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Assisted Afghan Returnees from Pakistan, Iran and other countries

from 26 October to 01 November 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.

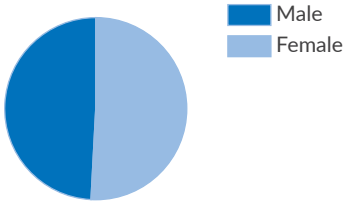
Key figures

29,100 from 26 October - 01 November 2025

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

51%

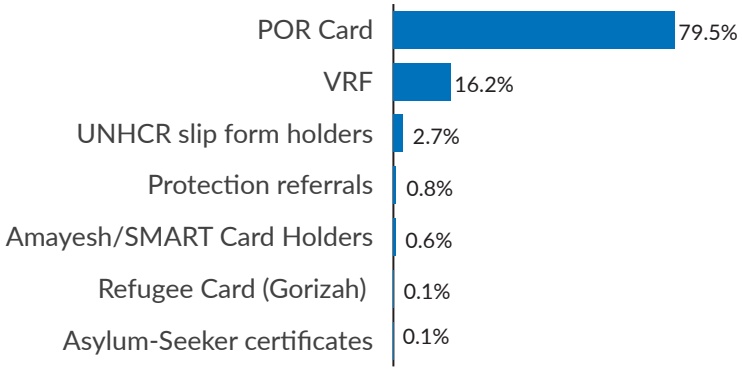
49%



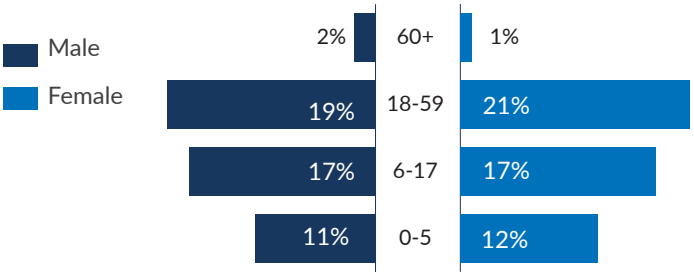
58% of returnees are minors (below 18)

27% 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)	2,363	2,327	4,690
VRF (Amaesh cardholders)	7	5	12
VRF (Gorizah)	-	-	-
VRF (Other country)	-	-	-
POR Card	11,137	11,937	23,074
Amayesh/SMART Card Holders	98	78	176
Mandate refugee card issued by UNHCR	-	-	-
Refugee Card (Gorizah)	14	17	31
Slip holders	417	368	785
Undocumented member of VRF family	-	-	-
Asylum seeker certificate holder	14	13	27
Protection referral	105	140	245
Grand Total	**14,155**	**14,885**	**29,040**

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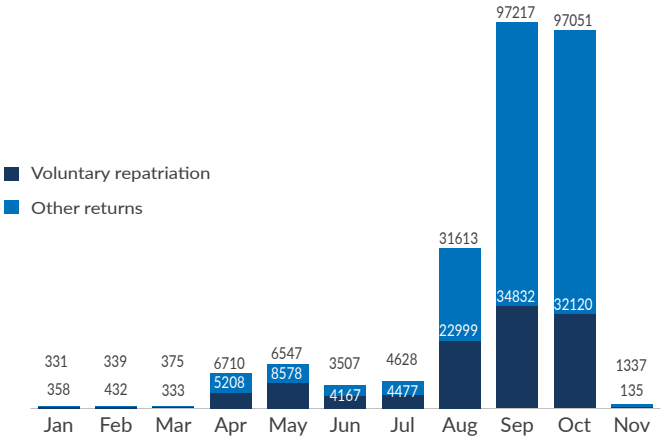
Year-to-date Return Trends

Since 15 September 2023 : **648,457**

Since 1 January 2025: **529,288**

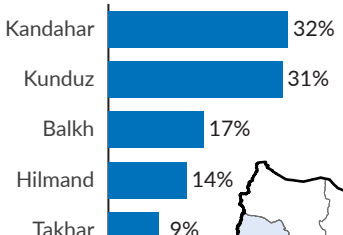


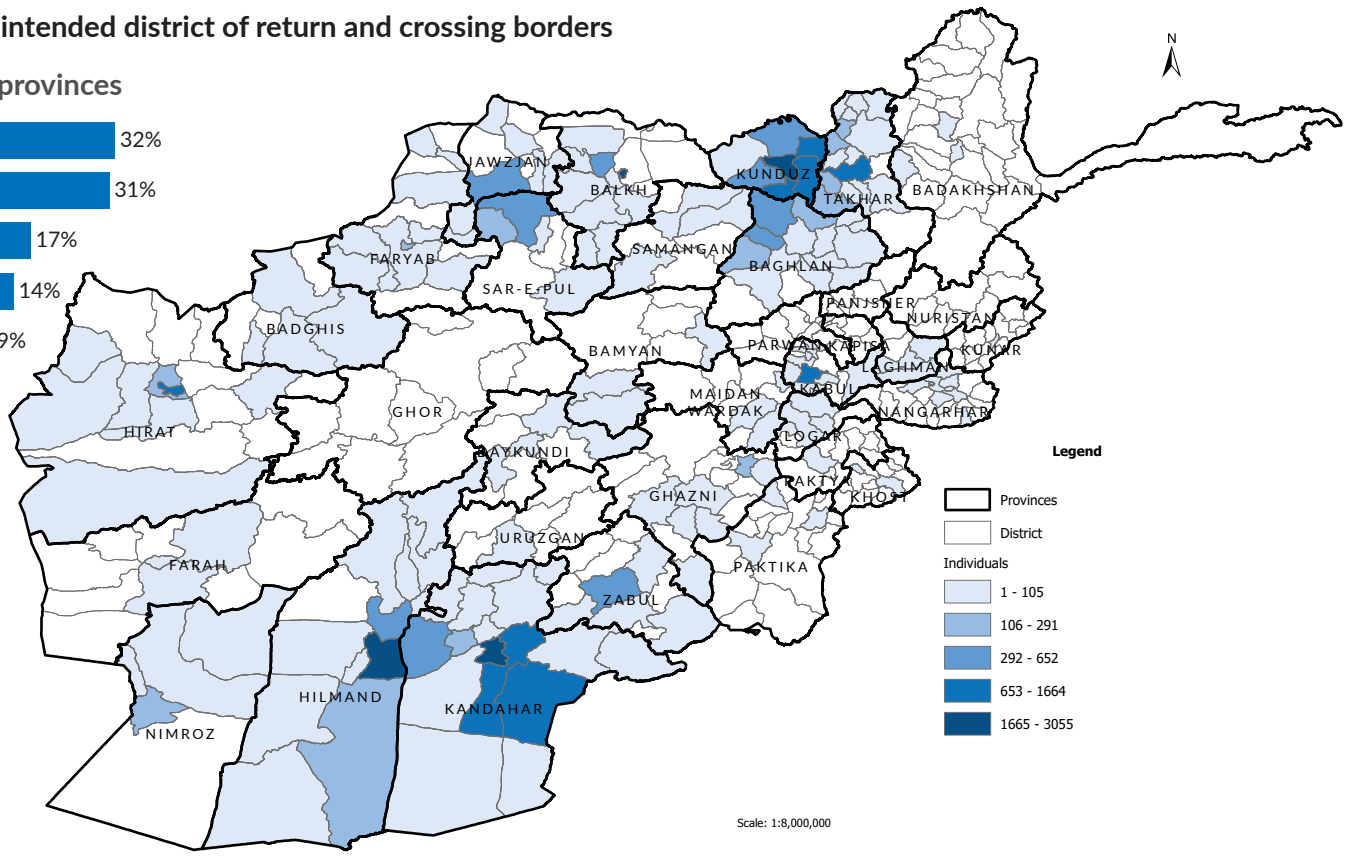
Return category by country of return

Return category	Pakistan	Iran	Tajikistan	Other	Total
VRF (PoR , Amaesh cardholders, Gorizah card and Other)	4,690	12	-	-	4,702
POR Card	23,074	-	-	-	23,074
Amayesh/SMART Card Holders	-	176	-	-	176
Mandate refugee card issued by UNHCR	-	-	-	-	-
Gorizah Card	-	-	31	-	31
Slip holders	785	-	-	-	785
Undocumented member of VRF family	-	-	-	-	-
Asylum seeker certificate holder	27	-	-	-	27
Protection referral	245	-	-	-	245
Grand Total	**28,821**	**188**	**31**	-	**29,040**

Map of intended district of return and crossing borders

Top 5 provinces





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