

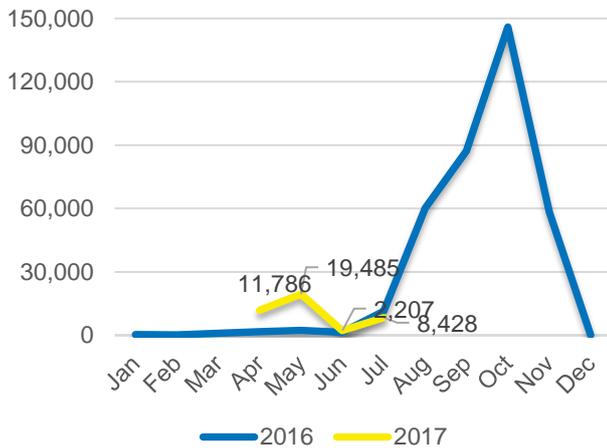
Update on assisted voluntary repatriation to Afghanistan

2,480 refugee returnees were assisted upon their arrival in Afghanistan from **22 to 31 July**. Since the beginning of the return operation **42,161 refugee returnees** were assisted.

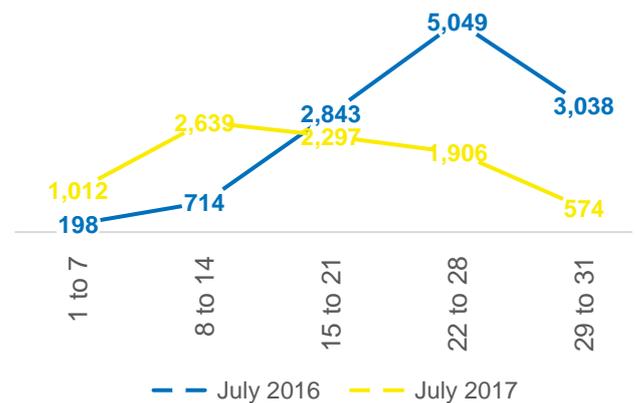
Majority of refugees are coming from **Pakistan (41,533)** and smaller numbers from **Iran (533)** and **other countries (95)**.

The second Jirga delegation of refugee representatives from Pakistan was received by **Afghan President in Kabul** on **29-30 July**.

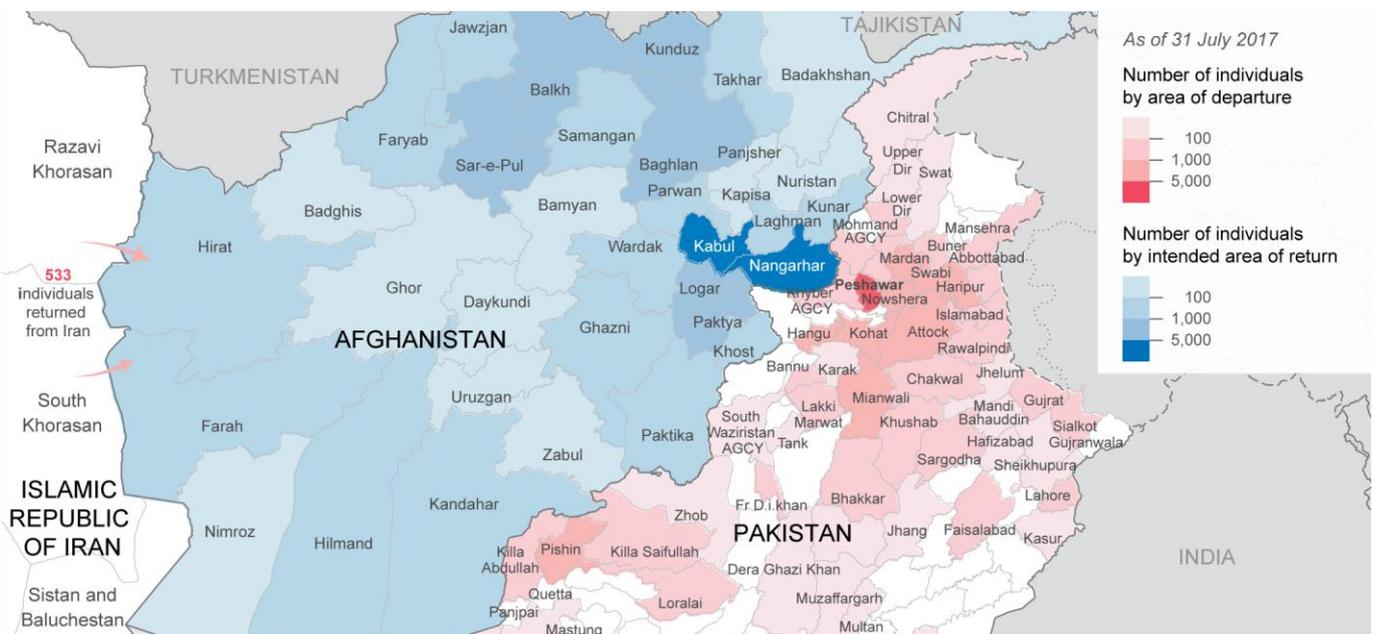
Monthly voluntary repatriation trends to Afghanistan (2016-2017)*



Weekly voluntary repatriation trends to Afghanistan (July 2016-2017)



*255 refugee returnees received assistance during first quarter of 2017



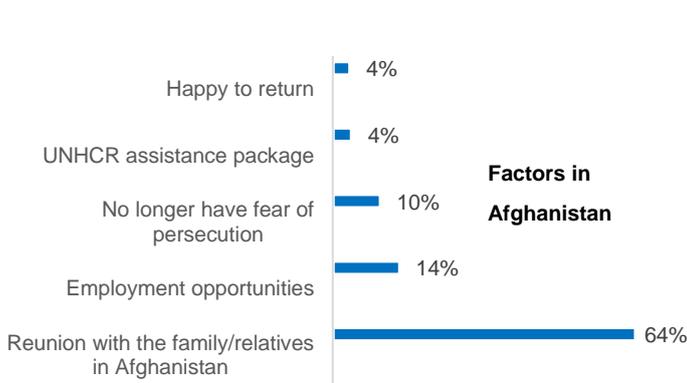
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Reasons to return to Afghanistan

From **22nd to 31st July**, through random selection, 297 persons were interviewed at Voluntary Repatriation Centres (VRCs) before departure from Pakistan and from 115 persons in Encashment Centres (ECs) upon return in Afghanistan.

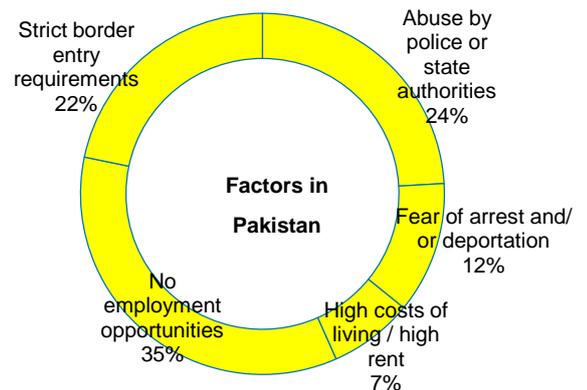
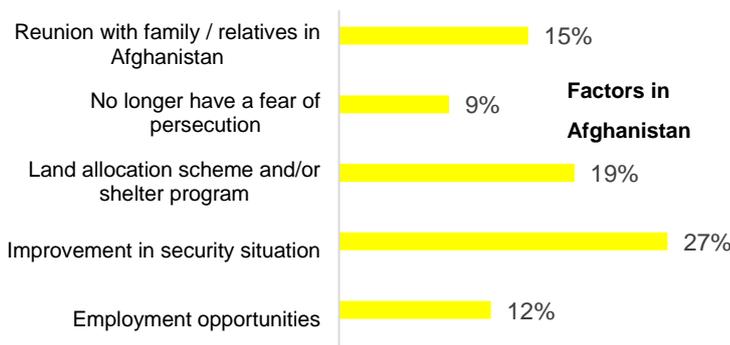
Factors in making decision on return

Collected through exit interview at VRC in Pakistan¹



Factors in making decision on return

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¹ Information collected cumulatively from 4th April to 31st July at VRCs in Pakistan

² Information collected cumulatively from 4th April to 31st July at ECs in Afghanistan

Highlight of the month

Pakistan

- On 20th July, Pakistan Government started the pilot of a six months national program in Islamabad and in Peshawar to register undocumented Afghans living in the country.
- A Federal Task Force has been established to monitor the trends and results on registration of undocumented Afghans, which will meet on regular basis.

Afghanistan

- On 29 and 30 July, the refugee representatives from Pakistan met with the President of Afghanistan and the Chief Executive.
- Representatives of Afghan refugees in Pakistan shared with the President key elements of conducive conditions for return to Afghanistan, including access to land, employment opportunities, shelter, health, and education.

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