

Key figures



843,400

total returns¹



119,000

UNHCR-assisted



40,800

deportations

673,700

80%

114,600

96%

39,500

97%

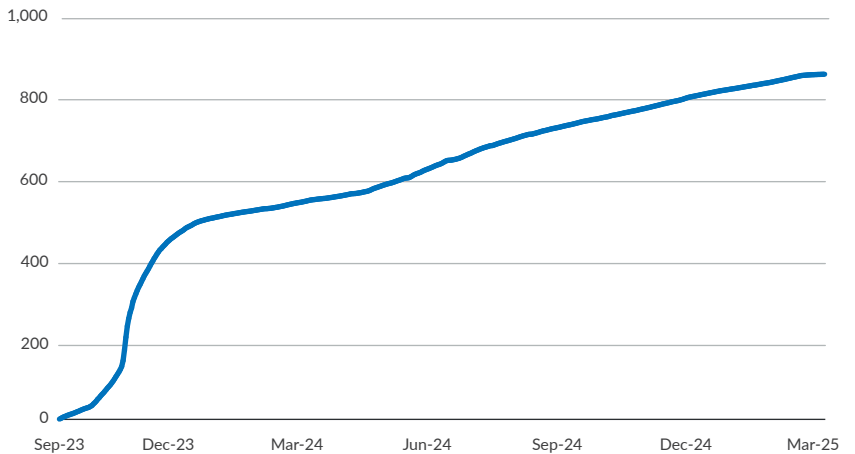


Out of the overall returns **50%** are female, of which **29%** are girls. **59%** are children.

Blue figures above correspond to the period of 15 Sep. 2023 to 9 March 2025, while the **navy figures** refer only to those who arrived from 1 November 2023 to 9 March 2025.

Total returns since 15 September 2023²

Number of people (thousands)



Context

Over 843,400 Afghans have returned since 15 September 2023 as a consequence of the Government of Pakistan's "Illegal Foreigners Repatriation Plan."

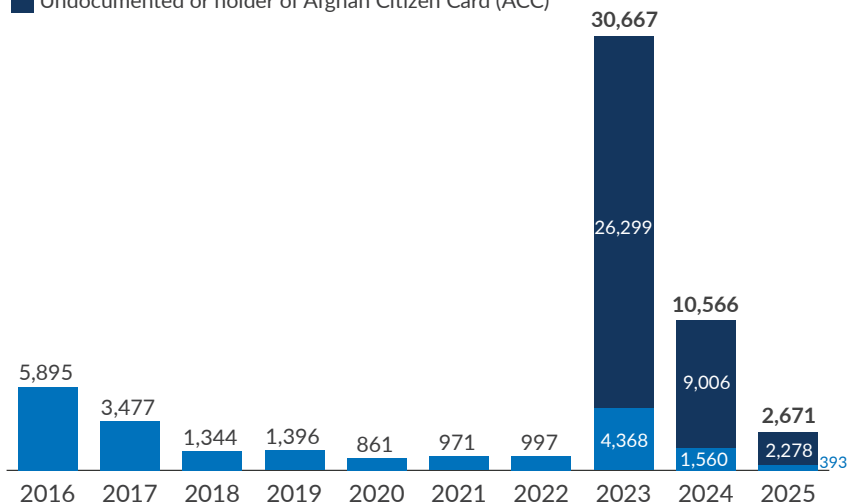
In February 2025, some 17,900 individuals returned to Afghanistan, out of which 1,417 were deported. Despite Torkham border's closure since 22 February, deportations have increased 44% when compared to the previous month, reaching its highest level (1,417) since the IFRP-peak in November-December 2023.

In February 2025, the overall reported rate of arrests and detentions increased by 15% when compared to January, registering over 1,400 arrests and detentions. Some 50% took place in Islamabad Capital Territory and Rawalpindi.

Afghan arrests and detentions in Pakistan (as of 28 Feb. 2025)

■ Asylum seekers and holders of Proof of Registration (PoR)

■ Undocumented or holder of Afghan Citizen Card (ACC)³

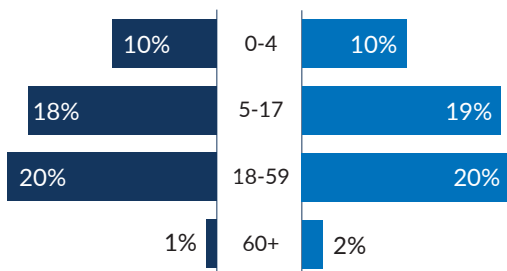


Returns assisted by UNHCR Afghanistan

49% of assisted are **Female**



51% of assisted are **Male**



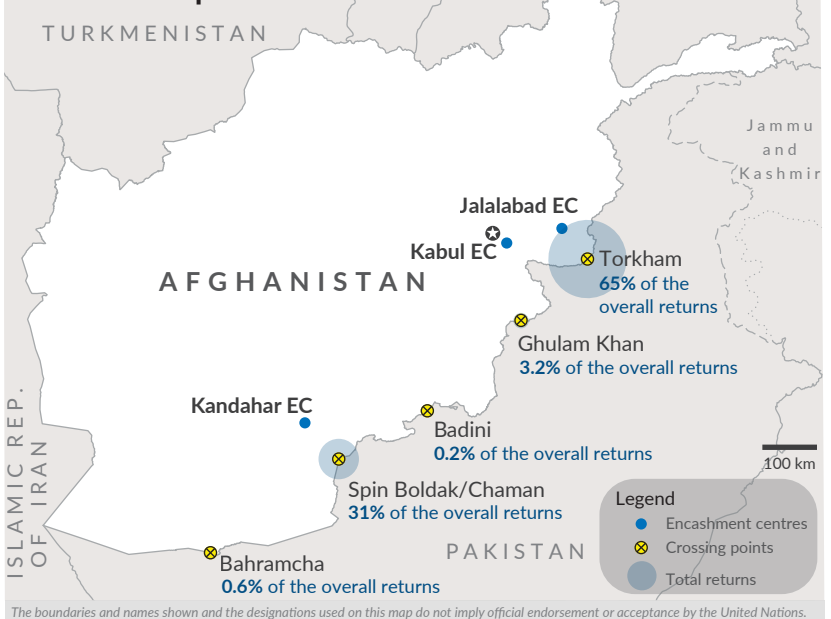
Out of those assisted **2.5%** have disabilities

31% are **Female** headed households



69% are **Male** headed households

Situation map

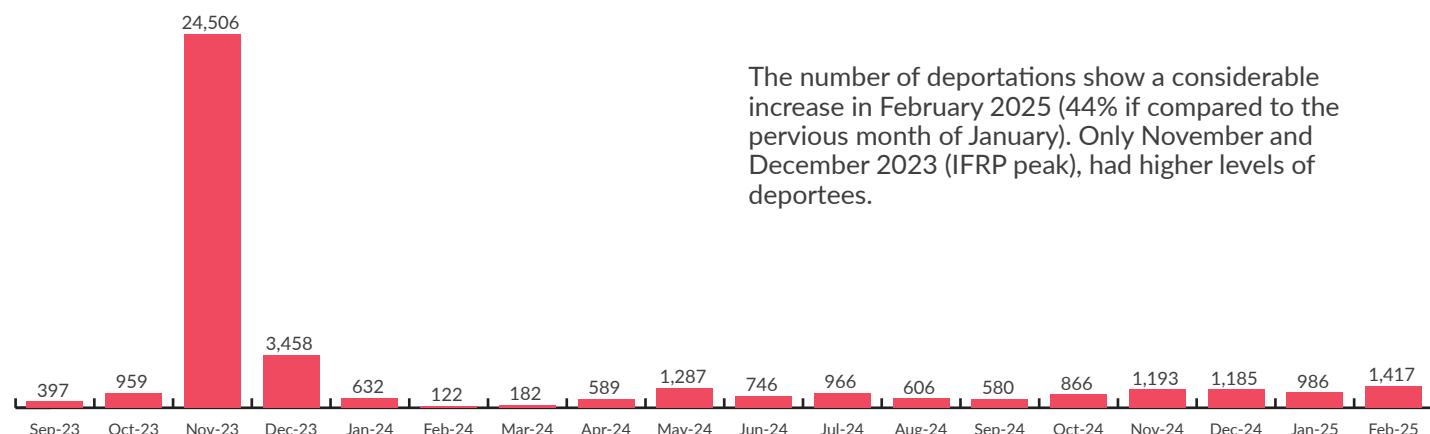


¹ An umbrella term that includes all returns including deportations, assisted Voluntary Repatriation (VolRep) and other returns of Afghans of all statuses such as PoR cardholders, ACC holders, and the undocumented.

² Return figures from 28 February 2025 onwards may fluctuate till validation process is concluded.

³ Prior to 2023, there was no data collected on the arrest and detention of ACC holders or undocumented Afghan nationals.

Deportations since 15 September 2023



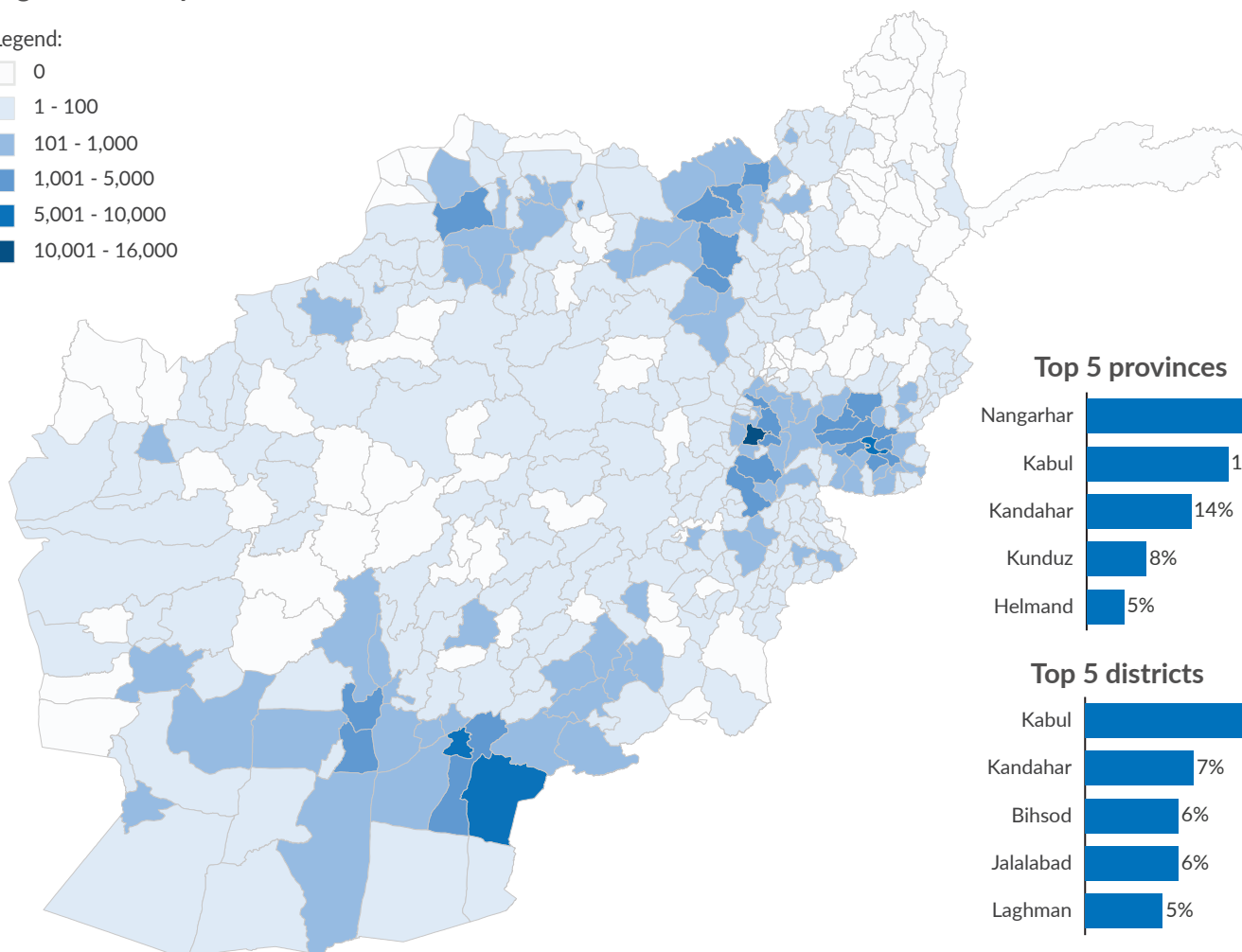
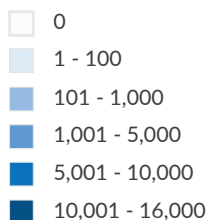
Returns assisted by UNHCR Afghanistan

In Afghanistan, UNHCR continued to biometrically process and provide cash assistance to PoR card holders and their nuclear family members, UNHCR slip holders, asylum seeker certificate holders and other Protection referrals. This support aimed to alleviate the difficulties faced by Afghan nationals who returned home hastily, and often largely unprepared due to the circumstances in Pakistan.

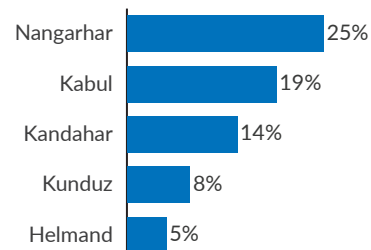
Since 15 September 2023, some 119,000 individuals returning from Pakistan have been provided with cash assistance in Kabul, Kandahar and Jalalabad encashment centres, including over 75,900 PoR cardholders. Out of the assisted, some 2.5% are individuals with disabilities and some 3,300 PoR card holders, UNHCR slip holders and Asylum certificate holders were deported.

Afghanistan map - intended districts of destination

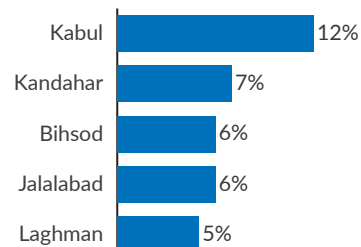
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Top 5 provinces

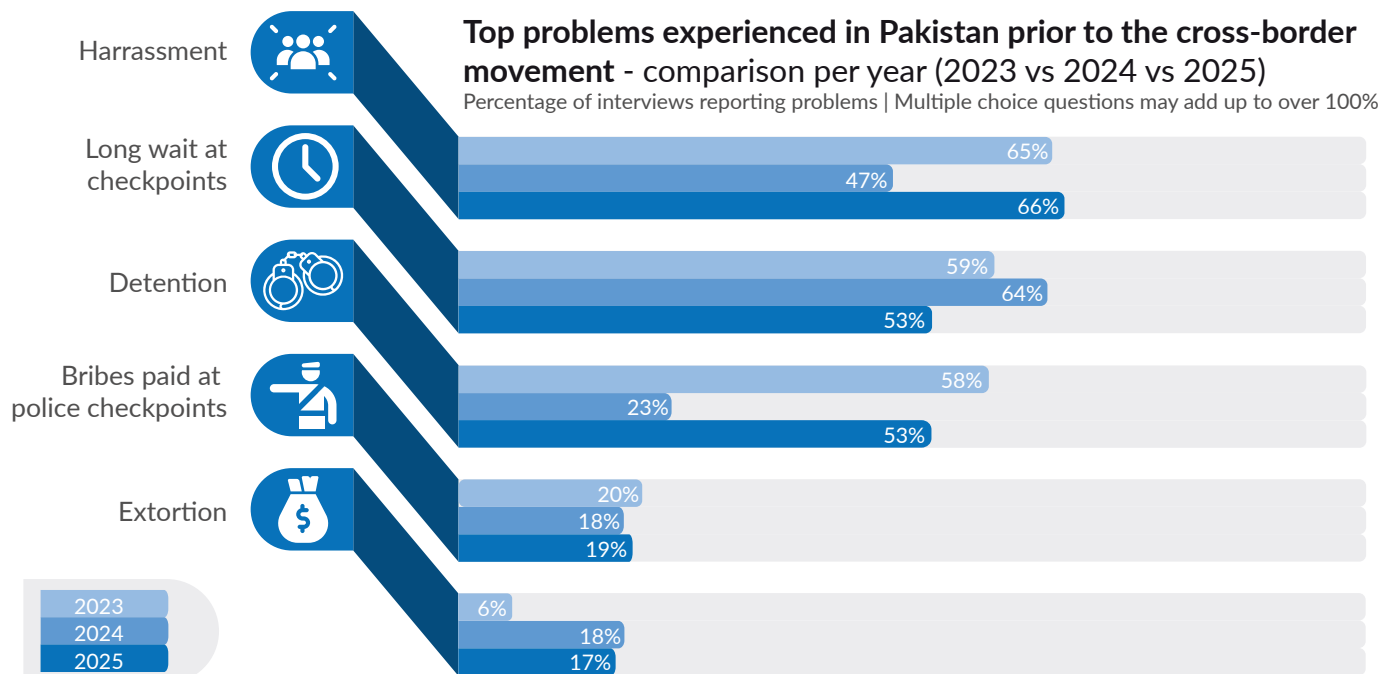


Top 5 districts



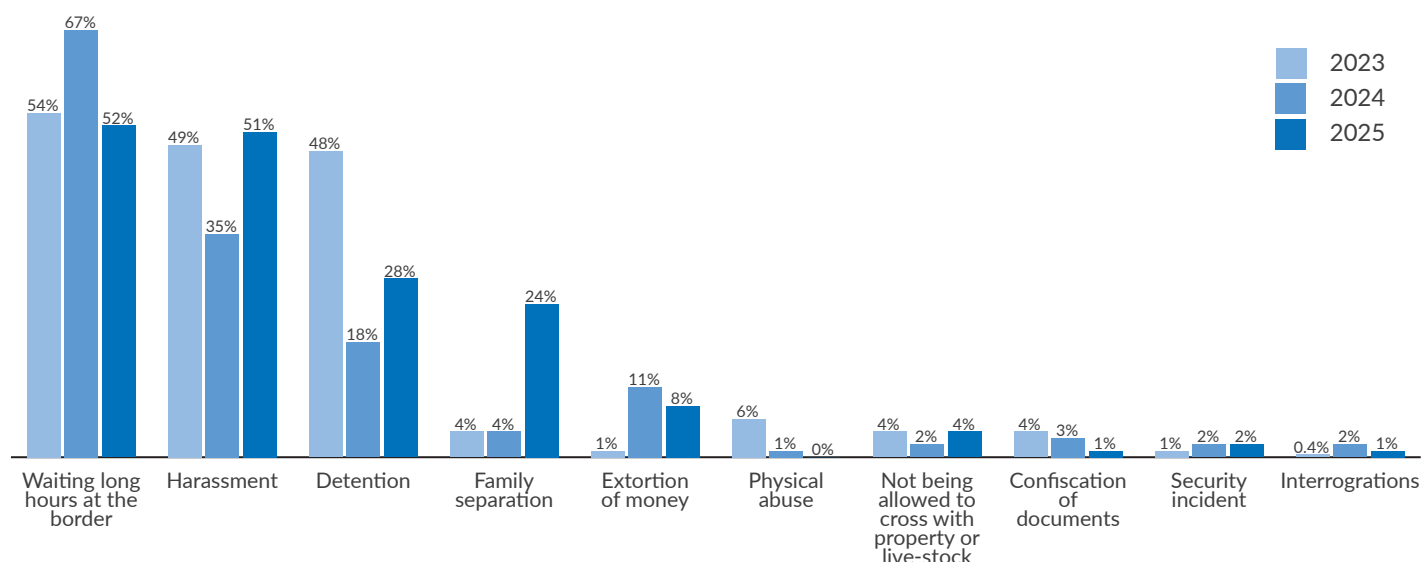
Border Protection Monitoring

UNHCR and its partner Wadan in Afghanistan have scaled up protection activities at the border. Daily presence consists of Border Protection monitoring through interviews with returnees including deportees in order to identify protection concerns and risks, as well as their intended areas of return in Afghanistan. Five help desks have been set up to boost protection screening interviews, identification and referral of individuals to be assisted by UNHCR.



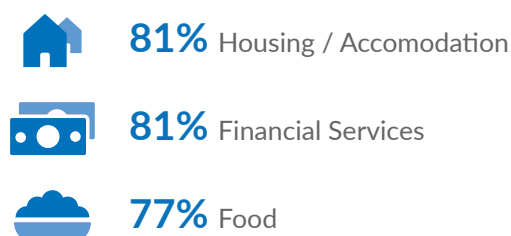
Problems experienced at the Pakistan border point

Percentage of interviews reporting problems | Multiple choice questions may add up to over 100%



Top 3 Needs upon arrival

Percentage of interviews | Multiple choice questions may add up to over 100%



Top 3 Protection services requested

Percentage of interviews | Multiple choice questions may add up to over 100%

