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Assisted Afghan Returnees from Pakistan, Iran and other countries

from 21 September to 27 September 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.

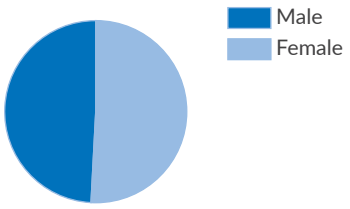
Key figures

35,200 from 21 September-27 September 2025

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

52%

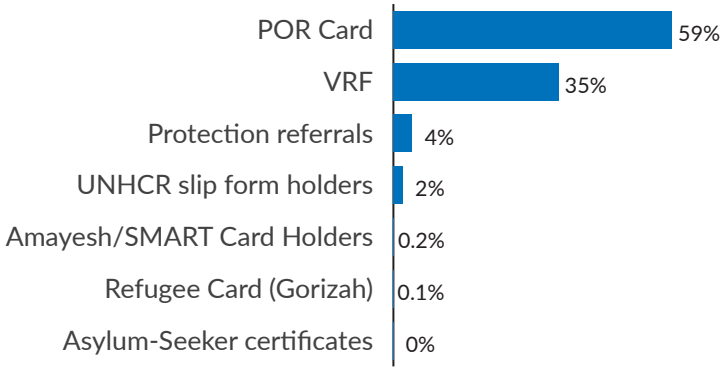
48%



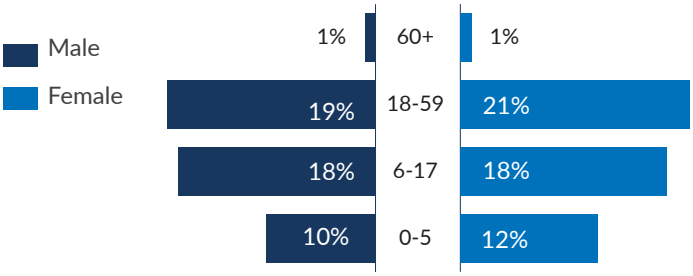
58% of returnees are minors (below 18)

30% of returnee households are female-headed

Returnees by documentation type



Returns assisted by UNHCR Afghanistan



80% of the assisted are **women & children**

52% of the returnees are **women**

Gender breakdown of returnees assisted through CBI.

Return category	Male	Female	Total
VRF (PoR cardhoders)	6,008	5,943	11,951
VRF (Amaesh cardholders)	9	12	21
VRF (Gorizah)	-	-	-
VRF (Other country)	1	-	1
POR Card	9,741	10,987	20,728
Amayesh/SMART Card Holders	43	24	67
Mandate refugee card issued by UNHCR	-	-	-
Refugee Card (Gorizah)	1	1	2
Slip holders	61	592	1,353
Undocumented member of VRF family	108	170	278
Asylum seeker certificate holder	7	9	16
Protection referral	320	424	744
Grand Total	**16,999**	**18,162**	**35,161**

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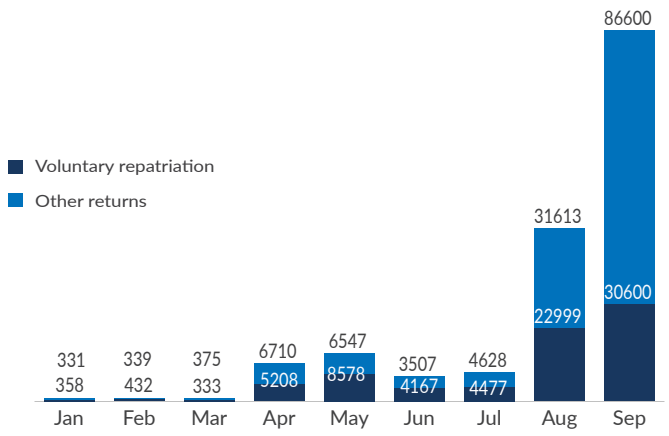
Year-to-date Return Trends

Since 15 September 2023 : **505,976**

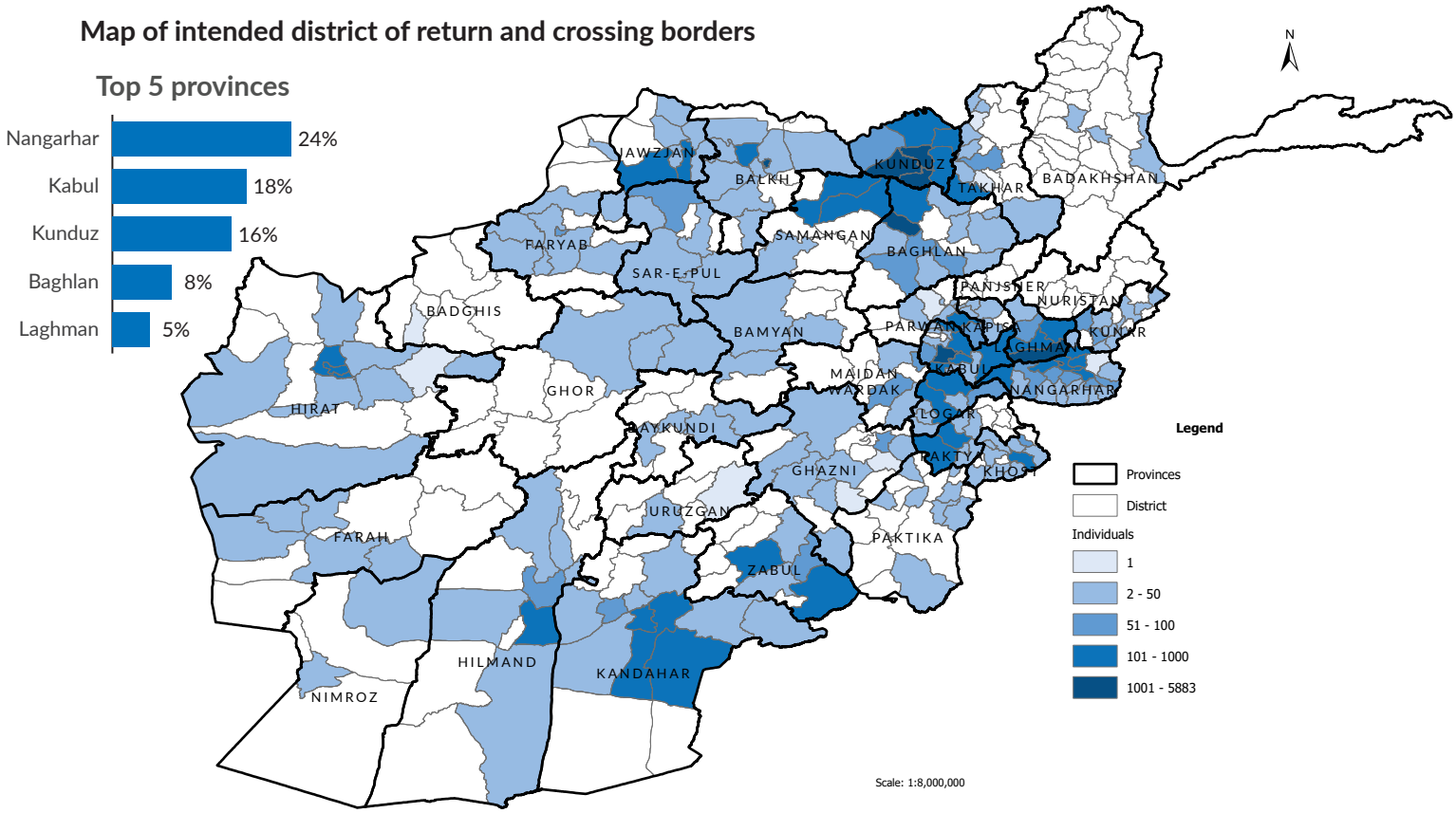
Since 1 January 2025: **386,807**



Return category by country of return

Return category	Pakistan	Iran	Tajikistan	Other	Total
VRF (PoR , Amaesh cardholders, Gorizah card and Other)	11,951	21	-	1	11,973
POR Card	20,728	-	-	-	20,728
Amayesh/SMART Card Holders	-	67	-	-	67
Mandate refugee card issued by UNHCR	-	-	-	-	-
Gorizah Card	-	-	2	-	2
Slip holders	1,353	-	-	-	1,353
Undocumented member of VRF family	278	-	-	-	278
Asylum seeker certificate holder	16	-	-	-	16
Protection referral	744	-	-	-	744
Grand Total	**35,070**	**88**	**2**	**1**	**35,161**

Map of intended district of return and crossing borders



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