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Assisted Afghan Returnees from Pakistan, Iran and other countries

from 31 August to 06 September 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.

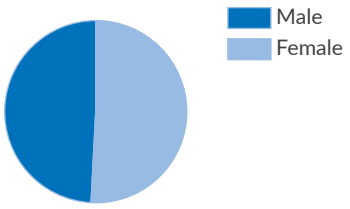
Key figures

48,600 from 31 August-06 September 2025

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

52%

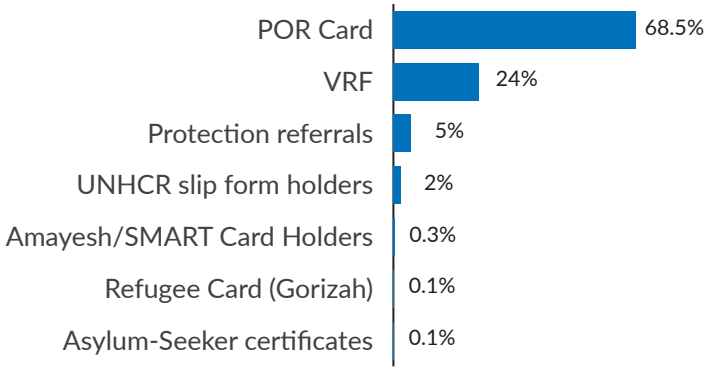
48%



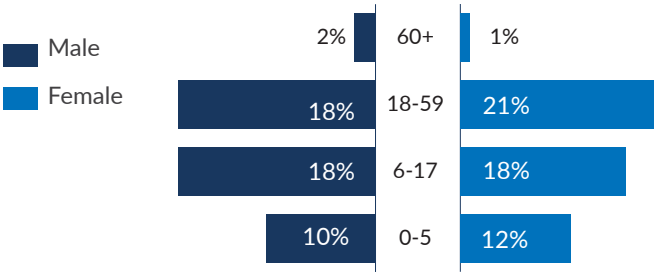
58% of returnees are minors (below 18)

33% of returnee households are female-headed

Returnees by documentation type



Returns assisted by UNHCR Afghanistan



80% of the assisted are **women & children**

52% of the returnees are **women**

Gender breakdown of returnees assisted through CBI.

Return category	Male	Female	Total
VRF (PoR cardholders)	5,689	5,681	11,370
VRF (Amaesh cardholders)	14	17	31
VRF (Gorizah)	-	-	-
VRF (Other country)	-	-	-
POR Card	15,761	17,665	33,426
Amayesh/SMART Card Holders	72	64	136
Mandate refugee card issued by UNHCR	-	-	-
Refugee Card (Gorizah)	9	18	27
Slip holders	420	342	762
Undocumented member of VRF family	186	227	413
Asylum seeker certificate holder	22	12	34
Protection referral	965	1,380	2,345
Grand Total	**23,138**	**25,406**	**48,544**

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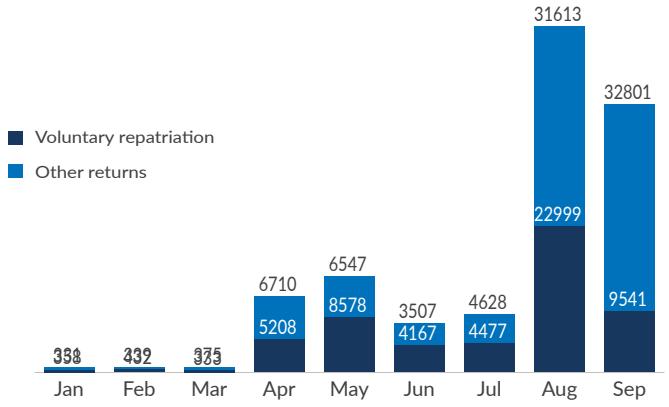
Year-to-date Return Trends

Since 15 September 2023 : **431,118**

Since 1 January 2025: **311,949**

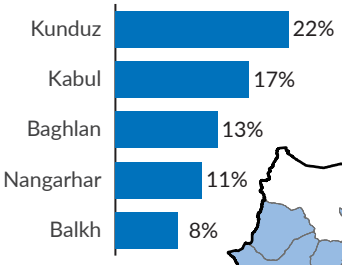


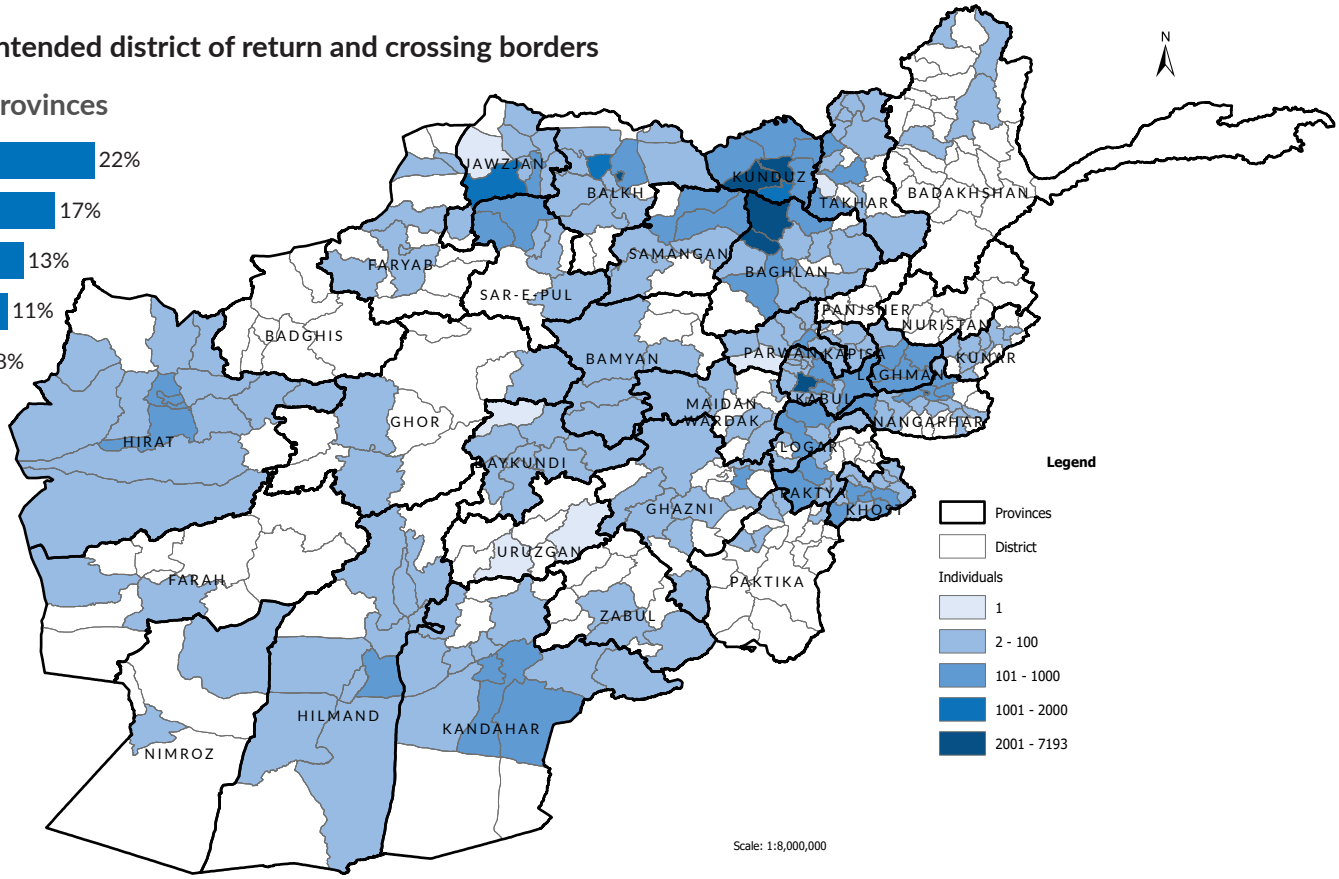
Return category by country of return

Return category	Pakistan	Iran	Tajikistan	Other	Total
VRF (PoR , Amaesh cardholders, Gorizah card and Other)	11,370	31	-	-	11,401
POR Card	33,426	-	-	-	33,426
Amayesh/SMART Card Holders	-	136	-	-	136
Mandate refugee card issued by UNHCR	-	-	-	-	-
Gorizah Card	-	-	27	-	27
Slip holders	762	-	-	-	762
Undocumented member of VRF family	413	-	-	-	413
Asylum seeker certificate holder	34	-	-	-	34
Protection referral	2,345	-	-	-	2,345
Grand Total	**48,350**	**167**	**27**	**-**	**48,544**

Map of intended district of return and crossing borders

Top 5 provinces





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