SPONTANEOUS RETURN OF UNDOCUMENTED AFGHAN MIGRANTS FROM PAKISTAN (11 - 24 April 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 11 to 24 April 2021, 320 undocumented Afghan migrants returned to Afghanistan, including 85 through the Torkham border point and 235 through the Chaman border point. During the reporting period, border authorities facilitated the return of 88 individuals due to the lack of legal documentation to remain in Pakistan. Therefore, information concerning these 88 individuals is not included in the report analysis.*

HIGHLIGHTS

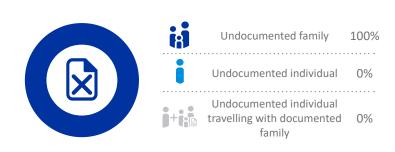
- During the reporting period, 13% of returnees were categorized as vulnerable persons, mainly elderly and chronically ill.
- In Pakistan, the primary occupations reported by returnees were: unskilled labor (65%), skilled labor (29%), business (3%) and students (3%).
- All returnees were carrying household items, personal belongings and cash when surveyed. They also travelled with additional items, such as productive assets (90%), transportation or private vehicles (3%) and livestock (3%).
- The average cost of travelling from Pakistan to Afghanistan reported was 11,330 PKR per family.
- The top 3 challenges returnees expected to face in Afghanistan were: arranging for livelihoods (26%), settling into a new city (26%) and finding income opportunities (26%).

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



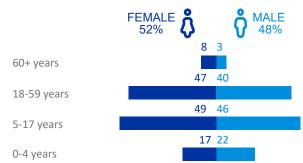
4,287 UNDOCUMENTED AFGHAN RETURNEES AT TORKHAM AND CHAMAN SINCE JANUARY 2021

DISTRIBUTION OF UNDOCUMENTED RETURNEES



2020

AGE AND GENDER



PUSH FACTORS

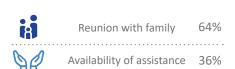




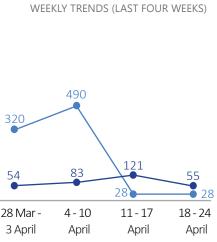
PULL FACTORS



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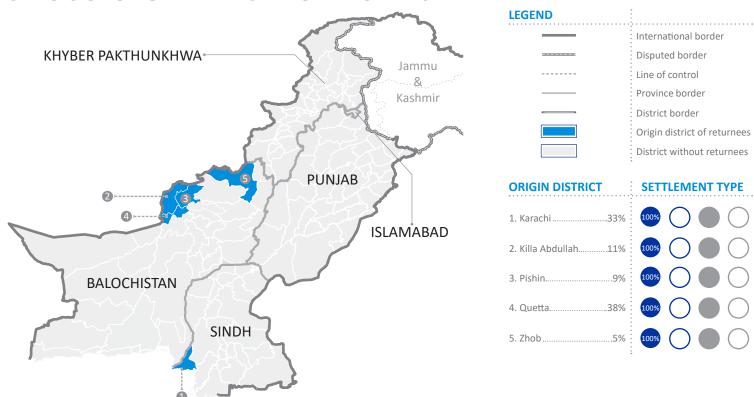
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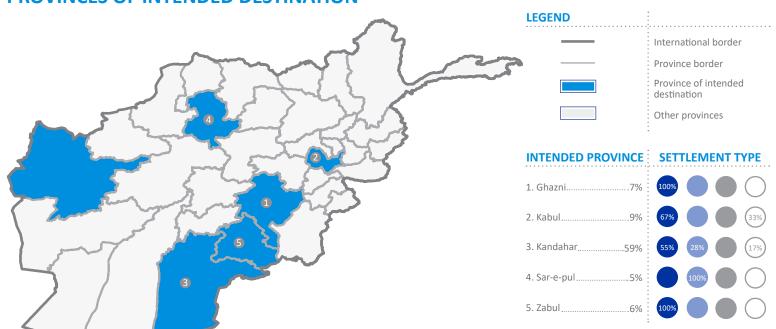
DISTRICTS OF ORIGIN IN PAKISTAN OF RETURNEES



This map and the following legend focus on the top 5 districts of origin in Pakistan of returnees.

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

PROVINCES OF INTENDED DESTINATION



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

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