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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. In addition, DRIVE is supporting family unity by recording unregistered immediate family members of registered refugees.

During the implementation to date, DRIVE verifications have been carried out at 40 operational sites across Pakistan, supported by seven mobile teams covering vulnerable groups and numerous remote locations. At full capacity, DRIVE is able to interview more than **14,000** individuals per day, six days per week.

## PROGRESS

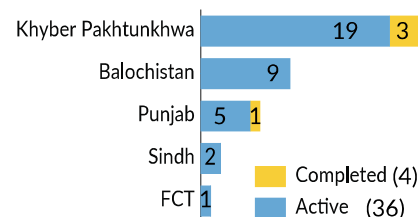
At the end of November, DRIVE has now verified or newly recorded more than **1.26m** individuals and issued almost half a million new PoR smartcards. DRIVE teams have conducted interviews in 61 different locations across Pakistan. The implementation phase of DRIVE has one month remaining.

Within the overall total, DRIVE has now verified more than 950,000 previously registered PoR cardholders. If current trends continue, it appears likely that this number will reach an estimated 1m by the conclusion of implementation, indicating that a significant number of previously registered PoR cardholders are no longer present in Pakistan. While onward movements, voluntary return and other natural population changes over time will inevitably result in a reduction in the final number of registered PoR cardholders, an area of particular focus during the final weeks will be identifying and responding to the needs of any remaining eligible groups who might not yet participated in the exercise. In support of the above, public information messaging and engagement with the communities has been updated and strengthened during November. UNHCR field staff continue to systematically disseminate information among communities through various modalities, including meetings with elders and representatives, and via its network of outreach volunteers. The early December publication of a detailed FAQ document will provide further public information on the final stages of the exercise.

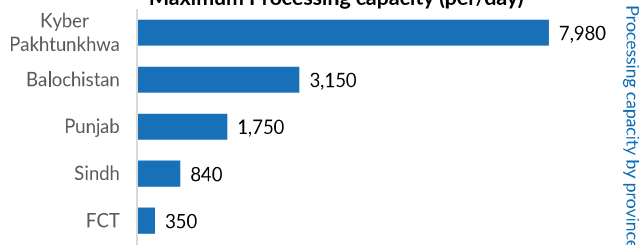
During November, new processes for review of pending applications for new registration of children (five years and under) of PoR cardholders have been agreed by all parties, maintaining full integrity safeguards while also providing for faster and more efficient processing. The new processes have now commenced and will seek to address a backlog of some 160,000 cases during December.

In addition to registered refugees, DRIVE has now recorded the information of more than 110,000 undocumented immediate family members of PoR cardholders. This information allows family connections to be considered in program planning and delivery and will inform the issuance of Family Information Certificates to those individuals following validation in 2022.

## DRIVE SITE STATUS BY PROVINCE



## Maximum Processing capacity (per/day)



## HIGHLIGHTS

As of 30 November 2021, a cumulative total of **1,237,092** individuals have been processed across Pakistan. **803,098** are registered Afghan refugees who have been verified and will receive a new PoR smartcard, **151,670** are registered children above five years old who are now eligible for their own individual PoR smartcard, while **171,882** are children of PoR cardholders who are under the age of five and will be newly registered following document validation. An additional **110,442** individuals are undocumented immediate family members of Afghan refugees whose information has been recorded to highlight family links with registered Afghan refugees in Pakistan.

The majority of verifications to date have been conducted in 26 static and mobile sites across Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province (52%), with a further (25%) in Balochistan province. The DRIVE exercise also identifies nuclear families from within extended family groupings, averaging five individuals per nuclear family.

### KEY FIGURES

# 1,237,092

TOTAL INDIVIDUALS VERIFIED \*

# 803,098

VERIFIED AFGHAN REFUGEES <sup>1</sup>

# 171,882

APPLICATIONS FOR NEW REGISTRATION OF CHILDREN UNDER 5 <sup>2</sup>

# 151,670

ALREADY REGISTERED CHILDREN ABOVE FIVE <sup>3</sup>

# 110,442

UNDOCUMENTED FAMILY MEMBER RECORDED <sup>4</sup>

# 494,947

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



**645,720** Total individuals verified



**433,784** Verified Afghan refugees



**83,126** Applications for child registration



**81,153** Already registered children above five



**47,657** Undocumented family member recorded

### SINDH



**77,007** Total individuals verified



**47,629** Verified Afghan refugees



**12,845** Applications for child registration



**8,333** Already registered children above five



**8,200** Undocumented family member recorded

### BALUCHISTAN



**307,269** Total individuals verified



**183,988** Verified Afghan refugees



**43,057** Applications for child registration



**37,375** Already registered children above five



**42,849** Undocumented family member recorded

### FEDERAL CAPITAL TERRITORY, PUNJAB



**207,096** Total individuals verified



**137,697** Verified Afghan refugees



**32,854** Applications for child registration

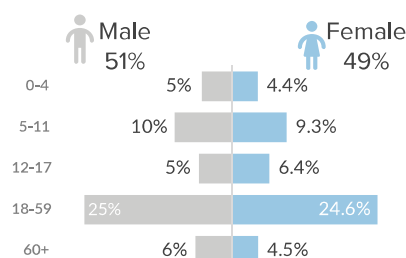


**24,809** Already registered children above five



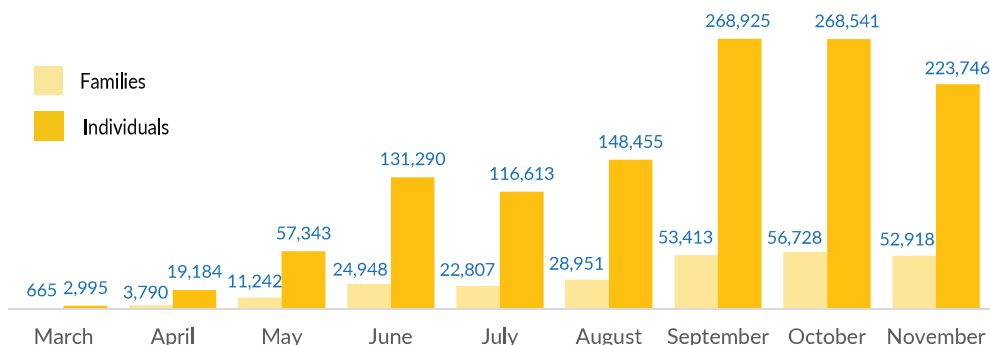
**11,736** Undocumented family member recorded

### AGE AND GENDER COMPOSITION

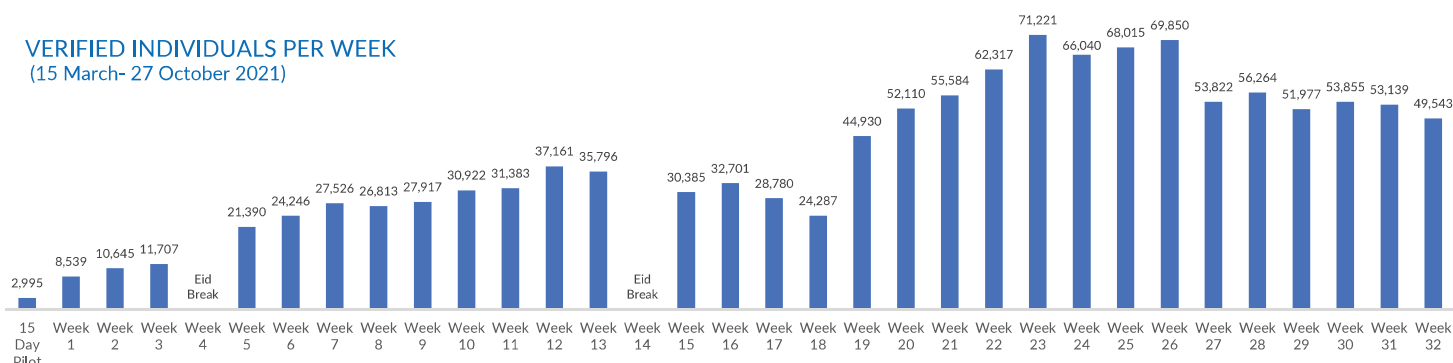


Average family size = **5** individuals per family

### VERIFIED INDIVIDUALS PER MONTH



### VERIFIED INDIVIDUALS PER WEEK (15 March- 27 October 2021)



<sup>1</sup> Verified Afghan refugees who have successfully updated their PoR cards to new PoR smart cards. <sup>2</sup> Registration of biological children, below 5 years of age, of a previously registered PoR cardholding parent, pending document validation. <sup>3</sup> Already registered children who have attained five years and above and are entitled to have their individual smart card. <sup>4</sup> 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: 30 November 2021. Sources: Afghan National Registration (ANR) Database. More information available on UNHCR: data portal, <https://data2.unhcr.org/en/country/pak>. Feedback: [abdulla@unhcr.org](mailto:abdulla@unhcr.org), [zahoor@unhcr.org](mailto:zahoor@unhcr.org)