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Assisted Afghan Returnees from Pakistan, Iran and other countries

from 28 September to 04 October 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.

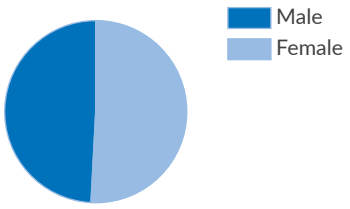
Key figures

35,600 from 28 September-04 October 2025

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

51%

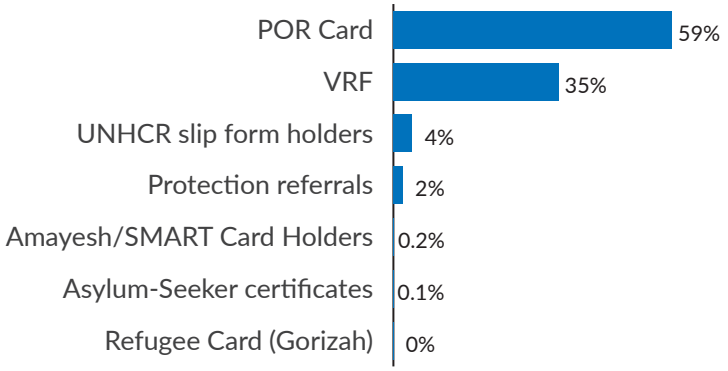
49%



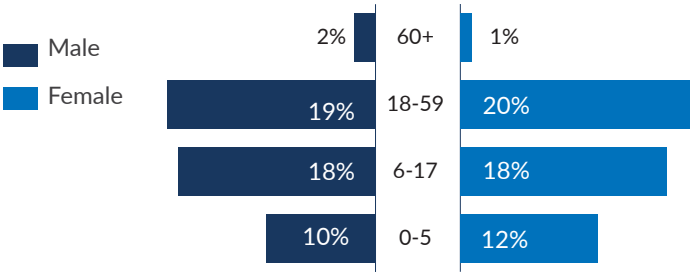
58% of returnees are minors (below 18)

26% of returnee households are female-headed

Returnees by documentation type



Returns assisted by UNHCR Afghanistan



79% of the assisted are **women & children**

51% of the returnees are **women**

Gender breakdown of returnees assisted through CBI.

Return category	Male	Female	Total
VRF (PoR cardhoders)	6,733	6,595	13,328
VRF (Amaesh cardholders)	16	14	30
VRF (Gorizah)	-	-	-
VRF (Other country)	-	-	-
POR Card	9,125	10,159	19,284
Amayesh/SMART Card Holders	48	32	80
Mandate refugee card issued by UNHCR	-	-	-
Refugee Card (Gorizah)	3	2	5
Slip holders	969	736	1,705
Undocumented member of VRF family	202	311	513
Asylum seeker certificate holder	15	8	23
Protection referral	258	304	562
Grand Total	**17,369**	**18,161**	**35,530**

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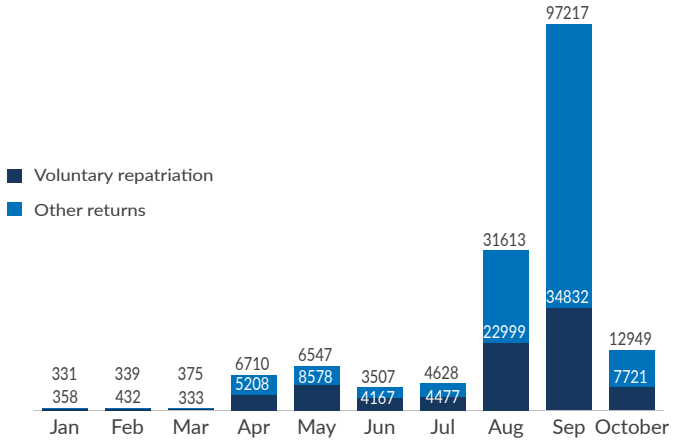
Year-to-date Return Trends

Since 15 September 2023 : **541,496**

Since 1 January 2025: **422,328**

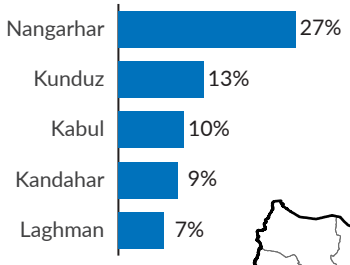


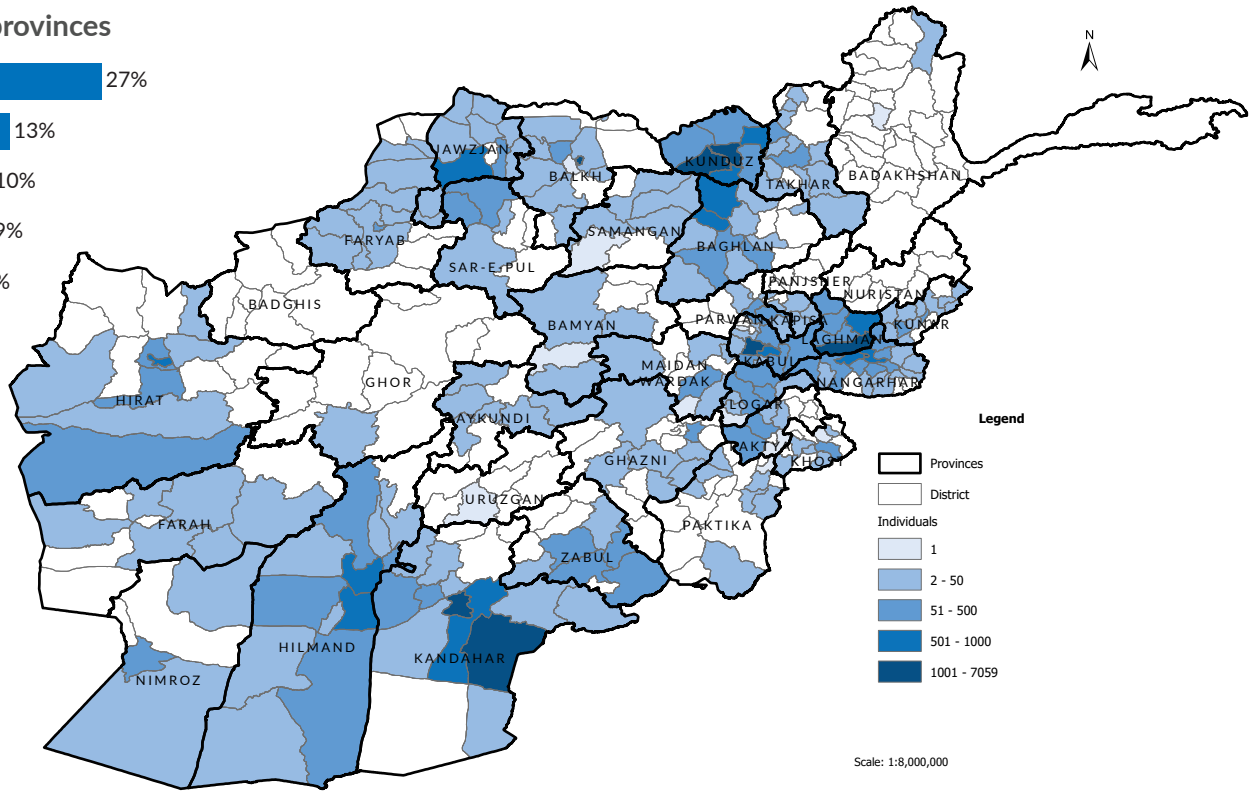
Return category by country of return

Return category	Pakistan	Iran	Tajikistan	Other	Total
VRF (PoR , Amaesh cardholders, Gorizah card and Other)	13,328	30	-	-	13,358
POR Card	19,284	-	-	-	19,284
Amayesh/SMART Card Holders	-	80	-	-	80
Mandate refugee card issued by UNHCR	-	-	-	-	-
Gorizah Card	-	-	5	-	5
Slip holders	1,705	-	-	-	1,705
Undocumented member of VRF family	513	-	-	-	513
Asylum seeker certificate holder	23	-	-	-	23
Protection referral	562	-	-	-	562
Grand Total	**35,415**	**110**	**5**	**-**	**35,530**

Map of intended district of return and crossing borders

Top 5 provinces





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