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Assisted Afghan Returnees from Pakistan, Iran and other countries

from 19 October to 25 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.

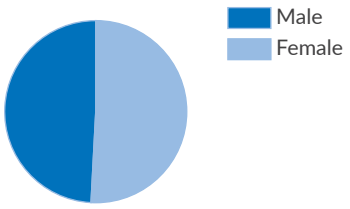
Key figures

23,100 from 19 October - 25 October 2025

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

51%

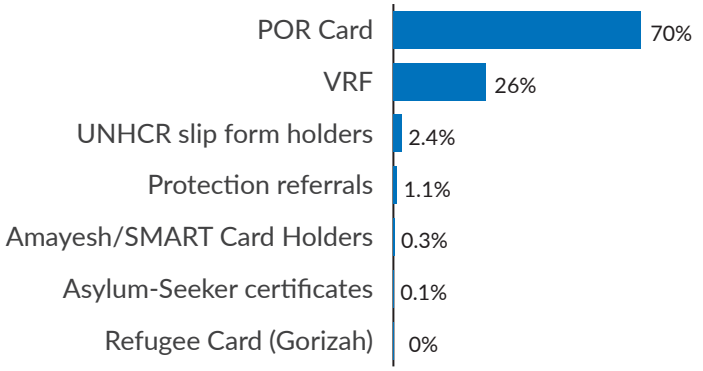
49%



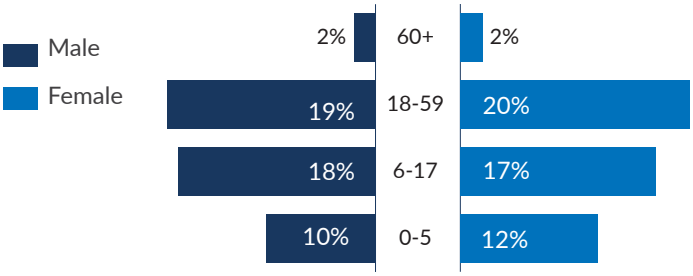
57% of returnees are minors (below 18)

30% of returnee households are female-headed

Returnees by documentation type



Returns assisted by UNHCR Afghanistan



80% 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)	3,083	2,914	5,997
VRF (Amaesh cardholders)	6	7	13
VRF (Gorizah)	-	-	-
VRF (Other country)	1	1	2
POR Card	7,786	8,343	16,129
Amayesh/SMART Card Holders	34	25	59
Mandate refugee card issued by UNHCR	-	-	-
Refugee Card (Gorizah)	4	-	4
Slip holders	303	245	548
Undocumented member of VRF family	-	-	-
Asylum seeker certificate holder	9	5	14
Protection referral	112	133	245
Grand Total	**11,338**	**11,673**	**23,011**

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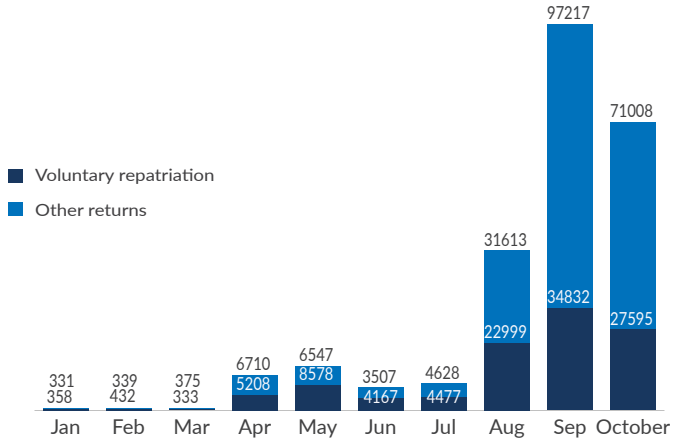
Year-to-date Return Trends

Since 15 September 2023 : **619,417**

Since 1 January 2025: **500,248**

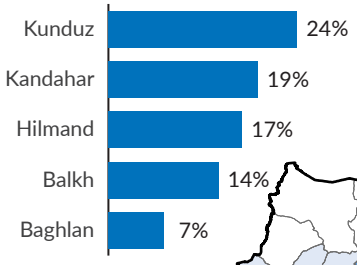


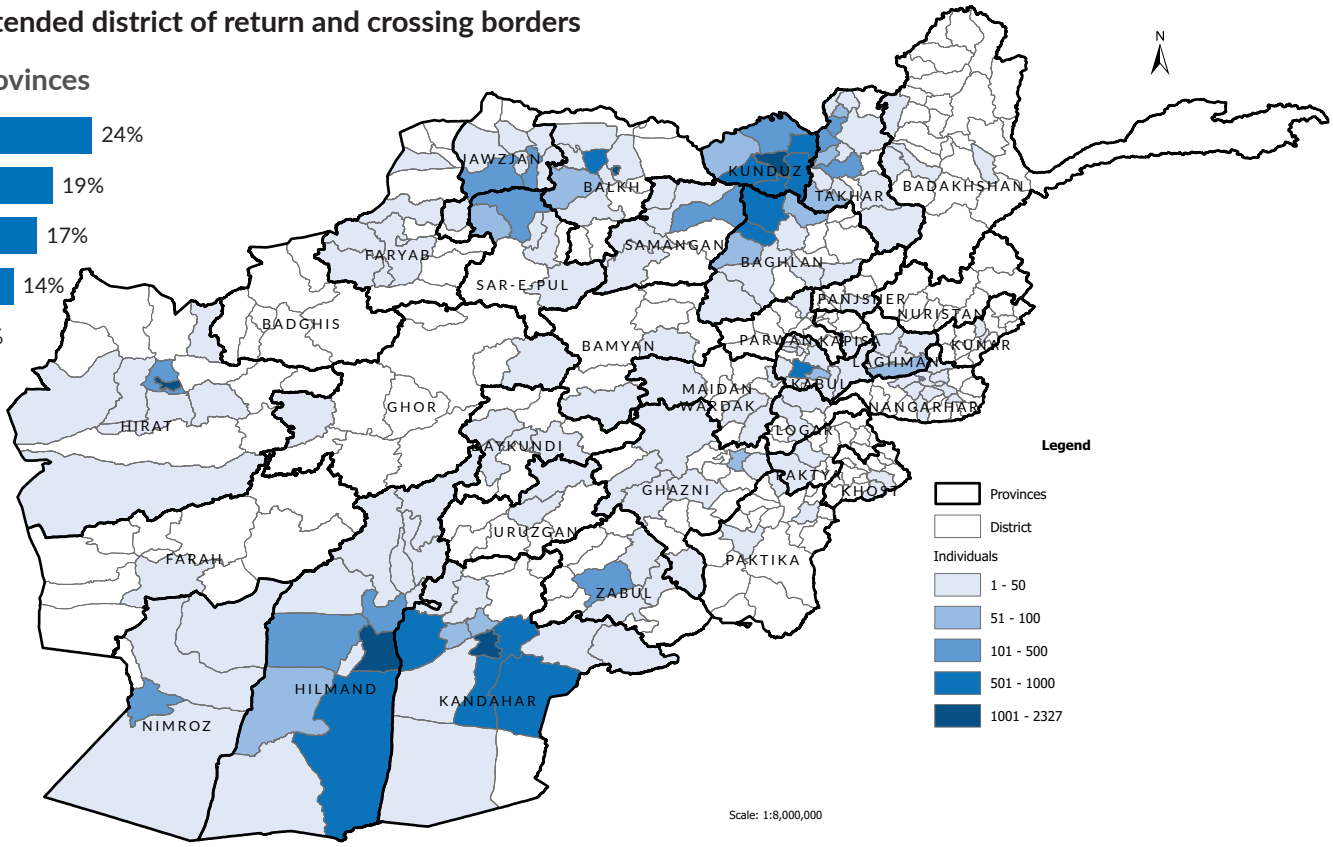
Return category by country of return

Return category	Pakistan	Iran	Tajikistan	Other	Total
VRF (PoR , Amaesh cardholders, Gorizah card and Other)	5,997	13	-	2	6,012
POR Card	16,129	-	-	-	16,129
Amayesh/SMART Card Holders	-	59	-	-	59
Mandate refugee card issued by UNHCR	-	-	-	-	-
Gorizah Card	-	-	4	-	4
Slip holders	548	-	-	-	548
Undocumented member of VRF family	-	-	-	-	-
Asylum seeker certificate holder	14	-	-	-	14
Protection referral	245	-	-	-	245
Grand Total	**22,933**	**72**	**4**	**2**	**23,011**

Map of intended district of return and crossing borders

Top 5 provinces





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