# SPONTANEOUS RETURN OF UNDOCUMENTED AFGHAN MIGRANTS FROM PAKISTAN (14 - 27 FEBRUARY 2021)





# **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 14 to 27 February 2021, 542 undocumented Afghan migrants returned to Afghanistan, including 93 through the Torkham border point and 449 through the Chaman border point. During the reporting period, border authorities facilitated the return of 66 individuals due to the lack of legal documentation to remain in Pakistan. Therefore, information concerning these 66 individuals is not included in the report analysis.\*

### HIGHLIGHTS

- During the reporting period, 12% of returnees were categorized as vulnerable persons, mainly elderly and chronically ill.
- In Pakistan, the primary sources of income reported by returnees were: unskilled labor (56%), skilled labor (33%) and business (9%).
- All returnees were carrying household items, personal belongings, productive assets and cash when surveyed. They also traveled with additional items, such as transportation or private vehicles (7%).
- The average cost of travelling from Pakistan to Afghanistan reported was 9,222 PKR per family.
- The top 3 challenges returnees expect to face in Afghanistan are: arranging for livelihoods (27%), finding income opportunities (27%) and settling into a new city (27%).

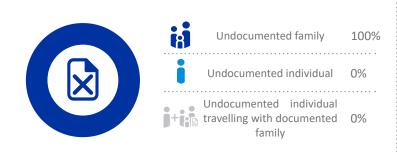
\*The Torkham border point has been partially closed since 1 November 2020. The figures represented on the timeline from November 2020 to February 2021 include a data compilation effort between IOM Pakistan and IOM Afghanistan



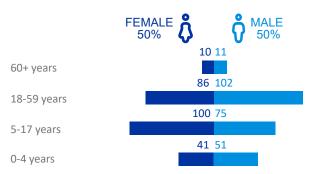
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#### **DISTRIBUTION OF UNDOCUMENTED RETURNEES**



#### **AGE AND GENDER**



#### **PUSH FACTORS**



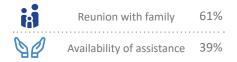


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#### **PULL FACTORS**



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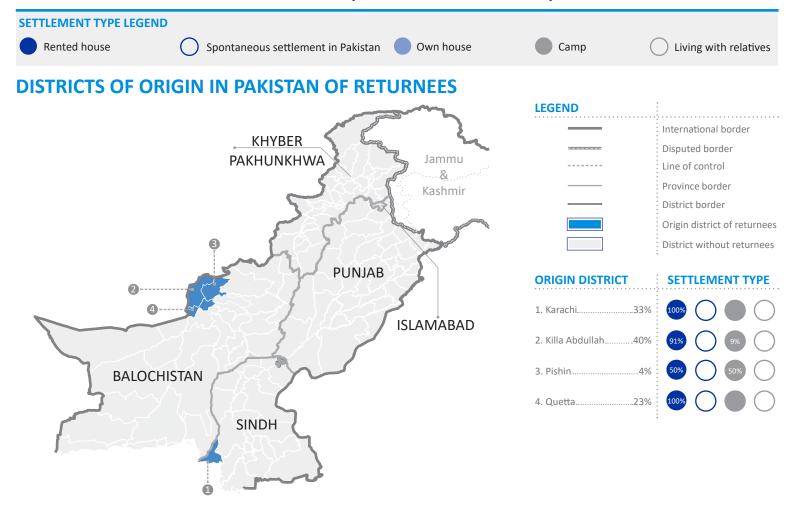


#### **RETURN TREND** MONTHLY TRENDS WEEKLY TRENDS (LAST FOUR WEEKS) -- Chaman 1,678 Torkham 1,107 632 520 355 349 304 150 75 42 34 22 22 19 20 13 0 7 - 13 14-20 21-27 31 Jan Mar Apr May June July Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec Jan Feb 6 Feb Feb Feb Feb

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

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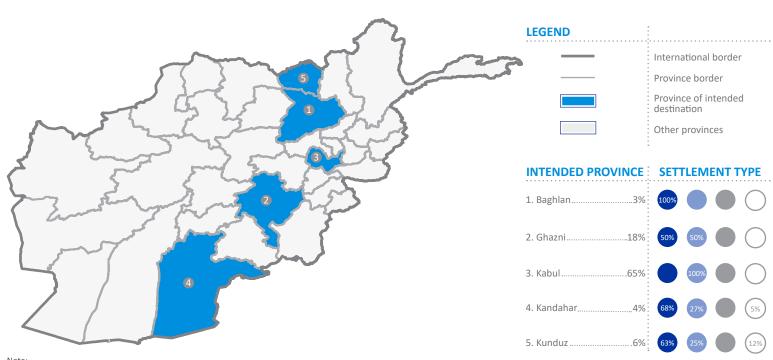




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## PROVINCES OF INTENDED DESTINATION



Note:

This map and the following legend focus on the **top 5** provinces of intended destination in Afghanistan only.

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