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PAKISTAN - SNAPSHOT

2024 Response

January - December 2024

Pakistan Response

Thanks to the support of the international community and partners, and in close collaboration with the Government of Pakistan, multi-sectoral services and support continued throughout 2024, reaching both refugee families and host communities in the areas of protection, education, livelihoods, health and energy.

UNHCR's response was bolstered in collaboration with 55 national and international partners under the framework of the Refugee Response Plan (RRP), and continued to be guided by the Core Group for the Solutions Strategy for Afghan Refugees (SSAR), demonstrating sustained engagement and solidarity by the international community.

Pakistan's long-standing tradition of hospitality was tested during the last quarter of 2023 with the implementation of the Illegal Foreigners' Repatriation Plan (IFRP) which saw some 490,000 Afghan returns in 2023 and 315,000 in 2024 to Afghanistan bringing the total returns to some 805,000 from 15 September 2023 to 31 December 2024, the vast majority under duress. Owing to the acute socioeconomic challenges and the need for family reunification, UNHCR facilitated the voluntary return of 25,600 Afghans in 2024.

By the end of 2024, Pakistan hosted approximately 2.8 million Afghans of various legal statuses including 1.34 million Proof of Registration (POR) card holders, 798,000 Afghan Citizen Holders (ACC) and an estimated 436,000 undocumented Afghans of which 210,000 have been recorded with UNHCR.

55
RRP Partners

30
UNHCR Partners

$57.5M
Funds Received

Key Achievements

380,000
Individuals received protection services from UNHCR and partners

26,000
Children of PoR cardholders were issued birth certificates from PoR card modification centres

62,000
Individuals benefitted from UNHCR education programming at primary and secondary levels

6,300
Individuals benefitted from livelihoods and economic inclusion interventions

15
Remote refugee villages saw the installation of solar streetlights, transforming security and social interactions among refugees of all age groups, especially women and girls

54,000
Refugees and asylum seekers were provided with legal aid, including advice and support for court interventions

2,475
Persons departed to 8 resettlement countries. 3,100 individuals were submitted to 10 countries while 424 departed on complementary pathways

32,600
Households without access to electricity were provided with portable solar lighting, solar powered cooking stove, heating and water system

415
Refugee students were supported to access third-level education, including 197 women

16
Public hospitals were provided with vital equipment, such as a CT scan for the Institute of Kidney Diseases and solar equipment to maintain power and efficiency.

25,600
Registered refugees elected to return to Afghanistan following counselling at Baleli and Azakeil Voluntary Repatriation Centres

6,270
Stateless persons were assisted to receive documentation and legal services

10,000
Indiviuals were supported through cash based interventions

124
Public and community facilities were solarized, including schools, hospitals, training and community centres

3,800
Community members reached through GBV awareness raising sessions

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