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Assisted Afghan Returnees from Pakistan, Iran and other countries

from 28 December to 31 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.

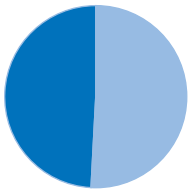
Key figures

1,500 from 28 December - 31 December 2025

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

55%

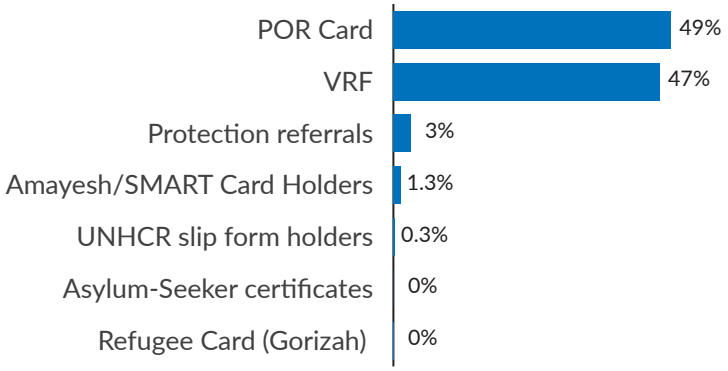
45%



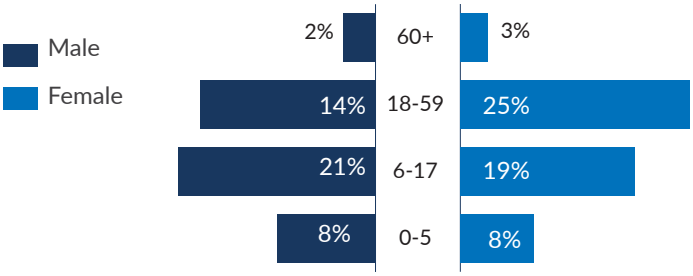
54% of returnees are minors (below 18)

53% of returnee households are female-headed

Returnees by documentation type



Returns assisted by UNHCR Afghanistan



81% of the assisted are **women & children**

55% of the returnees are **women**

Gender breakdown of returnees assisted through CBI.

Return category	Male	Female	Total
VRF (PoR cardhoders)	317	393	710
VRF (Amaesh cardholders)	3	4	7
VRF (Gorizah)	-	-	-
VRF (Other country)	-	-	-
POR Card	315	377	692
Amayesh/SMART Card Holders	10	9	19
Mandate refugee card issued by UNHCR	-	-	-
Refugee Card (Gorizah)	-	-	-
Slip holders	2	3	5
Undocumented member of VRF family	-	-	-
Asylum seeker certificate holder	-	-	-
Protection referral	23	20	43
Grand Total	**670**	**806**	**1,476**

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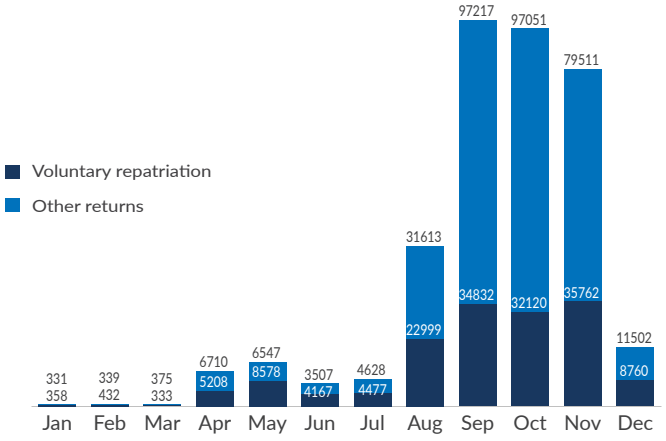
Year-to-date Return Trends

Since 15 September 2023 : **782,559**

Since 1 January 2025: **663,390**

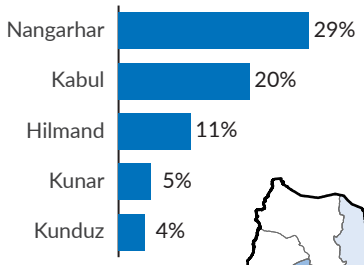


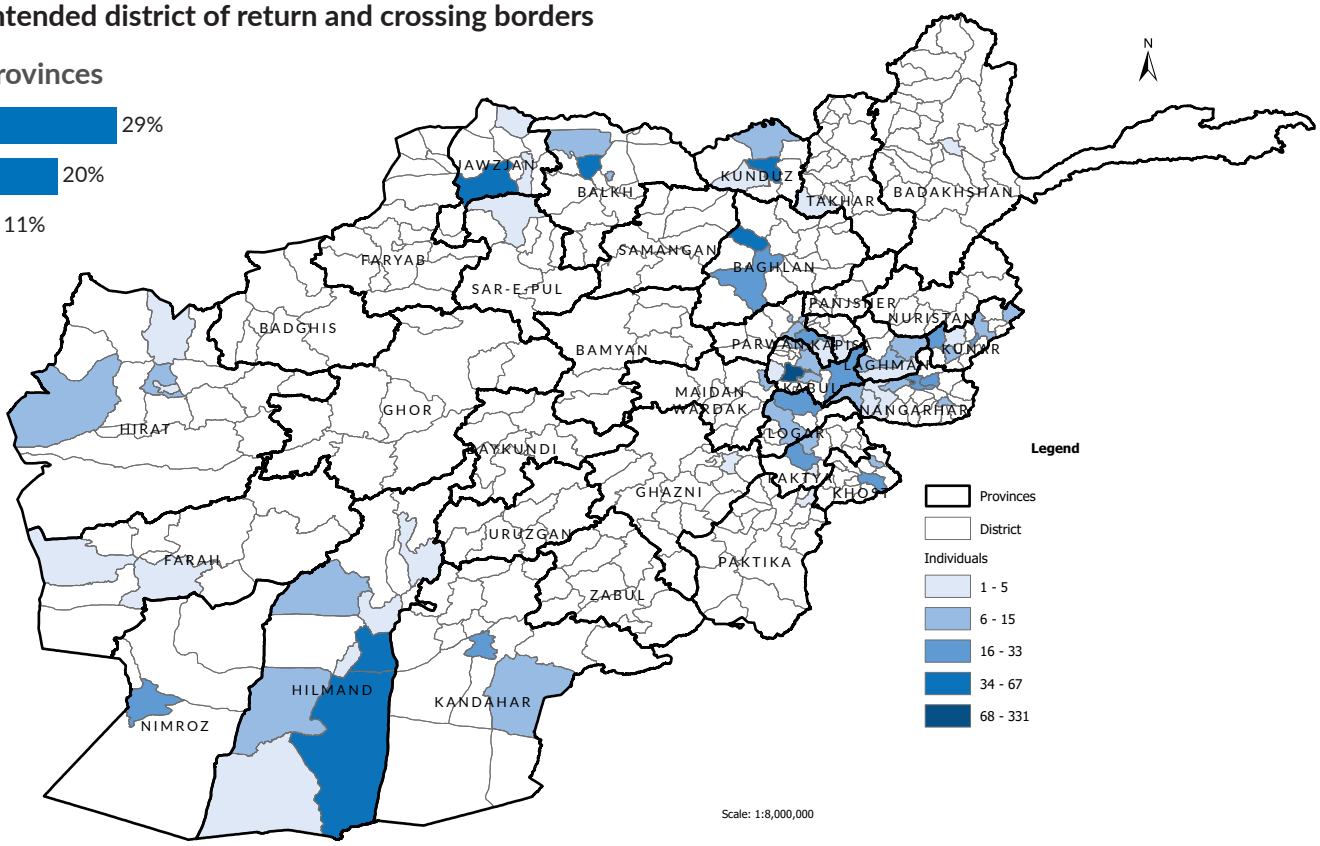
Return category by country of return

Return category	Pakistan	Iran	Tajikistan	Other	Total
VRF (PoR , Amaesh cardholders, Gorizah card and Other)	710	7	-	-	717
POR Card	692	-	-	-	692
Amayesh/SMART Card Holders	-	19	-	-	19
Mandate refugee card issued by UNHCR	-	-	-	-	-
Gorizah Card	-	-	-	-	-
Slip holders	5	-	-	-	5
Undocumented member of VRF family	-	-	-	-	-
Asylum seeker certificate holder	-	-	-	-	-
Protection referral	43	-	-	-	43
Grand Total	**1,450**	**26**	-	-	**1,476**

Map of intended district of return and crossing borders

Top 5 provinces





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