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 A young Afghan refugee is biometrically registered for a smartcard at the DRIVE Site in Rawalpindi - Pakistan

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** operational sites across Pakistan, supported by four mobile teams covering vulnerable groups and remote locations. A further **4-5 sites** and several additional mobile teams are expected to commence later in the exercise. At full capacity, DRIVE is able to interview an average of **10,400** individuals per day, **six days** per week.

PROGRESS

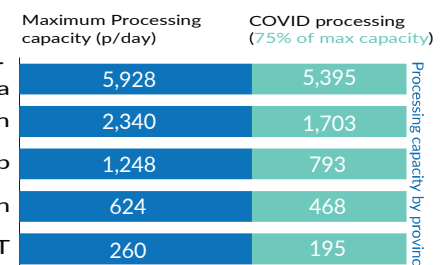
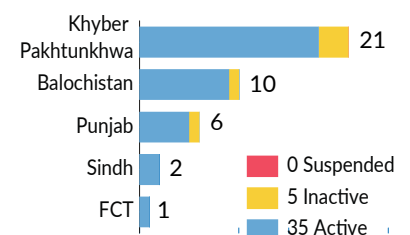
As at the end of August, DRIVE has completed more than thirty per cent of its anticipated interviews, and **100,000** individuals have received new PoR smartcards. Processing rates are accelerating after a dip in July and a record number of interviews—more than **148,000**—were completed in August.

The Government of Pakistan has issued formal notification of the new PoR smartcards to financial institutions, law enforcement agencies and service providers. This ensures that the new cards are accepted as a recognized document by banks, education institutions, police and others, and it also provides for ‘existing’ PoR cards (ie, those with the 2015 expiry date) to remain recognized in the interim.

While all figures are provisional pending data quality reviews, analysis of DRIVE data has commenced and is starting to provide indications of demographic changes, protection needs and the socio-economic circumstances of Afghan refugees living in Pakistan. Ongoing work to ensure integrity and efficiency in DRIVE has continued. The capacity of the two highest volume call centres (Peshawar and Quetta) has been strengthened in August, and comprehensive training to DRIVE site teams on data acquisition has been delivered nationally. Strengthened SOPs on the efficient resolution of applications for registration of applications for registration of new borns have been endorsed and associated amendments to DRIVE systems are being prepared. The staffing of all DRIVE site teams is being increased to meet the demands of higher processing rates.

Further increasing the reach of DRIVE, four mobile registration vans have been deployed, including one operating in Pakistani Administered Kashmir. Planning for the transition of four DRIVE sites to new locations is on track for the new sites to commence operation in October.

DRIVE SITE STATUS BY PROVINCE



HIGHLIGHTS

As of 31 August 2021, a cumulative total of 475,880 individuals have been processed across Pakistan. 330,170 are registered Afghan refugees who have been verified and will receive a new PoR smartcard, 53,059 are registered children above five years old who are now eligible for their own individual PoR smartcard, while 57,480 are children of PoR cardholders who are under the age of five and will be newly registered following document validation. An additional 35,171 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.

The majority of verifications to date have been conducted by the 18 sites active in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province (56%), with a further 22% in Balochistan province. The current DRIVE exercise also identifies nuclear families from within extended family groupings, averaging five individuals per nuclear family.

KEY FIGURES

475,880

TOTAL INDIVIDUALS VERIFIED *

330,170

VERIFIED AFGHAN REFUGEES ¹

57,480

NEWLY REGISTERED CHILDREN UNDER FIVE ²

53,059

ALREADY REGISTERED CHILDREN ABOVE FIVE ³

35,171

UNDOCUMENTED FAMILY MEMBER RECORDED ⁴

114,482

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

266,545 Total individuals verified

189,071 Verified Afghan refugees

30,369 Newly registered children under five

30,391 Already registered children above five

16,714 Undocumented family member recorded

SINDH

34,741 Total individuals verified

23,417 Verified Afghan refugees

4,778 Newly registered children under five

3,531 Already registered children above five

3,015 Undocumented family member recorded

BALOCHISTAN

102,565 Total individuals verified

66,744 Verified Afghan refugees

12,839 Newly registered children under five

11,427 Already registered children above five

11,555 Undocumented family member recorded

FEDERAL CAPITAL TERRITORY, PUNJAB

72,029 Total individuals verified

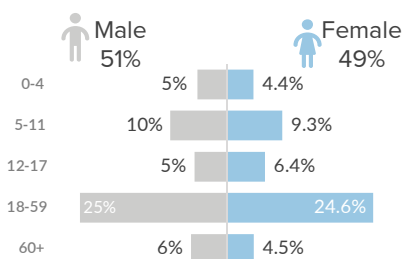
50,938 Verified Afghan refugees

9,494 Newly registered children under five

7,710 Already registered children above five

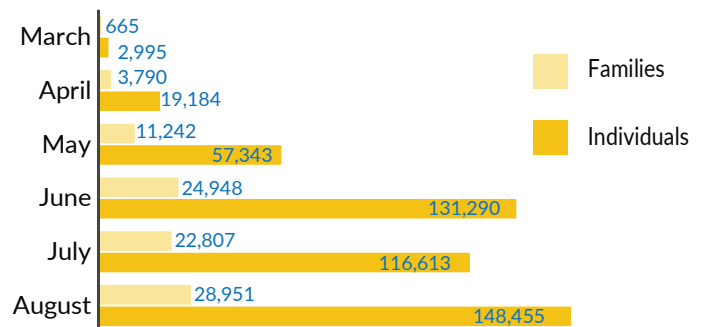
3,887 Undocumented family member recorded

AGE AND GENDER COMPOSITION

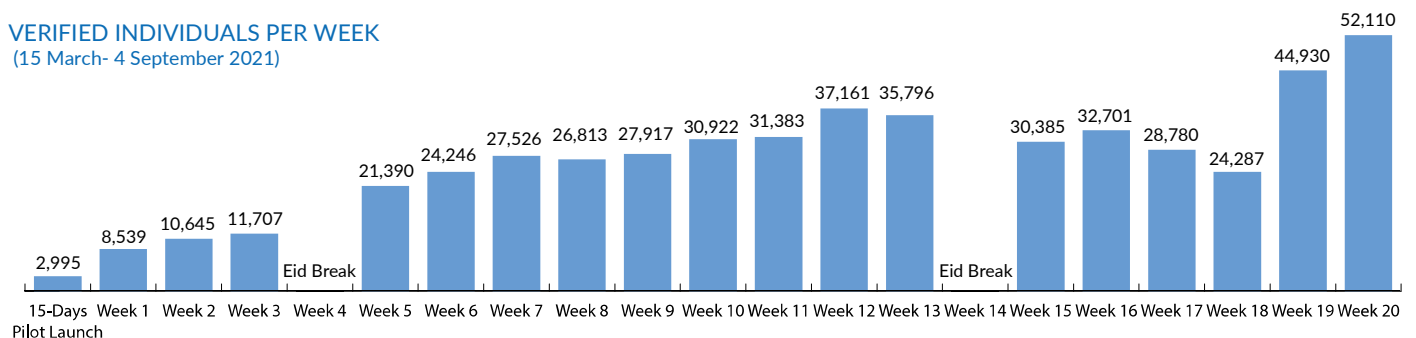


Average family size = **5** individuals per family

VERIFIED INDIVIDUALS PER MONTH



VERIFIED INDIVIDUALS PER WEEK (15 March- 4 September 2021)



¹ Verified Afghan refugees who have successfully updated their PoR cards to new PoR smart cards. ² Registration of biological children, below 5 years of age, of a previously registered PoR cardholding parent, pending document validation. ³ Already registered children who have attained five years and above and are entitled to have their individual smart card. ⁴ 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: abdulsa@unhcr.org, zahoor@unhcr.org