PAKISTAN

Voluntary repatriation of Afghan refugees

(1 January to 31 August 2026)

4.76 MILLION approx
Number of Afghan refugees assisted through voluntary repatriation programme since 2002

874,442
Number of households assisted through voluntary repatriation programme since 2002

71% Azakhel **29%** Baleli
% of Refugee returnees through voluntary repatriation centres (VRCs) since 2002 (a)

127,422 (b)
RETURNEES TO AFGHANISTAN FROM 1 JAN - 31 AUG 2026

30,936
Households

99% Azakhel **1%** Baleli
% Refugee returnees through voluntary repatriation centres (VRCs) from Jan-Aug, 2026

UNHCR Assistance Package*

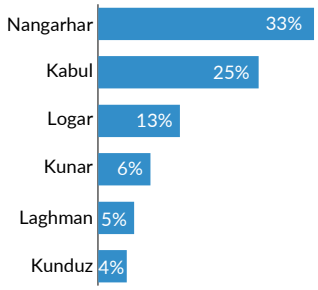
156 USD/ HH

Place of Residence in Pakistan

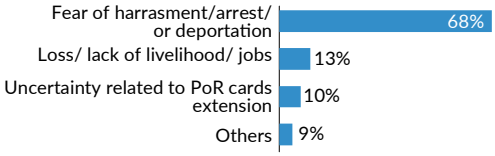
KPK	116,192
Punjab	7,502
Islamabad	2,335
Balochistan	1,175
P.A.K.[1]	185
Sindh	33

P.A.K.[1]: Pakistan Administered Kashmir

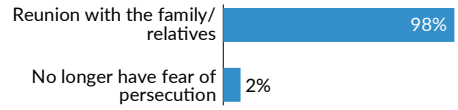
Place of intended return (Top 6)



Reasons for leaving Pakistan - Push Factors (c)

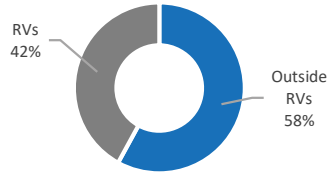


Reasons for return to Afghanistan - Pull Factors



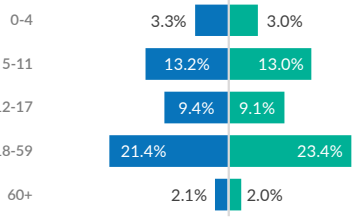
ASSISTED REPATRIATION IN 2026

RVs Vs. OUTSIDE RVs

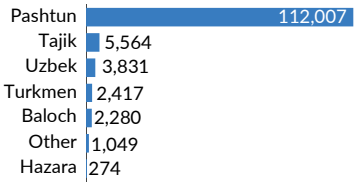


AGE AND GENDER COMPOSITION

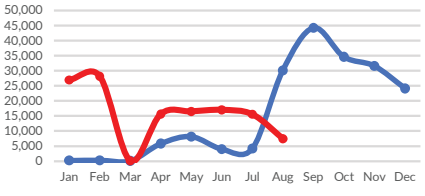
Male **49.4%** Female **50.6%**

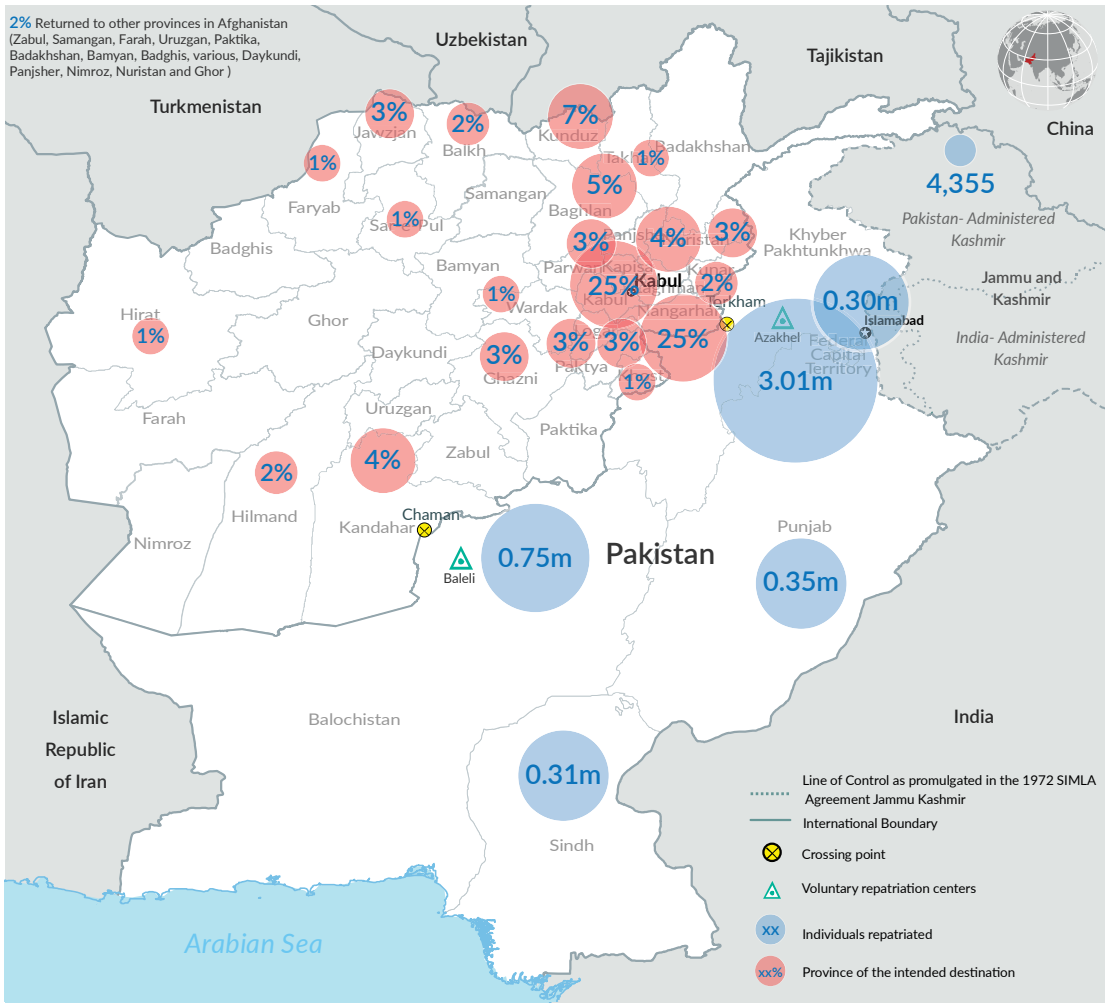


BREAKDOWN BY ETHNICITY



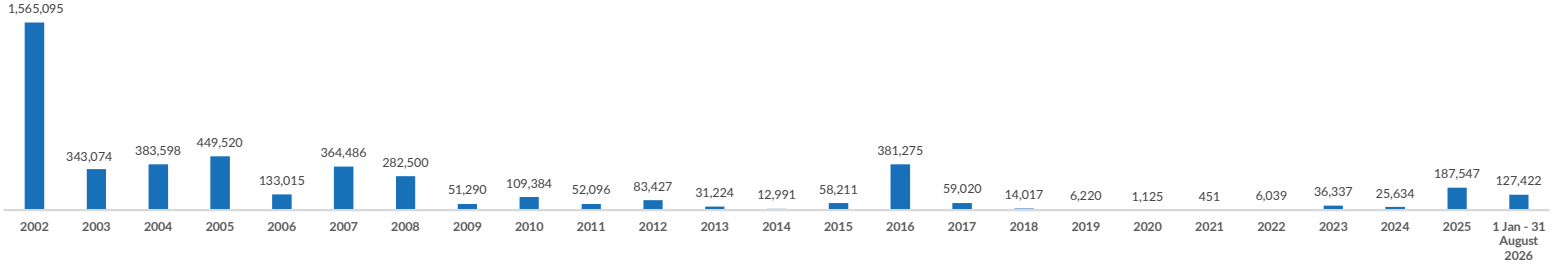
MONTHLY VOLUNTARY REPATRIATION TRENDS (2025-2026)





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)**



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

** From 1 January - 31 August, 2026, 179,367 PoR cardholders returned spontaneously to Afghanistan without approaching the VRC for processing.

a)The Baleli VRC in Balochistan 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. b) The figure refers to the number of refugees who were processed for voluntary repatriation at VRCs in Pakistan in 2026. c) Exit interviews are conducted with refugees in the Voluntary Repatriation Centers (VRCs).

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