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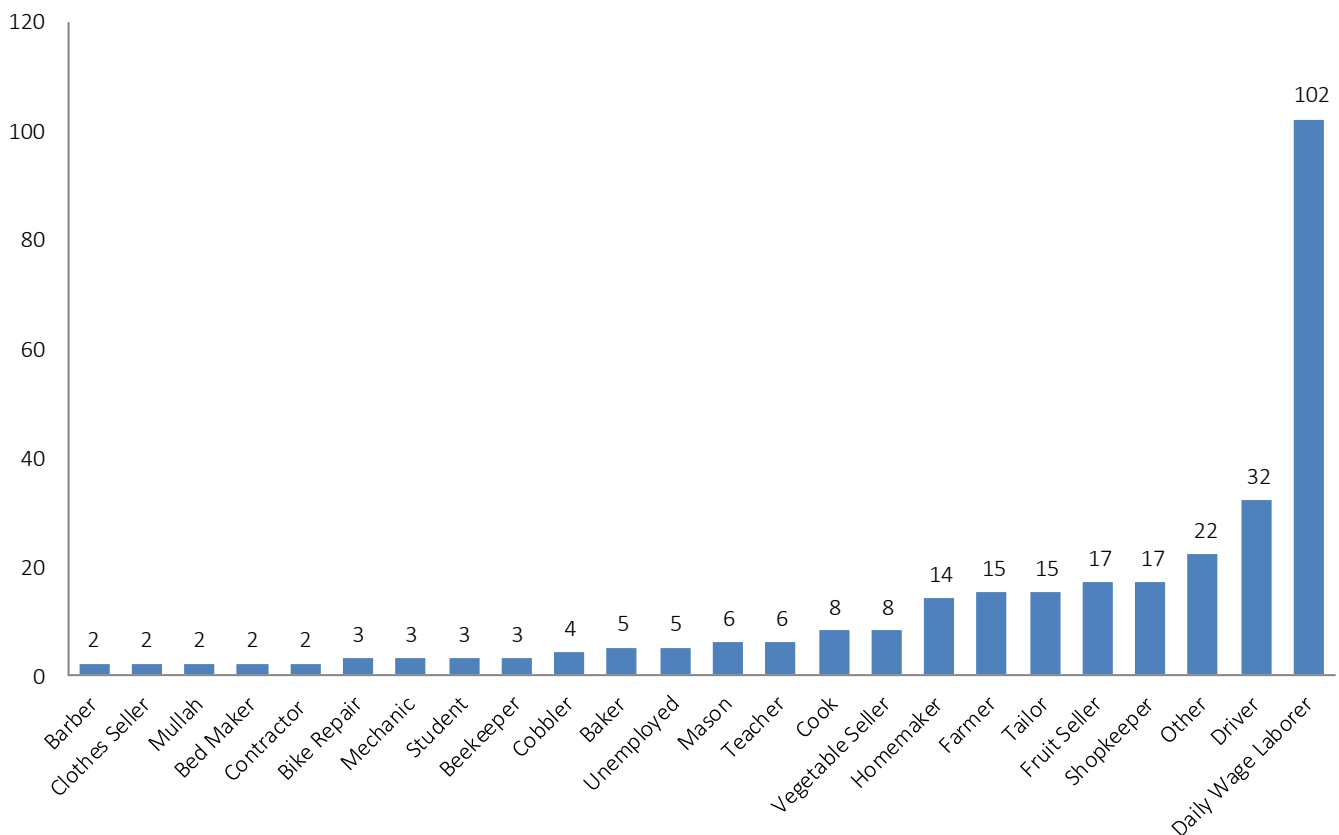
Since the beginning of 2016, over 700,000 undocumented Afghans have returned to Afghanistan. Many of those returning have lived outside of Afghanistan for decades, and will need support from the government and humanitarian actors both on arrival and as they seek to reintegrate into a country already struggling with widespread conflict and displacement.

To better understand the livelihood conditions, socio-economic and reintegration needs of undocumented Afghan returnees from Pakistan, IOM has been conducting socio-economic surveys using randomized sampling at the Torkham border in Nangarhar. It takes between 15-20 minutes for each household to complete the survey.

From 2 November through 31 December 2016, a total of 306 heads of household were interviewed at Zero Point and IOM's Transit Center near the border. The results of those interviews are analyzed in the following report.

Question 1: What was your occupation in Pakistan?

Thirty-four per cent (102 households) of the heads of household interviewed said they had been working as daily wage laborers* in Pakistan, followed by drivers (11%, 32) and shopkeepers and fruit sellers (6%, 17).



*Daily wage labor includes different forms of unskilled, manual labor.

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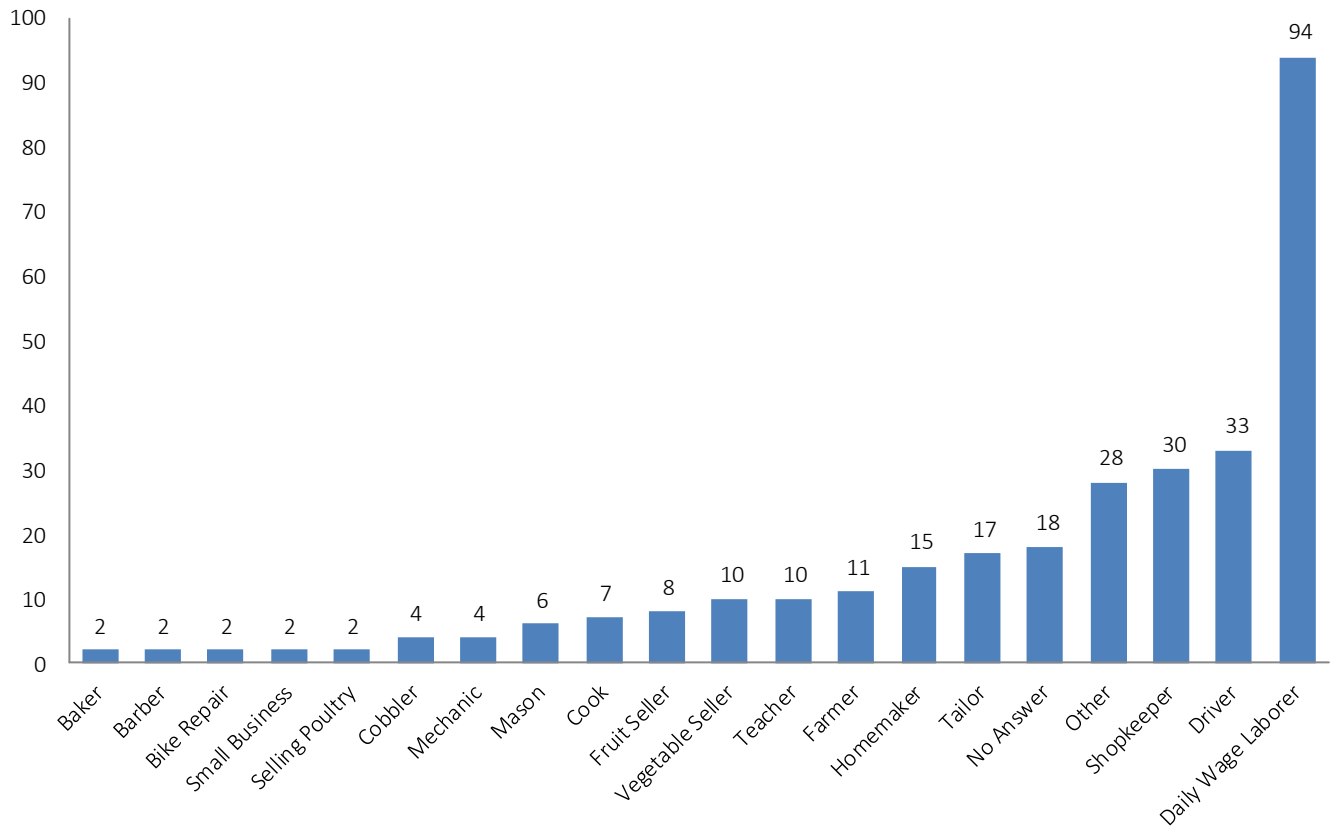
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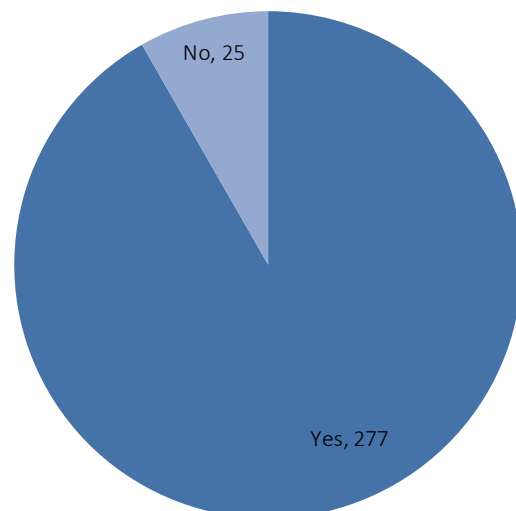
Question 2: What are your job plans when you return to Afghanistan?

Most of the heads of household surveyed (31%, 94 HH) intend to look for daily wage labor once they settled in their final destination. Others intend to work as drivers (11%, 33 HH) and shopkeepers (10%, 30 HH).



Question 3: Have you done this job previously?

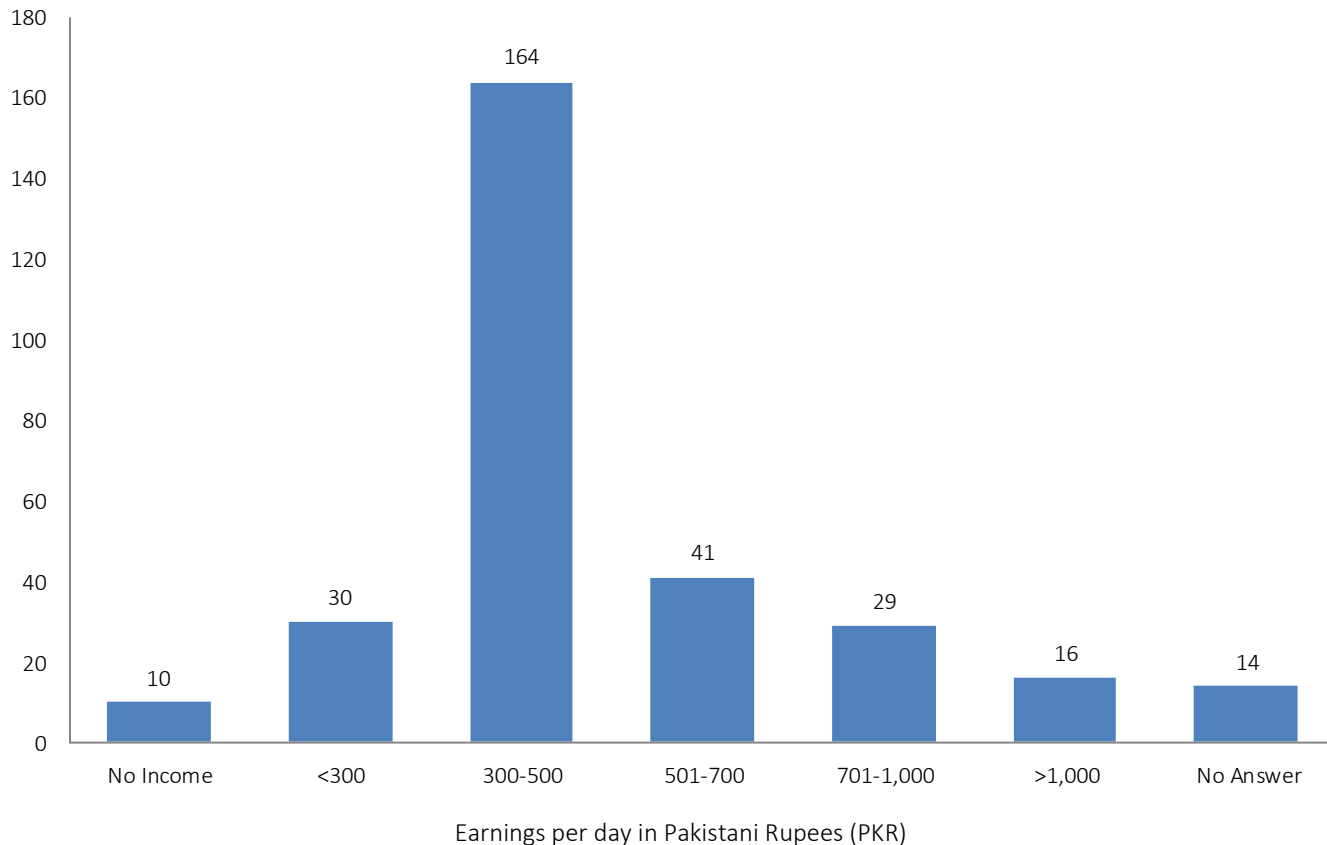
Ninety-two per cent (277 HH) of the heads of family interviewed had previously done the type of work that they intended to seek out in Afghanistan.



Question 4: How much money did you earn per day in Pakistan?

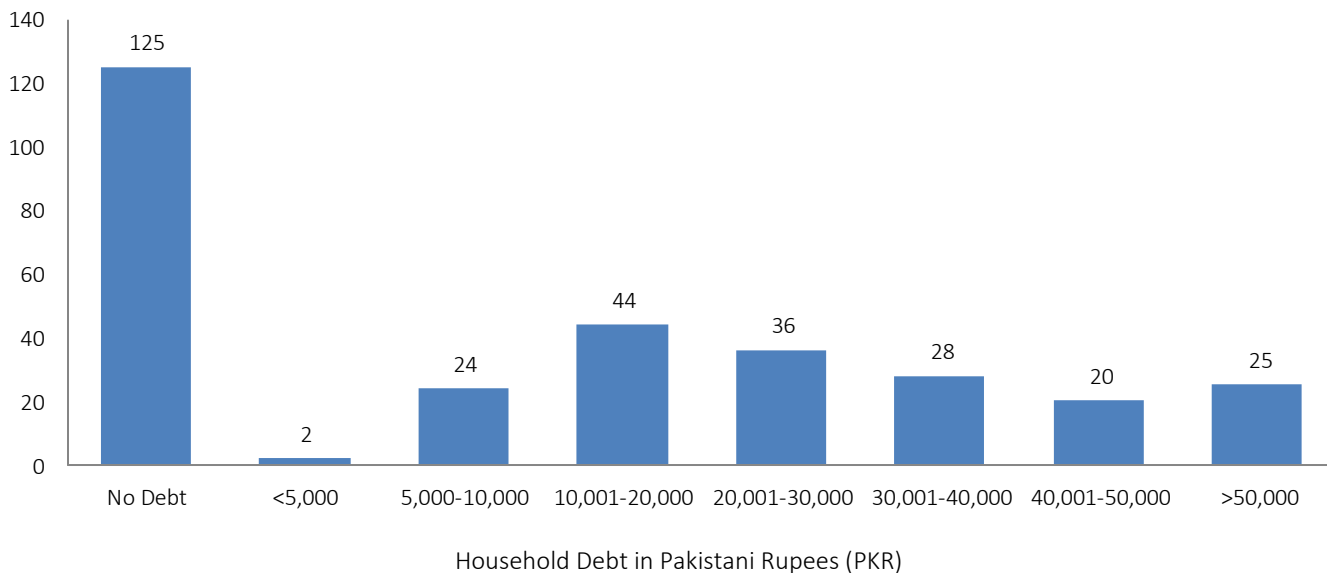
(1 USD= 105 PKR)

Fifty-four per cent of the interviewed households (164 HH) reported earning between 300-500 Pakistani Rupees (PKR) per day, followed by 14% (41 HH) earning between 501-700 PKR/day and 10% (30 HH) earning less than 300 PKR/day.



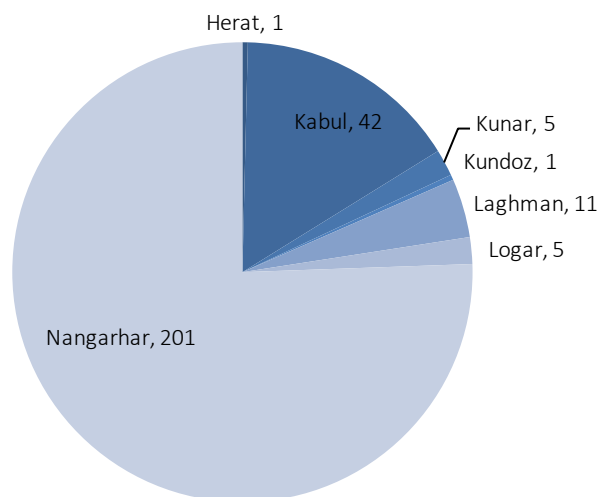
Question 5: How much debt do you currently have?

The majority of the heads of household interviewed (59%, 179 HH) reported at least some debt, mostly between 10,000-20,000 PKR. Forty-one per cent of households (125 HH) had no debt, while 8% (25 HH) had more than 50,000 PKR.



Question 6: Where do you plan to settle?

The substantial majority of the households surveyed (76%, 201 households) plan to settle in Nangarhar province. Sixteen per cent (35 households) plan to settle in Kabul, while Laghman (4%, 11 households) and Kunar and Logar (2%, 5 households) follow.



Question 7: If a safe job were available for your wife, would you allow her to work outside the house?

Seventy-one per cent of heads of household (217) responded yes, and 29% (89 HH) responded no.

Question 8: Do you allow your children (under-18) to work?

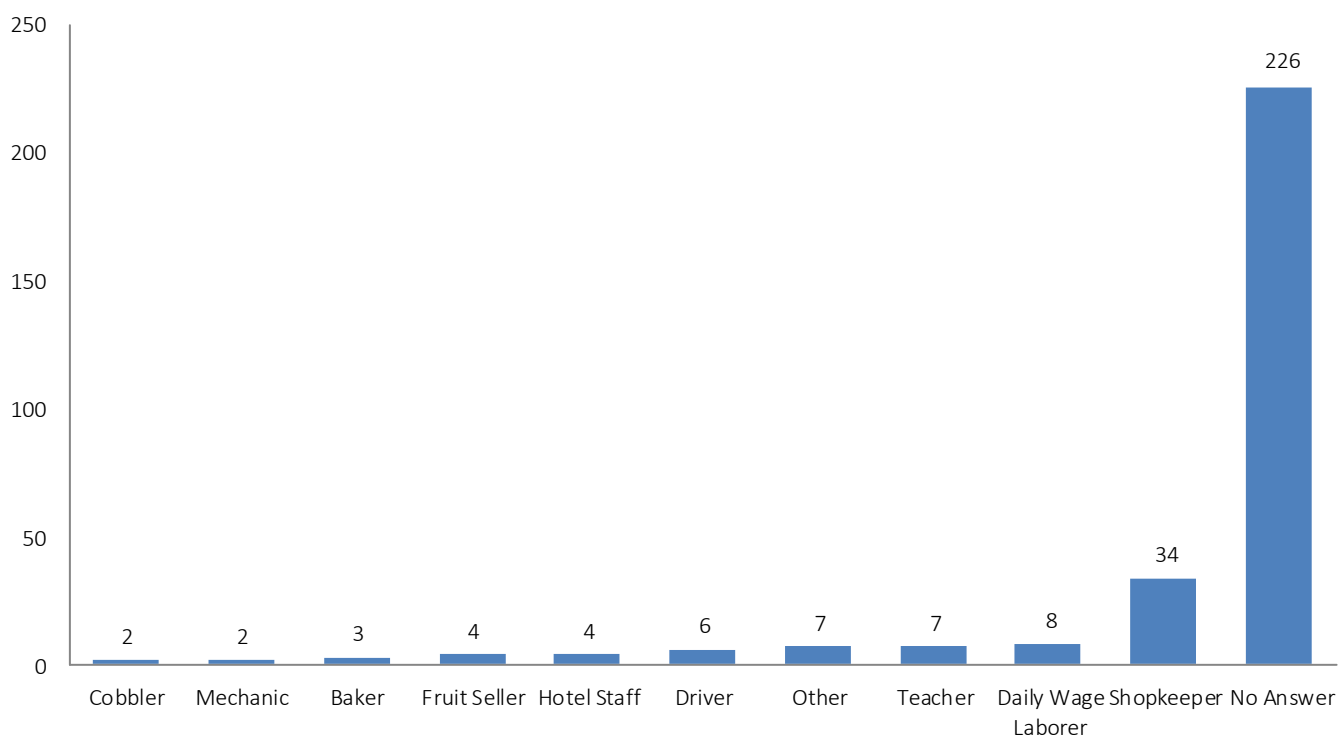
Seventy per cent of households (212 households) responded no, and 31% (94 households) responded yes.

Question 9: If yes, are they allowed to work outside the home?

Seventy-five per cent (226 households) responded no, and 25% (77 households) responded yes.

Question 10: What type of work is most suitable for your children?

The majority (68%, 226) of heads of household surveyed had no answer, while 11% (34 households) answered “shopkeeper”.

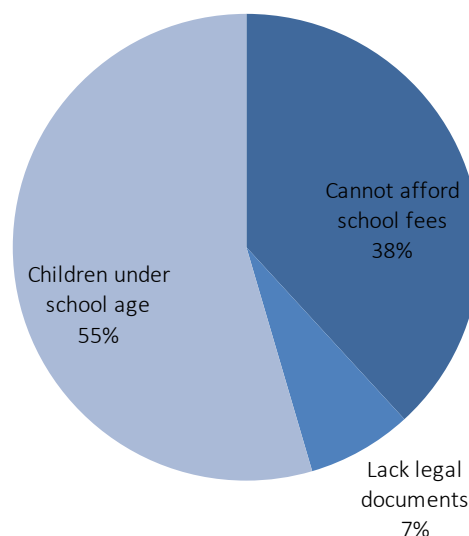


Question 11: Did your children go to school in Pakistan?

Seventy-four per cent of heads of household (166 households) responded yes, and 26% (57 households) responded no.

Question 12: If not, why?

The main reason cited was children being under school age (55%, 30 households), followed by lack of money for school fees (38%, 21 households) and lack of legal documents (7%, 4 households).



Question 13: Do you plan to enroll your children in school when you reach your final destination?

Ninety-nine per cent (218 households) of the households surveyed responded yes, while 1% (2 households) responded no.

Question 14: Who will you ask for help with finding a job once you are settled?

Seventy-six per cent (168 households) will seek assistance from relatives, while 18% (41 households) will ask a village elder and 6% (13 households) will ask a local Mullah.

Question 15: What assistance do you need the most?

The majority of heads of household surveyed (52%, 156 HH) indicated shelter as their primary need, followed by financial support (23%, 69 HH), job opportunities (7%, 22 HH) and help starting a business and land (5%, 16 HH).

