

## RETURNS PROCESSED AT ENCASHMENT CENTERS IN AFGHANISTAN



Since 2002, nearly 5.3 million Afghan refugees have returned to Afghanistan under UNHCR's facilitated Voluntary Repatriation programme. At the Encashment Centres in Afghanistan, returning refugees receive a voluntary repatriation cash grant of approximately USD 200 per individual, as well as a range of services to support their reintegration.

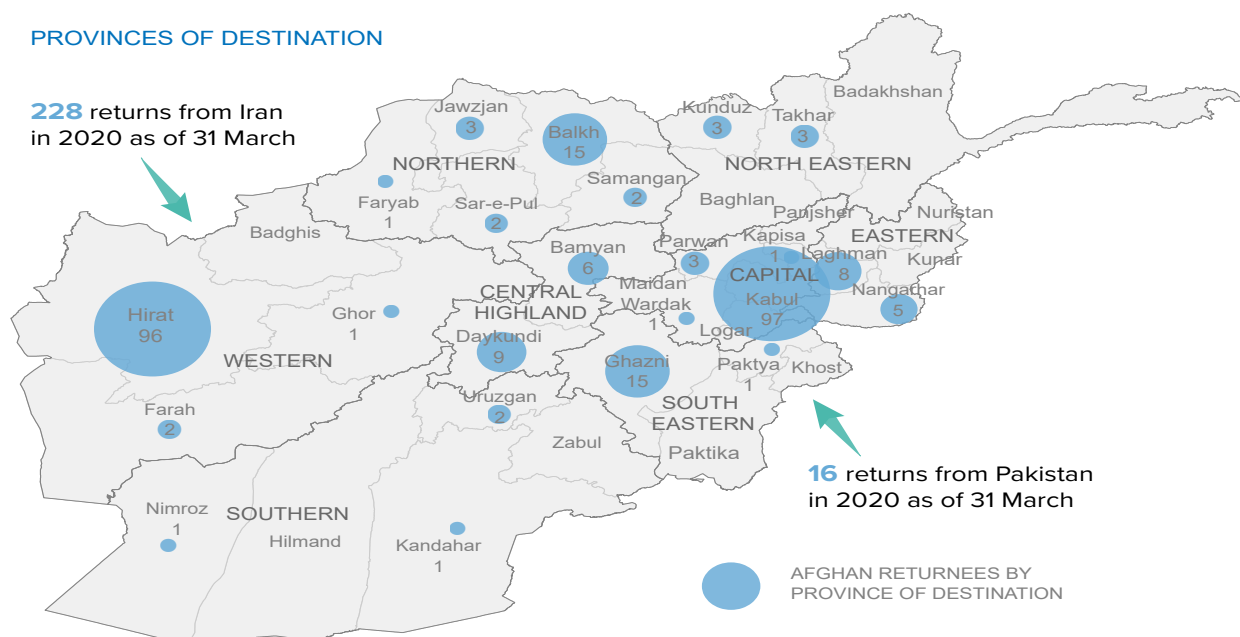
### Key observations during the reporting period:

- ◇ Only 17% of returnees in this period were children compared with close to 50% in last quarter of 2019.
- ◇ 12 of the 28 returnees from Pakistan were identified as recyclers who previously received the repatriation cash grant and were now disqualified from receiving it for the second time.
- ◇ 5 of the 233 returnees processed for return in Iran did not appear at the Encashment Centres to collect the grant.
- ◇ The decrease in return, compared to the same period in 2019, can be attributed to the gradual closure of the voluntary repatriation centers in Iran and Pakistan from mid-March due to the outbreak of COVID-19. Voluntary repatriation from Pakistan was suspended from December to February due to the winter season.

## RETURNEE DEMOGRAPHICS (Jan-Mar 2020)



## TOP 10 PROVINCE OF DESTINATION (Figures reflect returns processed at encashment centers in Afghanistan)



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\* The number of refugees processed for return in Pakistan and Iran may sometimes be higher than those processed at encashment centers in Afghanistan. This is due to the presence of recycled cases applying for voluntary repatriation a second time and also persons not presenting to collect the cash grant in Afghanistan.

## ASSISTANCE AT ENCASHMENT CENTERS (ECs) IN AFGHANISTAN

In addition to cash grants, a range of inter-agency services are provided for returning refugees, including basic health and malnutrition screening and vaccination, mine risk awareness, information on school enrolment, and overnight accommodation, if needed.



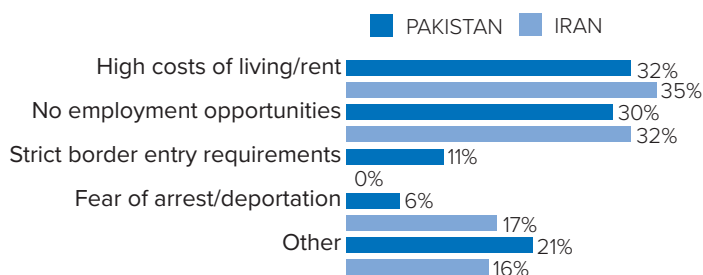
**USD 58,000** was provided in cash assistance to returnees at ECs in Q1 of 2020.

A total of **1.68M** was provided in 2019

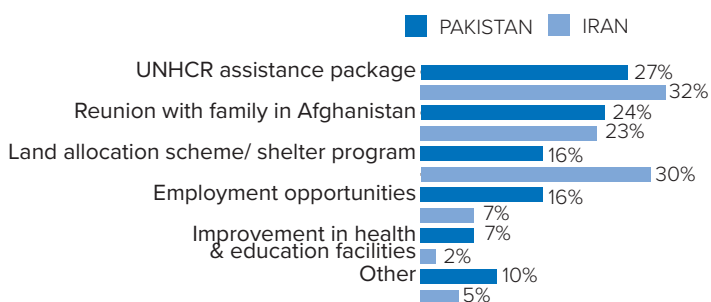
## REASONS AND INTENTIONS RELATED TO RETURN

Source: Encashment center monitoring data  
Timeframe: Findings from Jan-Dec 2019  
Data from this source is available biannually (Dec & Jun)

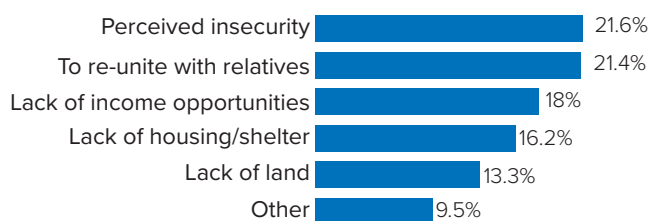
### Reasons for leaving Pakistan and Iran



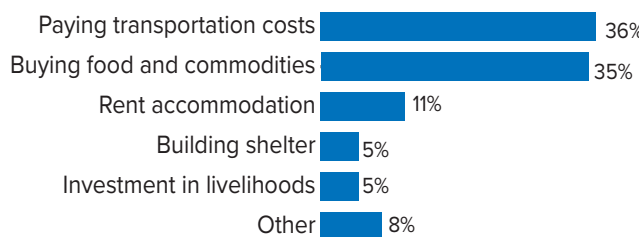
### Reasons for return to Afghanistan (pull factors)



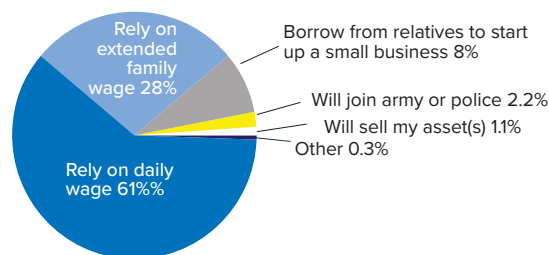
### Reasons for not returning to Province of Origin



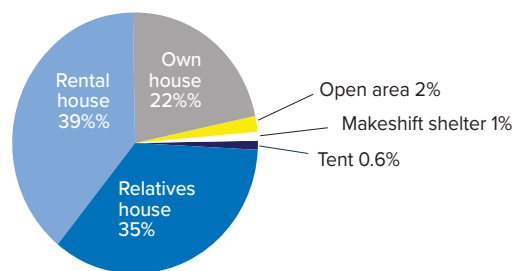
### Upon return, how do you plan to spend the cash grant?



### After you spend your cash grant, how will you support your family?



### What will be your living arrangements after return?



## REGISTERED VOLUNTARY REPATRIATION (2018, 2019, 2020)

