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Assisted Afghan Returnees from Pakistan, Iran and other countries

from 17 August to 23 August 2025

Context

This infographics provides a weekly update on UNHCR-assisted Afghan nationals returning from Pakistan, Iran, Tajikistan and other countries. It details both **voluntary repatriation** as well as **other returns**. It categorizes the total numbers of returns by age, gender and documentation type, offering a clear demographic snapshot. Additionally, the infographic traces the flow of returnees from January to present, highlighting trends and changes over time. This visual representation serves as a vital tool for understanding the dynamics of Afghan nationals return, aiding stakeholders in making informed decisions and assessments regarding their integration and support.

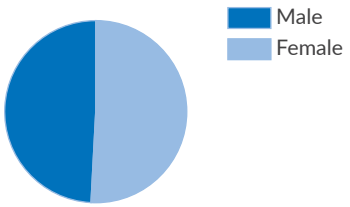
Key figures

8,800 from 17 August-23 August 2025

UNHCR-assisted returns (including CBI, Transportation, Core Relief Items and Hot-Meals)

51%

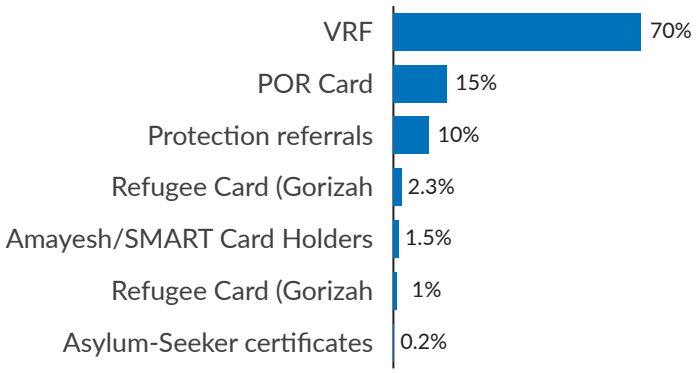
49%



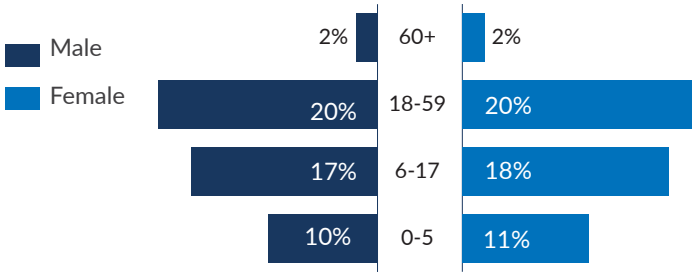
56% of returnees are minors (below 18)

35% of returnee households are female-headed

Returnees by documentation type



Returns assisted by UNHCR Afghanistan



77% of the assisted are **women & children**

50% of the returnees are **women**

Gender breakdown of returnees assisted through CBI.

Return category	Male	Female	Total
VRF (PoR cardhoders)	2,675	2,708	5,383
VRF (Amaesh cardholders)	11	6	17
VRF (Gorizah)	3	1	4
VRF (Other country)	-	-	-
POR Card	703	637	1,340
Amayesh/SMART Card Holders	81	61	142
Mandate refugee card issued by UNHCR	-	-	-
Refugee Card (Gorizah)	39	51	90
Slip holders	111	98	209
Undocumented member of VRF family	303	411	714
Asylum seeker certificate holder	7	8	15
Protection referral	357	506	863
Grand Total	**4,290**	**4,487**	**8,777**

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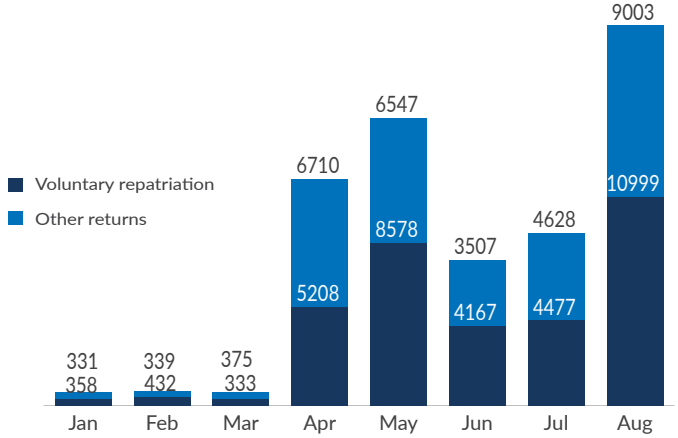
Year-to-date Return Trends

Since 15 September 2023 : **354,166**

Since 1 January 2025: **234,997**

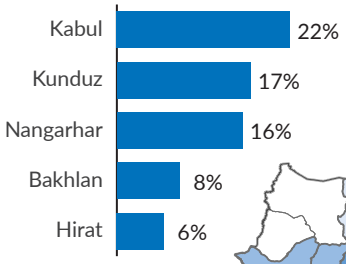


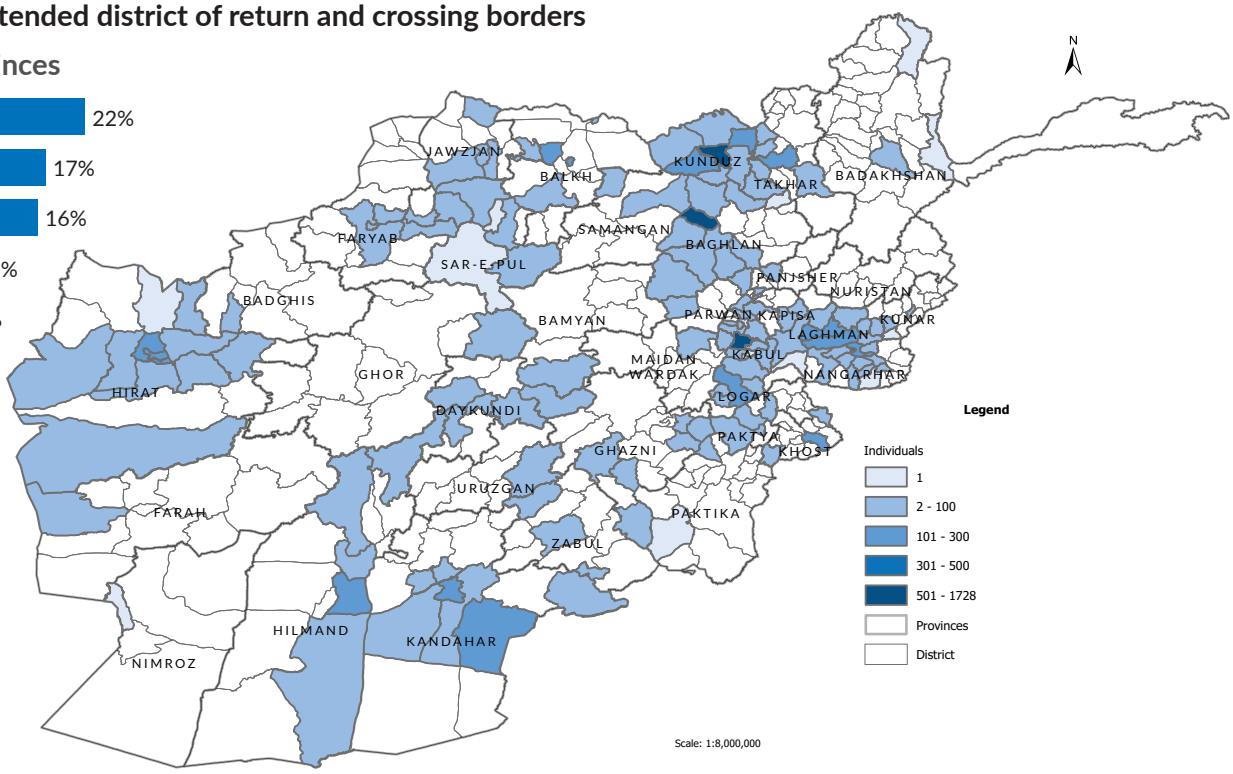
Return category by country of return

Return category	Pakistan	Iran	Tajikistan	Other	Total
VRF (PoR , Amaesh cardholders, Gorizah card and Other)	5,383	17	4	-	5,404
POR Card	1,340	-	-	-	1,340
Amayesh/SMART Card Holders	-	142	-	-	142
Mandate refugee card issued by UNHCR	-	-	-	-	-
Gorizah Card	-	-	90	-	90
Slip holders	209	-	-	-	209
Undocumented member of VRF family	714	-	-	-	714
Asylum seeker certificate holder	15	-	-	-	15
Protection referral	863	-	-	-	863
Grand Total	**8,524**	**159**	**94**	**-**	**8,777**

Map of intended district of return and crossing borders

Top 5 provinces





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