

PAKISTAN

Afghan Proof of Registration DRIVE Summary Update 30 June 2022

The **Documentation Renewal and Information Verification Exercise (DRIVE)**, a joint registration exercise carried out by the Government of Pakistan and UNHCR, verified and updated the data of 1.28 million registered refugees in Pakistan and documented them with biometric Proof of Registration (PoR) smartcards.

OBJECTIVES

- To provide registered Afghan refugees with a new government-issued **biometric smartcard** to enhance their protection and facilitate access to national social services;
- To **verify and update population data** for registered Afghan refugees; and
- To record updated information related to the **socio-economic circumstances** of Afghan refugees to inform programmatic interventions in Pakistan and solutions-oriented interventions in Afghanistan.

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

- DRIVE was successfully completed **over 9 months** between 15 March 2021 and 30 February 2022.
- Total expenditure of **USD 9 million** (USD 6.5 per individual).
- Verification conducted in **40 operational sites across Pakistan**, and **7 mobile registration vans**.
- Supported by **over 500 staff** from the Government and UNHCR.
- COVID mitigation measures and **enhanced hygiene measures** applied at all sites.
- Maximum daily processing of over **11,000 individuals per day** across Pakistan.
- Presence of **UNHCR Protection staff** for identification and referral of persons with specific protection needs.

RESULTS OF DRIVE



1.28M

 Afghan refugees


1.02M verified PoR cardholders¹ or 74% of Afghan refugees previously issued PoR cards.
266k applications for the new registration of children (under age of five)² of registered refugees.



Afghan refugees are composed of **47% women and girls** and **52% children**.

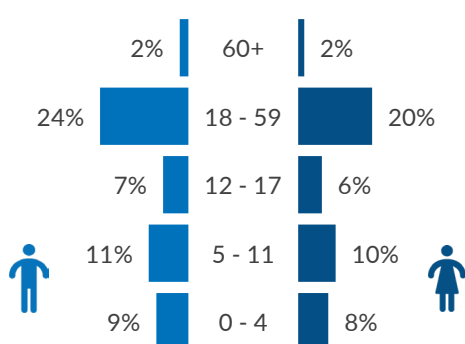


Over 964,000 biometric smart cards issued³

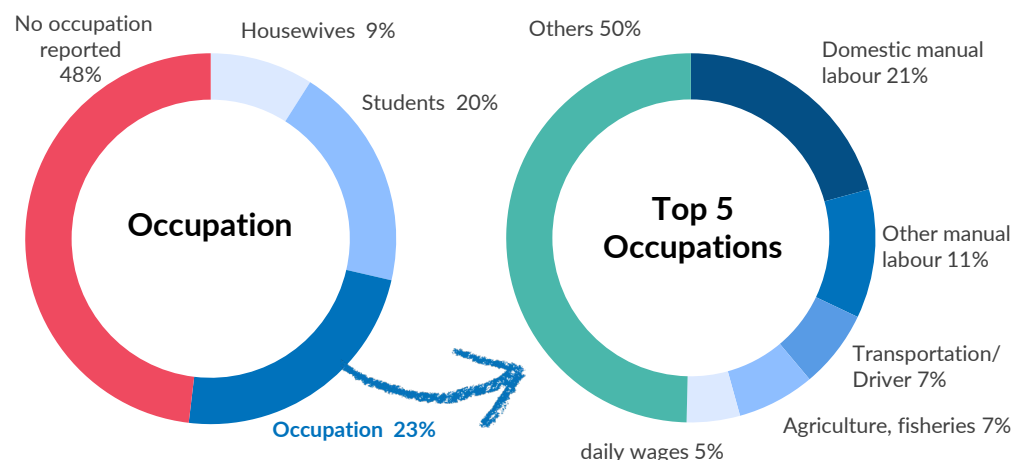


136,000 unregistered nuclear family members of registered refugees recorded

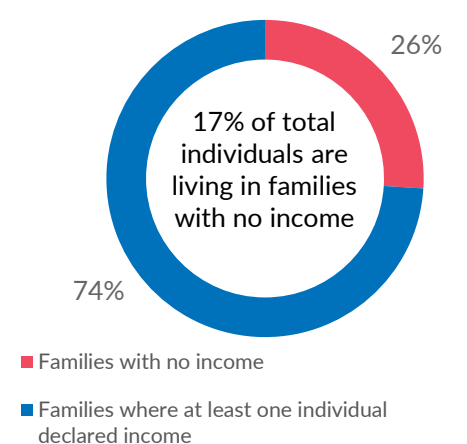
Age & Gender breakdown



Occupation



Family monthly income



- 80% of families earn less than minimum national income** in Pakistan (Rs 25,000 per month).
- 39% of those above 5 years reported some level of education.**
- 15% indicated an intention to return to Afghanistan.** Only 7% of those who intend to return completed higher secondary school or University level.
- Youth aged 15 to 24 years make up 20% of the population**, and reported having completed higher levels of education compared to the general registered population.

¹ Includes verified Afghan refugees who have successfully updated their PoR cards to the new PoR smart cards as well as already registered children of registered refugees who have attained five years of age and are entitled to have their own individual smart cards.

² Registration of biological children below the age of 5 years of a previously registered PoR cardholding parent, pending document validation.

³ Newly registered children under the age of five years are included on the biometric smart card of their parents, and children who attained the age of five years or older during DRIVE provided their own individual smart card.