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Assisted Afghan Returnees from Pakistan, Iran and other countries

from 14 September to 20 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.

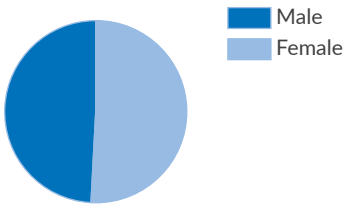
Key figures

19,200 from 14 September-20 September 2025

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

52%

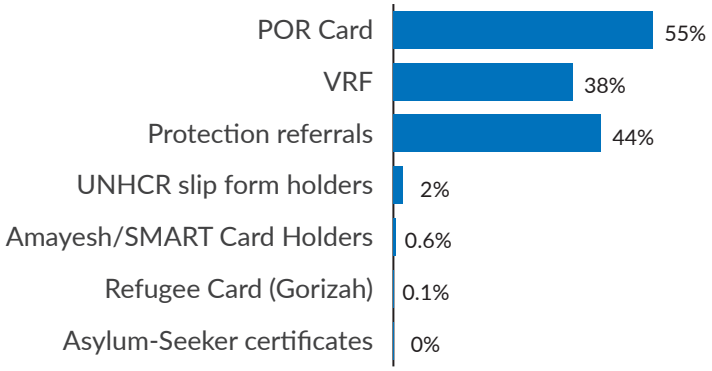
48%



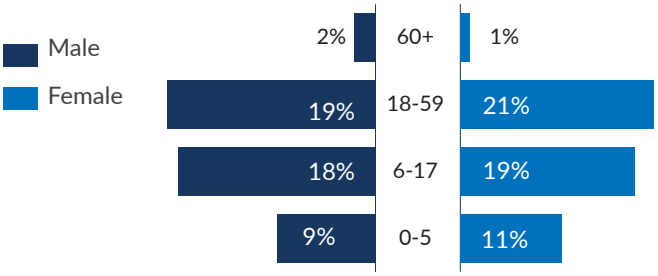
57% of returnees are minors (below 18)

30% of returnee households are female-headed

Returnees by documentation type



Returns assisted by UNHCR Afghanistan



79% 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)	3,548	3,595	7,143
VRF (Amaesh cardholders)	19	15	34
VRF (Gorizah)	-	-	-
VRF (Other country)	1	-	1
POR Card	4,969	5,568	10,537
Amayesh/SMART Card Holders	44	39	83
Mandate refugee card issued by UNHCR	-	-	-
Refugee Card (Gorizah)	6	3	9
Slip holders	203	175	378
Undocumented member of VRF family	50	65	115
Asylum seeker certificate holder	1	3	4
Protection referral	332	496	828
Grand Total	**9,173**	**9,959**	**19,132**

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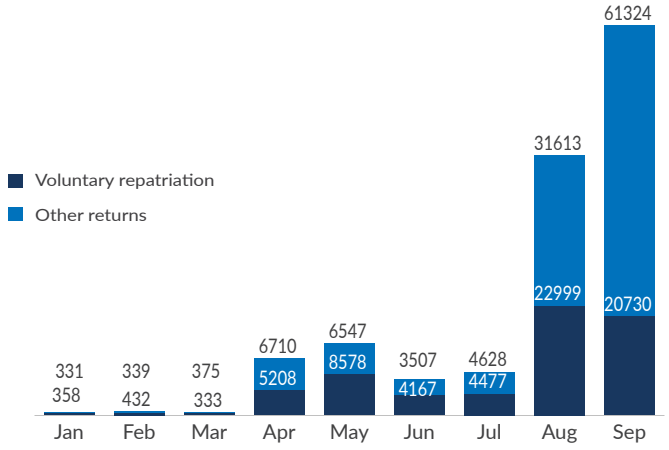
Year-to-date Return Trends

Since 15 September 2023 : **470,830**

Since 1 January 2025: **351,661**

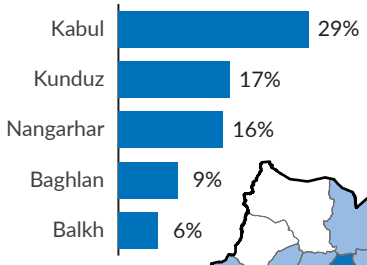


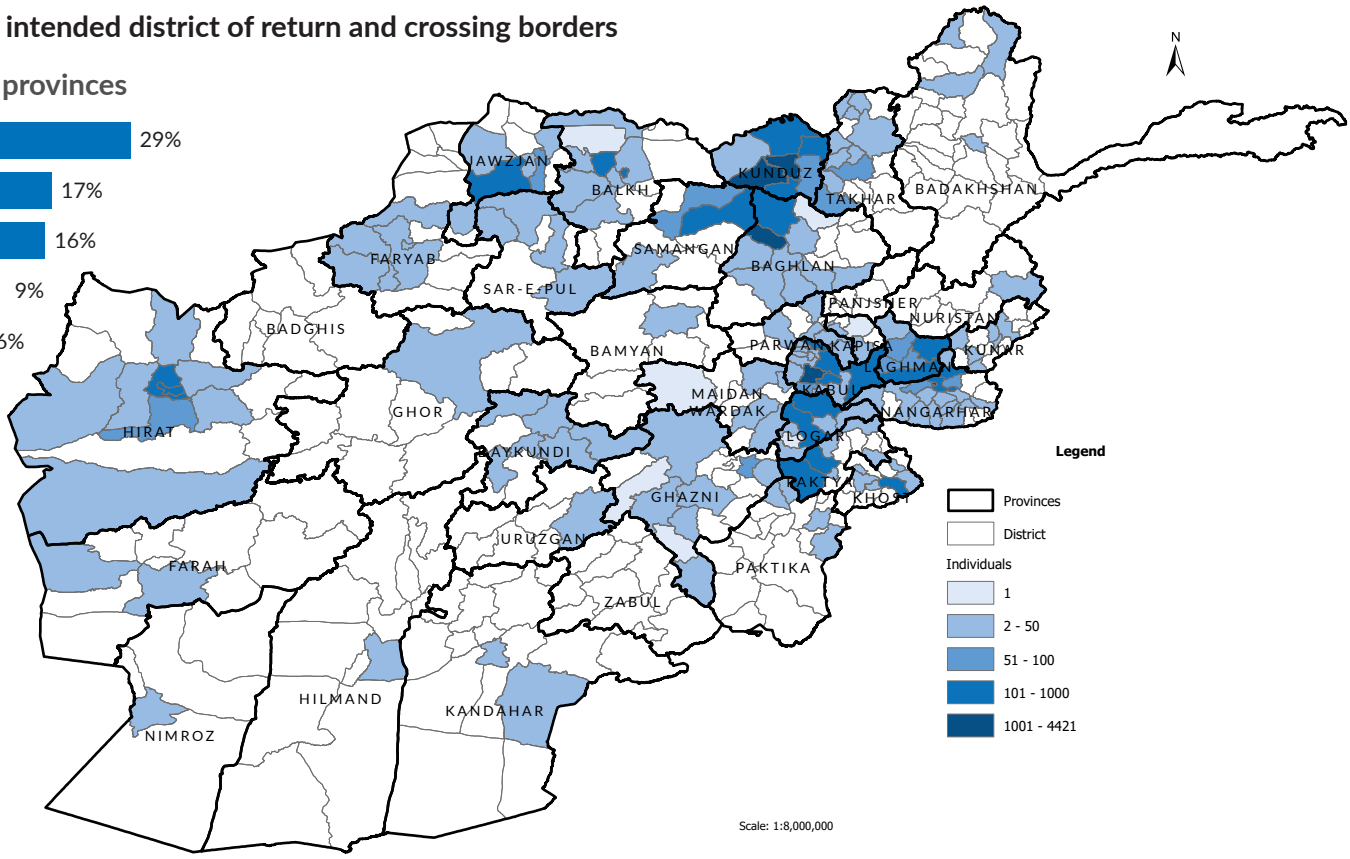
Return category by country of return

Return category	Pakistan	Iran	Tajikistan	Other	Total
VRF (PoR , Amaesh cardholders, Gorizah card and Other)	7,143	4	-	1	7,178
POR Card	10,537	-	-	-	10,537
Amayesh/SMART Card Holders	-	83	-	-	83
Mandate refugee card issued by UNHCR	-	-	-	-	-
Gorizah Card	-	-	9	-	9
Slip holders	378	-	-	-	378
Undocumented member of VRF family	115	-	-	-	115
Asylum seeker certificate holder	4	-	-	-	4
Protection referral	828	-	-	-	828
Grand Total	**19,005**	**117**	**9**	**1**	**19,132**

Map of intended district of return and crossing borders

Top 5 provinces





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