

IRAN AFGHAN VOLUNTARY REPATRIATION - JUN 2021 as of 31 June 2021

706 refugees repatriated in 2021

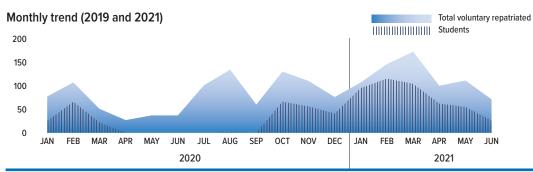
UNHCR facilitates voluntary repatriation for Afghan refugees who wish to return to their home country, once it is established that their return is voluntary, safe, dignifed and durable. Since 2002, UNHCR Iran has supported nearly 1 million refugees to return to Afghanistan. However, as the situation in Afghanistan remains fragile, only a small number of Afghan refugees in the Islamic Republic of Iran have shown willingness and ability to return to their home country. For as long as they have to remain in Iran, UNHCR supports the host government in providing Afghans with health, education and livelihoods opportunities. Individuals who are healthy, educated and have marketable-skills are typically more likely to return to their country of origin and feel capable of rebuilding their lives. Nonetheless, ultimately, a longer-term, political solution for Afghanistan's protracted crisis is the only way to ensure safe, sustainable and voluntarily return of refugees.

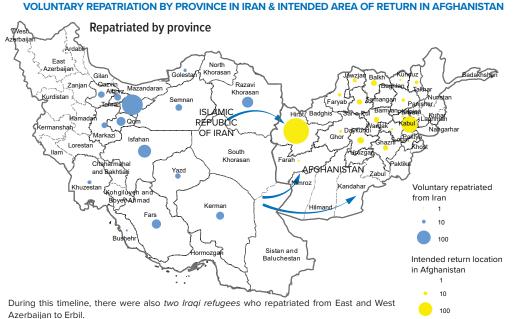
POPULATION PROFILE 64 % 48% 7 person have are students specific needs Reason of return to Afghanistan (% of individuals) are women Attain Student Visa for studying in Iran C 18% Live in COO for the rest of my life Financial problem in Iran UNHCR facilitates the UNHCR helps returnees Students excluded, the To get married in COO return of Afghan students with specific needs age distribution for men Others from Iran to Afghanistan including unaccompanied and women combined: Family member departed/living in COO to obtain student visas to or separated children and Document problems of family member 0-17 Individuals Study in COO pursue their studies back elderly persons. 18-59 0.0 0.1 0.2 0.3 0.4 0.5 0.6 0.7 0.8 60+ 8% in their country of asylum.

20000 18.667 Trend over the years (2011 - 2021) 15000 10000 5000 0 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021 JUN

In March 2020, UNHCR suspended its VolRep activities as a preventive measure to reduce exposure of refugees, host communities and staff to COVID-19. In May, UNHCR partially resumed VolRep activities from its Field Unit in Dogharoun, in keeping with health and security measures, to assist refugees who have opted to return to Afghanistan.

VOLUNTARY REPATRIATION TRENDS





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