UNHCR
The UN Refugee Agency

PAKISTAN

Voluntary repatriation of Afghan refugees

(as of 31 December 2021)

4.32 MILLION approx

Number of Afghan refugees assisted through voluntary repatriation programme since 2002

781,885

Number of households assisted through voluntary repatriation programme since 2002

70% Azakhel **30%** Baleli

*% of Refugee returnees through voluntary repatriation centres (VRCs) in 2002

451

RETURNEES TO AFGHANISTAN FROM JAN- DEC 2021

115

Households

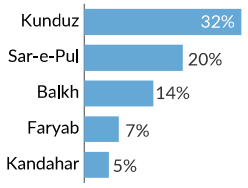
USD $87,400

Cash grants provided by UNHCR (Through Encashment Centre) from Jan- Dec 2021

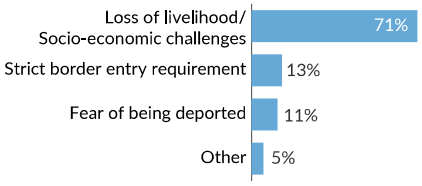
100% Baleli **0%** Azakhel

*% Refugee returnees through voluntary repatriation centres (VRCs) in 2021

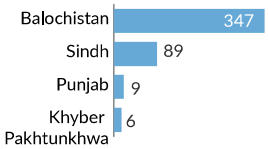
Place of intended return (Top 5)



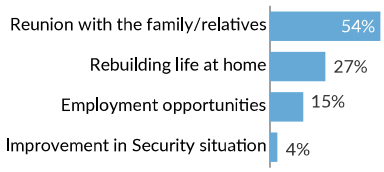
**Reasons for leaving Pakistan(Push Factors)



Place of Residence in Pakistan



Reasons for return to Afghanistan (Pull Factors)



ASSISTED REPATRIATION IN 2021

AGE AND GENDER COMPOSITION

82.7% Women & children

5-17 **44.3%** Children

0-4 **13.7%** Infants

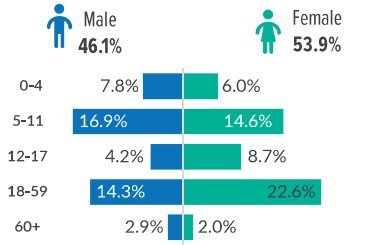
1% Persons with specific needs

42% Adults

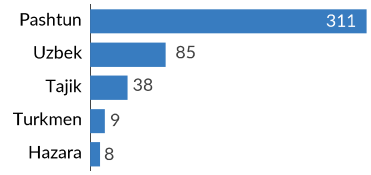
60+ **4.9%** Elderly

Male **46.1%**

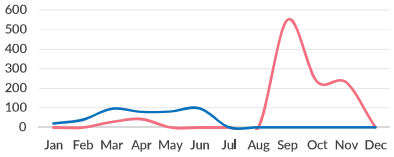
Female **53.9%**

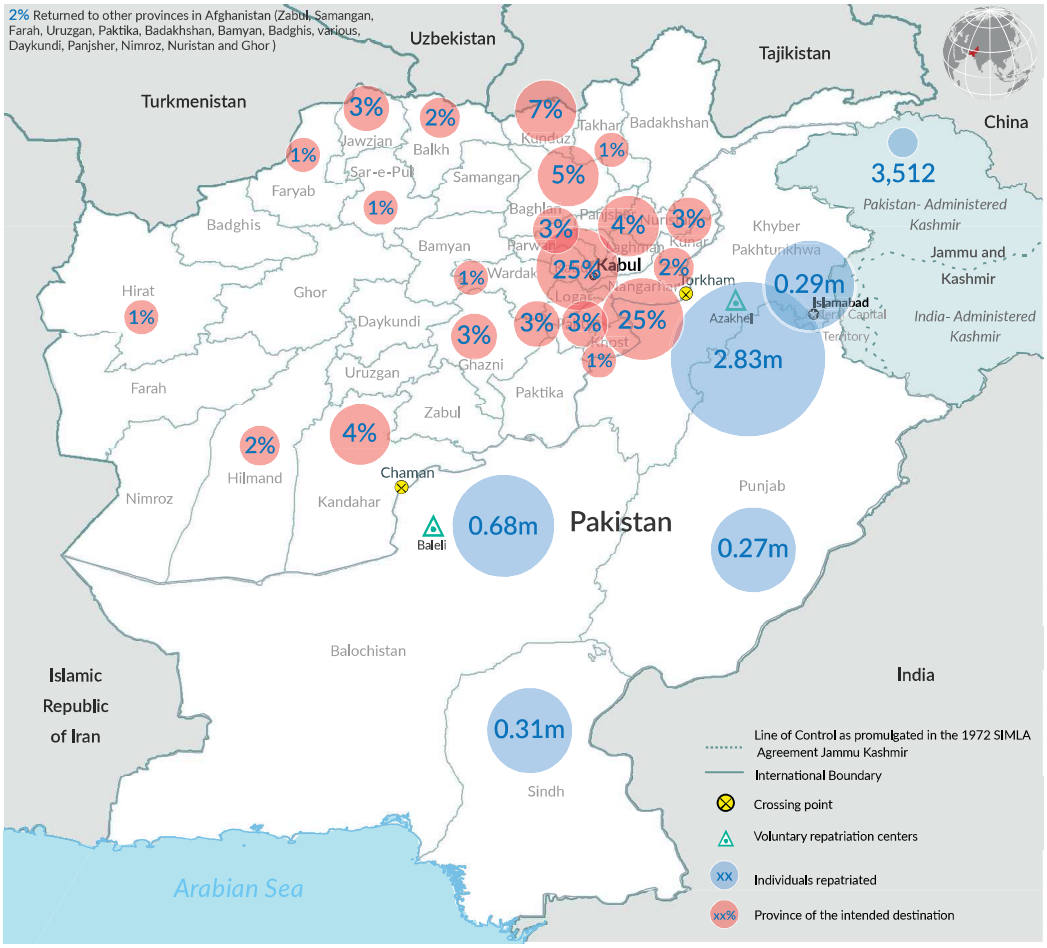


BREAKDOWN BY ETHNICITY



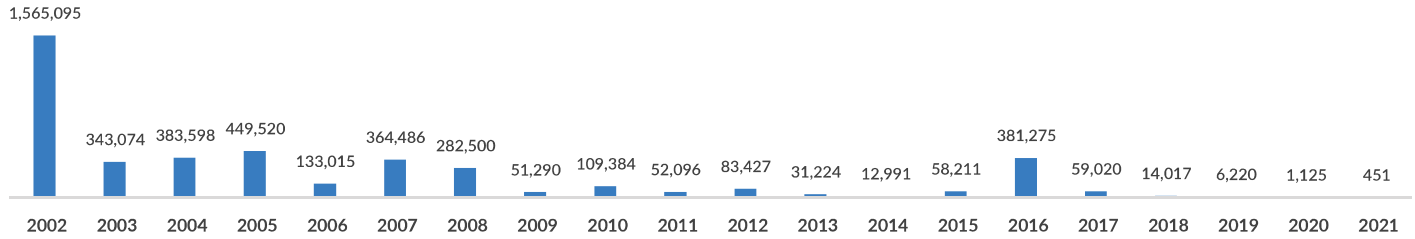
MONTHLY VOLUNTARY REPATRIATION TRENDS (2020-2021)





The figures in this map reflect returns assisted through voluntary repatriation centers (VRCs) in Pakistan and the intended place of return in Afghanistan since 2002.

YEARLY VOLUNTARY REPATRIATION TRENDS (2002-2021)



*The Baleli Verification Center serves all returnees from Baluchistan, as well as refugees departing Karachi and returning to Afghanistan via Baluchistan.The Azakhel Center in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa serves refugees returning from Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Islamabad, Punjab, Sindh, and Pakistan Administered Kashmir. **Exit interviews have been conducted with refugees in the voluntary repatriation centers (VRCs).

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