1,972 at the border with the Islamic Republic of Iran, 1,653 at the border with Pakistan) interviewed by DTM Afghanistan during its FMS activity among individuals and groups entering Afghanistan.

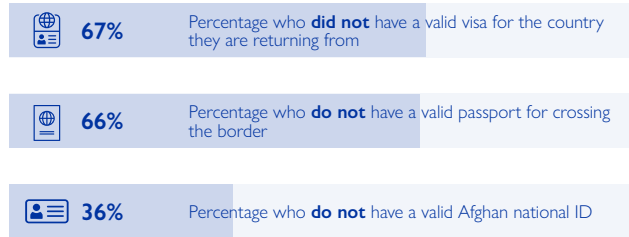
Entering Afghanistan with the intention to transit to a third country was very uncommon; the intended destination of almost all respondents arriving from the Islamic Republic of Iran or Pakistan was Afghanistan. While movements from Iran were mainly characterized by deportees and those traveling for economic reasons, movements from Pakistan involved voluntary returns and family-related visits. Male respondents arriving from the Islamic Republic of Iran were more likely than female respondents to cite deportation for their reason for travel (77% versus 63%, respectively). Meanwhile, female respondents arriving from both the Islamic Republic of Iran and Pakistan were much more likely to respond that they returned voluntarily/spontaneously (37% and 83%, respectively) compared to male respondents (23% and 84%, respectively).

PROFILES

Demographics



Documentation



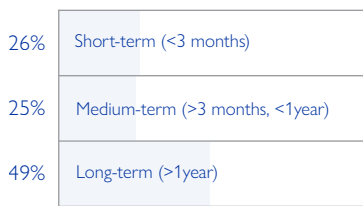
Presence of vulnerable groups



REASONS AND INTENTIONS

RESPONDENTS ARRIVING FROM THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN

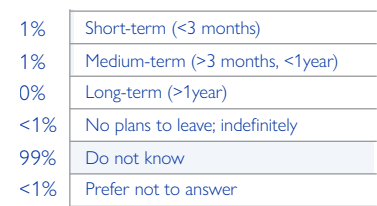
Length of stay in the Islamic Republic of Iran



Main reasons for travel from the Islamic Republic of Iran to Afghanistan (top 3)**

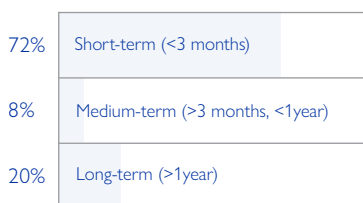


Planned length of stay in Afghanistan

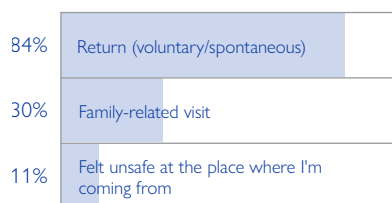


RESPONDENTS ARRIVING FROM PAKISTAN

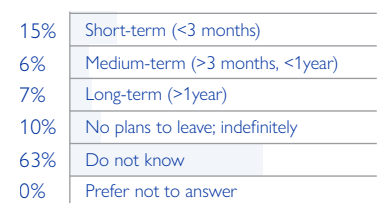
Length of stay in Pakistan



Main reasons for travel from Pakistan to Afghanistan (top 3)**



Planned length of stay in Afghanistan



* Individuals under 18 were assessed by having an accompanying adult answer on their behalf.

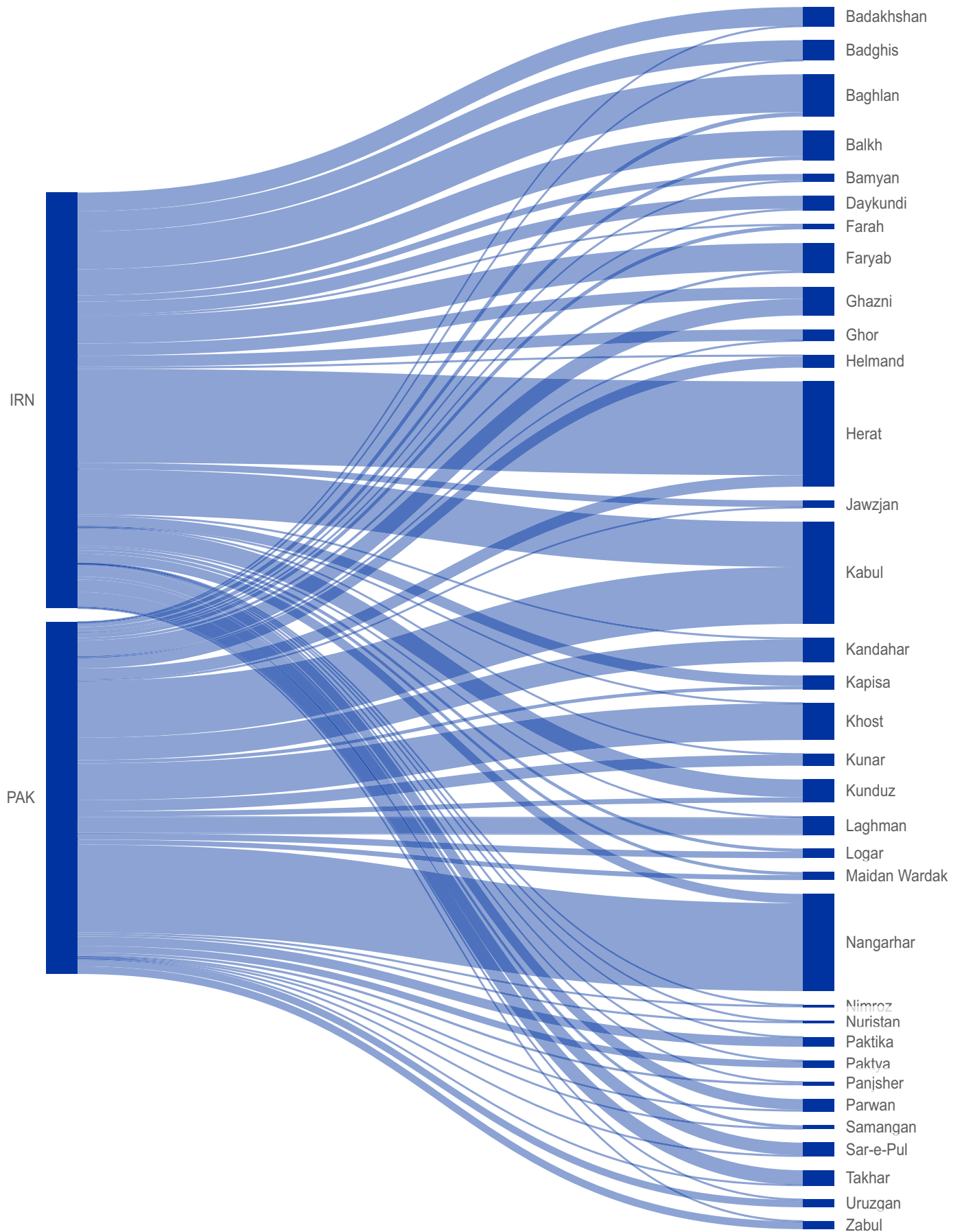
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INFLOWS

ORIGIN COUNTRIES

DESTINATION PROVINCES





OUTFLOWS

FMC TOTAL INDIVIDUALS: 33,325

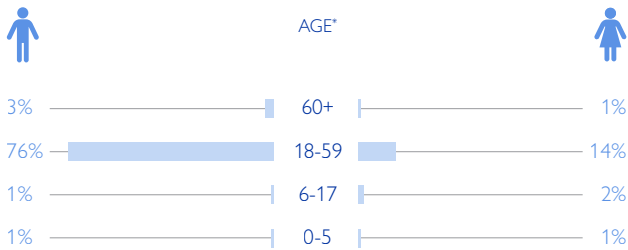
FMS TOTAL RESPONDENTS: 1,776

The following analysis compiles responses from 1,776 total Afghan nationals (531 at the border with the Islamic Republic of Iran, 1,245 at the border with Pakistan) interviewed by DTM Afghanistan during its FMS activity among individuals and groups leaving Afghanistan.

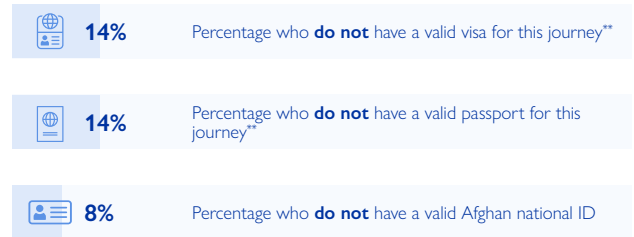
Possessing travel documents, including a passport and visa, was relatively common among those leaving Afghanistan. This stands in contrast with the majority of those arriving to Afghanistan, who were not carrying travel documents. The majority of those going abroad reported that this was their first time leaving Afghanistan. Most respondents going to the Islamic Republic of Iran intended to stay there for a year or less, while most going to Pakistan planned shorter trips; the majority intended to stay less than three months. These intentions reflect respondents' reasons for migration. While family-related visits were a common reason to leave Afghanistan for both those going to Pakistan and those going to the Islamic Republic of Iran, accessing healthcare, which can often constitute a shorter visit, was more common among the former, whereas economic motivations, likely related to employment, were more common among the latter.

PROFILES

Demographics



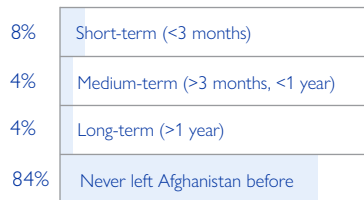
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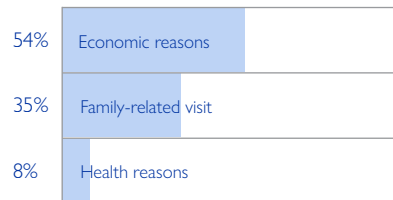
REASONS AND INTENTIONS

RESPONDENTS GOING TO THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN

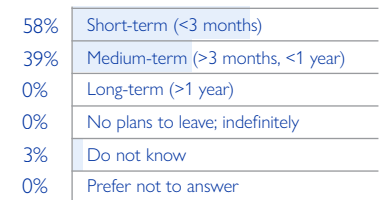
Length of stay in Afghanistan



Main reasons for travel from Afghanistan to the Islamic Republic of Iran (top 3)***

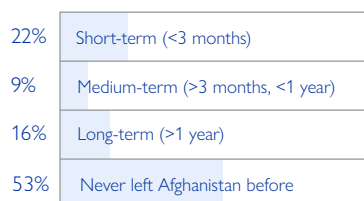


Planned length of stay in the Islamic Republic of Iran

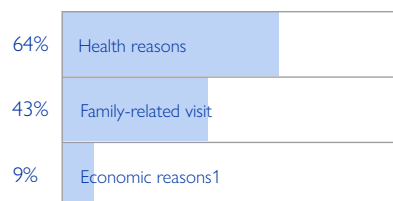


RESPONDENTS GOING TO PAKISTAN

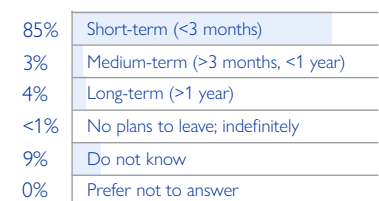
Length of stay in Afghanistan



Main reasons for travel from Afghanistan to Pakistan (top 3)***



Planned length of stay in Pakistan



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** These percentages are based on the responses of interviewees only and have no means of verification.

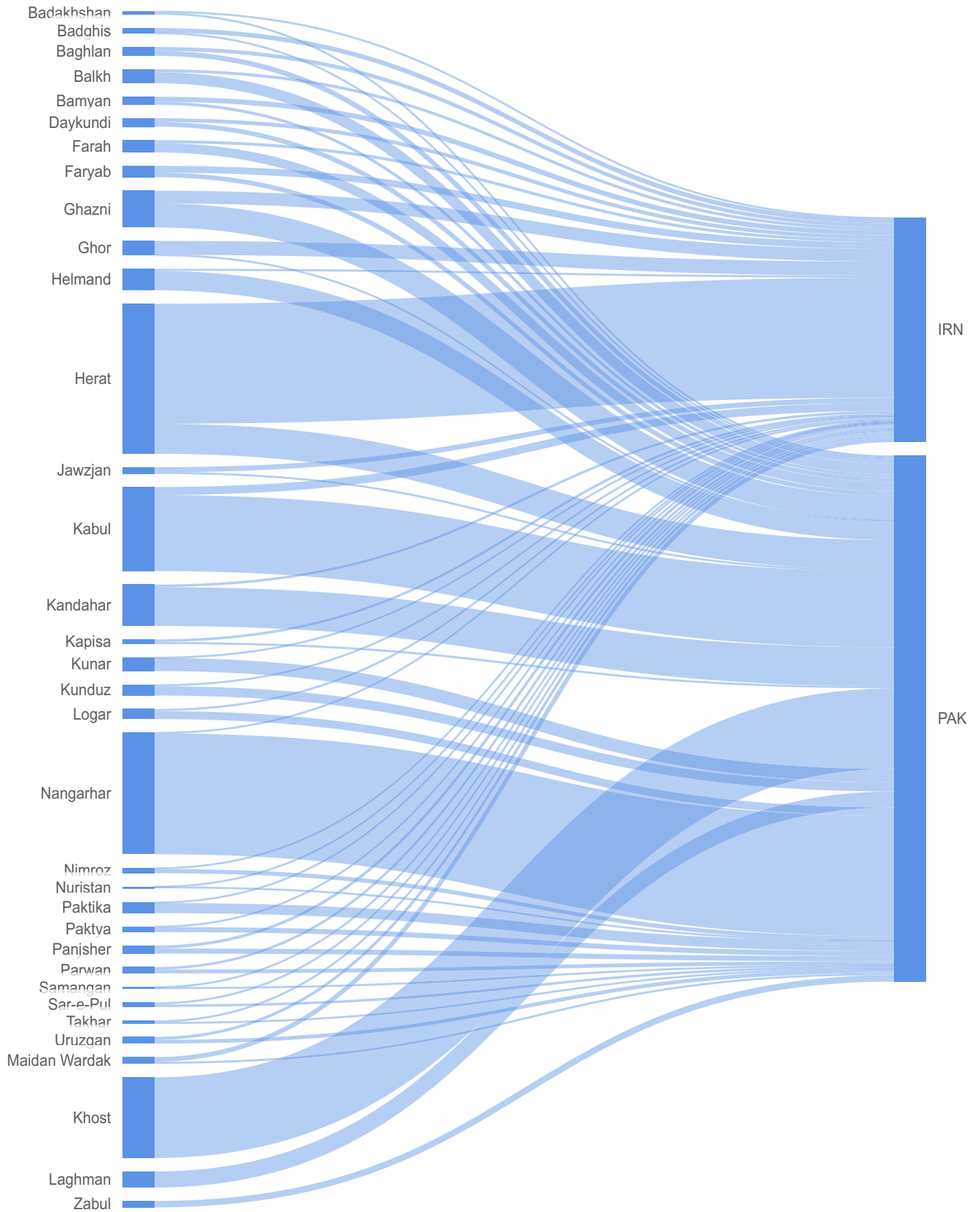
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ORIGIN PROVINCES

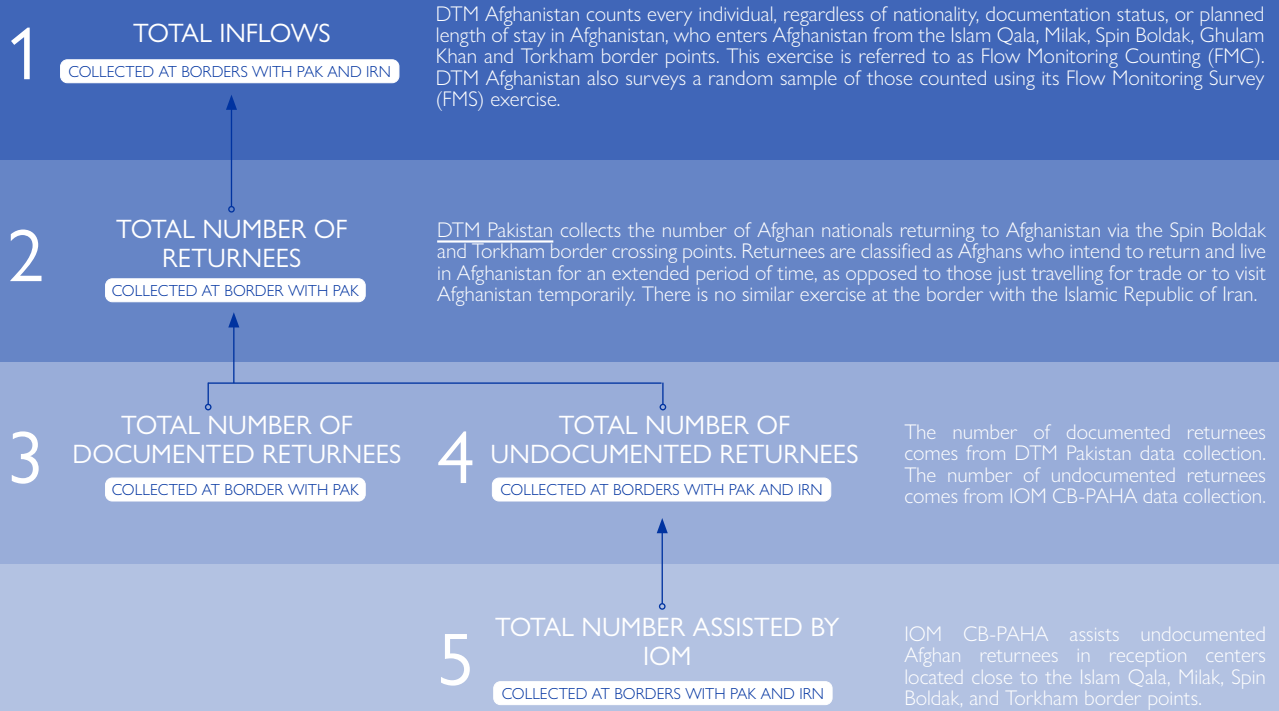
DESTINATION COUNTRIES





IOM INFLOW DATA

DTM Afghanistan, DTM Pakistan, and IOM Afghanistan's Cross Border Post-Arrival Humanitarian Assistance (CB-PAHA) program use different methodologies to collect data on various demographic subsets of individuals entering Afghanistan (inflows). The following flow chart illustrates the relationships between the subsets and how IOM coordinates its various activities and methodologies to develop more robust and comprehensive databases on movements into Afghanistan.



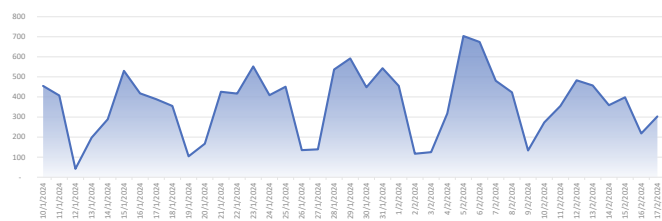
DATA ON ASSISTED AFGHAN RETURNEES

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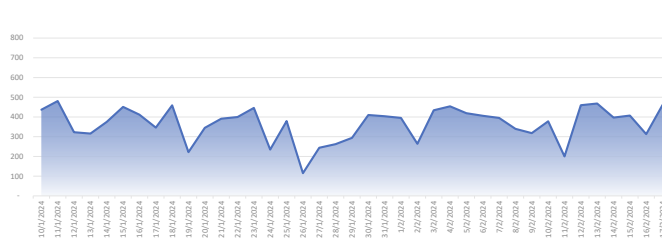
CUMULATIVE TRENDS: NUMBER OF RETURNEES ASSISTED BY IOM (10 JANUARY - 17 FEBRUARY)

FROM THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN

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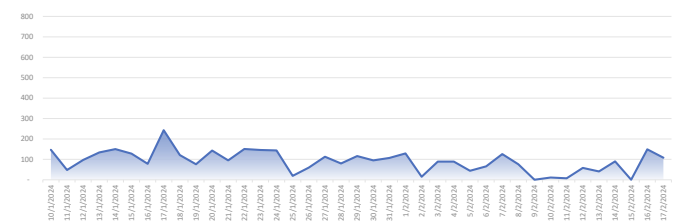


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FROM PAKISTAN

SPIN BOLDAK



TORKHAM

