BI-WEEKLY FLOW MONITORING REPORT:
SPONTANEOUS RETURN OF UNDOCUMENTED AFGHANS FROM PAKISTAN (1 JAN. TO 14 JAN. 2023)

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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 1 January and 14 January 2023, 1,316 undocumented Afghan nationals spontaneously returned to Afghanistan, including 686 through the Torkham border point and 630 through the Chaman border point. Border authorities facilitated the return of 987 individuals due to the lack of legal documentation to remain in Pakistan. Therefore, information about these individuals is not included in the count. Although IOM identified 1,316 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 1 January and 14 January 2023, IOM interviewed 59 respondents.

HIGHLIGHTS

- During the reporting period, 6 per cent of returnees were categorized as vulnerable persons, mainly chronically ill and elderly.
- The primary occupations reported by returnees were: unskilled labor (63%), skilled labor (26%) and business (11%).
- All returnees were carrying cash and personal belongings when interviewed. They also travelled with additional items, such as household items (99%), productive assets (85%) and transportation or private vehicle (8%).
- The average cost of travelling from Pakistan to Afghanistan reported was 33,377 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: pickup (45%), truck (43%) and bus/rented car (12%).

1,316 UNDOCUMENTED AFGHAN RETURNEES AT TORKHAM AND CHAMAN (FROM JANUARY 2023)

DISTRIBUTION OF UNDOCUMENTED RETURNEES
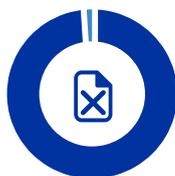
Undocumented family	99%
Family/Individual holding ACC	1%

AGE AND GENDER

FEMALE 46%   MALE 54%

Age group	Female	Male
60+ years	265	240
18-59 years	203	272
5-17 years	102	164
0-4 years		
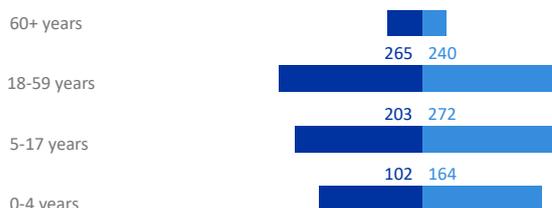
PUSH FACTORS

Unable to pay house rent	35%
Unable to pay utilities	32%
No employment	17%
Fear of arrest/deportation	10%
Business reasons	6%

PULL FACTORS

Availability of assistance	61%
Family reunion	35%
Improvement in security situation	4%

RETURN TREND

— Chaman
— Torkham

MONTHLY TRENDS

Chaman: Aug 139, Sep 3,879, Oct 1,065, 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 686

Torkham: Aug 80, Sep 290, Oct 866, 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 630

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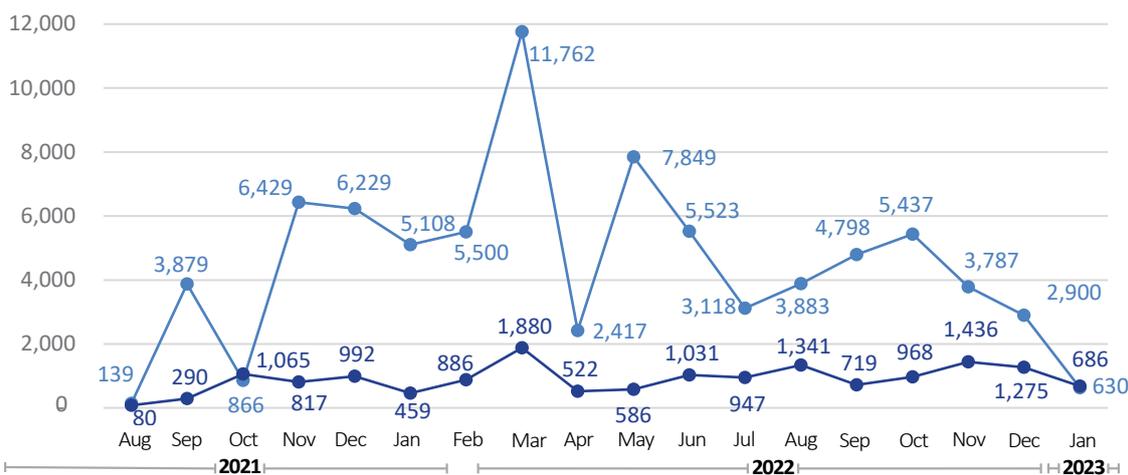
WEEKLY TRENDS (LAST FOUR WEEKS)

	17 - 23 Dec	24 - 31 Dec	1 - 7 Jan	8 - 14 Jan
Chaman	462	555	510	401
Torkham	381	64	285	120
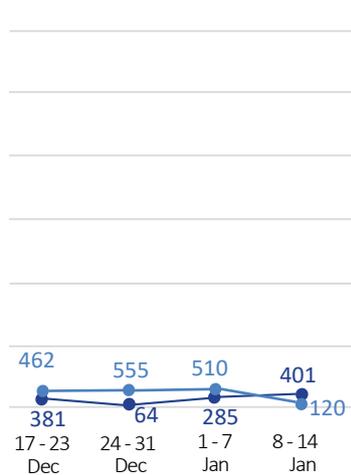
*The number represented on the graph only covers the period until 14th January 2023

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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
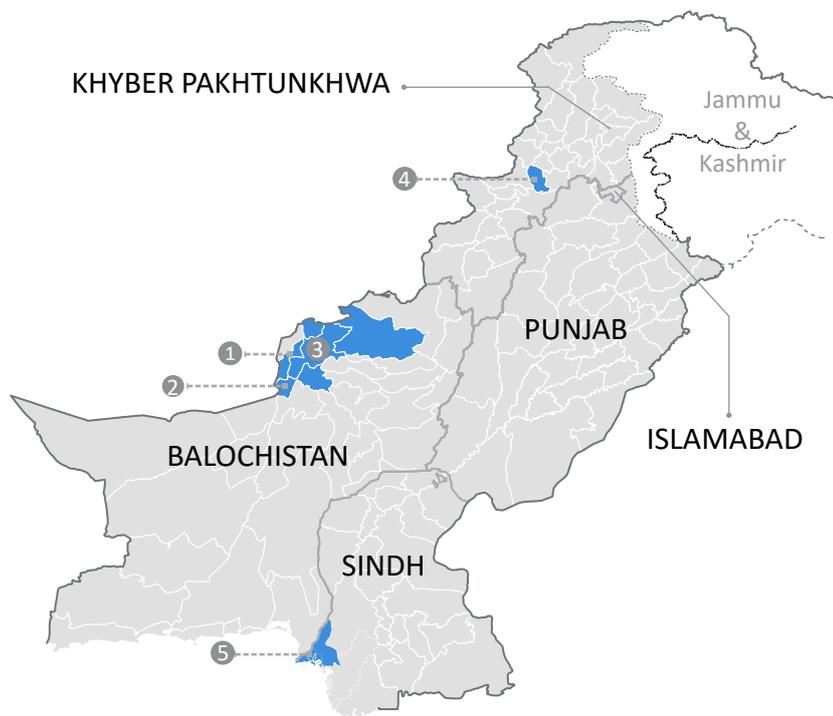
ORIGIN DISTRICT		SETTLEMENT TYPE			
1. Killa Abdullah	28%	100%	○	●	○
2. Quetta	22%	100%	○	●	○
3. Pishin	15%	90%	○	10%	○
4. Peshawar	11%	86%	○	●	14%
5. Karachi Central	9%	83%	○	●	17%
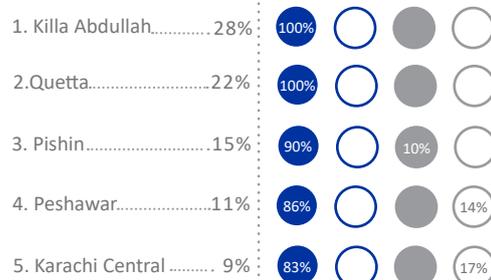
Note:
This map and the following legends focus on the top 5 districts of origin in Pakistan during the reporting period from 1 Jan. to 14 Jan. 2023

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PROVINCES OF INTENDED DESTINATION

LEGEND

———	International border
———	Province border
▬	Province of intended destination
▭	Other provinces
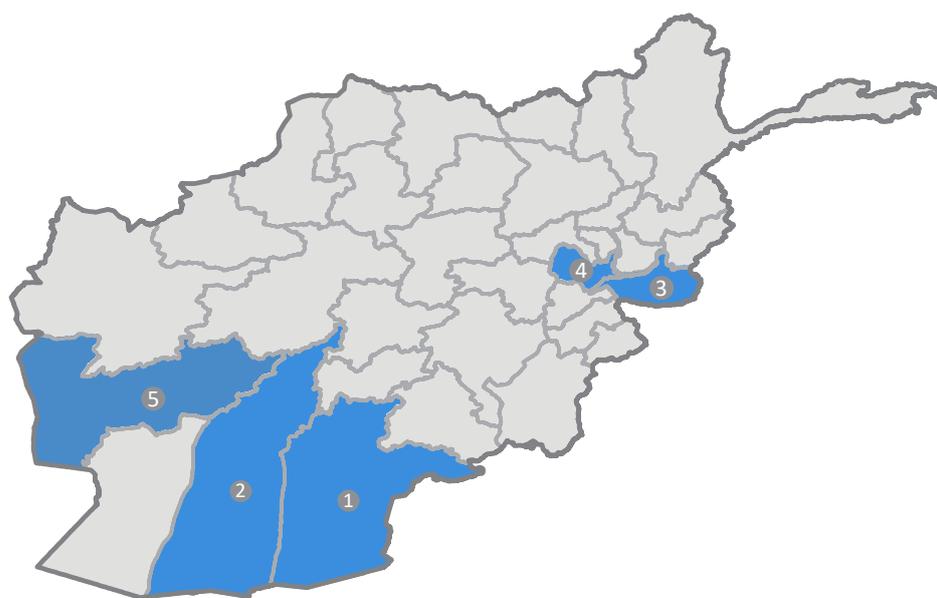
INTENDED PROVINCE		SETTLEMENT TYPE			
1. Kandahar	58%	84%	11%	○	5%
2. Hilmand	12%	75%	25%	○	○
3. Nangarhar	8%	●	60%	○	40%
4. Kabul	6%	75%	25%	○	○
5. Farah	2%	67%	●	○	33%
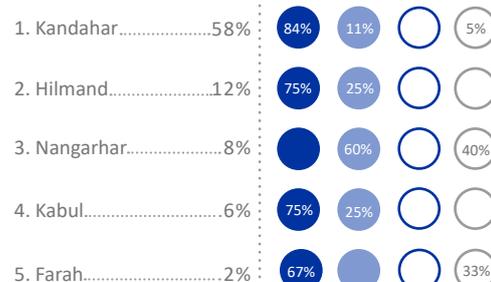
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