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Assisted Afghan Returnees from Pakistan, Iran and other countries

from 17 May to 23 May 2026

Context

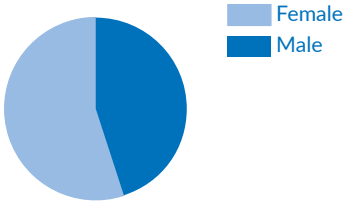
This infographics provides a weekly update on UNHCR-assisted Afghan nationals returning from Pakistan, Iran, Tajikistan and other countries. It details both **voluntary repatriation** as well as **other returns**. It categorizes the total numbers of returns by age, gender and documentation type, offering 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

13,500 from 17 May - 23 May 2026

57%

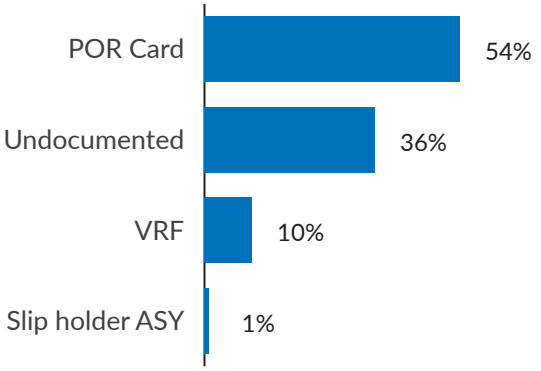
43%



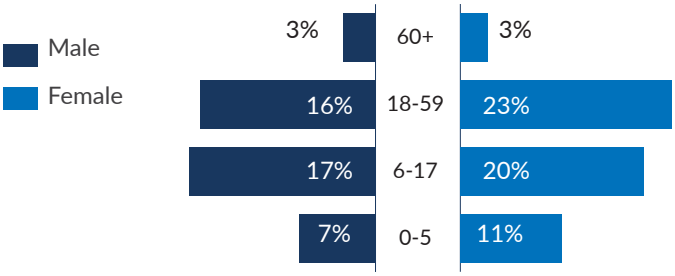
57% of returnees are minors (below 18)

37% of returnee households are female-headed

Assisted Returnees by documentation type



Assisted Returnees Demographics



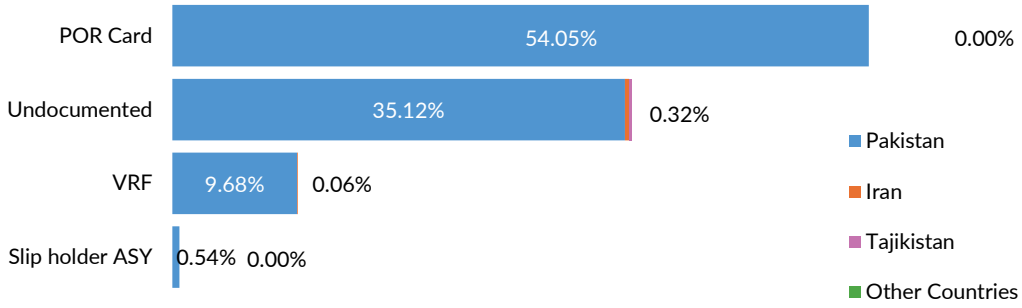
81% of the assisted are **women & children**

57% of the returnees are **women**

Gender breakdown of returnees assisted through CBI.

Return category	Male	Female	Total
POR Card	3,135	3,949	7,084
Undocumented	1,980	2,695	4,675
VRF	529	748	1,277
Slip holder ASY	38	33	71
Grand Total	**5,682**	**7,425**	**13,107**

Returned by documentation and country of asylum



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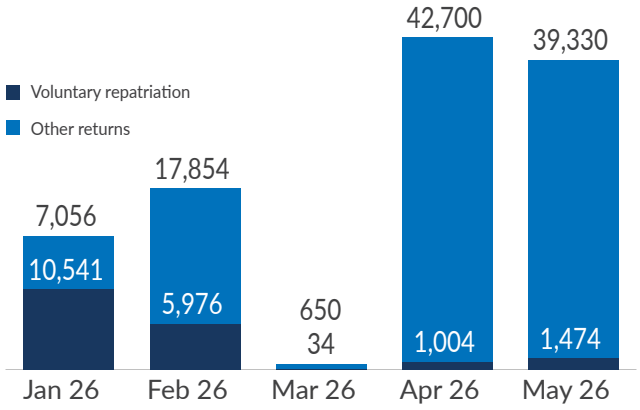
Assistance provided to returnees

Since 15 September 2023 : **924,858**

Since 1 January 2026: **142,310**

The assistance includes CBI, Transportation, Core Relief Items and Hot-Meals.

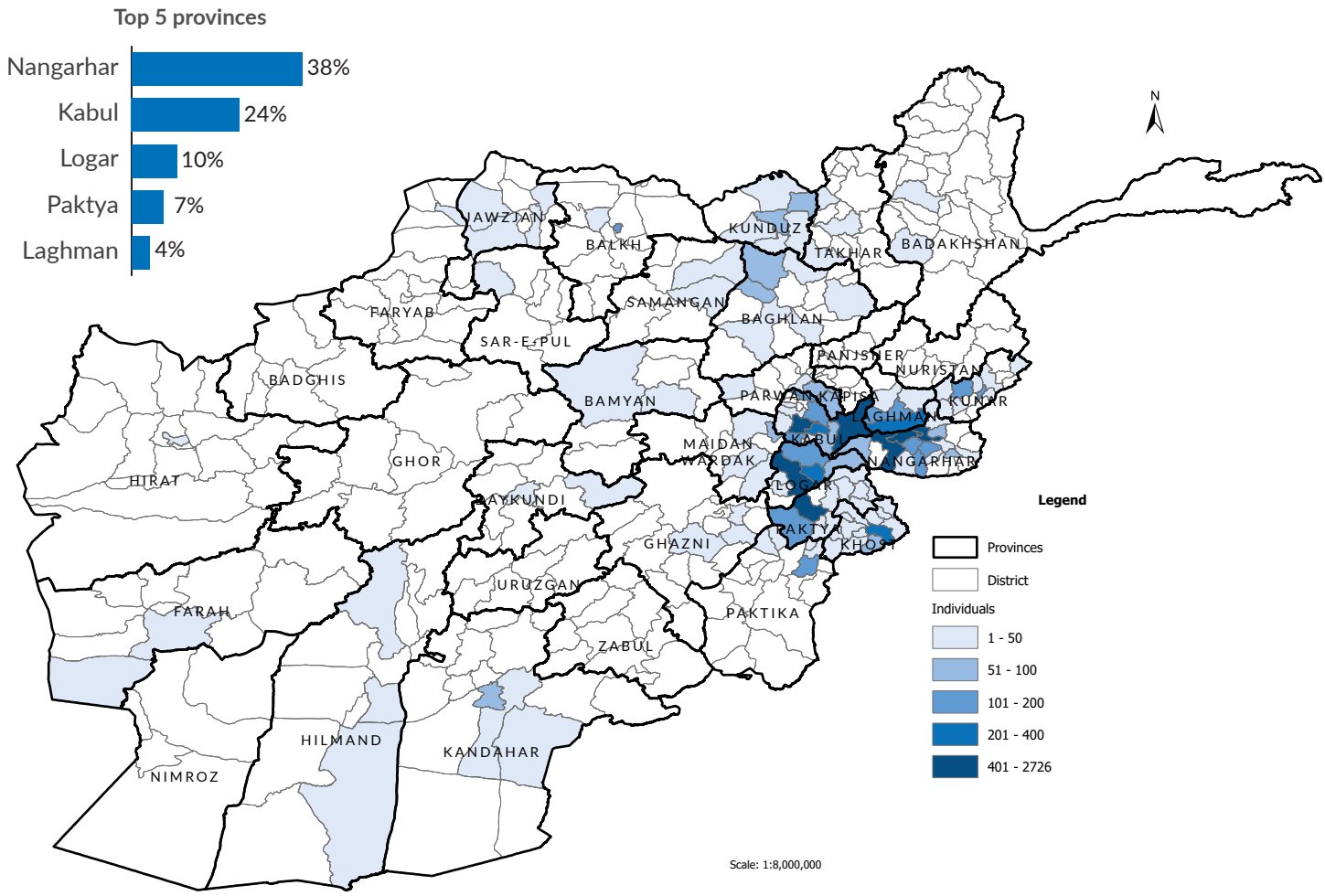
Return Trends



Return category by country of return

Return category	Pakistan	Iran	Tajikistan	Other	Total
POR Card	7,084	-	-	-	7,084
Undocumented	4,603	42	30	-	4,675
VRF	1,269	8	-	-	1,277
Slip holder ASY	71	-	-	-	71
Grand Total	**13,027**	**50**	**30**	**-**	**13,107**

Map of showing the intended district of return



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