

Voluntary repatriation of Afghan refugees

(1 January to 31 January 2026)

4.66 MILLION approx

Number of Afghan refugees assisted through voluntary repatriation programme since 2002

849,734

Number of households assisted through voluntary repatriation programme since 2002

70% Azakhel **30%** Baleli

% of Refugee returnees through voluntary repatriation centres (VRCs) since 2002^(c)

26,938

RETURNEES TO AFGHANISTAN FROM 1 JAN - 31 JAN 2026

6,228 Households

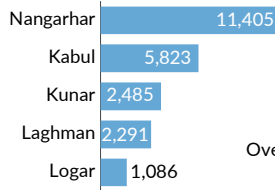
UNHCR Assistance Package**

156 USD/ HH

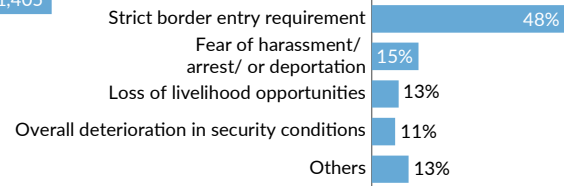
99% Azakhel **1%** Baleli

% of Refugee returnees through voluntary repatriation centres (VRCs) in January, 2026

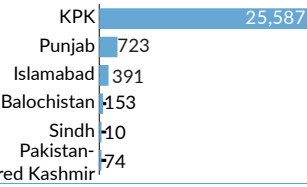
(a) Place of intended return (Top 5)



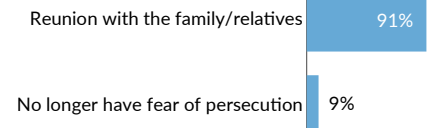
(b) Reasons for leaving Pakistan (Push Factors)



Place of Residence in Pakistan



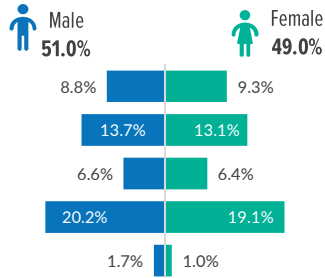
Reasons for return to Afghanistan (Pull Factors)



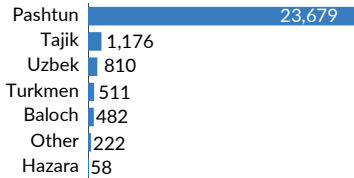
ASSISTED REPATRIATION IN 2026
RVs Vs. OUTSIDE RVs



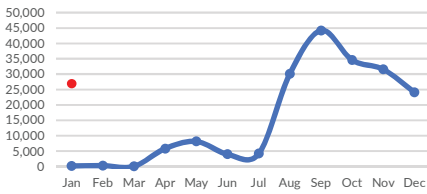
AGE AND GENDER COMPOSITION



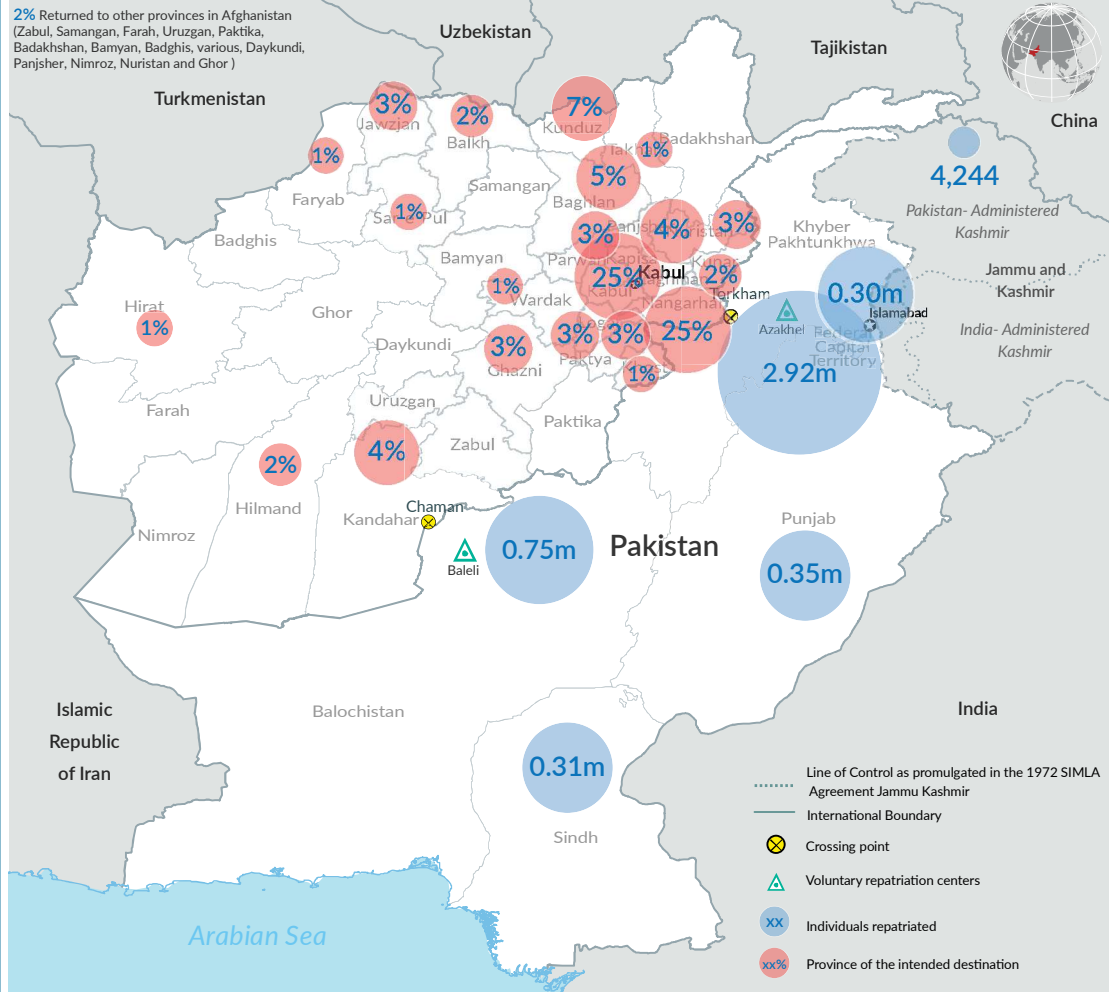
BREAKDOWN BY ETHNICITY



MONTHLY VOLUNTARY REPATRIATION TRENDS (2025-2026)

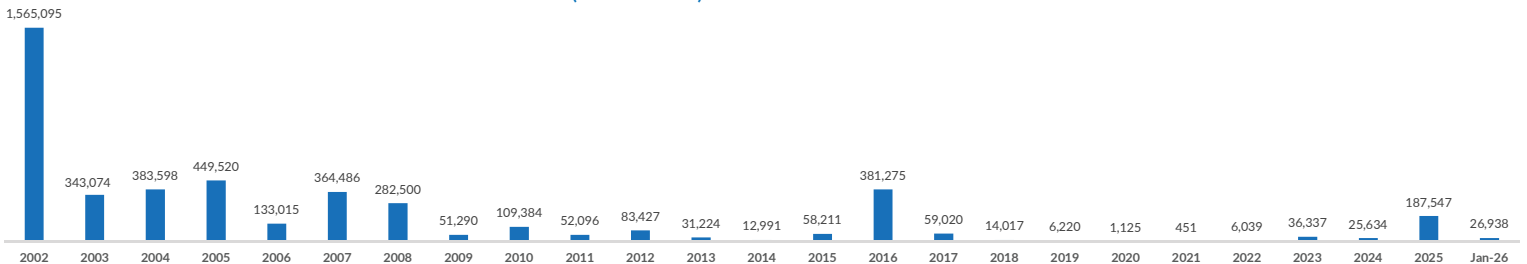


2% Returned to other provinces in Afghanistan (Zabul, Samangan, Farah, Uruzgan, Paktika, Badakhshan, Bamyan, Badghis, various, Daykundi, Panjsher, Nimroz, Nuristan and Ghor)



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 (2002-2026)



* In January 2026, 14,269 PoR cardholders returned spontaneously to Afghanistan without passing through the VRC process.

** Effective 14 November 2025, UNHCR Assistance Package is provided only to vulnerable households following an Individual protection assessment.

a) The figure refers to the number of refugees who were processed for Voluntary repatriation at VRCs in Pakistan. b) Exit interviews have been conducted with refugees in the Voluntary Repatriation Centers (VRCs). c) The Baleli VRC serves all returnees from Balochistan, as well as refugees departing Karachi and returning to Afghanistan via Balochistan. The Azakhel VRC in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa serves refugees returning from Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Islamabad, Punjab, Sindh, and Pakistan Administered Kashmir.

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