# SPONTANEOUS RETURN OF UNDOCUMENTED AFGHAN MIGRANTS FROM PAKISTAN (29 JAN. TO 11 FEB. 2022)





#### **OVERVIEW**

IOM Pakistan collects data on the outflows of undocumented Afghan migrants at the Torkham and Chaman border crossing points in an effort to better understand the migration movements of undocumented Afghan migrants returning to Afghanistan from Pakistan. This exercise is part of the European Union funded project "Displacement Tracking Matrix Regional Evidence for Migration Analysis and Policy (DTM REMAP)".

From 29 January to 11 February 2022, 2,805 undocumented Afghan migrants returned to Afghanistan, including 311 through the Torkham border point and 2,494 through the Chaman border point. During the reporting period, border authorities facilitated the return of 42 individuals due to the lack of legal documentation to remain in Pakistan. Therefore, information concerning these 42 individuals is not included in the report analysis.

### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- During the reporting period, 10% of returnees were categorized as vulnerable persons, mainly chronically ill and elderly.
- In Pakistan, the primary occupations reported by majority of returnees were: unskilled labor (57%), skilled labor (26%) and business (16%).
- All returnees were carrying household items, cash, personal belongings and productive assets when interviewed. They also travelled with additional items, such as transportation or private vehicles (5%).
- The average cost of travelling from Pakistan to Afghanistan reported was 20,265 PKR per family.
- The top 3 challenges returnees expected to face in Afghanistan were: arranging for livelihoods, settling into a new city and finding income opportunities.

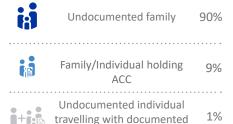
\*The Torkham border point has been partially closed since 1 November 2020. The figures represented on the timeline from January 2021 to February 2022 include a data compilation effort between IOM Pakistan and IOM Afghanistan.



## 7,781 UNDOCUMENTED AFGHAN RETURNEES AT TORKHAM AND CHAMAN SINCE JANUARY 2022

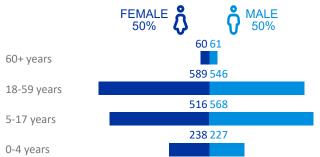
#### **DISTRIBUTION OF UNDOCUMENTED RETURNEES**





family

## AGE AND GENDER



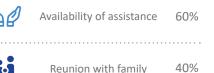
#### **PUSH FACTORS**



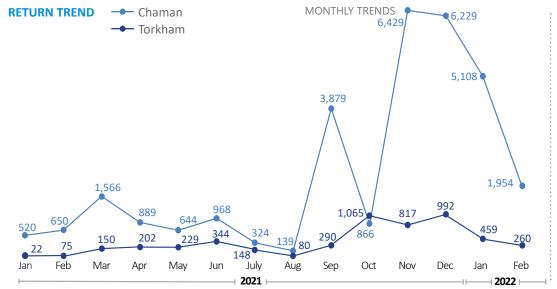
	Unable to pay house rent	36%
×	Unable to pay utilities	28%
	No employment	22%
350	Business reasons	10%
Ť	Fear of arrest/deportation	4%

#### **PULL FACTORS**





WEEKLY TRENDS (LAST FOUR WEEKS)





#### **BI-WEEKLY FLOW MONITORING REPORT:**

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3. Pishin.....

5. Karachi....

.15%



SETTLEMENT TYPE LEGEND

Rented house

Spontaneous settlement Own house Camp Living with relatives in Pakistan

#### DISTRICTS OF ORIGIN IN PAKISTAN OF RETURNEES **LEGEND** International border KHYBER PAKHTUNKHWA Disputed border Jammu Line of control Province border Kashmir District border Origin district of returnees District without returnees **PUNJAB ORIGIN DISTRICT SETTLEMENT TYPE** 1. Quetta..... **ISLAMABAD** 2. Killa Abdullah.... .34%

Note:

This map and the following legends focus on the top 5 districts of origin in Pakistan during the reporting period of 29 Jan. to 11 Feb. 2022

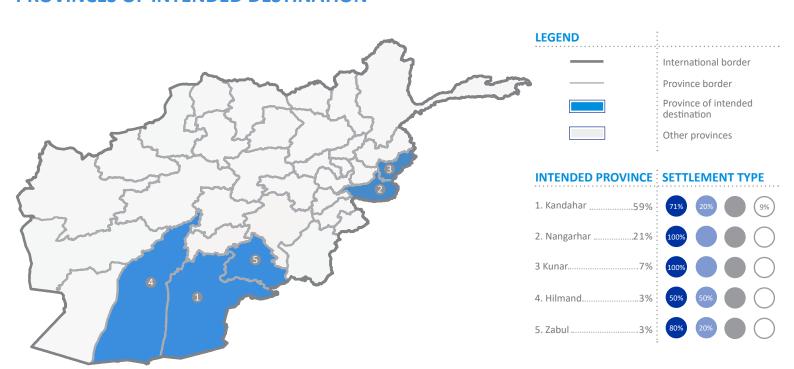
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### PROVINCES OF INTENDED DESTINATION

**BALOCHISTAN** 



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