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Assisted Afghan Returnees from Pakistan, Iran and other countries

from 12 October to 18 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.

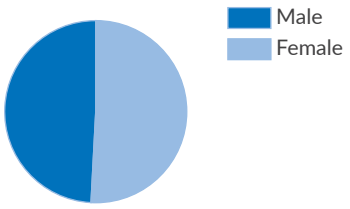
Key figures

17,400 from 12 October - 18 October 2025

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

52%

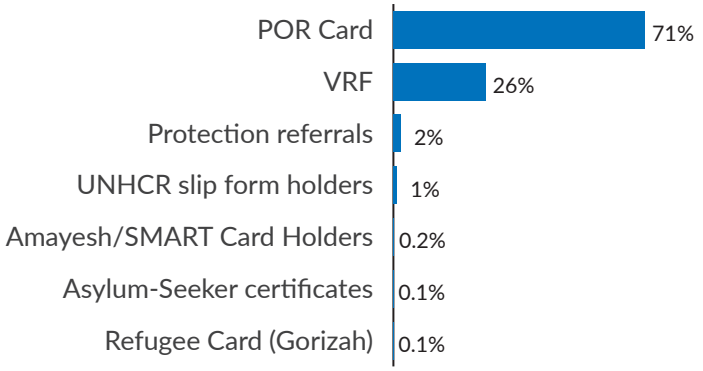
48%



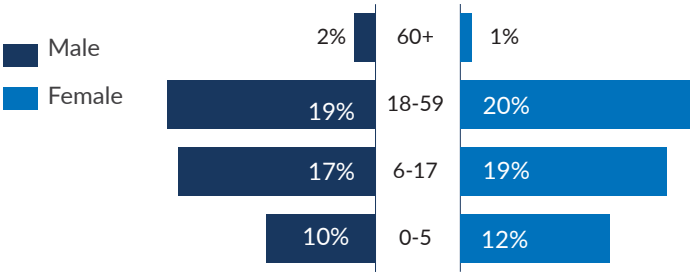
58% of returnees are minors (below 18)

28% 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)	2,244	2,173	4,417
VRF (Amaesh cardholders)	6	7	13
VRF (Gorizah)	-	-	-
VRF (Other country)	1	-	1
POR Card	5,849	6,526	12,375
Amayesh/SMART Card Holders	23	20	43
Mandate refugee card issued by UNHCR	-	-	-
Refugee Card (Gorizah)	5	5	10
Slip holders	89	78	167
Undocumented member of VRF family	-	-	-
Asylum seeker certificate holder	5	8	13
Protection referral	134	169	303
Grand Total	**8,356**	**8,986**	**17,342**

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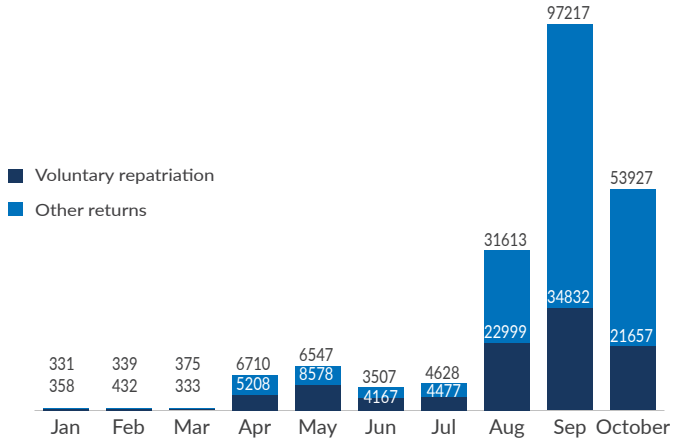
Year-to-date Return Trends

Since 15 September 2023 : **596,406**

Since 1 January 2025: **477,237**

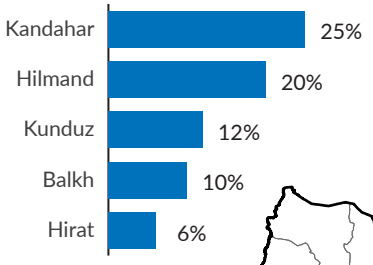


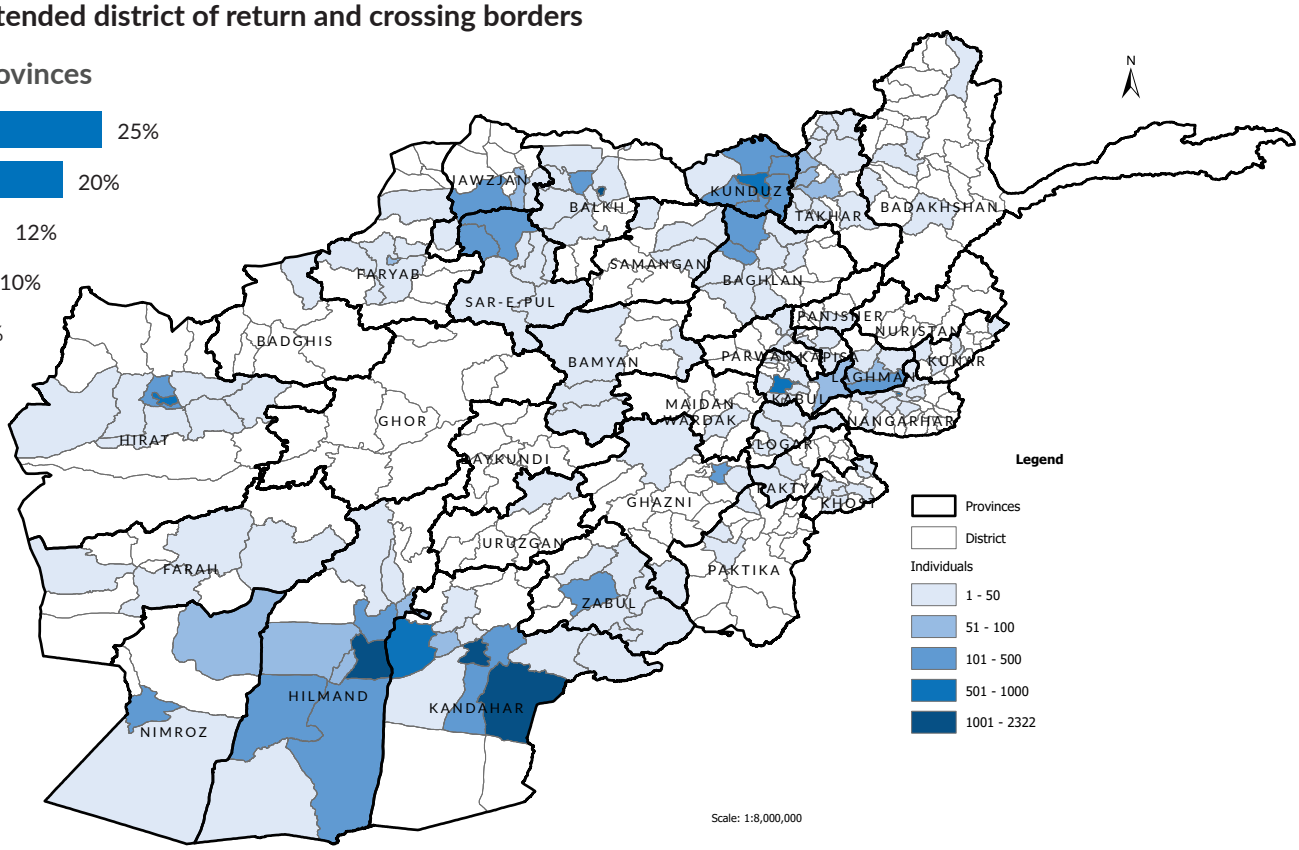
Return category by country of return

Return category	Pakistan	Iran	Tajikistan	Other	Total
VRF (PoR , Amaesh cardholders, Gorizah card and Other)	4,417	13	-	1	4,431
POR Card	12,375	-	-	-	12,375
Amayesh/SMART Card Holders	-	43	-	-	43
Mandate refugee card issued by UNHCR	-	-	-	-	-
Gorizah Card	-	-	10	-	10
Slip holders	167	-	-	-	167
Undocumented member of VRF family	-	-	-	-	-
Asylum seeker certificate holder	13	-	-	-	13
Protection referral	303	-	-	-	303
Grand Total	**17,275**	**564**	**10**	1	**17,342**

Map of intended district of return and crossing borders

Top 5 provinces





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