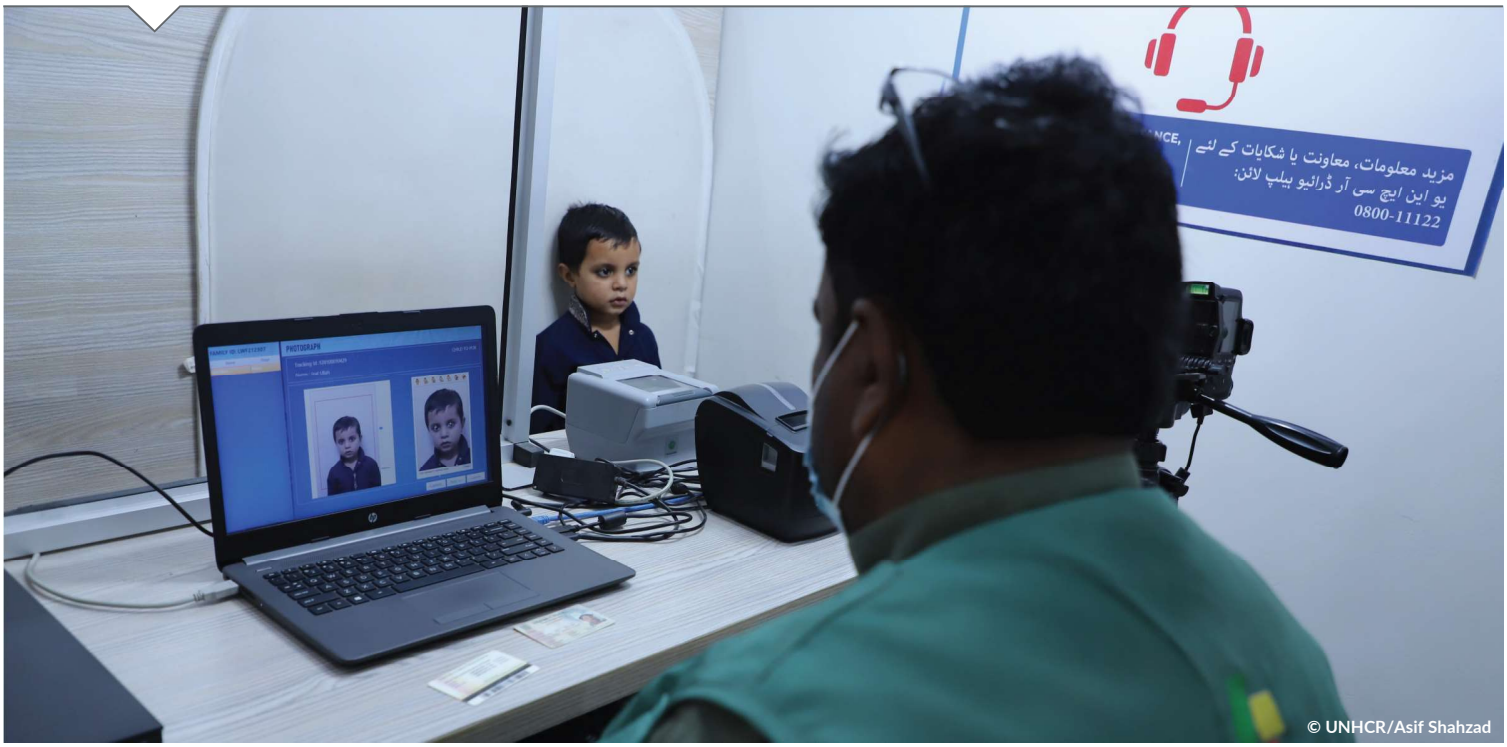


A young Afghan refugee is biometrically registered for a smartcard at the DRIVE Site in Rawalpindi - Pakistan

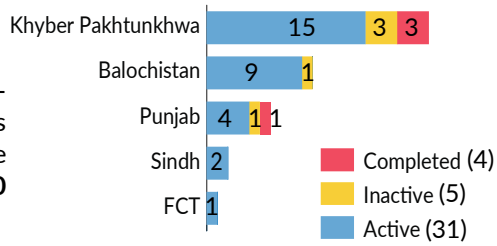
OVERVIEW

The Documentation Renewal and Information Verification Exercise (DRIVE) is being undertaken by the Government of Pakistan – the Ministry of States and Frontier Regions (SAFRON), the Chief Commissioner for Afghan Refugees (CCAR), and the National Database and Registration Authority (NADRA) – with the support of UNHCR.

DRIVE is verifying and updating the data of **1.43** million Afghan refugees who are Proof of Registration (PoR) cardholders in Pakistan and issuing new PoR smartcards to all eligible refugees. The new smartcards have an initial validity period of two years.

During the implementation to date, DRIVE verifications have been carried out at **35** operational sites across Pakistan, supported by five mobile teams covering vulnerable groups and numerous remote locations. A further five sites and four additional mobile teams are set to commence in November. At full capacity, DRIVE is able to interview some **14,000** individuals per day, six days per week.

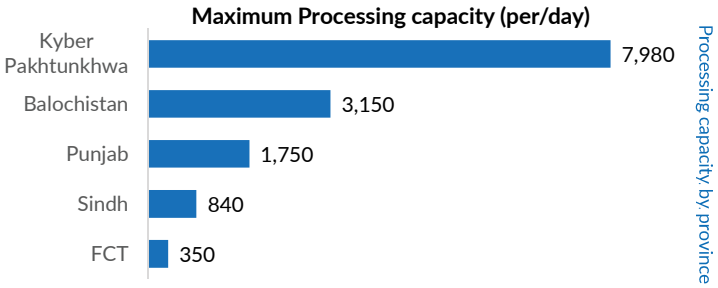
DRIVE SITE STATUS BY PROVINCE



PROGRESS

In October, DRIVE passed two significant milestones, with more than **one million individuals** now verified or newly recorded, and more than **three hundred thousand** new PoR smartcards distributed to eligible refugees. While all figures are provisional pending data quality reviews, children five years or younger who are newly recorded for registration represent approximately 14 per cent of interviews completed, and unregistered nuclear family members recorded represent approximately eight per cent.

Implementation rates plateaued slightly in the second half of October. Some decrease in processing rates is to be expected as the target population nears completion, however it is important that full processing rates are maintained, to ensure all eligible refugees are included within the project time span. Several measures are being implemented to further increase rates, including commencement of **five new short-term sites** and **four extra mobile** teams. Additionally, limitations on access to DRIVE processes are being eased. From November, this will allow refugees who have been unable to make an appointment through the established call centres to be attend a DRIVE site and be processed on a 'walk in' basis, provided capacity is available. DRIVE remains on track to complete its primary implementation within 2021. During October, additional staff were recruited and deployed at a number of sites, and refresher training has commenced. CCAR, NADRA and UNHCR have continued joint processes to review and action any concerns raised by community members regarding DRIVE processes.



Further preparation of refined processes for applications to register eligible children of PoR cardholders has been undertaken, with system and process changes developed and trialled. The new processes allow assessing officers to decide applications swiftly while maintaining high levels of system integrity, and also establish the foundation for verifying immediate family links recorded during DRIVE and the subsequent issuance of family certificates. With almost 70 per cent of the target population now contacted by DRIVE, initial information regarding the numbers, demographics, socioeconomic circumstances and protection needs of the refugee population is becoming available. Where needs for urgent intervention or assistance have been identified, UNHCR is following up or providing referrals as required. Regarding overall population data, early analysis and review has commenced and will continue into the first quarter of 2022.

All figures are provisional and not considered finalized until data quality review to be conducted at the end of DRIVE. Creation date: 31 October 2021 Sources: Afghan National Registration (ANR) Database.
More information available on UNHCR: data portal, https://data2.unhcr.org/en/country/pak, *Feedback:* abdullsa@unhcr.org, zahoor@unhcr.org

HIGHLIGHTS

As of 31 October 2021, a cumulative total of **1,013,346** individuals have been processed across Pakistan. **668,460** are registered Afghan refugees who have been verified and will receive a new PoR smartcard, **122,480** are registered children above five years old who are now eligible for their own individual PoR smartcard, while **136,812** are children of PoR cardholders who are under the age of five and will be newly registered following document validation. An additional **85,594** individuals are undocumented immediate family members of Afghan refugees whose information has been recorded to highlight family links with registered Afghan refugees in Pakistan and will be issued family certificates.

The majority of verifications to date have been conducted by the 18 sites active in Khyber Pakthunkwa province **(54%)**, with a further **(23%)** in Balochistan province. The current DRIVE exercise also identifies nuclear families from within extended family groupings, averaging five individuals per nuclear family.

KEY FIGURES

1,013,346
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS VERIFIED *

668,460
VERIFIED AFGHAN REFUGEES [1]

136,812
NEWLY REGISTERED CHILDREN UNDER FIVE [2]

122,480
ALREADY REGISTERED CHILDREN ABOVE FIVE [3]

85,594
UNDOCUMENTED FAMILY MEMBER RECORDED [4]

300,376
CARDS DELIVERED

* Total Individuals processed for countrywide and provincial also includes number of already registered children below 5 years of age with their parents

KHYBER PAKHTUNKHWA

- **543,261** Total individuals verified
- **370,009** Verified Afghan refugees
- **68,040** Newly registered children under five
- **67,221** Already registered children above five
- **37,991** Undocumented family member recorded

BALOCHISTAN

- **235,851** Total individuals verified
- **143,696** Verified Afghan refugees
- **32,437** Newly registered children under five
- **28,428** Already registered children above five
- **31,290** Undocumented family member recorded

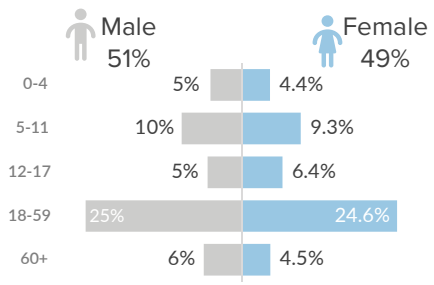
SINDH

- **73,269** Total individuals verified
- **45,654** Verified Afghan refugees
- **12,059** Newly registered children under five
- **7,970** Already registered children above five
- **7,586** Undocumented family member recorded

FEDERAL CAPITAL TERRITORY, PUNJAB

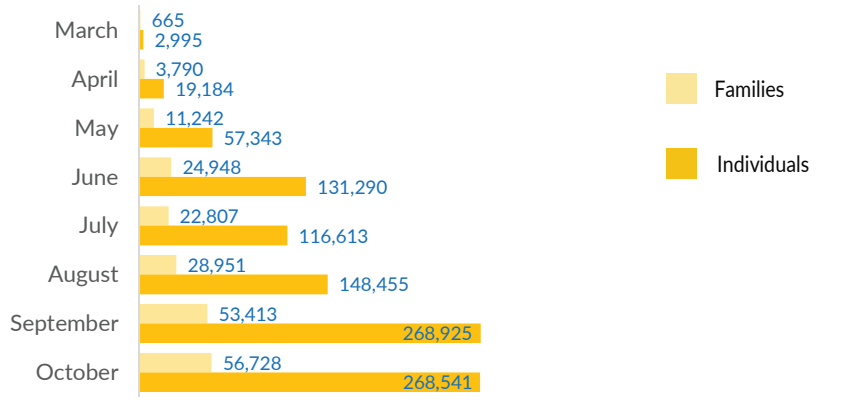
- **160,965** Total individuals verified
- **109,101** Verified Afghan refugees
- **24,276** Newly registered children under five
- **18,861** Already registered children above five
- **8,727** Undocumented family member recorded

AGE AND GENDER COMPOSITION

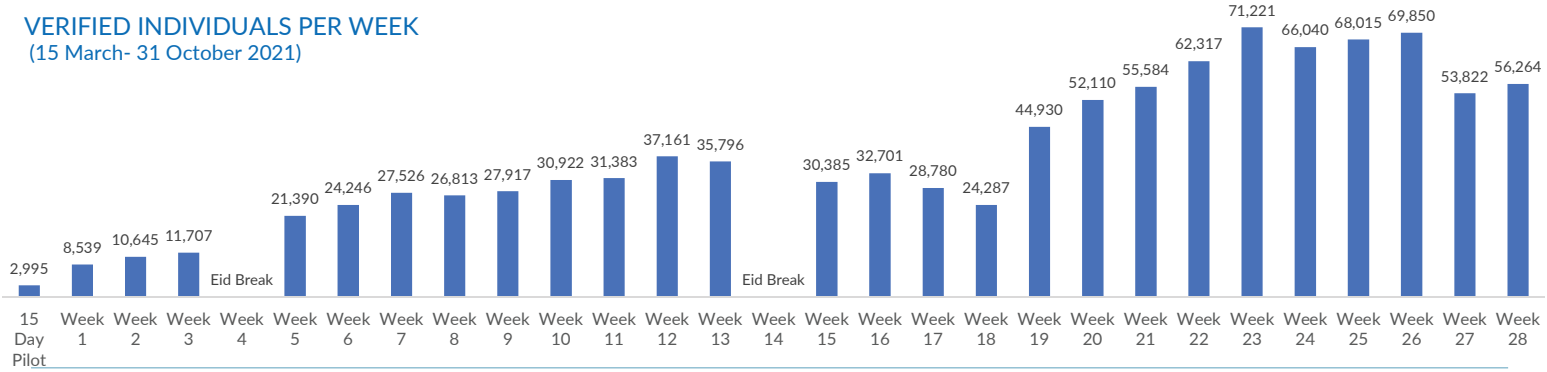


Average family size = **5** individuals per family

VERIFIED INDIVIDUALS PER MONTH



VERIFIED INDIVIDUALS PER WEEK
(15 March- 31 October 2021)



[1] Verified Afghan refugees who have successfully updated their PoR cards to new PoR smart cards.[2] Registration of biological children, below 5 years of age, of a previously registered PoR cardholding parent, pending document validation. [3] Already registered children who have attained five years and above and are entitled to have their individual smart card. [4] Undocumented family members have a relation with an already registered PoR cardholder.All figures stated in this report remain provisional until data quality reviews are completed at the conclusion of the DRIVE exercise. Creation date: 31 October 2021. Sources: Afghan National Registration (ANR) Database.More information available on UNHCR: data portal, https://data2.unhcr.org/en/country/pak, Feedback: abdullsa@unhcr.org, zahoor@unhcr.org