

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.

DRIVE verifications are being carried out at **35** operational sites across Pakistan, supported by four mobile teams covering vulnerable groups and remote locations. A further **4-5 sites** and several additional mobile teams are expected to commence later in the exercise. At full capacity, DRIVE is able to interview some **14,000** individuals per day, six days per week.

## PROGRESS

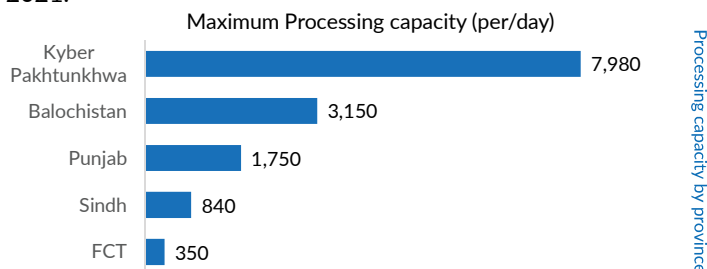
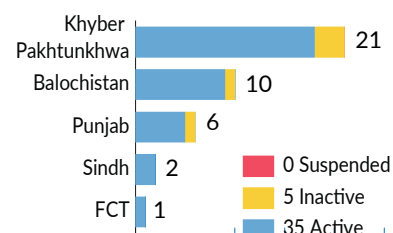
In September, DRIVE surpassed fifty per cent of its expected target population, with almost **750,000** individuals verified or newly recorded, and more than **180,000** new PoR smartcards distributed. While all figures are provisional pending data quality reviews, the indicative percentage of children five years or younger who are newly recorded for registration stands at almost **13** per cent.

Implementation rates accelerated significantly in September. This increase has been supported by measures to strengthen staffing and resources in some locations, and the deployment of four mobile registration teams to reach refugees living in remote regions or facing challenges accessing a standard DRIVE site. At least four new short-term sites will commence operation in October. Overall, DRIVE is on track to complete its primary implementation within 2021.

Refined processes to validate applications for the registration of eligible children of PoR cardholders have been agreed and prepared for implementation in early October. The new processes will allow assessing officers to decide applications swiftly while maintaining high levels of system integrity. These processes also establish the foundation for verifying immediate family links recorded during DRIVE and the subsequent issuance of family certificates.

Regarding the appointment system, the staffing and operation hours of the call centres have been adjusted to increase access to DRIVE. Additionally, from October, appointments may be scheduled on site for refugees who are unable for any reason to access the call centres.

## DRIVE SITE STATUS BY PROVINCE



## HIGHLIGHTS

As of 30 September 2021, a cumulative total of **744,805** individuals have been processed across Pakistan. **502,892** are registered Afghan refugees who have been verified and will receive a new PoR smartcard, **87,186** are registered children above five years old who are now eligible for their own individual PoR smartcard, while **95,907** are children of PoR cardholders who are under the age of five and will be newly registered following document validation. An additional **58,820** 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 Pakhtunkhwa province (55%), with a further 22% in Balochistan province. The current DRIVE exercise also identifies nuclear families from within extended family groupings, averaging five individuals per nuclear family.

### KEY FIGURES

# 744,805

TOTAL INDIVIDUALS VERIFIED \*

# 502,892

VERIFIED AFGHAN REFUGEES <sup>1</sup>

# 95,907

NEWLY REGISTERED CHILDREN UNDER FIVE <sup>2</sup>

# 87,186

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

# 58,820

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

# 180,530

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



**409,979** Total individuals verified



**284,520** Verified Afghan refugees



**49,344** Newly registered children under five



**49,013** Already registered children above five



**27,102** Undocumented family member recorded

### SINDH



**55,258** Total individuals verified



**35,811** Verified Afghan refugees



**8,461** Newly registered children under five



**5,904** Already registered children above five



**5,082** Undocumented family member recorded

### BALOCHISTAN



**167,030** Total individuals verified



**104,763** Verified Afghan refugees



**22,091** Newly registered children under five



**19,618** Already registered children above five



**20,558** Undocumented family member recorded

### FEDERAL CAPITAL TERRITORY, PUNJAB



**112,538** Total individuals verified



**77,798** Verified Afghan refugees



**16,011** Newly registered children under five

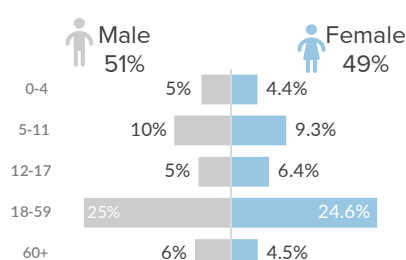


**12,651** Already registered children above five



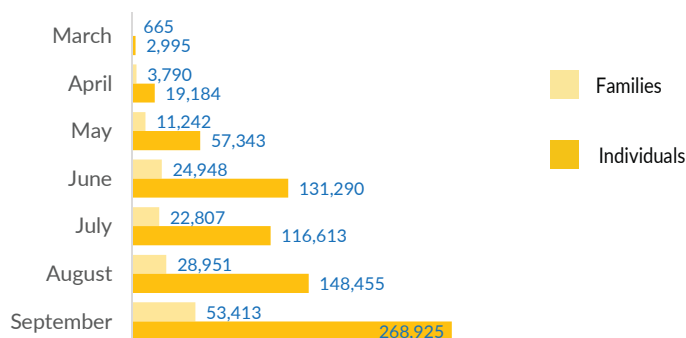
**6,078** Undocumented family member recorded

### AGE AND GENDER COMPOSITION

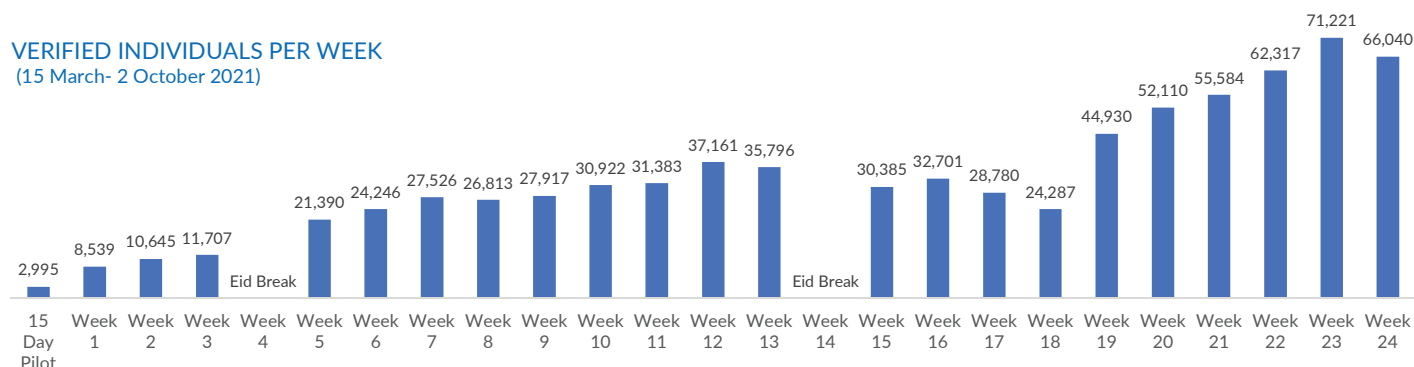


Average family size = **5** individuals per family

### VERIFIED INDIVIDUALS PER MONTH



### VERIFIED INDIVIDUALS PER WEEK (15 March- 2 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: 28 May 2021. Sources: Afghan National Registration (ANR) Database. More information available on UNHCR: data portal, <https://data2.unhcr.org/en/country/pak>. Feedback: [abdulsa@unhcr.org](mailto:abdulsa@unhcr.org), [zahoor@unhcr.org](mailto:zahoor@unhcr.org)