



Overview

Proof of Registration (PoR) cards are important tools of protection that provide temporary legal stay and freedom of movement for the 1.39 million registered Afghan refugees in Pakistan. Proof of Registration (PoR) cards which have expired at the end of 2015 have been extended through official notification until 31 March 2018*.

Five PoR Card Modification (PCM) centres - located in Peshawar, Quetta, Lahore, Karachi and Rawalpindi support the modification/replacement of existing cards, the registration of new born children up to the age of five, the provision of PoR cards to registered children who have reached five years of age and who are now entitled to their own cards, as well as the issuance of birth certificates to children under the age of 18 years old.

In 2018, UNHCR prioritised funds for the birth registration and the issuance of birth certificates to 90,000 children. The target for the issuance of individual PoR cards is 130,000 children who have reached five years of age and are eligible to receive their individual cards from the PCM centres.**

The registration activities remained slow during January. In January, a slight decrease of applicants for PCM centre services was observed during the reporting month compared to those in December 2017; some 4,300 applicants availed registration services (7 % decrease compared to December 2017). This is attributed to seasonal weather condition as majority of them are reluctant to process their card for modification during winter season.

**PoR cards have been extended until the end of March 2018 by the Federal Cabinet in its meeting of 31 January 2018, pending SAFRON submission of a Repatriation plan at which time a further extension will also be considered.*



January 2018

6,757

Refugees availed registration services (Cases processed + Birth registration)

2,415
(2.6%)

Birth registrations

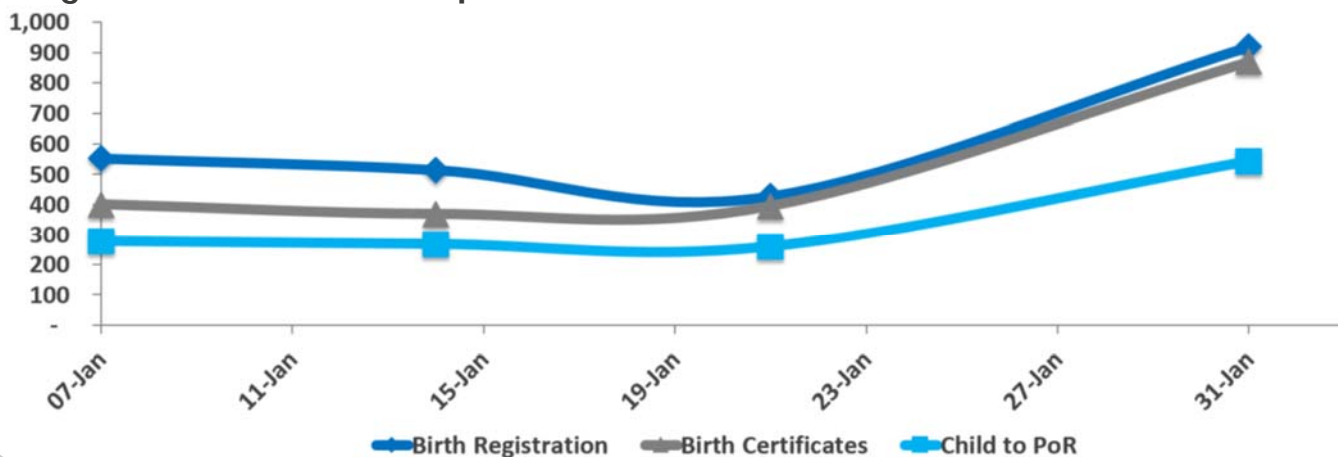
2,035
(2.2%)

Birth certificates

1,347
(1.0%)

PoR cards for children reaching five years of age

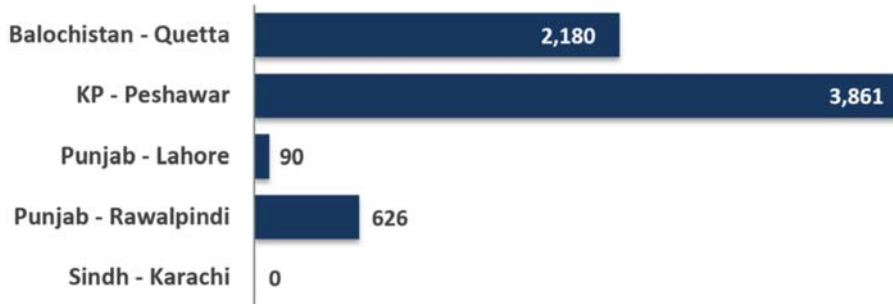
Registration activities per week



** Percentages are based on estimates of 90,000 new born children requiring registration and 130,000 children who have reached five years of age and are now entitled to their own PoR card (children below 5 are listed on the back of one of their parents' cards). 90,000 children require birth certificates.



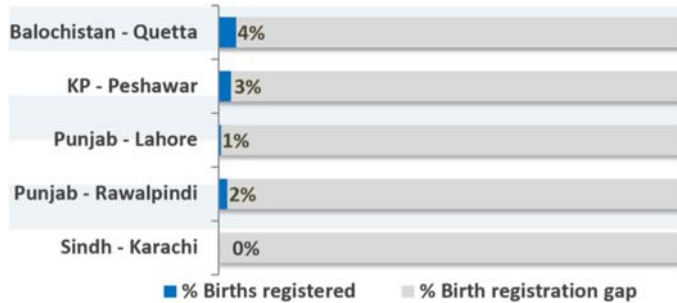
Registration activities summary by location - January 2018



Total registered refugees in Pakistan as of 31 January 2018

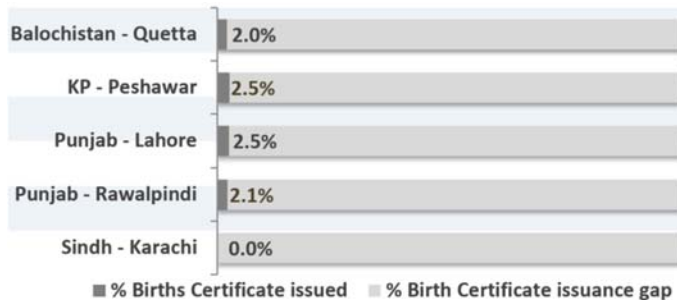
1,391,921

Birth registrations



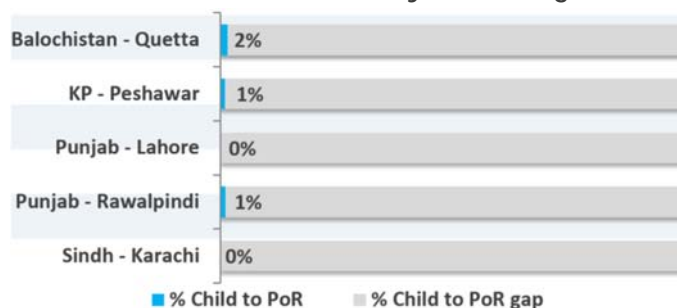
Above percentage presented against the target of 90,000 new births during 2018

Birth certificates



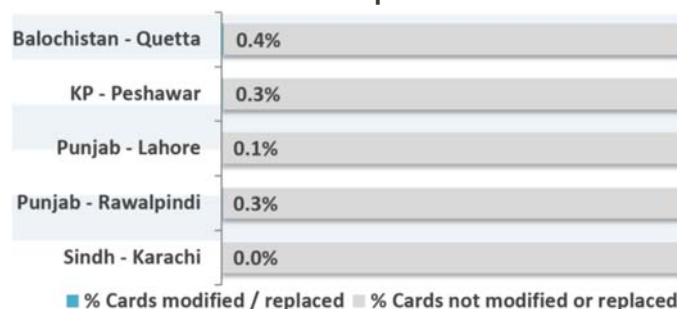
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Provision of PoR cards to registered children that have reached 5 years of age



Above percentage presented against the target of 130,000 children who have reached five years

Card modification / replacement



The following charts summarise the progress towards these targets and the remaining gaps.

The percentages for birth registrations, birth certificate issuance and provision of PoR cards to registered children that have reached five years of age are based on the estimates noted on page 1. These overall targets have been apportioned to each centre based on the size of the Afghan refugee population for which the centre provides services.

During the month of January, the trend in registration activities decreased slightly compared to those in December 2017 at all PCM centres countrywide (around 2,400 children were registered in January 2018 at all the PCM centres countrywide compared to 2,500 in the month of December 2017).

In 2018, based on cost-benefit analysis with PCM centres and discussions on the best interests for persons of concern, UNHCR will continue to deploy 3 Mobile Registration Vans (MRVs) in KP (one month), Balochistan (one month) and in Punjab (one month). The deployment of MRVs has been very successful in 2017.

2,035 birth certificates were issued during the reporting period. The trend of issuing birth certificates almost is inline with the registration of new born children during the month.

Note that the trend for PoR card modifications will naturally follow that of birth registrations and the provision of PoR cards to children over five. This is because children are added or removed from their parents' cards, and their parents' cards will need to be modified.

In January 2018, only 750 lost or stolen cards were replaced. Deaths of refugees continue to be significantly underreported. Only 8 deaths were registered/ reported in January 2018.