

## OVERVIEW

The International Organization for Migration (IOM) in Pakistan collects data on the outflows of Afghans at the Torkham (Khyber Pakhtunkhwa), Badini, Bahramcha and Chaman (Balochistan) border crossing points (BCPs) to better understand the movements of Afghans returning to Afghanistan. The data presented below is harmonised with those from the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), who also cover Ghulam Khan (Khyber Pakhtunkhwa).

On 26 September 2023, the Ministry of Interior in Pakistan announced its decision to enact its "Illegal Foreigners' Repatriation Plan (IFRP)". Between 1 and 15 January 2024, 9,982 Afghan nationals returned to Afghanistan, including 5,761 through the Torkham BCP, 3,042 through the Chaman BCP, 1,076 through the Ghulam Khan BCP and 103 through the Badini BCP. In addition, border authorities deported 369 individuals due to a lack of valid documentation. Since 1 January 2024, IOM identified 10,351 returns at the four BCPs.

## HIGHLIGHTS

- During this reporting period, DTM teams have observed a further decrease of 50 per cent in returns as compared to the last two weeks of December 2023.
- The number of returnees have decreased significantly since the first two weeks of November, which recorded the highest returns since 15 September 2023. However, numbers are still higher compared to the period before 15 September 2023.
- Cumulatively, from 15 September 2023, 501,242 individuals have returned to Afghanistan.
- In terms of reasons for outflows, during the current reporting period, 86 per cent of the surveyed returnee families indicated they are moving back to Afghanistan due to fear of arrest. Twenty per cent also indicated forced repatriation as an important reason to leave.
- During the reporting period, three per cent of the overall flow could be considered vulnerable persons.
- The average cost of travel was higher from the border to the point of destination (PKR 32,310 or USD 115) compared to the point of origin to the border (PKR 29,178 or USD 104).

# 10,351 AFGHAN NATIONALS RETURNED TO AFGHANISTAN (BETWEEN 1 JANUARY – 15 JANUARY 2024)

### AGE AND GENDER\*

Female	Male
47.9%	52.1%
(67) 0.7%	(66) 0.7%
(1,663) 18.4%	(1,699) 18.8%
(1,458) 16.1%	(1,992) 22.0%
(1,149) 12.7%	(960) 10.6%

### DOCUMENTATION TYPE\*

Undocumented	93%
PoR holder	4%
ACC holder	3%

### VULNERABILITY TYPE<sup>1\*</sup>

34% Chronically ill people	28% Elderly (60+)	16% Widowed (female)
12% Persons with disabilities	9% Pregnant women	1% Other <sup>2</sup>

### REASONS FOR OUTFLOW (TOP 4)\*

(Multiple answers, N = 449, can exceed 100%)

Fear of arrest	86%
Forced repatriation	20%
No employment	6%
Communal pressure to return	2%

### REASONS FOR DESTINATION (TOP 4)\*

(Multiple answers, N = 449, can exceed 100%)

Family reunion	92%
Availability of assistance	59%
Family member deported	5%
Improvement in security situation	1%

### AVERAGE COST OF TRAVELLING\*

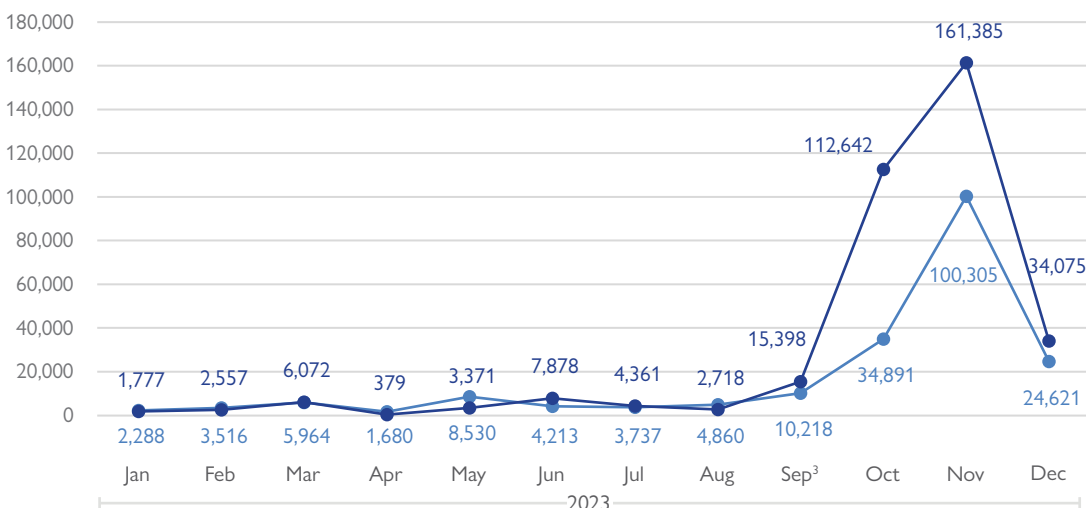
Total average travelling cost	
PKR 61,488 or USD 219	
Origin to border	Border to destination
PKR 29,178 or USD 104	PKR 32,310 or USD 115

Exchange rates are PKR 280.75 to USD 1 according to the UN Operational Rates of Exchange on 15 January 2024.

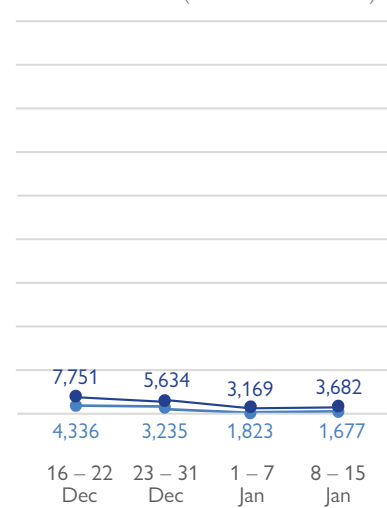
## RETURN TREND

● Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (Torkham and Ghulam Khan) ● Balochistan (Chaman, Bahramcha and Badini)

### MONTHLY TREND



### WEEKLY TRENDS (LAST FOUR WEEKS)



\* An asterisk means the visual only applies to ACC holders and undocumented Afghans returning through Torkham, Badini, Bahramcha and Chaman, excluding deportees and data collected by UNHCR.

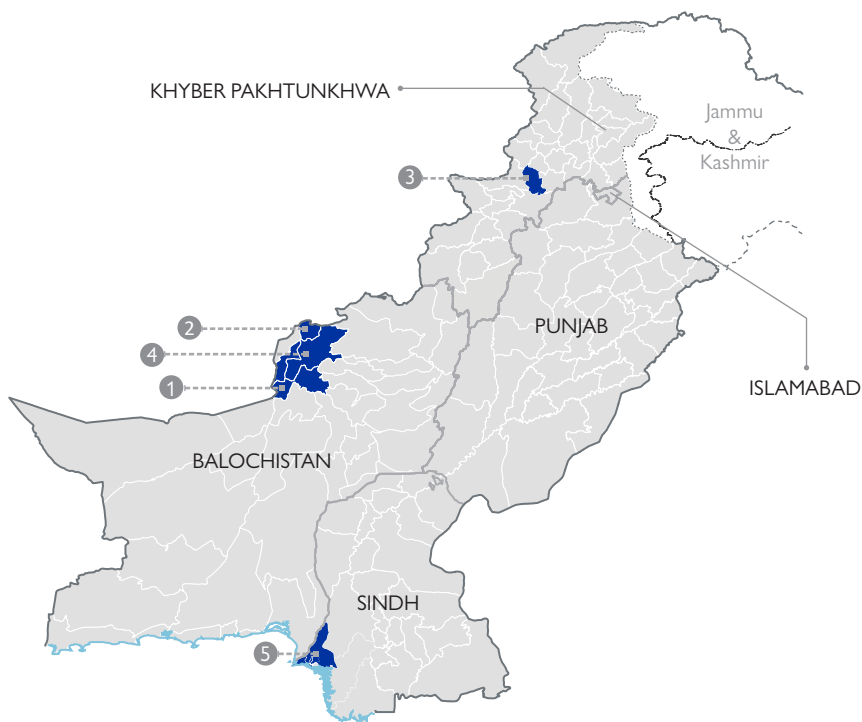
<sup>1</sup> Percentages are expressed as a proportion of the total number of vulnerable persons.

<sup>2</sup> Other includes mentally ill persons.

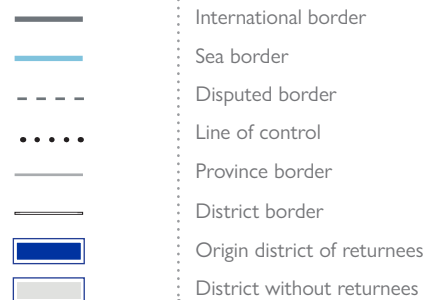
<sup>3</sup> As of 15 September 2023, IOM and UNHCR have harmonized their flow monitoring data, therefore, data prior to 15 September 2023 does not include PoR holders.



DISTRICTS OF ORIGIN IN PAKISTAN\*



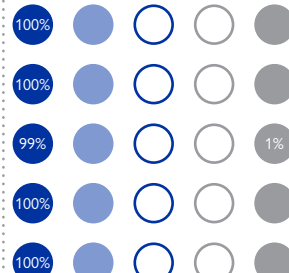
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ORIGIN DISTRICT

ORIGIN DISTRICT	Percentage
1. Quetta	26%
2. Killa Abdullah	20%
3. Peshawar	19%
4. Pishin	7%
5. Karachi East	4%

SETTLEMENT TYPE



Note: This map and the following legends focus on the top 5 districts of origin in Pakistan during the reporting period from 1 – 15 January 2024

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PROVINCES OF INTENDED DESTINATION\*



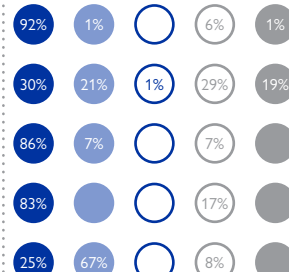
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INTENDED PROVINCE

INTENDED PROVINCE	Percentage
1. Kandahar	53%
2. Nangarhar	21%
3. Kabul	9%
4. Helmand	5%
5. Zabul	3%

SETTLEMENT TYPE



Note: This map and the following legends focus on the top 5 provinces of intended destination in Afghanistan during the reporting period from 1 – 15 January 2024

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