Registered Afghan refugees returned to Afghanistan between 01 January - 30 November 2022 of whom 5,682 returned from Pakistan, 357 from Iran and 19 from other countries.

This pace of return so far in 2022 is substantially higher than 2020 and 2021 (2022% higher than the 2,008 returnees in 2020 and 361% higher than the 1,314 returnees in 2021).

Afghan refugees have returned to Afghanistan between Mar 2002 to 2022

Has been provided to 6,058 refugee returnees in 2022 to support their immediate humanitarian needs and transportation costs.

In line with solution strategy, UNHCR facilitates voluntary repatriation for Afghan refugees from Iran, Pakistan and other countries who wish to return to their home country, once it is established that their return is voluntary, safe, dignified and durable. Since 2002, UNHCR has supported the return of nearly 5.3 million refugees to return to Afghanistan including 6,058 refugees so far in 2022. Refugee returnees are provided with a cash grant to help them address their immediate needs including transportation. As of 01 August 2022, Voluntary Repatriation cash grant provided by UNHCR has been adjusted to USD 375 per person from USD 250 per person in view of the exponential increase in transportation and living costs in host countries and inside Afghanistan owing to inflation, and the deteriorating economic and humanitarian situation in Afghanistan. Besides the cash grant, returning refugees receive basic health care and overnight accommodation when needed in Afghanistan and they may also receive other services provided by partners present at each Encashment Centre (EC). In addition, UNHCR implemented procedures at all ECs, aiming to prevent the spread of transmission of COVID-19, in line with measures recommended by the Ministry of Public Health (MoPH) and WHO.

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