DISPLACEMENT TRACKING MATRIX AFGHANISTAN

FLOW MONITORING SNAPSHOT

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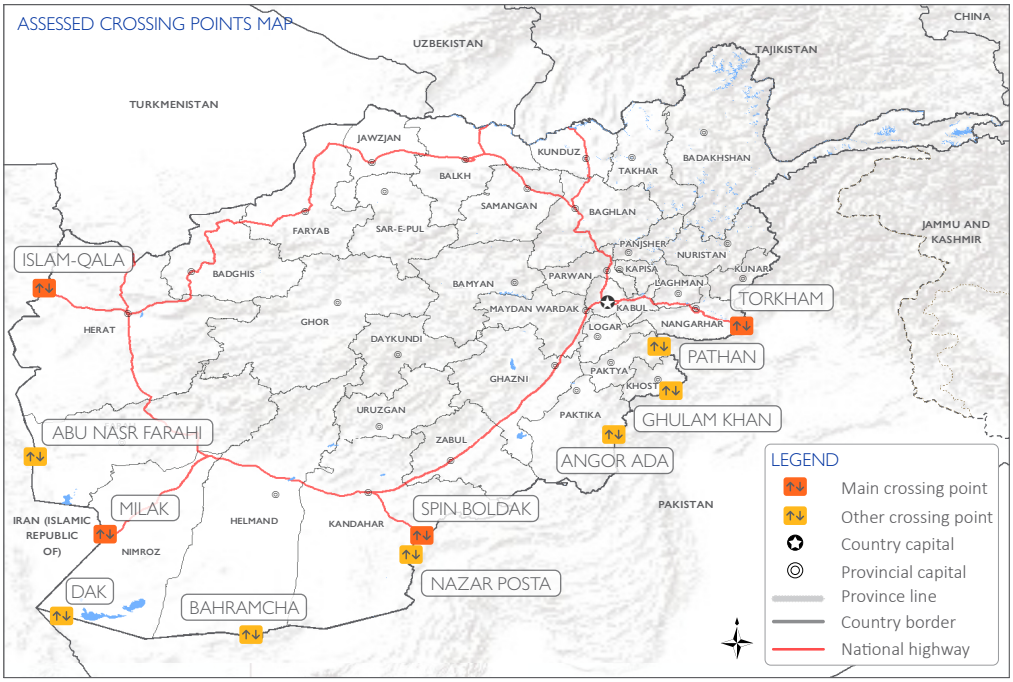
ABOUT DTM FLOW MONITORING

The IOM Afghanistan's DTM Flow Monitoring activity is designed to provide insights into the mobility patterns at Afghanistan's border points with the Islamic Republic of Iran and Pakistan. The activity involves two interlinked exercises: the Flow Monitoring Counting (FMC), a headcount of individuals crossing the border, and the Flow Monitoring Surveys (FMS), which collect data on the profiles and intentions of randomly selected Afghan nationals. DTM FM is operational at four main crossing points (connected to Afghanistan's National Highway) as well as seven other crossing points with Islamic Republic of Iran and Pakistan. This weekly snapshot combines information from the FM activity and various IOM sources related to cross-border movement. For a detailed explanation of the methodology used in gathering this data, the report directs readers to the section titled "IOM INFLOW DATA" on the last page.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE WEEK

- **Inflow exceeded outflow by 35 per cent this week. Both inflows and outflows decreased by 8 per cent from last week.**
- **Out of the total inflow, 92 per cent entered Afghanistan through four main border points, while only eight per cent used the other seven border points. For the total outflow, 88 per cent departed via the main border points, and 12 per cent left through the other border points.**
- **This week's snapshot includes information on data collected during the month of July at Kabul airport by IOM's Cross Border Post-Arrival Humanitarian Assistance (CB-PAHA) program on individuals arriving from Turkey on page 8.**

ASSESSED CROSSING POINTS MAP



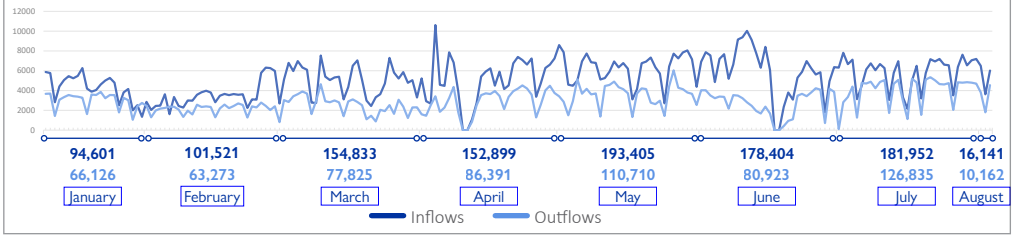
DISCLAIMER: This map is for illustration purpose only. The boundaries and names shown and the designations used on this map do not imply official endorsement or acceptance by the International Organization for Migration.

ASSESSED CROSSING POINTS FIGURES

Ordered from west to east

Crossing point	Inflow	Outflow
Islam Qala	29,443	21,375
Abu Nasar Farahi	1,031	1,959
Milak	14,093	5,977
Bahramcha	3,045	2,783
Nazar Posta	608	725
Spin Boldak	5,973	5,470
Angor Ada	146	116
Ghulam Khan	723	633
Pathan	76	17
Torkham	14,678	12,778

CUMULATIVE INFLOW & OUTFLOW TRENDS TO AND FROM THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN (10 JANUARY - 3 AUGUST)



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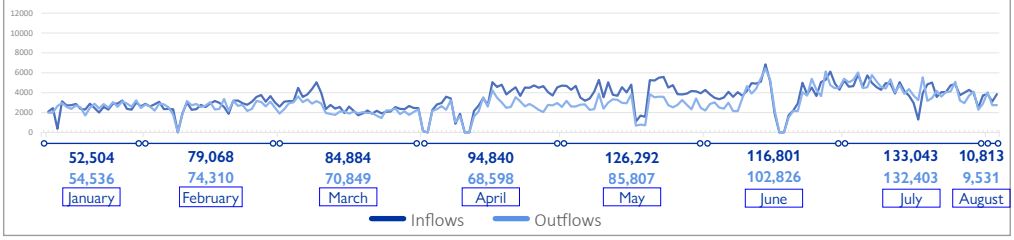

69,816 TOTAL INFLOWS

KEY INFLOW FIGURES BY BORDER COUNTRY*

Figure	IRN	PAK
Total inflows	44,567	25,249
Documented returnees**	NOT AVAILABLE	1,276
Undocumented returnees***	24,150	1,386
Assisted by IOM	4,051	1,380

51,833 TOTAL OUTFLOWS

OUTFLOW FIGURES BY BORDER COUNTRY****

Figure	IRN	PAK
Total inflows	29,311	22,522

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

INFLOWS

The following analysis compiles responses from 4,919 total Afghan nationals (2,567 at the border with the Islamic Republic of Iran, 2,352 at the border with Pakistan) interviewed by DTM Afghanistan during its FMS activity among individuals and groups entering Afghanistan.

INFLOWS FROM THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN

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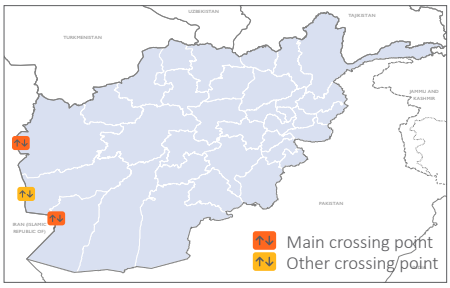

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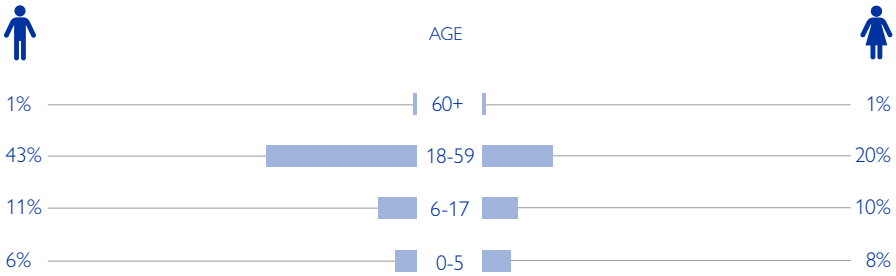

RESPONDENTS ARRIVING FROM MAIN BORDER POINTS

Presence of vulnerable groups**

Unaccompanied minor	Single female	Pregnant/ lactating person	Chronic disease/ special needs	Female-headed household	Child-headed household
<1%	1%	4%	1%	3%	<1%

Documentation held**

17%	Amayash card***
<1%	Hoshmand card (Smart ID Card)***
5%	Valid passport
2%	Valid visa
45%	Valid Tazkira
47%	None of the above

Length of stay in the Islamic Republic of Iran

14%	Short-term (<3 months)
14%	Medium-term (>3 months, <1year)
72%	Long-term (>1year)

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

58%	Deportation
41%	Return (voluntary/spontaneous)
40%	Economic reasons

Planned length of stay in Afghanistan

4%	Short-term (<3 months)
1%	Medium-term (>3 months, <1year)
<1%	Long-term (>1year)
37%	No plans to leave; indefinitely
58%	Do not know
<1%	Prefer not to answer

RESPONDENTS ARRIVING FROM OTHER BORDER POINTS

Presence of vulnerable groups**

Unaccompanied minor	Single female	Pregnant/ lactating person	Chronic disease/ special needs	Female-headed household	Child-headed
0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%

Documentation held**

0%	Amayash card***
0%	Hoshmand card (Smart ID Card)***
100%	Valid passport
0%	Valid visa
25%	Valid Tazkira
0%	None of the above

Length of stay in the Islamic Republic of Iran

16%	Short-term (<3 months)
68%	Medium-term (>3 months, <1year)
16%	Long-term (>1year)

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

92%	Return (voluntary/spontaneous)
58%	Family-related visit
13%	Transit/Visa and residential reasons

Planned length of stay in Afghanistan

38%	Short-term (<3 months)
25%	Medium-term (>3 months, <1year)
2%	Long-term (>1year)
2%	No plans to leave; indefinitely
33%	Do not know
0%	Prefer not to answer

* Individuals under 18 were assessed by having an accompanying adult answer on their behalf.
** Multiple answers were possible. As a result, percentages may exceed 100%.
*** Amayash (Foreign Nationals Temporary Residence Card) and Hoshmand (Smart ID Card) are issued by the Islamic Republic of Iran and allow Afghan nationals to live and access services in the country. and Tazkira is the name for the Afghan national ID.

INFLOWS

INFLOWS FROM PAKISTAN

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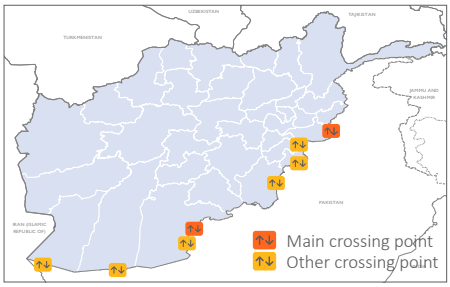

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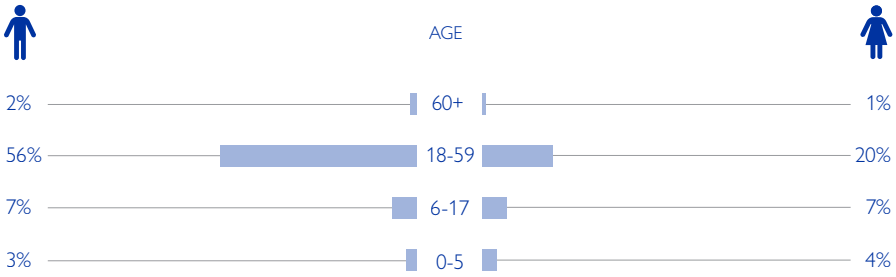

RESPONDENTS ARRIVING FROM MAIN BORDER POINTS

Presence of vulnerable groups**

Unaccompanied minor	Single female	Pregnant/ lactating person	Chronic disease/ special needs	Female-headed household	Child-headed household
0%	<1%	1%	<1%	1%	0%

Documentation held**

13%	PoR, VRF and Partnerslip cards***
2%	ACC card***
40%	Valid passport
36%	Valid visa
53%	Valid Tazkira
30%	None of the above

Length of stay in Pakistan

39%	Short-term (<3 months)
6%	Medium-term (>3 months, <1year)
55%	Long-term (>1year)

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

94%	Return (voluntary/spontaneous)
21%	Family-related visit
18%	Felt unsafe at the place where I'm coming from

Planned length of stay in Afghanistan

17%	Short-term (<3 months)
5%	Medium-term (>3 months, <1year)
1%	Long-term (>1year)
38%	No plans to leave; indefinitely
39%	Do not know
<1%	Prefer not to answer

RESPONDENTS ARRIVING FROM OTHER BORDER POINTS

Presence of vulnerable groups**

Unaccompanied minor	Single female	Pregnant/ lactating person	Chronic disease/ special needs	Female-headed household	Child-headed household
0%	<1%	<1%	2%	2%	1%

Documentation held**

0%	PoR, VRF and Partnerslip cards***
9%	ACC card***
2%	Valid passport
0%	Valid visa
76%	Valid Tazkira
13%	None of the above

Length of stay in Pakistan

40%	Short-term (<3 months)
30%	Medium-term (>3 months, <1year)
30%	Long-term (>1year)

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

61%	Family-related visit
22%	Economic reasons
20%	Health reasons

Planned length of stay in Afghanistan

15%	Short-term (<3 months)
20%	Medium-term (>3 months, <1year)
8%	Long-term (>1year)
18%	No plans to leave; indefinitely
34%	Do not know
5%	Prefer not to answer

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*** Proof of Registration Cards (PoR) allow Afghan nationals to live and have freedom of movement in Pakistan. Partnerslip and VRF Asylum cards are given to PoR card holders who intend to re-enter Afghanistan. Afghan Citizen Cards (ACC) regularize unregistered Afghan nationals in Pakistan. Tazkira is the name for the Afghan national ID.

OUTFLOWS

The following analysis compiles responses from 2,345 total Afghan nationals (764 at the border with the Islamic Republic of Iran, 1,581 at the border with Pakistan) interviewed by DTM Afghanistan during its FMS activity among individuals and groups leaving Afghanistan.

OUTFLOWS TO THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN

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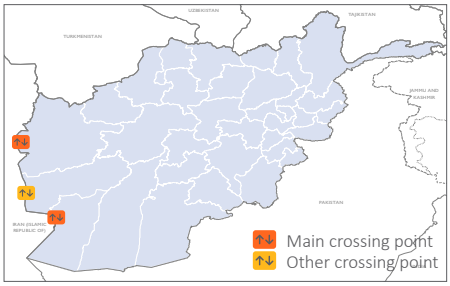

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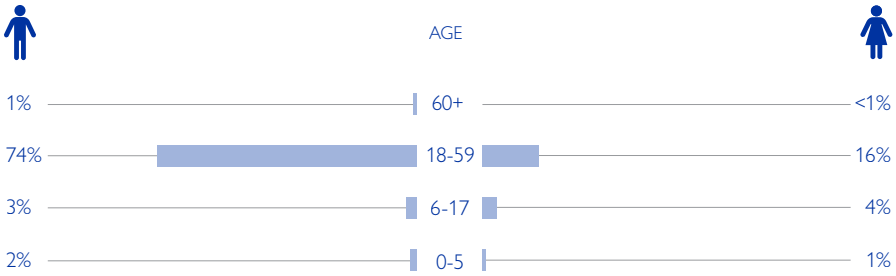

RESPONDENTS GOING THROUGH MAIN BORDER POINTS

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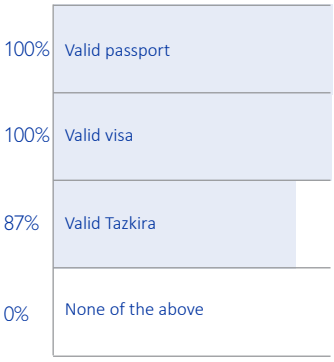
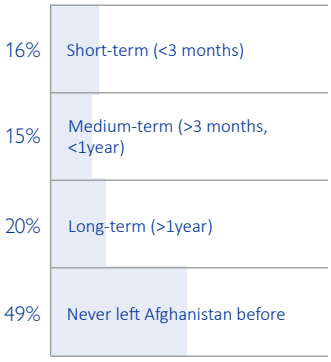
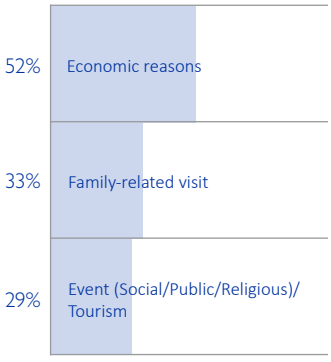


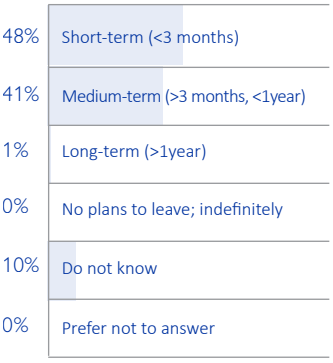
Length of stay in Afghanistan



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



Planned length of stay in the Islamic Republic of Iran



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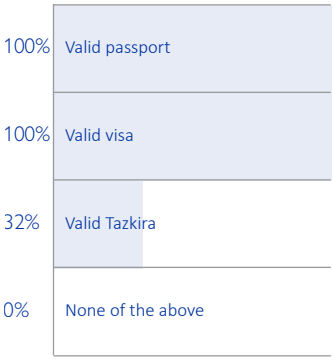

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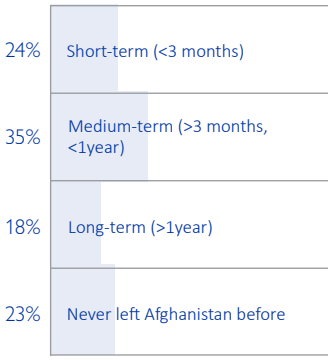

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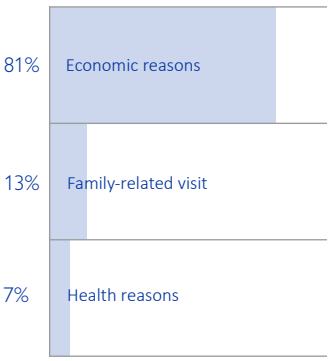

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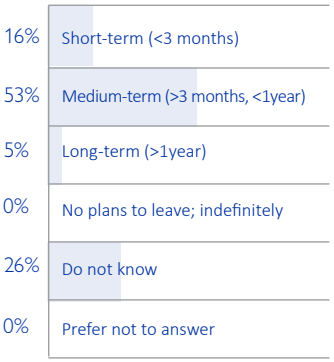

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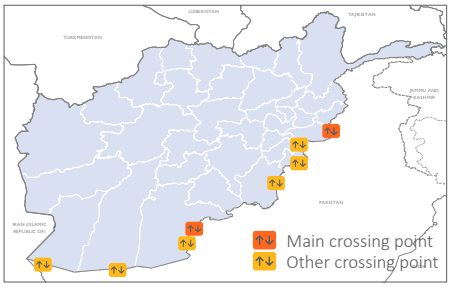

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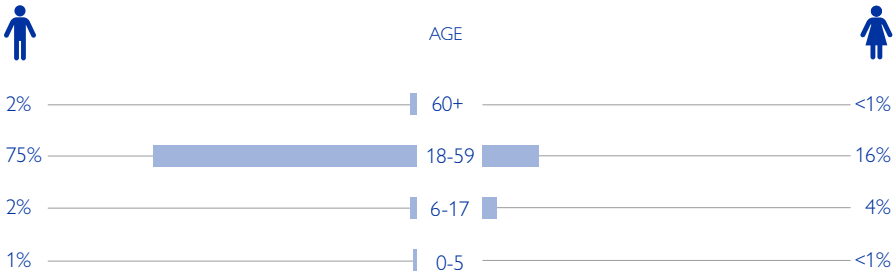

RESPONDENTS GOING THROUGH MAIN BORDER POINTS

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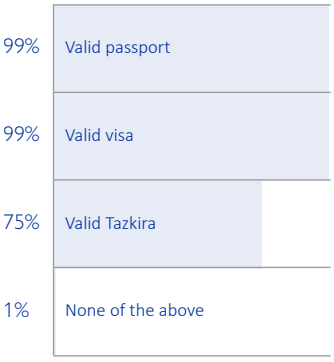

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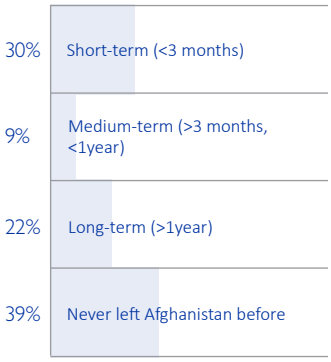

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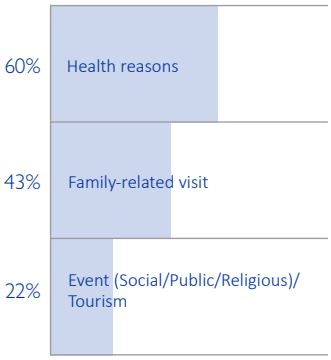

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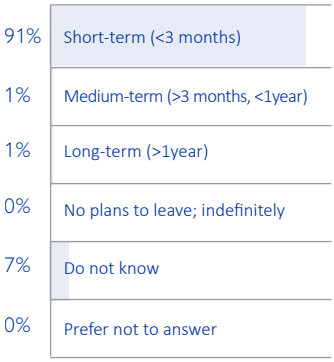

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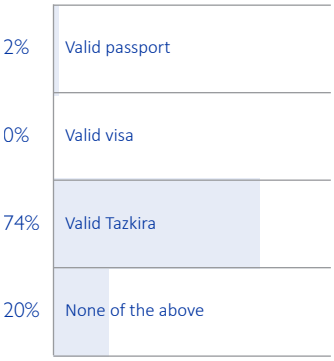

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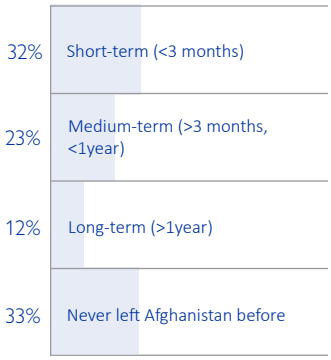

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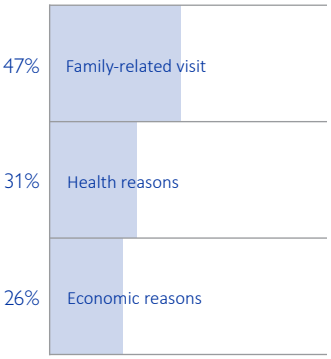

Planned length of stay in Pakistan

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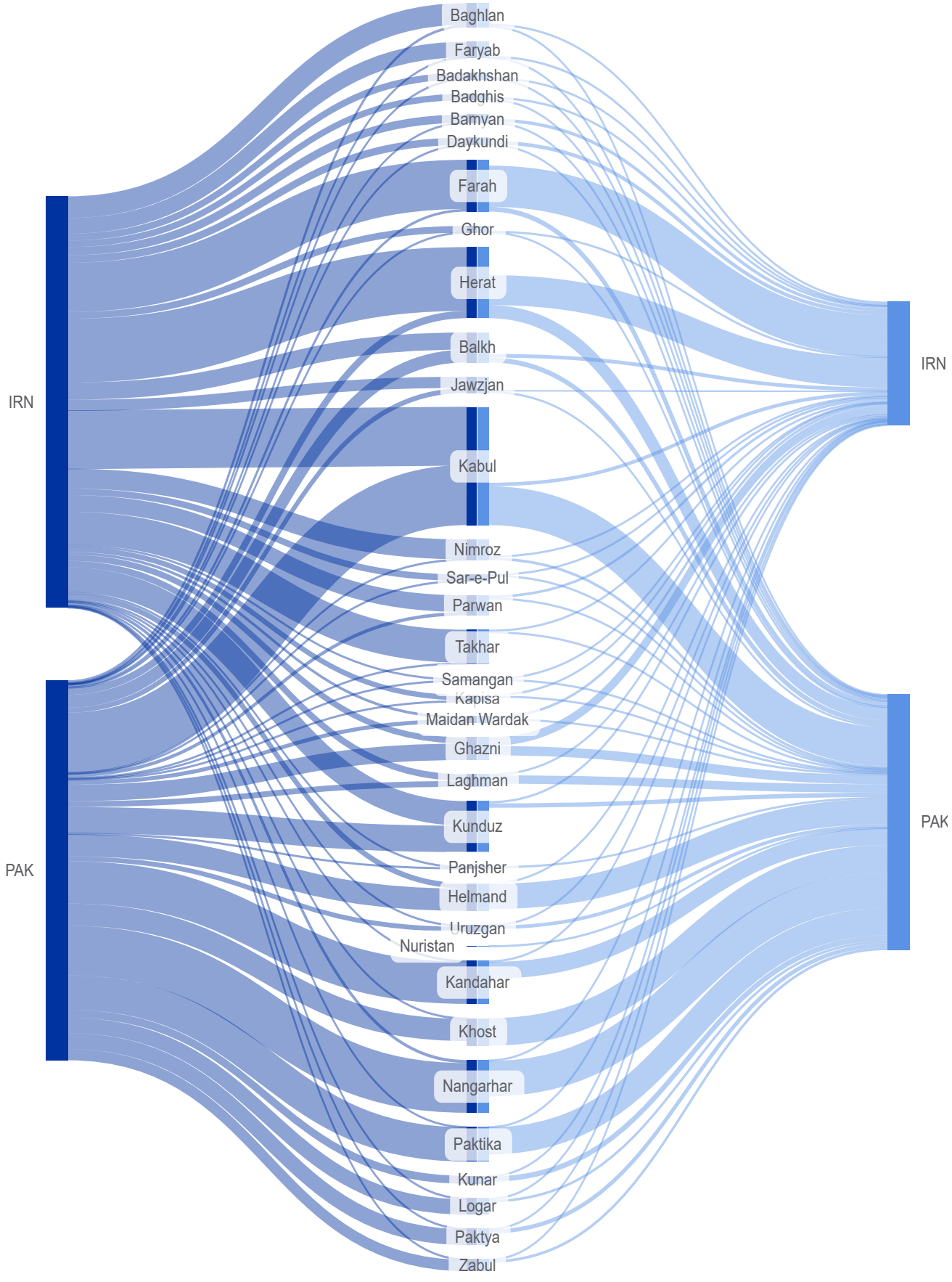
ORIGINS AND DESTINATIONS

INFLOW | OUTFLOW



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.

1 TOTAL INFLOWS
COLLECTED AT BORDERS WITH PAK AND IRN

DTM Afghanistan counts every individual, regardless of nationality, documentation status, or planned length of stay in Afghanistan, who enters Afghanistan from the Ghulam Khan, Islam Qala, Milak, Spin Boldak, and Torkham border points. This exercise is referred to as Flow Monitoring Counting (FMC). DTM Afghanistan also surveys a random sample of those counted using its Flow Monitoring Survey (FMS) exercise.

2 TOTAL NUMBER OF RETURNEES
COLLECTED AT BORDER WITH PAK

DTM Pakistan collects the number of Afghan nationals returning to Afghanistan via the Spin Boldak and Torkham border crossing points. Returnees are classified as Afghans who intend to return and live in Afghanistan for an extended period of time, as opposed to those just travelling for trade or to visit Afghanistan temporarily. There is no similar exercise at the border with the Islamic Republic of Iran.

3 TOTAL NUMBER OF DOCUMENTED RETURNEES
COLLECTED AT BORDER WITH PAK

4 TOTAL NUMBER OF UNDOCUMENTED RETURNEES
COLLECTED AT BORDERS WITH PAK AND IRN

The number of documented returnees comes from DTM Pakistan data collection. The number of undocumented returnees comes from IOM CB-PAHA data collection.

5 TOTAL NUMBER ASSISTED BY IOM
COLLECTED AT BORDERS WITH PAK AND IRN

IOM CB-PAHA assists undocumented Afghan returnees in reception centers located close to the Islam Qala, Milak, Spin Boldak, and Torkham border points.

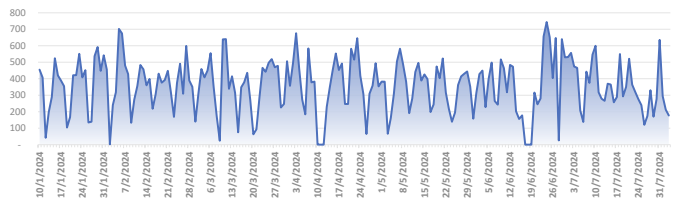
DATA ON ASSISTED AFGHAN RETURNEES

IOM Afghanistan's CB-PAHA program collects information on undocumented Afghan returnees who pass through reception centers near the border and receive assistance from IOM and Border Consortium partners. The Border Consortium is led by IOM. For more information and access to the Consortium dashboard, visit this link.

CUMULATIVE TRENDS: NUMBER OF RETURNEES ASSISTED BY IOM (10 JANUARY - 3 AUGUST)

FROM THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN

ISLAM QALA



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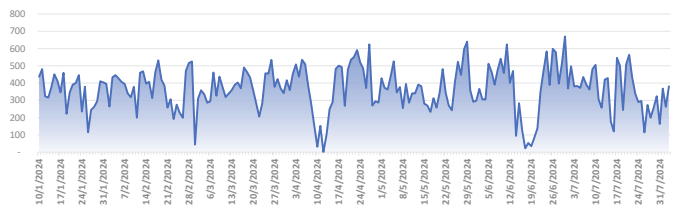

FROM PAKISTAN

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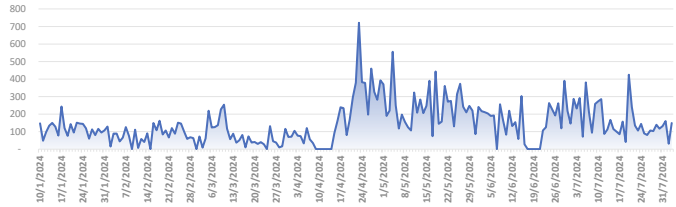

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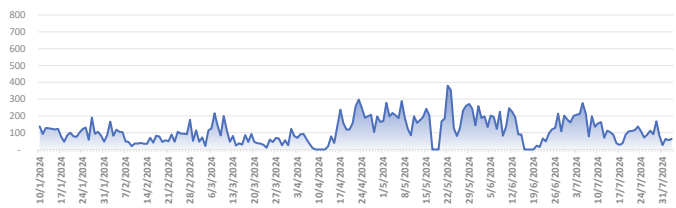


For an interactive dashboard on the FMC and FMS activities, please click this link.

RETURNEES* FROM TÜRKIYE

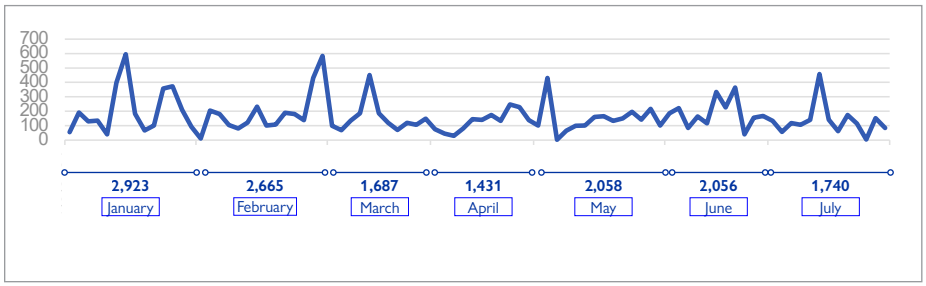
IOM Afghanistan's Cross Border Post-Arrival Humanitarian Assistance (CB-PAHA) program collects data on returnees* from Türkiye who arrive back in Afghanistan via plane at Kabul airport. The following analysis presents key figures, profiles, and trends of arrivals from Turkiye from during the month of July 2024.

TOTAL ARRIVALS SINCE BEGINNING OF 2024: 14,560

TOTAL ARRIVALS SINCE BEGINNING OF JULY: 1,740

Reference map

Cumulative trendline (January - July 2024)



PROFILES: JULY 2024

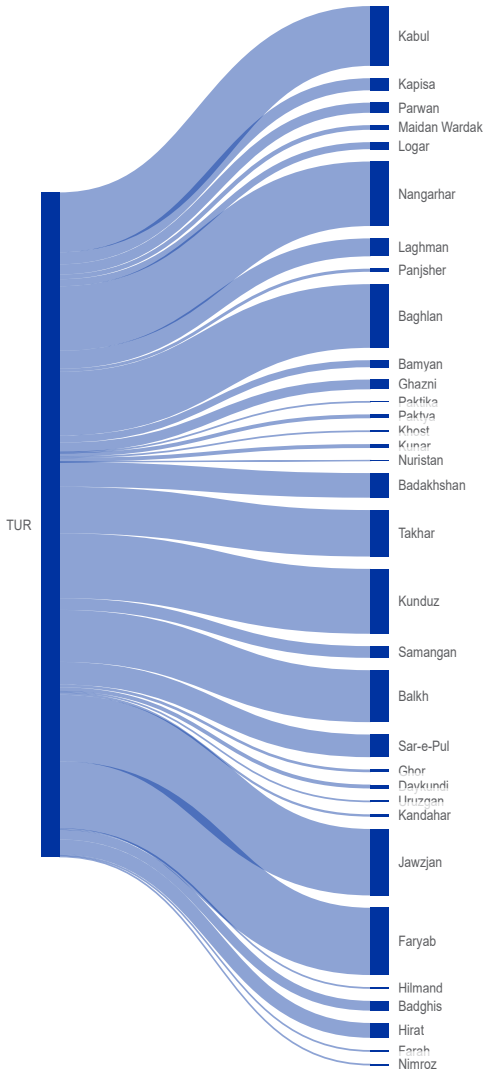
Demographics

Male	98%
Female	2%
Under 18	2%

Documentation

99%	Temporary travel document
1%	Passport
0%	Tazkira

Destination provinces



Main reasons for leaving Afghanistan (top 3)**

50%	Lack of security
47%	Natural disaster
44%	Lack of economic opportunities

Length of stay in Turkiye

19%	Short-term (<3 months)
9%	Medium-term (>3 months, <1year)
79%	Long-term (>1year)

Main reasons for returning to Afghanistan (top 3)**

74%	Police harassment
45%	Arbitrary arrest and detention
32%	Lack of education opportunities

Main reasons for choosing destination location (top 3)**

100%	Access to job
3%	Ability to return to origin home
1%	Access to a house or apartment

*For the purposes of this report, this a general term that may include both voluntary and forced returns.
** Multiple answers were possible. As a result, percentages may exceed 100%.

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