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Assisted Afghan Returnees from Pakistan, Iran and other countries

from 11 January to 17 January 2026

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.

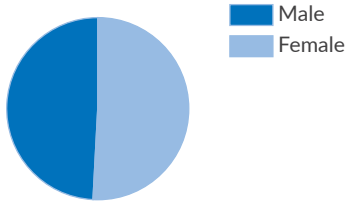
Key figures

4,300 from 11 January - 17 January 2026

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

58%

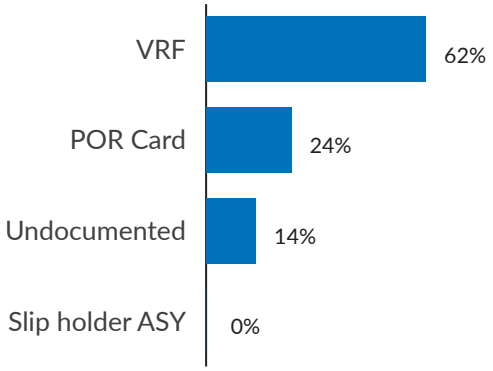
42%



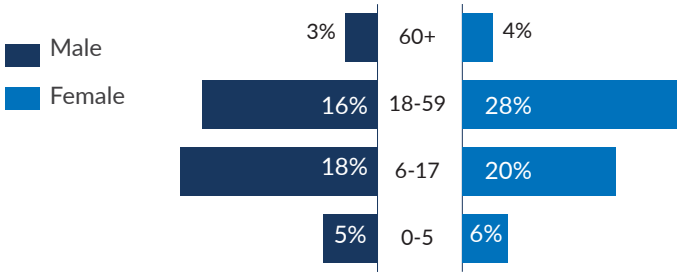
50% of returnees are minors (below 18)

60% of returnee households are female-headed

Returnees by documentation type



Returns assisted by UNHCR Afghanistan



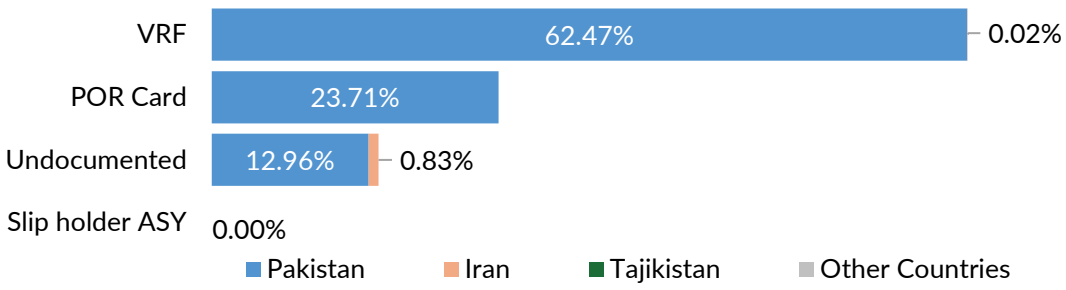
82% of the assisted are **women & children**

58% of the returnees are **women**

Gender breakdown of returnees assisted through CBI.

Return category	Male	Female	Total
POR Card	370	629	999
Undocumented	268	313	581
VRF	1,136	1,497	2,633
Slip holder ASY	-	-	-
Grand Total	**1,774**	**2,439**	**4,213**

Returned by documentation and country of asylum



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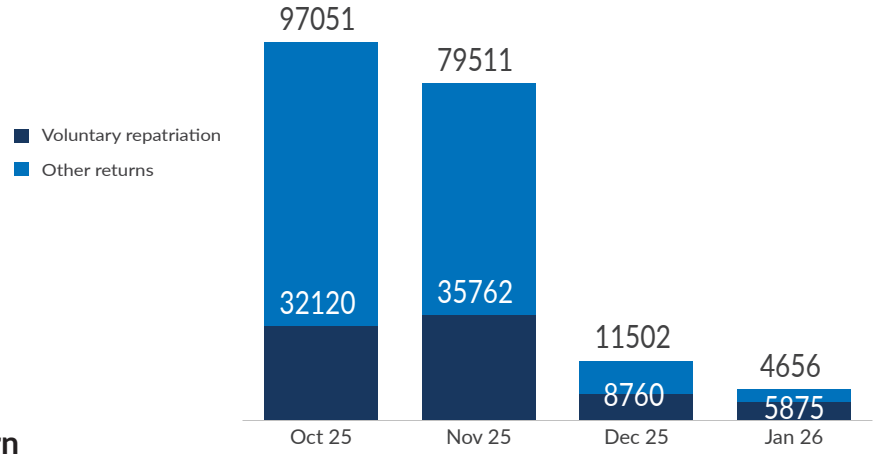
Year-to-date Return Trends

Since 15 September 2023 : **793,090**

Since 1 January 2026: **10,531**

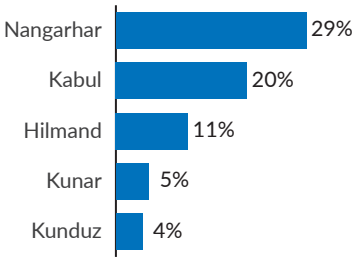


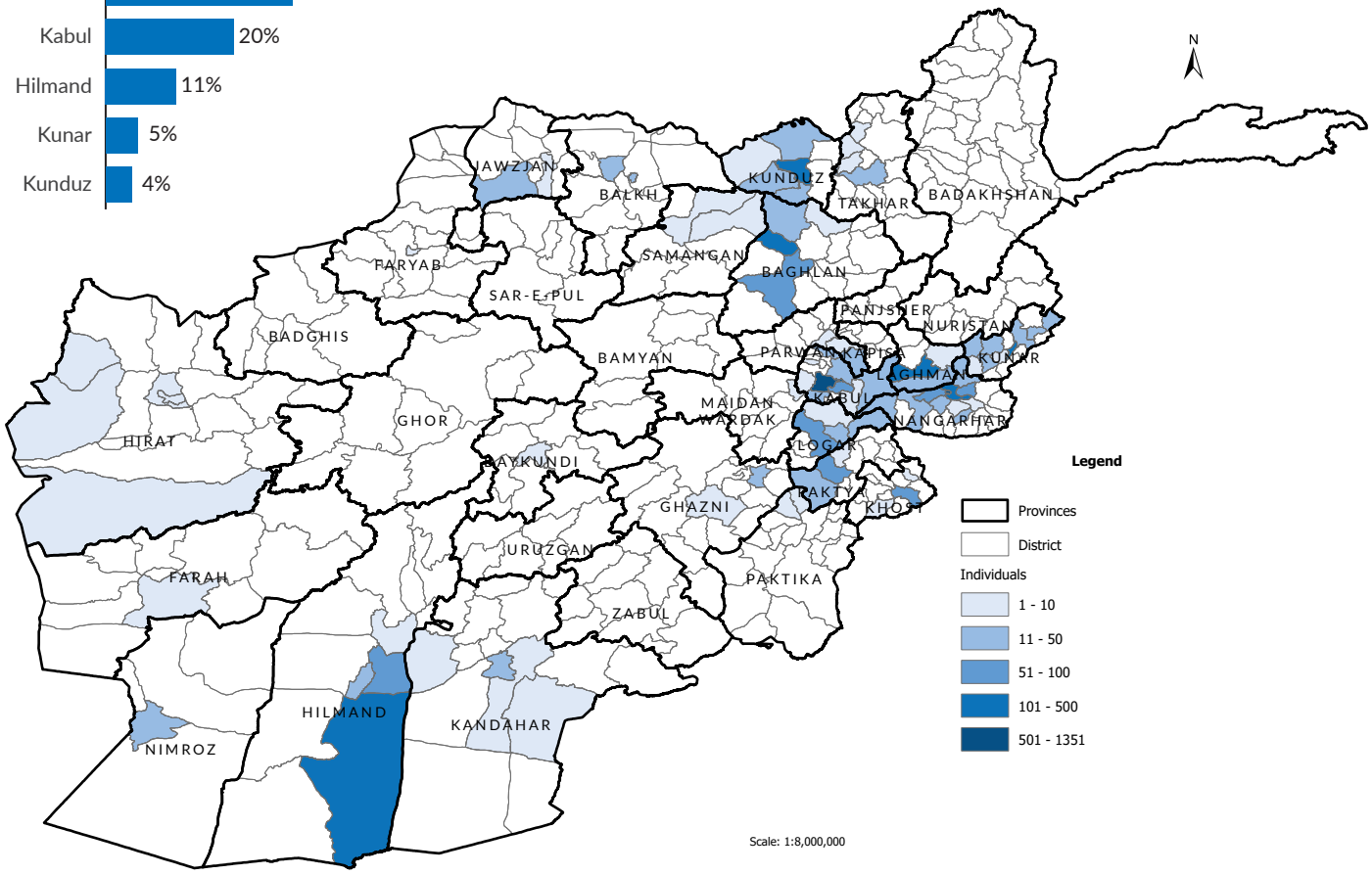
Return category by country of return

Return category	Pakistan	Iran	Tajikistan	Other	Total
POR Card	999	-	-	-	999
Undocumented	546	35	-	-	581
VRF	2,632	1	-	-	2,633
Slip holder ASY	-	-	-	-	-
Grand Total	**4,177**	**36**	**-**	**-**	**4,213**

Map of intended district of return and crossing borders

Top 5 provinces





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