

RETURNS PROCESSED AT THE ENCASHMENT CENTRES IN AFGHANISTAN



1,047

Returns from

April to June 2022*

94 from Iran

949 from Pakistan

4 from Other Countries

1,178

Returns

in 2022

168 from Iran

1,006 from Pakistan

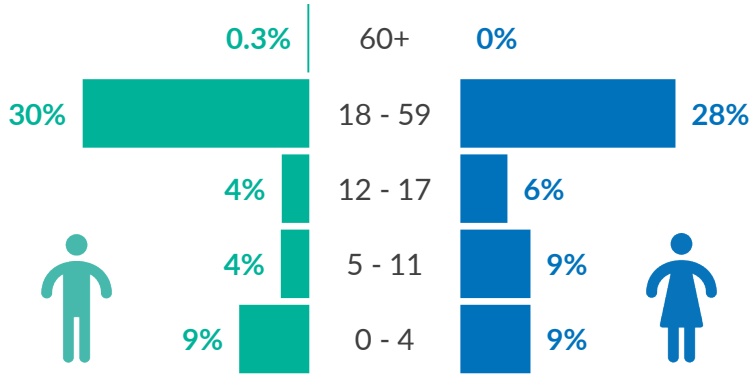
4 from Other Countries

Since 2002, nearly 5.3 million Afghan refugees have returned to Afghanistan under UNHCR's facilitated Voluntary Repatriation programme. In 2022, 1,178 Afghan refugees have returned to Afghanistan, surpassing the 1,148 Afghans who came back during the same period in 2021, and more than triple the number who returned up to this point in 2020. Returnees stated as the main reasons behind return movements from Iran and Pakistan the UNHCR assistance package, cost of living and lack of employment opportunities in host countries, reunification with family, improved security situation, and government land allocation programme¹ in Afghanistan.

So far this year, some 19% of the refugee returnees have returned to Kabul (218), 11% to Kunduz (125) and 9% Herat (104).

At Encashment Centres in Afghanistan, returning refugees receive a cash grant of an average USD 250 per individual, while also running programmes and projects in priority areas of return and reintegration.

RETURNEE DEMOGRAPHICS 2022

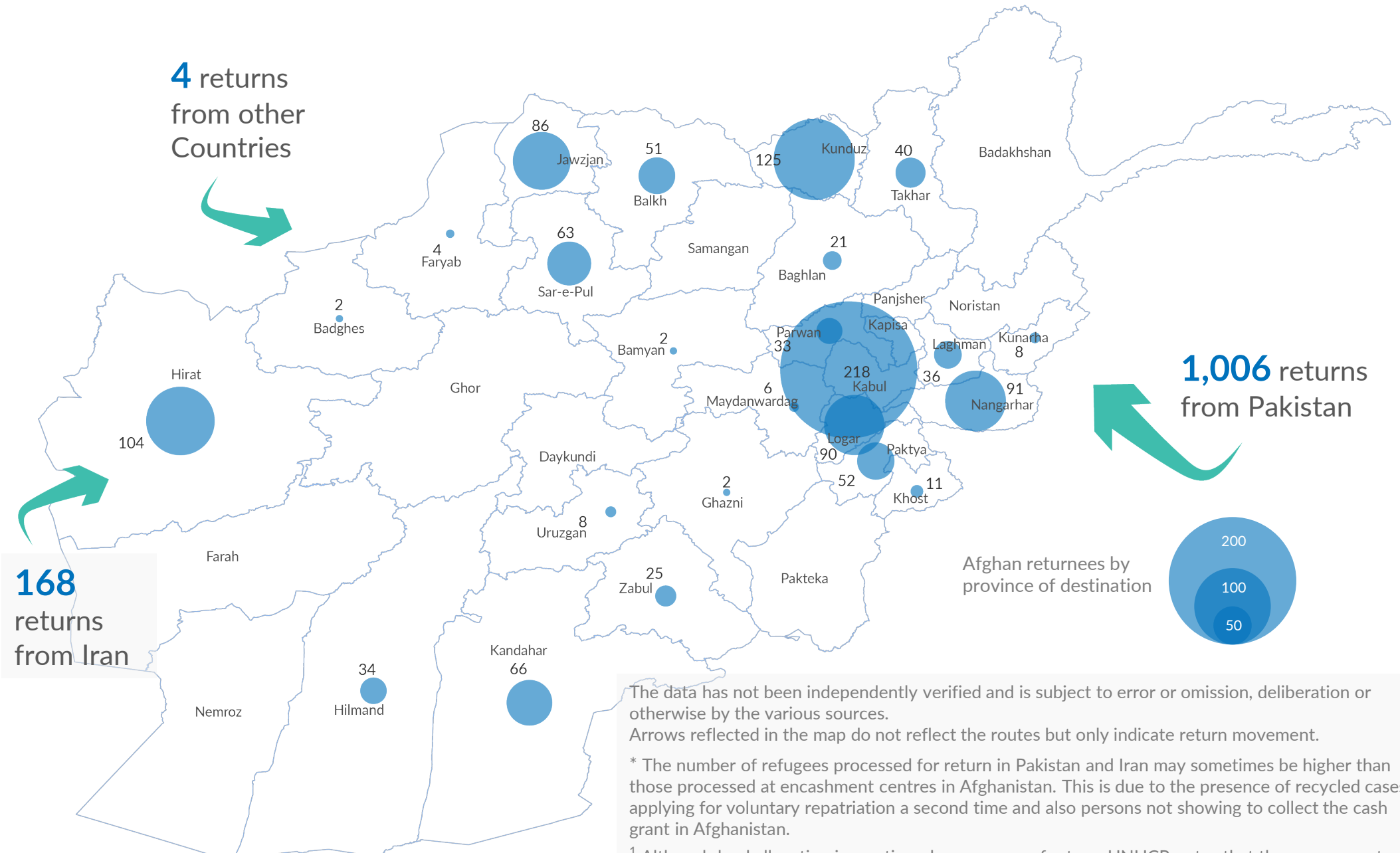


ASSISTANCE AT ENCASHMENT CENTRES (ECs) IN AFGHANISTAN

USD \$266,729 was provided in cash assistance to returnees at ECs in Q2 of 2022. A total of **\$301,456** was provided in 2022.

Beside cash grants, returning refugees will receive basic health care and overnight accommodation when needed. They may also receive other services, provided by other partners present in each EC. In addition, UNHCR, in line with the measures recommended by MoPH and WHO, adopted a SOP in all ECs, aiming to prevent the spread of transmission of COVID-19.

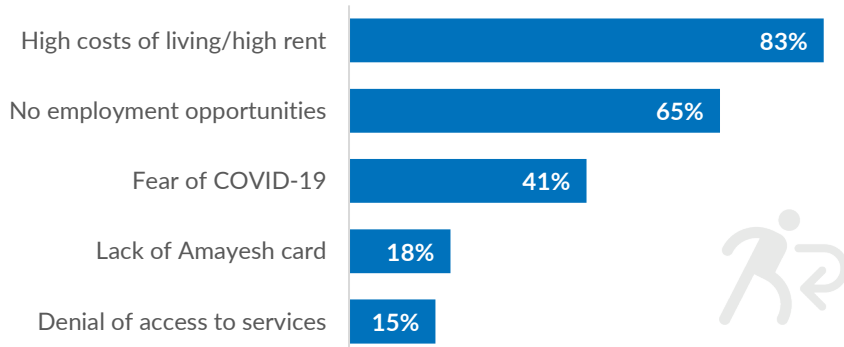
PROVINCE OF DESTINATION 2022 (Figures reflect returns processed at encashment centres in Afghanistan)



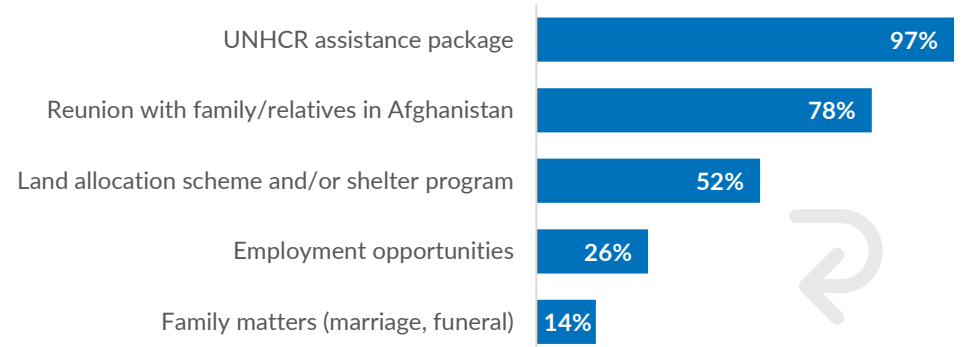
REASONS AND INTENTIONS RELATED TO RETURN

Source: UNHCR's returnee monitoring conducted at ECs. Timeframe: findings from Jan. to June 2022. Multiple choice questions may add up to over 100%.

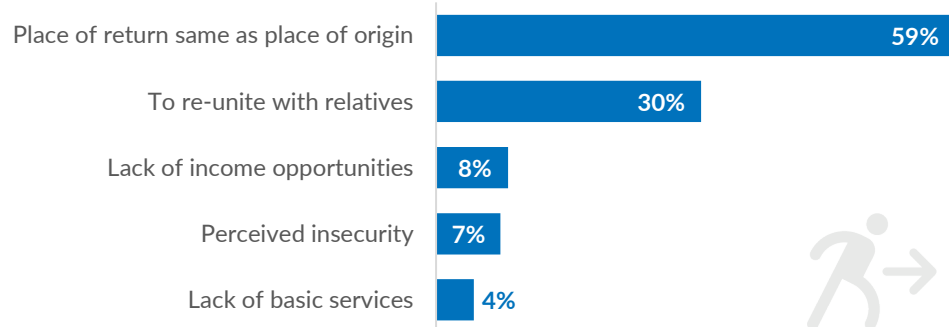
Top 5 reasons for leaving Iran and Pakistan



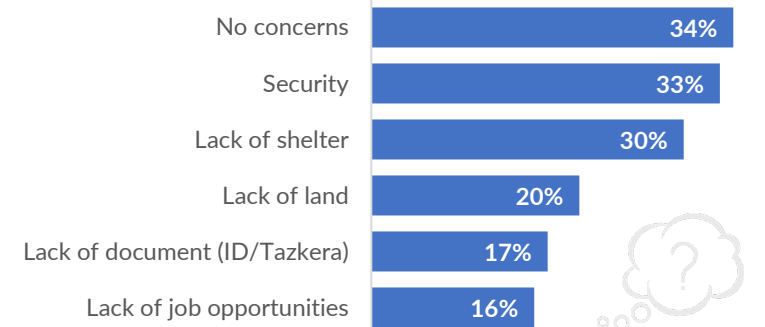
Top 5 reasons for return to Afghanistan



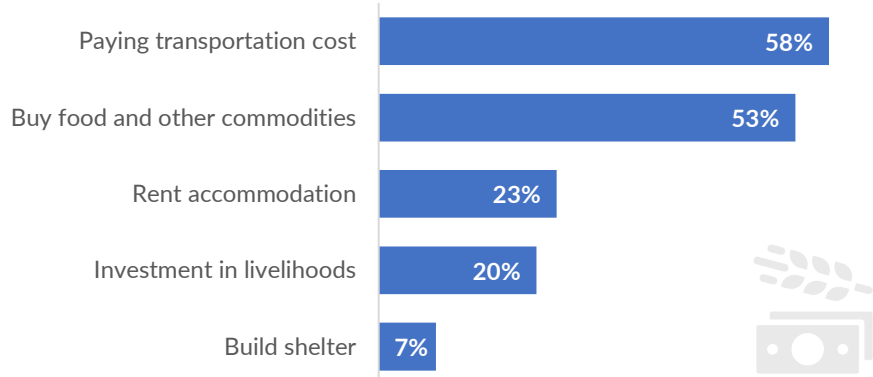
Top 5 reasons for not returning to District of Origin



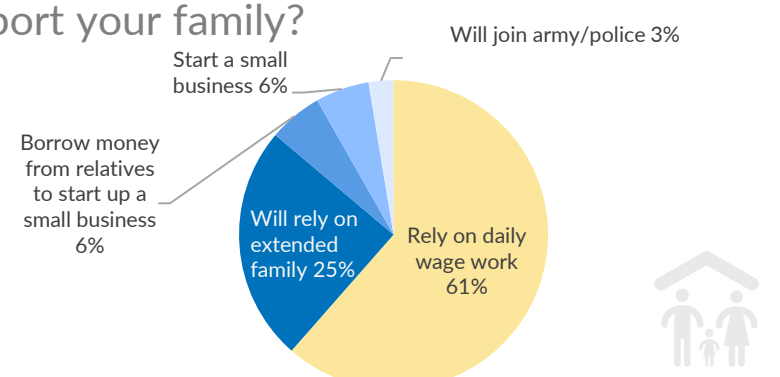
Concerns related to the return to Afghanistan



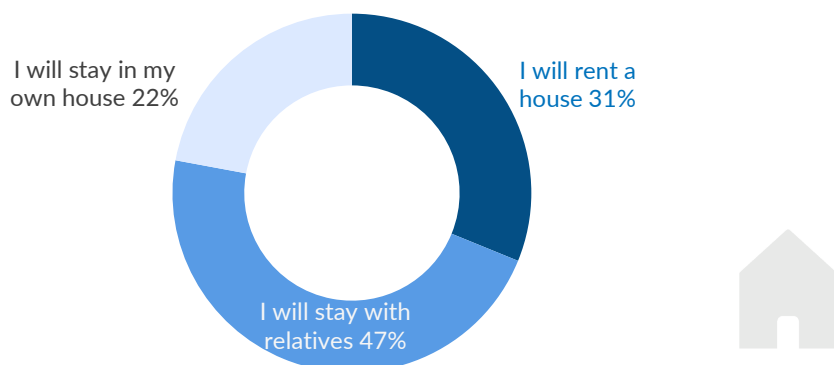
Upon return, how the cash grant will be spent



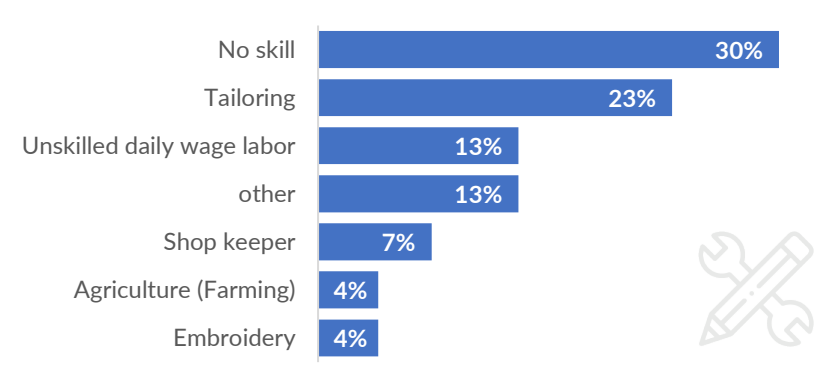
After cash grant is spent, how you plan to support your family?



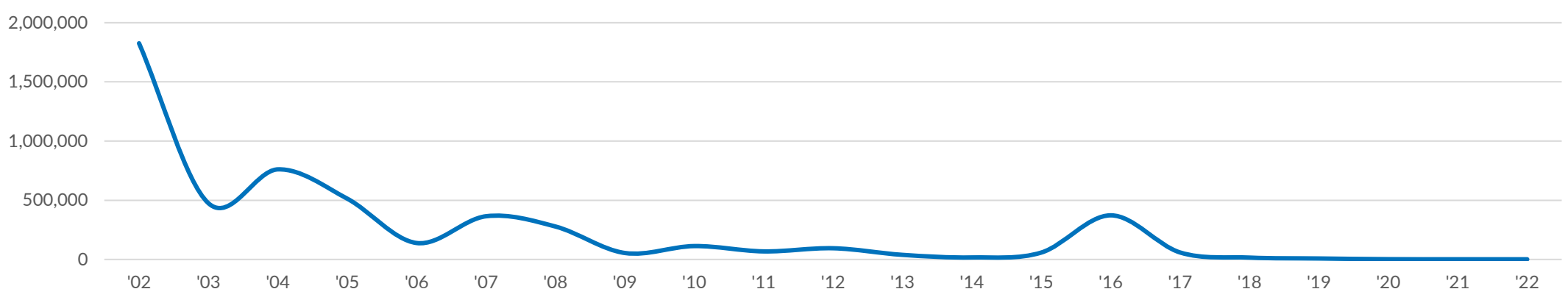
Living arrangements upon return



Interviewed returnees' skills/qualifications



REGISTERED VOLUNTARY REPATRIATION TO AFGHANISTAN 2002-2022



REGISTERED VOLUNTARY REPATRIATION (zoomed in 2018-2022)

