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Assisted Afghan Returnees from Pakistan, Iran and other countries

from 07 September to 13 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.

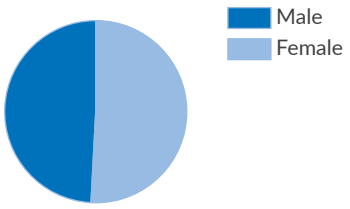
Key figures

20,600 from 07 September-13 September 2025

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

53%

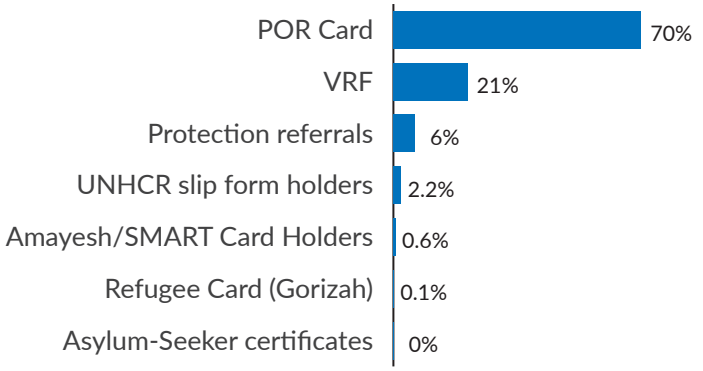
47%



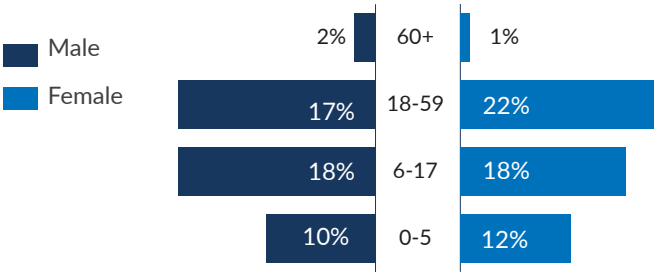
58% of returnees are minors (below 18)

29% of returnee households are female-headed

Returnees by documentation type



Returns assisted by UNHCR Afghanistan



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

53% of the returnees are **women**

Gender breakdown of returnees assisted through CBI.

Return category	Male	Female	Total
VRF (PoR cardholders)	2,139	2,051	4,190
VRF (Amaesh cardholders)	28	25	53
VRF (Gorizah)	2	3	5
VRF (Other country)	1	-	1
POR Card	6,741	7,624	14,365
Amayesh/SMART Card Holders	61	64	125
Mandate refugee card issued by UNHCR	-	-	-
Refugee Card (Gorizah)	10	12	22
Slip holders	234	213	447
Undocumented member of VRF family	53	68	121
Asylum seeker certificate holder	3	2	5
Protection referral	500	749	1,249
Grand Total	**9,772**	**10,811**	**20,583**

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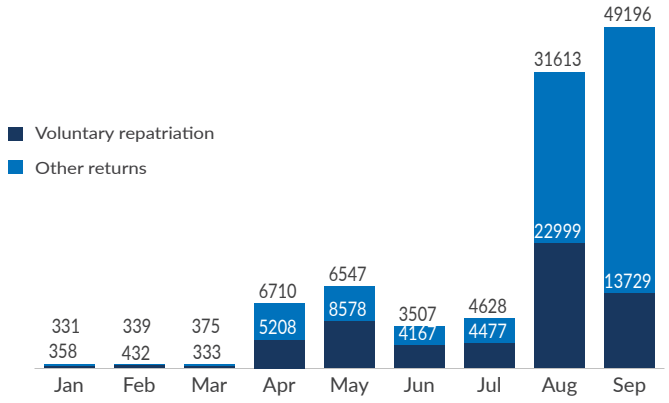
Year-to-date Return Trends

Since 15 September 2023 : **451,701**

Since 1 January 2025: **332,532**

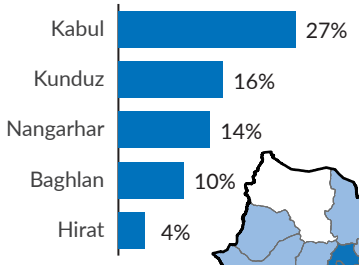


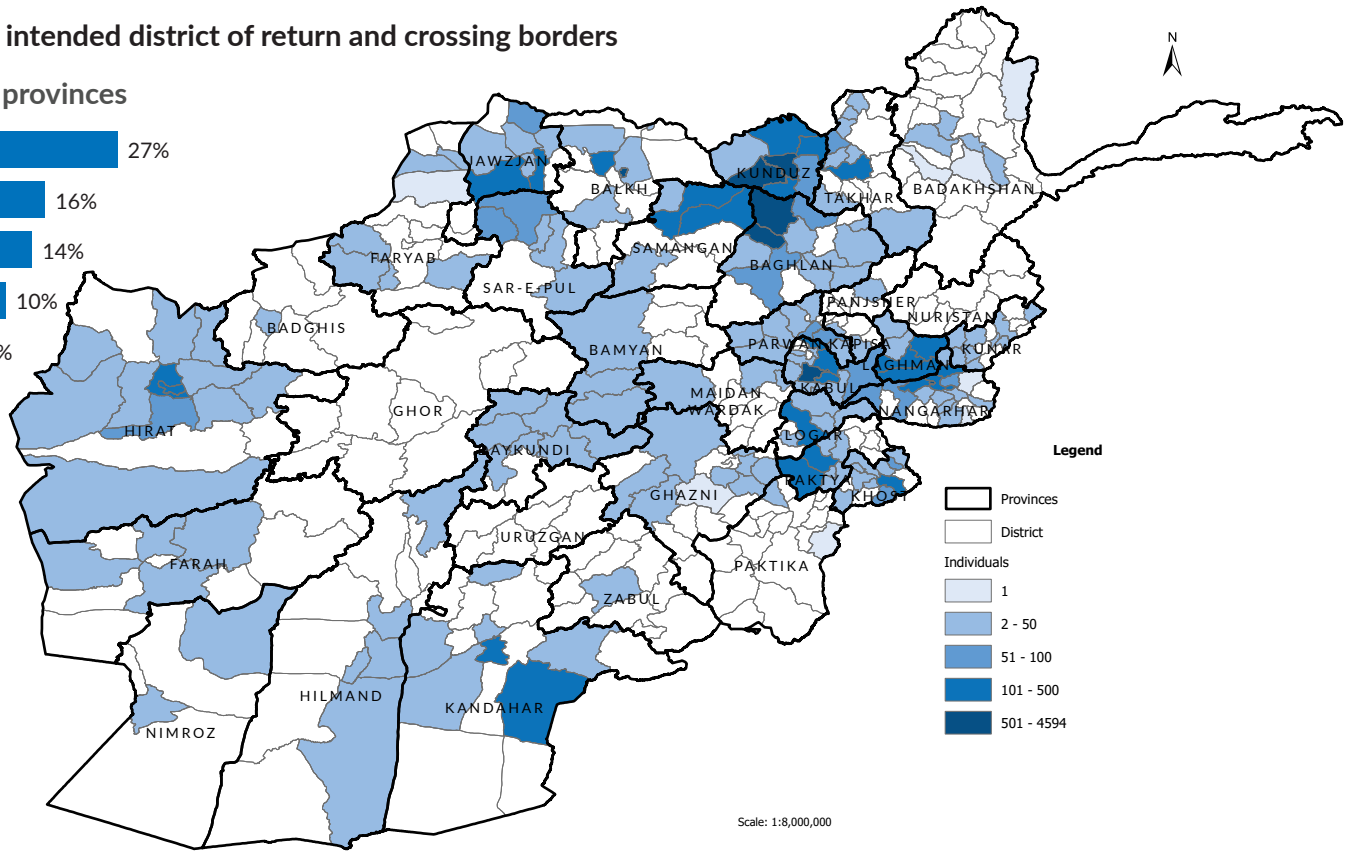
Return category by country of return

Return category	Pakistan	Iran	Tajikistan	Other	Total
VRF (PoR , Amaesh cardholders, Gorizah card and Other)	4,190	53	5	1	4,249
POR Card	14,365	-	-	-	14,365
Amayesh/SMART Card Holders	-	125	-	-	125
Mandate refugee card issued by UNHCR	-	-	-	-	-
Gorizah Card	-	-	22	-	22
Slip holders	447	-	-	-	447
Undocumented member of VRF family	121	-	-	-	121
Asylum seeker certificate holder	5	-	-	-	5
Protection referral	1,249	-	-	-	1,249
Grand Total	**20,377**	**178**	**27**	**1**	**20,583**

Map of intended district of return and crossing borders

Top 5 provinces





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