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Assisted Afghan Returnees from Pakistan, Iran and other countries

from 14 December to 20 December 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.

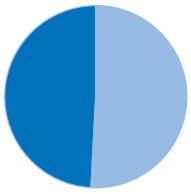
Key figures

6,500 from 14 December - 20 December 2025

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

57%

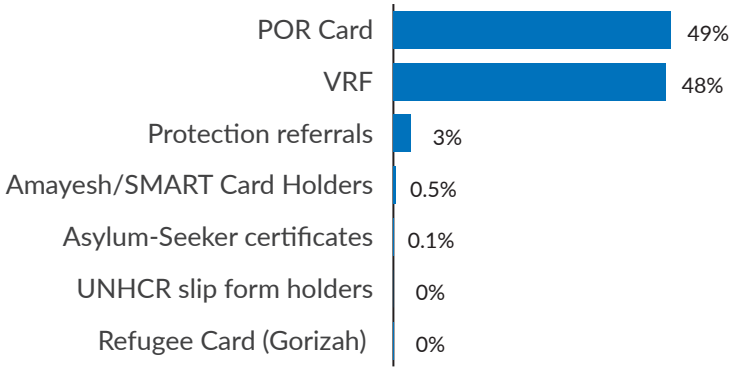
43%



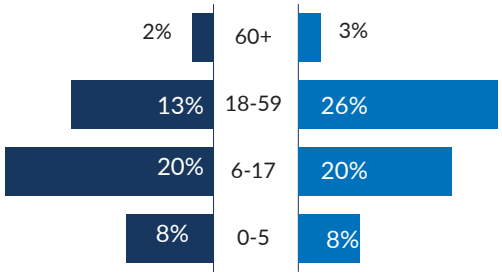
57% of returnees are minors (below 18)

65% of returnee households are female-headed

Returnees by documentation type



Returns assisted by UNHCR Afghanistan



85% of the assisted are **women & children**

57% of the returnees are **women**

Gender breakdown of returnees assisted through CBI.

Return category	Male	Female	Total
VRF (PoR cardhoders)	1,318	1,741	3,059
VRF (Amaesh cardholders)	3	4	7
VRF (Gorizah)	-	-	-
VRF (Other country)	4	3	7
POR Card	1,318	1,833	3,151
Amayesh/SMART Card Holders	17	14	31
Mandate refugee card issued by UNHCR	-	-	-
Refugee Card (Gorizah)	-	-	-
Slip holders	-	-	-
Undocumented member of VRF family	-	-	-
Asylum seeker certificate holder	5	3	8
Protection referral	88	89	177
Grand Total	**2,753**	**3,687**	**6,440**

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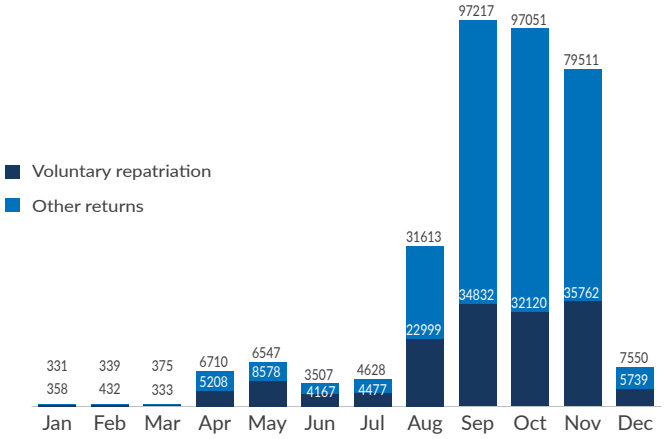
Year-to-date Return Trends

Since 15 September 2023 : **775,541**

Since 1 January 2025: **656,372**

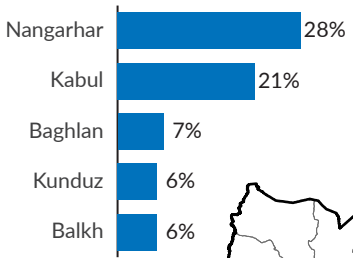


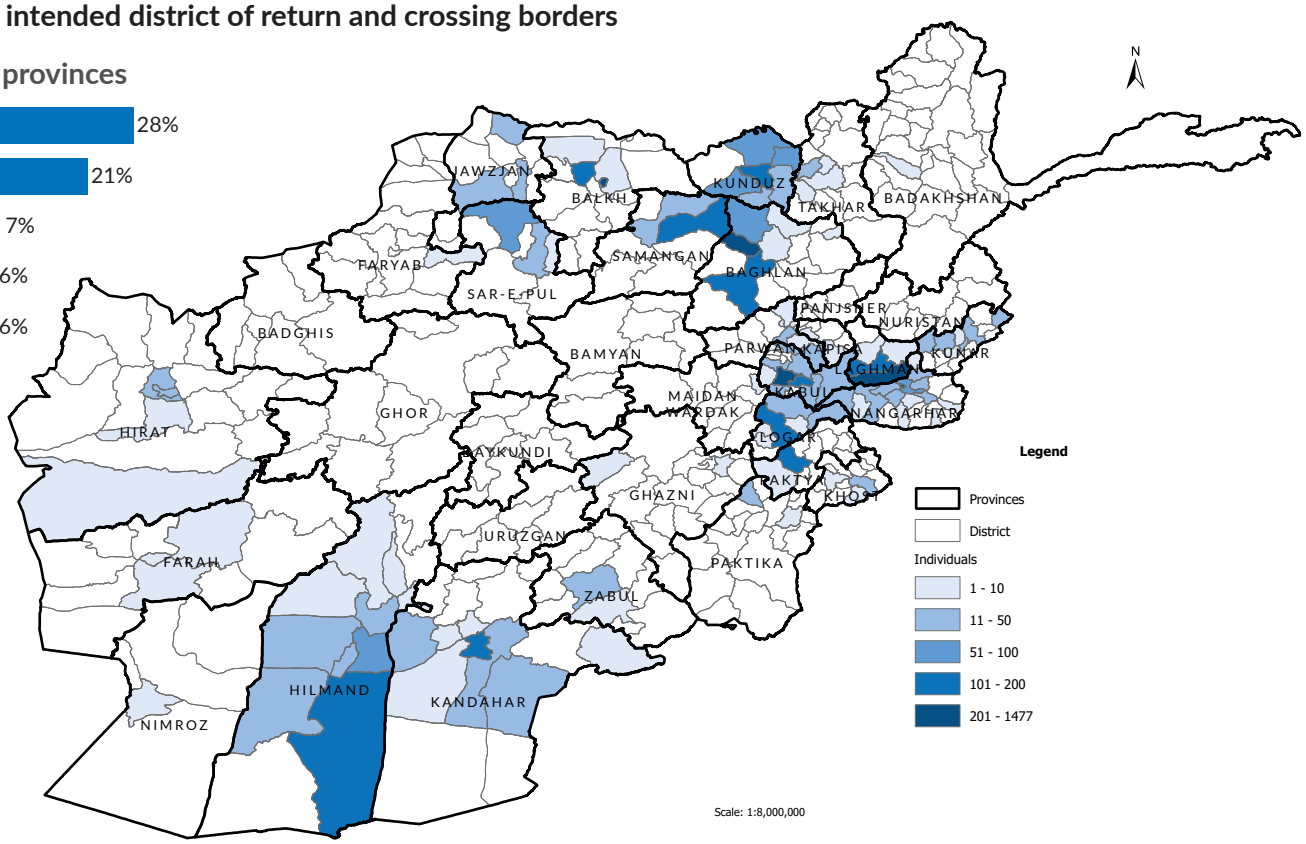
Return category by country of return

Return category	Pakistan	Iran	Tajikistan	Other	Total
VRF (PoR , Amaesh cardholders, Gorizah card and Other)	3,059	7	-	7	3,073
POR Card	3,151	-	-	-	3,151
Amayesh/SMART Card Holders	-	31	-	-	31
Mandate refugee card issued by UNHCR	-	-	-	-	-
Gorizah Card	-	-	-	-	-
Slip holders	-	-	-	-	-
Undocumented member of VRF family	-	-	-	-	-
Asylum seeker certificate holder	8	-	-	-	8
Protection referral	177	-	-	-	177
Grand Total	**6,395**	**38**	-	**7**	**6,440**

Map of intended district of return and crossing borders

Top 5 provinces





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