



A young Afghan refugee is biometrically registered for a smartcard at the DRIVE Site in Rawalpindi - Pakistan © UNHCR/Asif Shahzad

## OVERVIEW

The Documentation Renewal and Information Verification Exercise (DRIVE) is being undertaken by the Government of Pakistan – the Ministry of States and Frontier Regions (SAFRON), the Chief Commissioner for Afghan Refugees (CCAR), and the National Database and Registration Authority (NADRA) – with the support of UNHCR.

DRIVE is verifying and updating the data of **1.43 million** Afghan refugees who are Proof of Registration (PoR) cardholders in Pakistan and issuing new PoR smartcards to all eligible refugees. The new smartcards have an initial validity period of two years.

DRIVE verifications are being carried out at **35 locations** across Pakistan, with a further **4-5 sites** expected to commence later in the exercise. DRIVE will be further supported by six mobile teams covering vulnerable groups and remote regions. When operating at full capacity, a targeted average of **10,400** individuals per day will be verified, **six days** per week.

## PROGRESS

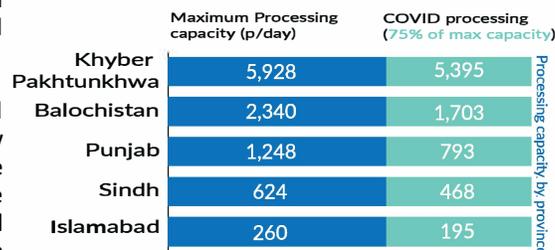
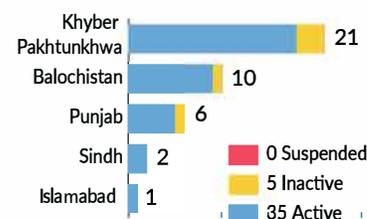
As at the end of July, DRIVE has completed more than **twenty per cent** of the anticipated interviews and more than **67,000** individuals have received new PoR cards. While all figures are provisional pending data quality reviews, the indicative percentage of children five years or younger who are newly recorded for registration has remained steady at **11.5 per cent**, and the proportion of unregistered immediate family members of PoR cardholders identified for future issuance of Family Information Certificates has increased to **7.1 per cent** of individuals processed.

Despite this strong progress, overall processing rates declined slightly in July, as a result of factors including a week-long suspension during Eid al Adha and technical difficulties, including loss of connectivity, at some interview sites and call centres.

Ongoing work to ensure integrity and efficiency in DRIVE has continued in a number of areas. Measures to increase the accessibility of interview appointments have been identified for implementation and will result in the strengthening of call centre capacity in August. Strengthened SOPs on the management and resolution of complaints and feedback were finalized and implementation has commenced. Staffing levels will be increased to meet the demands of higher processing rates, and intensive additional training for all operational staff on accurate and complete data acquisition has commenced.

Increasing the reach of DRIVE, a national plan for the deployment of mobile registration vans has been completed, with mobile operations scheduled to commence from **26 August**. Planning for the transition of four DRIVE sites to new locations in September has also been undertaken.

## DRIVE SITE STATUS BY PROVINCE



## HIGHLIGHTS

As of 31 July 2021, a cumulative total of **327,425** individuals have been processed across Pakistan. **230,997** are registered Afghan refugees who have been verified and will receive a new smart PoR card. 35,336 are registered children above five years old who are now eligible for their own individual smart PoR card, while 37,738 are children of PoR cardholders who are under the age of five and will be newly registered following document validation. An additional 23,354 individuals are undocumented immediate family members of Afghan refugees whose information has been recorded to highlight family links with registered Afghan refugees in Pakistan and will be issued family certificates only.

The majority of verifications to date have been conducted by the 18 sites active in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province (56%), with a further 21% in Balochistan province. The current DRIVE exercise also identifies nuclear families from within extended family groupings, averaging five individuals per nuclear family.

### KEY FIGURES

**327,425**

TOTAL INDIVIDUALS VERIFIED <sup>\*</sup>

**230,997**

VERIFIED AFGHAN REFUGEES <sup>1</sup>

**37,738**

NEWLY REGISTERED CHILDREN UNDER FIVE <sup>2</sup>

**35,336**

ALREADY REGISTERED CHILDREN ABOVE FIVE <sup>3</sup>

**23,354**

UNDOCUMENTED FAMILY MEMBER RECORDED <sup>4</sup>

**67,269**

CARDS DELIVERED

\* Total individuals processed for countrywide and provincial also includes number of already registered children below 5 years of age with their parents

### KHYBER PAKHTUNKHWA

**183,255** Total individuals verified

**131,866** Verified Afghan refugees

**20,057** Newly registered children under five

**20,173** Already registered children above five

**11,159** Undocumented family member recorded

### SINDH

**25,652** Total individuals verified

**17,586** Verified Afghan refugees

**3,394** Newly registered children under five

**2,555** Already registered children above five

**2,117** Undocumented family member recorded

### BALOCHISTAN

**67,755** Total individuals verified

**45,195** Verified Afghan refugees

**7,889** Newly registered children under five

**7,340** Already registered children above five

**7,331** Undocumented family member recorded

### FEDERAL CAPITAL TERRITORY, PUNJAB

**50,763** Total individuals verified

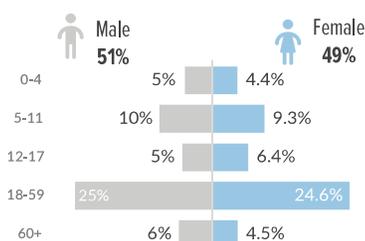
**36,350** Verified Afghan refugees

**6,398** Newly registered children under five

**5,268** Already registered children above five

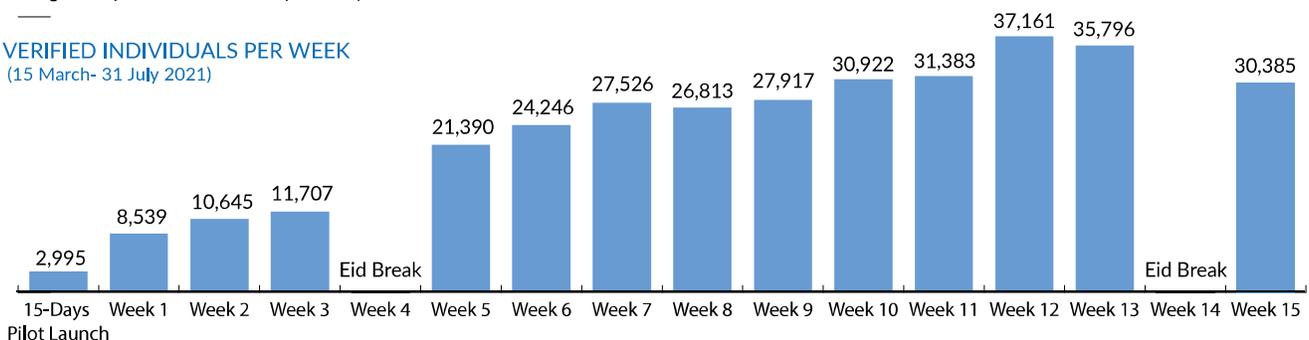
**2,747** Undocumented family member recorded

## AGE AND GENDER COMPOSITION

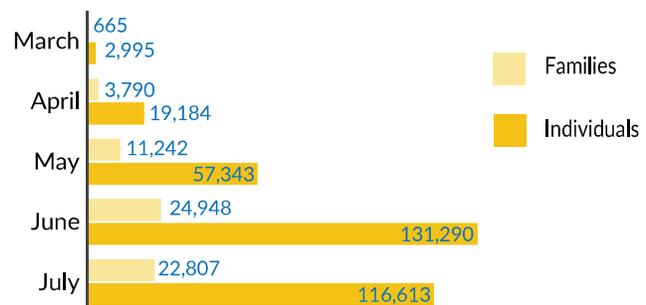


Average family size = **5** individuals per family

## VERIFIED INDIVIDUALS PER WEEK (15 March- 31 July 2021)



## VERIFIED INDIVIDUALS PER MONTH



<sup>1</sup> Verified Afghan refugees who have successfully updated their PoR cards to new PoR smart cards. <sup>2</sup> Registration of biological children, below 5 years of age, of a previously registered PoR cardholding parent, pending document validation. <sup>3</sup> Already registered children who have attained five years and above and are entitled to have their individual smart card. <sup>4</sup> Undocumented family members have a relation with an already registered PoR cardholder. All figures stated in this report remain provisional until data quality reviews are completed at the conclusion of the DRIVE exercise. Creation date: 28 May 2021. Sources: Afghan National Registration (ANR) Database. More information available on UNHCR: data portal, <https://data2.unhcr.org/en/country/pak>. Feedback: [abdulla@unhcr.org](mailto:abdulla@unhcr.org), [zahoor@unhcr.org](mailto:zahoor@unhcr.org)