

Voluntary Repatriation of Afghan Refugees

South West Asia - Quarterly Update April-June 2020

RETURNS PROCESSED AT ENCASHMENT CENTERS IN AFGHANISTAN

from Iran from Iran 99 327 99 from Pakistan 16 from Pakistan **Returns from**

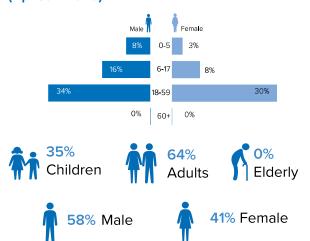
Returns in 2020 Apr-Jun 2020* 0 from other countries

34 from other countries

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.

- Due to Covid-19 no returns facilitated from Pakistan during this period. Of the 336 refugees who were deregistered in Iran in 2020 so far only 327 presented at encashment ceters in Afghanistan.
- ♦ Lack of access to education and health facilities in country of asylum featured as a more prominent reason for return in 2020 compared with 2019.

RETURNEE DEMOGRAPHICS (Apr-Jun 2020)



ASSISTANCE AT ENCASHMENT **CENTERS (ECs) IN AFGHANISTAN**

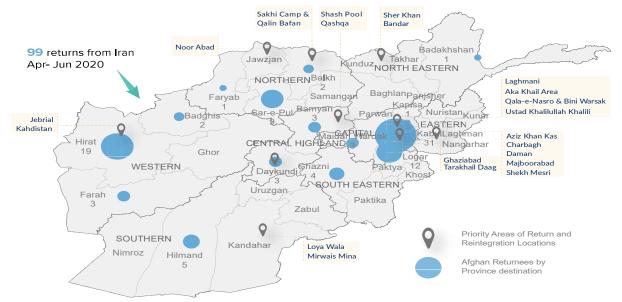


USD 20,600 was provided in cash assistance to returnees at ECs in Q2 of 2020.

A total of 78,600 was provided in 2020 so

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.

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 presons not presenting to collect the cash grant in Afghanistan.

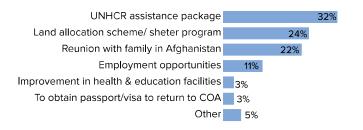
REASONS AND INTENTIONS RELATED TO RETURN

Source: Encashment center monitoring data Timeframe: Findings for January to mid May 2020 Data from this source is available bianually

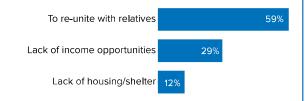
Reasons for leaving Pakistan and Iran



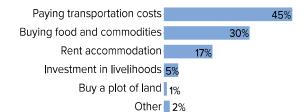
Reasons for return to Afghanistan (pull factors)



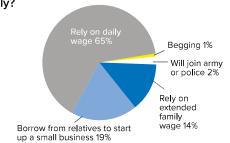
Reasons for not returning to Province of Origin



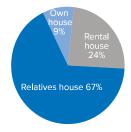
Upon return, how do you plan to spend the cash grant?



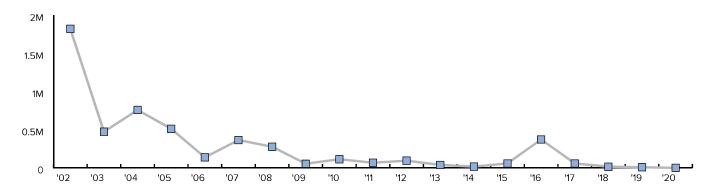
After you spend your cash grant, how will you support your family?



What will be your living arrangements after return?



REGISTERED VOLUNTARY REPATRIATION (2002-2020)



REGISTERED VOLUNTARY REPATRIATION (2018, 2019, 2020)

