Flow Monitoring - Spontaneous Returns of Undocumented Afghans from Pakistan

14th - 20th October 2018
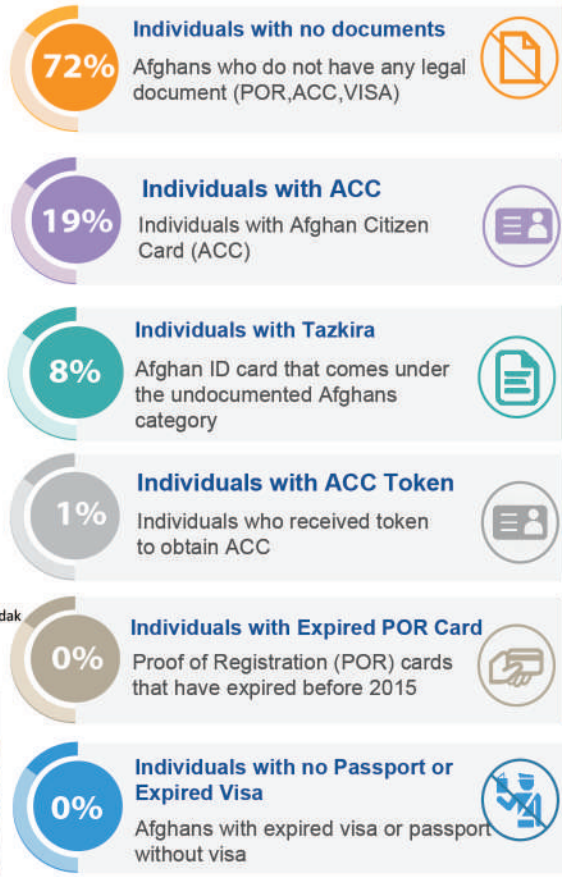
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Overall returnees through Torkham and Chaman since January 2018
25,706

For this reporting period 68 interviews were conducted comprising of the following categories

*Undocumented families
69.1%

*Undocumented individuals travelling with documented families
29.4%

*Undocumented individuals travelling alone
1.5%
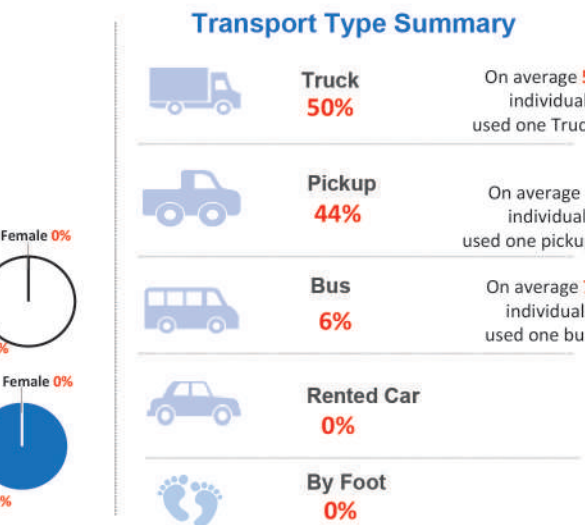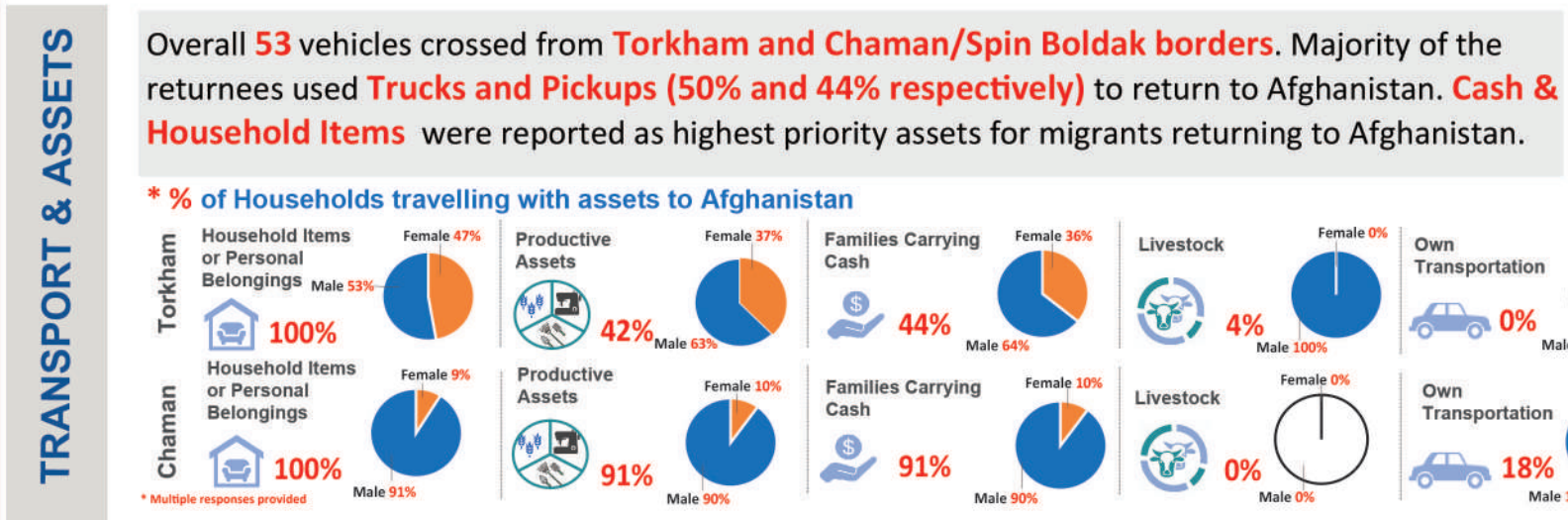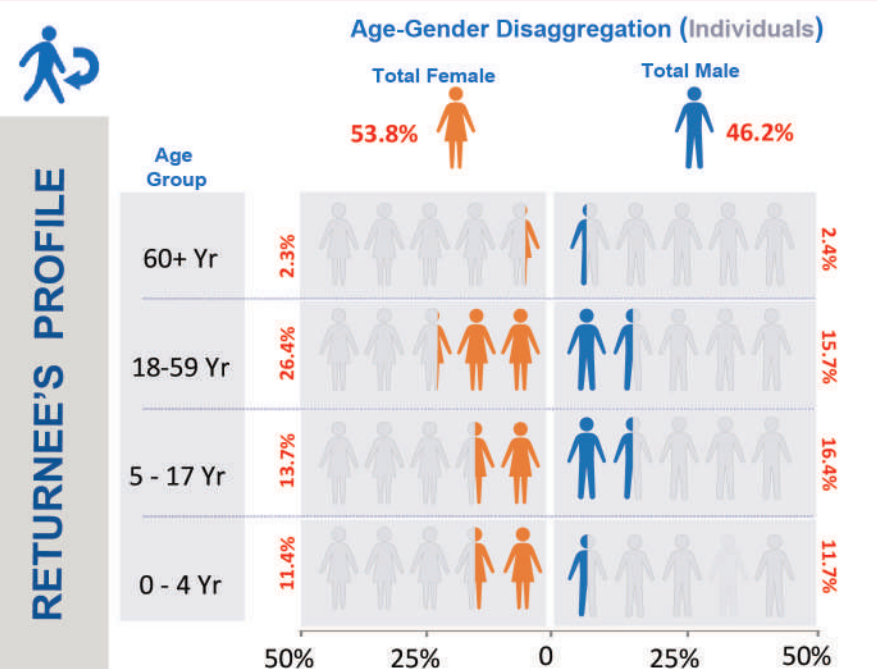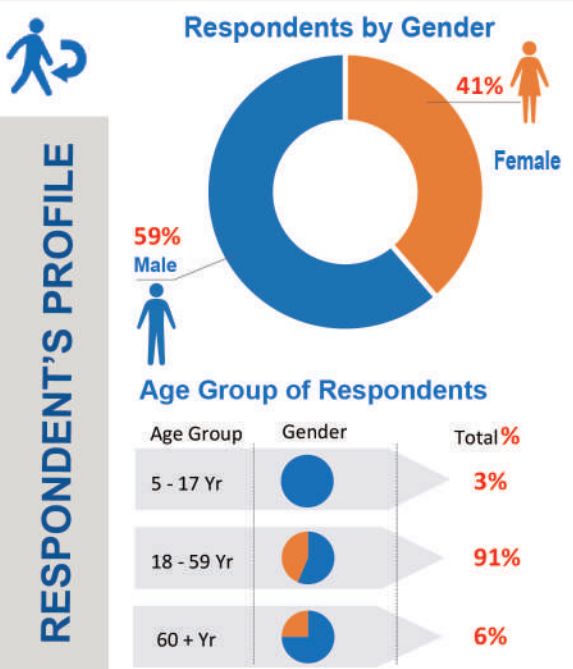
* interviews were conducted at both transit points, Torkham and Chaman/Spin Boldak

WHO IS AN UNDOCUMENTED AFGHAN
- Individuals with No Documents
- Individuals with No Passport or Lapsed Visa
- Individuals with Tazkira
- Individuals with Expired POR Card
- Individuals with ACC Card
- Individuals with ACC Token

72% **Individuals with no documents** — Afghans who do not have any legal document (POR,ACC,VISA)

19% **Individuals with ACC** — Individuals with Afghan Citizen Card (ACC)

8% **Individuals with Tazkira** — Afghan ID card that comes under the undocumented Afghans category

1% **Individuals with ACC Token** — Individuals who received token to obtain ACC

0% **Individuals with Expired POR Card** — Proof of Registration (POR) cards that have expired before 2015

0% **Individuals with no Passport or Expired Visa** — Afghans with expired visa or passport without visa

235 Undocumented Afghan individuals returned to Afghanistan through the **Torkham and Chaman/Spin Boldak border.** **95** individuals used the **Torkham border** crossing while **140** individuals crossed through **Chaman/Spin Boldak border** crossing.

RESPONDENT'S PROFILE

Respondents by Gender
- **41%** Female
- **59%** Male

Age Group of Respondents

Age Group	Gender	Total %
5 - 17 Yr		3%
18 - 59 Yr		91%
60 + Yr		6%

RETURNEE'S PROFILE

Age-Gender Disaggregation (Individuals)

Total Female 53.8% **Total Male 46.2%**

Age Group	Female	Male
60+ Yr	2.3%	2.4%
18-59 Yr	26.4%	15.7%
5 - 17 Yr	13.7%	16.4%
0 - 4 Yr	11.4%	11.7%

50% 25% 0 25% 50%

VULNERABLE CASES

Overall **9%** individuals were identified as vulnerable during this reporting period — 91%

- Elderly Members **52%**
- Disabled Persons **7%**
- Chronically ill persons **22%**
- Pregnant Women **0%**
- Female Headed Households **0%**
- *Widows **19%**

TRANSPORT & ASSETS

Overall **53** vehicles crossed from **Torkham and Chaman/Spin Boldak borders.** Majority of the returnees used **Trucks and Pickups (50% and 44% respectively)** to return to Afghanistan. **Cash & Household Items** were reported as highest priority assets for migrants returning to Afghanistan.

* % of Households travelling with assets to Afghanistan

Torkham
- Household Items or Personal Belongings **100%** (Female 47% / Male 53%)
- Productive Assets **42%** (Female 37% / Male 63%)
- Families Carrying Cash **44%** (Female 36% / Male 64%)
- Livestock **4%** (Female 0% / Male 100%)
- Own Transportation **0%** (Female 0% / Male 0%)

Chaman
- Household Items or Personal Belongings **100%** (Female 9% / Male 91%)
- Productive Assets **91%** (Female 10% / Male 90%)
- Families Carrying Cash **91%** (Female 10% / Male 90%)
- Livestock **0%** (Female 0% / Male 0%)
- Own Transportation **18%** (Female 0% / Male 100%)

* Multiple responses provided

Transport Type Summary
- Truck **50%** — On average 5 individuals used one Truck
- Pickup **44%** — On average 6 individuals used one pickup
- Bus **6%** — On average 7 individuals used one bus
- Rented Car **0%**
- By Foot **0%**

RETURNS & ACC CARD DISTRIBUTION

— Torkham — Chaman

ACC Applications Received (Figures presented with 3 months gap)

ACC Card Distributed (Figures presented with 2 weeks gap)

Tᴛ **Key Events**

Initiation of ACC Centers Closing (9 - Mar - 2018)

ACC figures: 878,604 · 10,613 · 175,321 · 284,964 · 300,000 · 320,000 · 327,664

Torkham values: 133, 207, 285, 194, 146, 326, 422, 541, 458, 600, 741, 1,007, 533, 193, 167, 202, 583, 473, 489, 480, 455, 362, 92, 330, 423, 489, 520, 370, 323, 140

Chaman values: 221, 163, 235, 130, 113, 269, 347, 436, 470, 518, 502, 512, 293, 78, 107, 45, 38, 191, 420, 376, 297, 225, 37, 26, 0, 268, 383, 260, 287, 232, 95

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14 - 20 Jan	28 Jan - 3 Feb	11 - 17 Feb	25 Feb - 3 Mar	11 - 17 Mar	25 - 31 Mar	8 - 14 April	22 - 28 April	6 - 12 May	20 - 26 May	3 - 9 June	17 - 23 June	1 - 7 July	15 - 21 July	29 July - 4 Aug	12 - 18 Aug	26 Aug - 1 Sep	9 - 15 Sep	23 - 29 Sep	7 - 13 Oct
21 - 27 Jan	4 - 10 Feb	18 - 24 Feb	4 - 10 Mar	18 - 24 Mar	1 - 7 April	15 - 21 April	29 April-5 May	13 - 19 May	27May-2June	10-16June	24-30 June	8-14 July	22-28 July	5-11 Aug	19-25 Aug	2-8 Sep	16-22 Sep	30 Sep-6 Oct	14-20 Oct

2018

PUSH AND PULL FACTORS RECORDED BASED ON RETURNEES RESPONSE

Push factors: Factors which discourage undocumented Afghan nationals from staying in host country.

PUSH FACTORS

- Economic Factors ➡
- Afraid of Being Deported ➡
- Camp Closure ➡
- Returning Home ➡
- Undocumented ➡

PULL FACTORS

- ⬅ Improvement in Security Situation
- ⬅ Availability of Assistance in Afghanistan
- ⬅ Reunion with Family and relatives
- ⬅ Own Country

Pull factors: Factors which encourage undocumented Afghan nationals to return to their country of origin.

In **Torkham**, **'Returning Home'** is trending upwards, and **86%** of the respondents cited this as a push factor *(increase of 8 percentage points compared to last week).* **'Economic Factors'** is trending upwards and is at **49%** *(increase of 15 percentage points compared to last week).* **'Afraid of Being Deported'** increased slightly and **23%** of the respondents cited this as a push factor *(increase of 2 percentage points compared to last week).* **'Lack of Documentation'** decreased slightly and is at **5%** *(decrease of 3 percentage points).* *Whereas* **'Camp Closure'** remained the same and is at **2%** .

In **Chaman,** **'Returning Home'** is trending upwards , and **82%** of the respondents cited this as a push factor *(increase of 19 percentage points compared to last week).* **'Afraid of Being Deported'** decreased slightly and is at **18%** *(decrease of 2 percentage points compared to last week).* Whereas **none** of the respondents at **Chaman** reported **'Economic Factors,'** **'Lack of Documentation'** or **'Camp Closure'** as a push factor.

The indicator rated as the main pull factor for both border crossing points was **'Own Country'.** This was reported by **95%** of the respondents at **Torkham** and **64%** of the respondents at **Chaman**. The second highest concern was **'Reunion with Family / Relatives'** which was reported by **61%** of the respondents at **Torkham** and **27%** of the respondents at **Chaman**.

Further in **Torkham,** **4%** of the respondents reported **'Improvement in Security Situation'** and **2%** of the respondents reported **'Availability of Assistance in Afghanistan'** as a pull factor. Whereas in **Chaman, 9%** of the respondents reported **'Availability of Assistance in Afghanistan'** and **none** of the respondents reported **'Improvement in Security Situation'** as a pull factor.
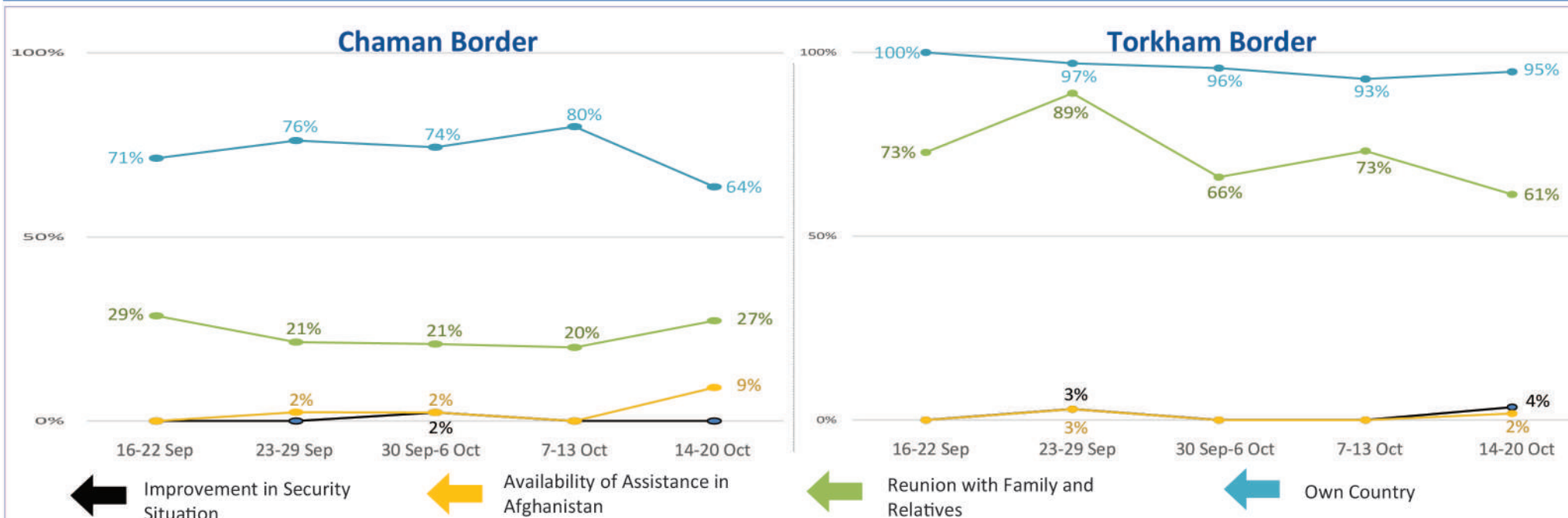
PUSH Factors (Weekly Trend)

Chaman Border

Economic Factors ➡ Afraid of Being Deported ➡

Torkham Border

Camp Closure ➡ Returning Home ➡ Undocumented ➡
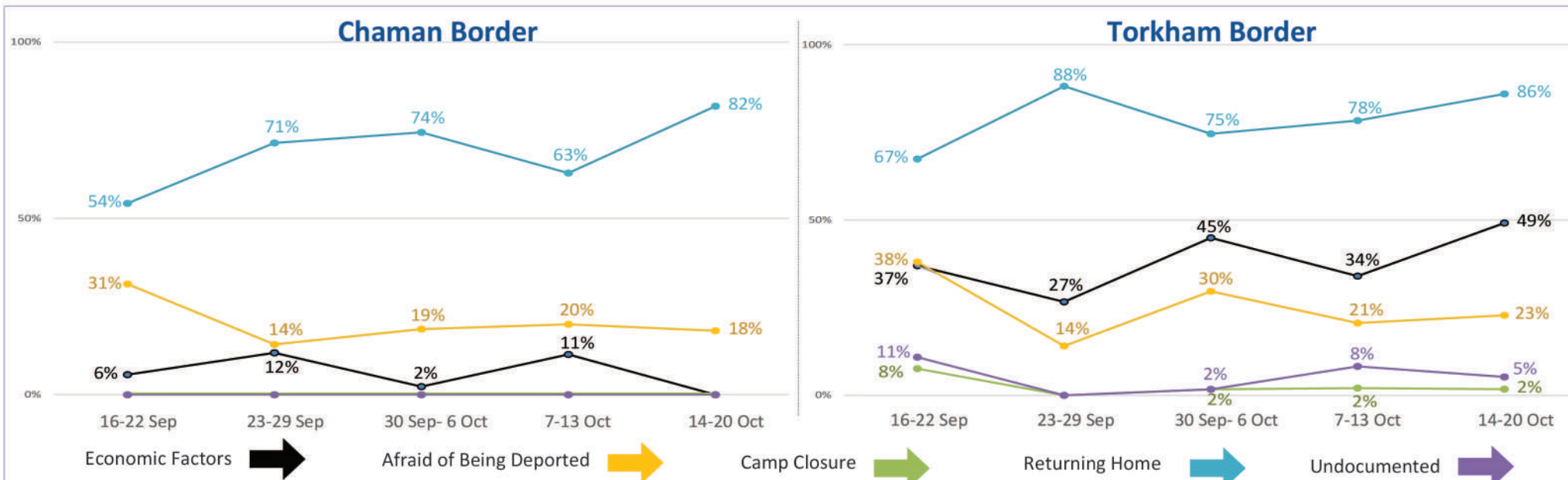
Top three ranked provinces of origin preferred by returnees
based on the PUSH Factors' responses are.

RANK 1 K.P.K
RANK 2 Punjab
RANK 3 Balochistan

PULL Factors (Weekly Trend)

Chaman Border

⬅ Improvement in Security Situation   ⬅ Availability of Assistance in Afghanistan

Torkham Border

⬅ Reunion with Family and Relatives   ⬅ Own Country

Top three ranked destinations in Afghanistan, preferred by returnees
based on the PULL Factors' responses are.

RANK 1 Nangarhar
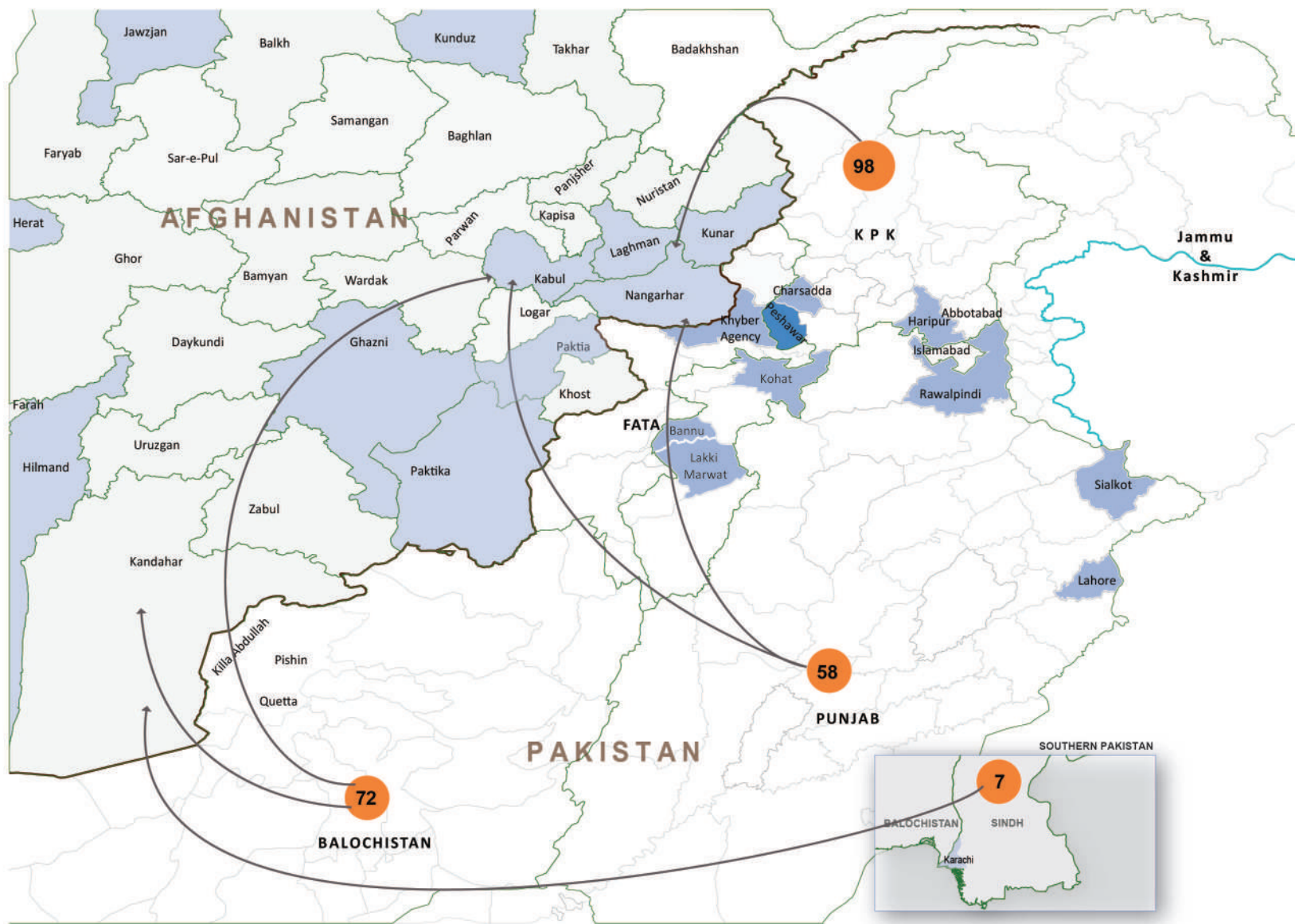**RANK 2** Kabul
RANK 3 Kunar

HIGH RETURN AREAS

Population Movement Trend for Spontaneous Returns of Undocumented Afghans from Pakistan

AFGHANISTAN

98
KPK

Jammu & Kashmir

58
PUNJAB

72
BALOCHISTAN

7
SOUTHERN PAKISTAN

The **top 5 destination** provinces for returns are
- Kandahar (28%)
- Nangarhar (20%)
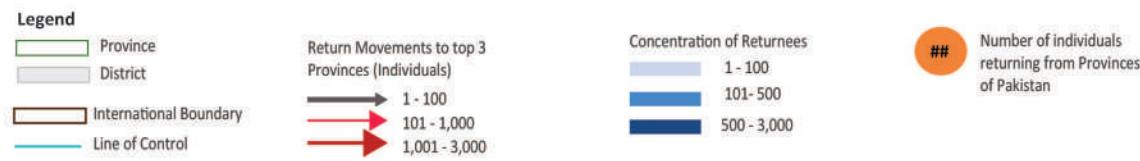- Kabul (19%)
- Kunar (11%)
- Khost (8%)

PAKISTAN

The largest **proportion of returns** are from:
- **Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (42%)**
- **Balochistan (31%)**
- **Punjab (24%)**
- **Sindh (3%)**

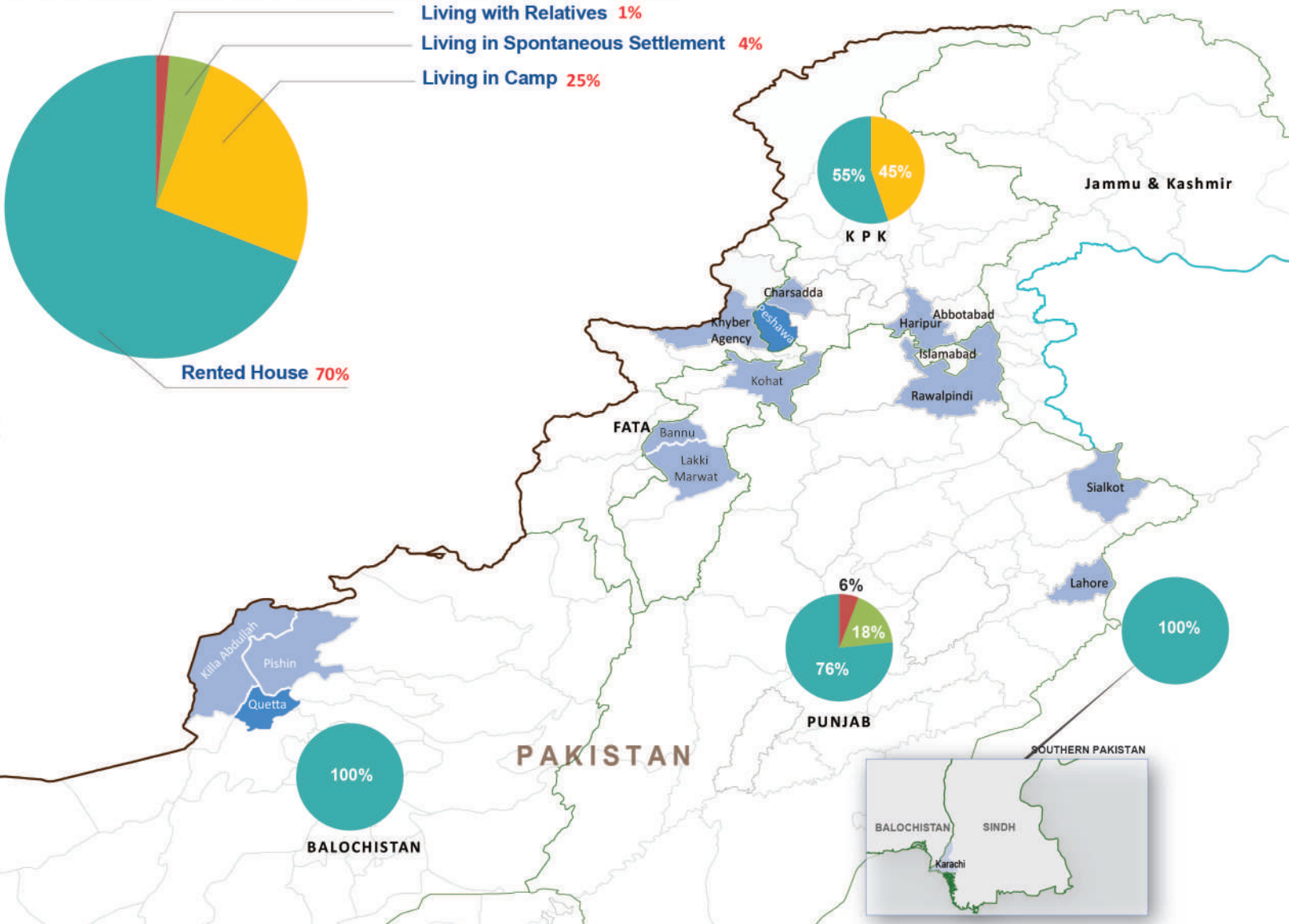Data Source: Population Census Organization, UNOCHA

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Return Movements to top 3 Provinces (Individuals)
- 1 - 100
- 101 - 1,000
- 1,001 - 3,000

Concentration of Returnees
- 1 - 100
- 101 - 500
- 500 - 3,000

Number of individuals returning from Provinces of Pakistan

LIVING CONDITIONS IN PAKISTAN

Current Living Conditions of Undocumented Afghans in Pakistan

Living with Relatives 1%
Living in Spontaneous Settlement 4%
Living in Camp 25%
Rented House 70%

KPK
55% 45%

Jammu & Kashmir

PUNJAB
76% 18% 6%

100%
(Lahore area)

BALOCHISTAN
100%

SOUTHERN PAKISTAN

Overall 70% of Undocumented Afghan returnees from this week lived in **rented houses**, followed by **25%** in **camps**, whereas the remaining **5%** comprise of families that lived in **spontaneous settlements** or **with a relative.**

There are differences at the provincial level, where for example in **Sindh** and **Balochistan** all **(100%)** Undocumented Afghan returnees reported living in **rented houses**, followed by **76%** in **Punjab** and **55%** in **KP.**

It was observed that in KP **45%**, of Undocumented Afghan returnees lived in a **Camp** whereas no returnee from **Punjab, Sindh,** or **Balochistan** reported living in a **camp.**

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Concentration of Returnees
- 1 - 100
- 101 - 500
- 500 - 3,000

Current Living Condition of Undocumented Afghans in Pakistan
- Living in Own House
- Rented House
- Living in Camp
- Spontaneous Settlements
- Living with Relatives
- Living in Closed Camp

* The Response for "Own House" relates to the fact that land/house is bought in the name of Pakistani relatives.