BI-WEEKLY FLOW MONITORING REPORT:
SPONTANEOUS RETURN OF UNDOCUMENTED AFGHANS FROM PAKISTAN (15 JAN. TO 28 JAN. 2023)

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IOM DISPLACEMENT TRACKING MATRIX

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.

Between 15 January and 28 January 2023, 1,416 undocumented Afghan nationals spontaneously returned to Afghanistan, including 805 through the Torkham border point and 611 through the Chaman border point. Border authorities facilitated the return of 48 individuals due to the lack of legal documentation to remain in Pakistan. Therefore, information about these individuals are not included in the count. Although IOM identified 2,732 undocumented Afghan returnees at two border crossings, this may not reflect the total number of undocumented Afghan returnees. Moreover, for this study, only the head of household or representative of the family were interviewed. This means that the number of interviews conducted by the enumerators is lower than the number of returnees recorded by IOM. Between 15 January and 28 January 2023, IOM interviewed 46 respondents.

HIGHLIGHTS

- During the reporting period, 4 per cent of returnees were categorized as vulnerable persons, mainly chronically ill and elderly.
- The primary occupations reported by returnees were: unskilled labor (72%), skilled labor (24%) and business (4%).
- All returnees were carrying cash and personal belongings when interviewed. They also travelled with additional items, such as household items (98%) and productive assets (Agriculture tool/ seeds, Rickshaw, Sewing Machines etc) (94%).
- The average cost of travelling from Pakistan to Afghanistan reported was 28,000 PKR per family.
- The top 3 challenges returnees expected to face in Afghanistan were: arranging for livelihoods, finding income opportunities and settling into a new city.
- The modes of transportation used by the returnees from their original location to the border and from the border to their destination, were: pick up (49%), truck (42%) and bus/rented car (7%).

2,732 UNDOCUMENTED AFGHAN RETURNEES AT TORKHAM AND CHAMAN (BETWEEN 1 - 28 JANUARY 2023)

DISTRIBUTION OF UNDOCUMENTED RETURNEES BETWEEN 15 TO 28 JAN
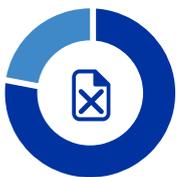
Undocumented family	78%
Family/Individual holding ACC	22%

AGE AND GENDER

FEMALE 59%   MALE 41%

Age group	Female	Male
60+ years		3
18-59 years	213	203
5-17 years	303	388
0-4 years	143	58
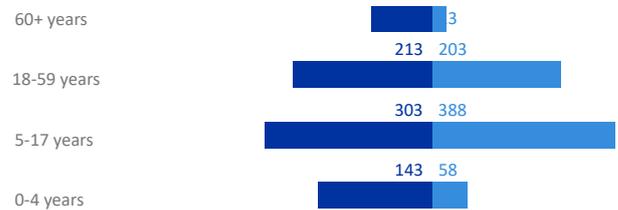
PUSH FACTORS

Unable to pay house rent	35%
Unable to pay utilities	36%
No employment	20%
Fear of arrest/deportation	7%
Business reasons	2%

PULL FACTORS

Availability of assistance	59%
Family reunion	40%
Improvement in security situation	1%

RETURN TREND

Legend: Chaman, Torkham

MONTHLY TRENDS

Chaman values: Sep 3,879; Oct (866); Nov 6,429; Dec 6,229; Jan 5,108; Feb 5,500; Mar 11,762; Apr 2,417; May 7,849; Jun 5,523; Jul 3,118; Aug 3,883; Sep 4,798; Oct 5,437; Nov 3,787; Dec 2,900; Jan 1,491

Torkham values: Aug 80; Sep 290; Oct 1,065; Nov 817; Dec 992; Jan 459; Feb 886; Mar 1,880; Apr 522; May 586; Jun 1,031; Jul 947; Aug 1,341; Sep 719; Oct 968; Nov 1,436; Dec 1,275; Jan 1,241

Chaman also: Aug 139

2021 — 2022 — 2023
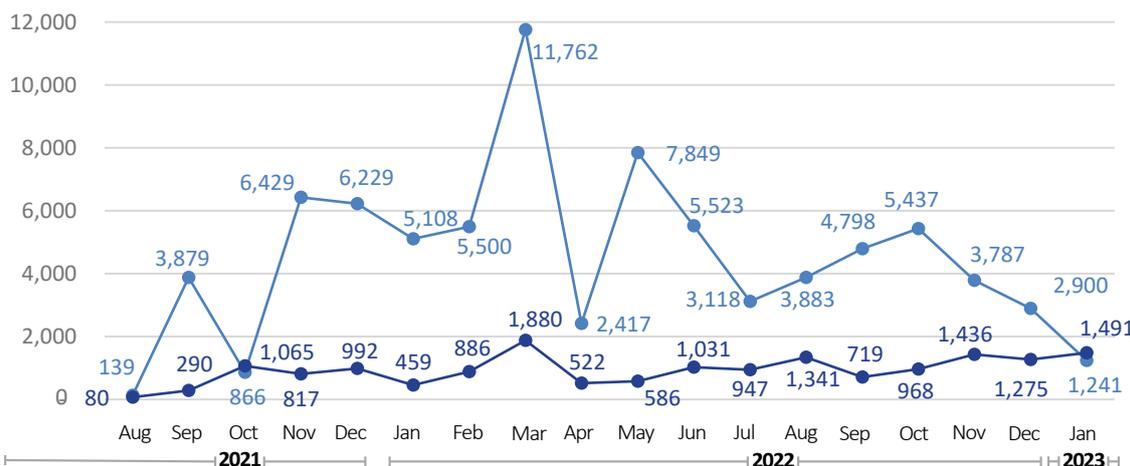
WEEKLY TRENDS (LAST FOUR WEEKS)

|	1 - 7 Jan	8 - 14 Jan	15 - 21 Jan	22 - 28 Jan
Chaman	510	401	438	350
Torkham	285	120	261	367
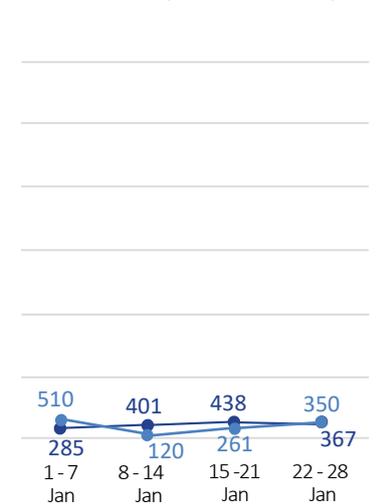
*The number represented on the graph only covers the period until 28th January 2023

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SETTLEMENT TYPE LEGEND

- Rented house
- Spontaneous settlement
- Own house
- Camp
- Living with relatives

DISTRICTS OF ORIGIN IN PAKISTAN OF RETURNEES

KHYBER PAKHTUNKHWA

Jammu & Kashmir

PUNJAB

ISLAMABAD

BALOCHISTAN

SINDH

LEGEND

- International border
- Disputed border
- Line of control
- Province border
- District border
- Origin district of returnees
- District without returnees

ORIGIN DISTRICT	SETTLEMENT TYPE			
1. Quetta 36%	100%			
2. Killa Abdullah 32%	81%		19%	
3. Karachi Central 8%	100%			
4. Pishin 6%	100%			
5. Malir 4%	100%			
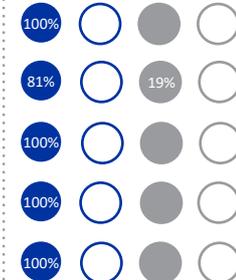
Note:
This map and the following legends focus on the top 5 districts of origin in Pakistan during the reporting period from 15 Jan. to 28 Jan. 2023

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Dotted line represents approximately the line of control in Jammu and Kashmir agreed upon by India and Pakistan. The final status of Jammu and Kashmir has not yet been agreed upon by the parties. The designations employed and the presentation of material on this map do not imply the expression of any opinion whatsoever on the part of IOM or United Nations concerning the legal status of any country, territory, city or area or of its authorities, or concerning the delimitation of its frontiers or boundaries.

PROVINCES OF INTENDED DESTINATION

LEGEND

- International border
- Province border
- Province of intended destination
- Other provinces
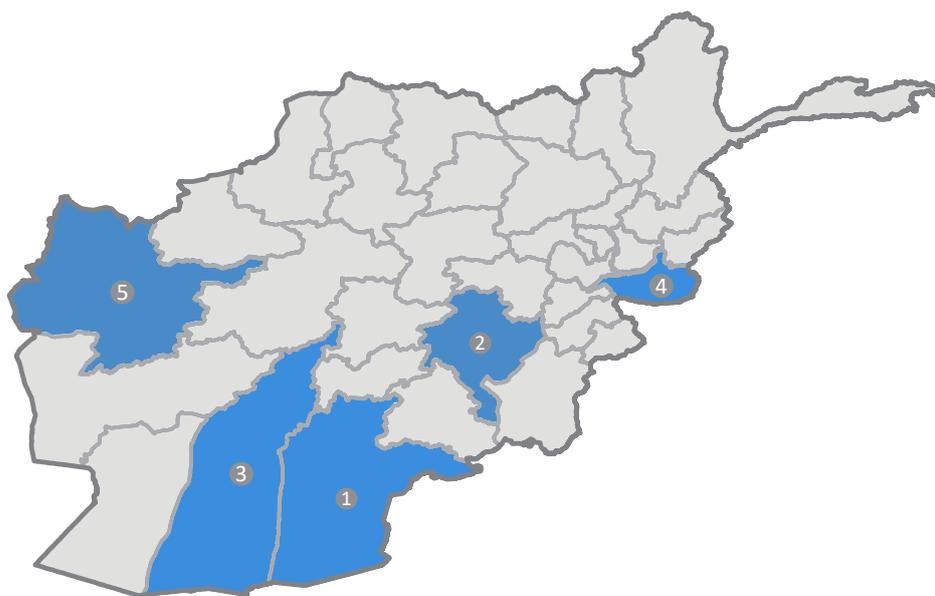
INTENDED PROVINCE	SETTLEMENT TYPE			
1. Kandahar 78%	93%	5%		3%
2. Ghazni 4%	100%			
3. Helmand 4%	100%			
4. Nangarhar 4%		50%		50%
5. Herat 2%				100%
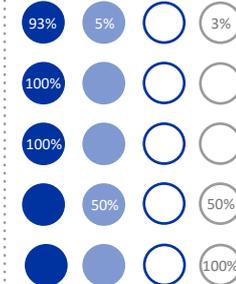
Note:
This map and the following legends focus on the top 5 provinces of intended destination in Afghanistan during the reporting period from 15 Jan. to 28 Jan. 2023

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