IOM Pakistan collects data on the outflows of undocumented Afghan migrants at the Torkham and Chaman border crossing points in an effort to better understand the migration movements of undocumented Afghan migrants returning to Afghanistan from Pakistan. This exercise is part of the European Union funded project “Displacement Tracking Matrix Regional Evidence for Migration Analysis and Policy (DTM REMAP)”. Between 22 October and 4 November 2022, 2,697 undocumented Afghan migrants spontaneously returned to Afghanistan, including 509 through the Torkham border point and 2,188 through the Chaman border point. Border authorities facilitated the return of 138 individuals due to the lack of legal documentation to remain in Pakistan. Therefore, information about these individuals is not included in the count. Although IOM identified 2,188 undocumented Afghan returnees at two border crossings, this may not reflect the total number of undocumented Afghan returnees. Moreover, for this study, only the head of household or representative of the family were interviewed. This means that the number of interviews conducted by the enumerators is lower than the number of returnees recorded by IOM. Between 22 October and 4 November 2022, IOM interviewed 191 respondents.

- During the reporting period, 9 per cent of returnees were categorized as vulnerable persons, mainly chronically ill and elderly.
- The primary occupations reported by returnees were: unskilled labor (64%), skilled labor (24%), business (11%) and salaried job (1%).
- All returnees were carrying household items, cash, personal belongings and productive assets when interviewed. They also travelled with additional items, such as productive assets (91%), transportation or private vehicles (2%) and livestock (1%).
- The average cost of travelling from Pakistan to Afghanistan reported was 33,962 PKR per family.
- The top 3 challenges returnees expected to face in Afghanistan were: arranging for livelihoods, finding income opportunities and settling into a new city.
- The modes of transportation from origin to the border and from the border to their destination, used by the returnees were following: truck (62%), pickup (34%), bus/rented car (3%) and on foot (1%).
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DISTRICTS OF ORIGIN IN PAKISTAN OF RETURNEES

LEGEND
- Rented house
- Spontaneous settlement
- Own house
- Camp
- Living with relatives

ORIGIN DISTRICT
- Quetta
- Killa Abdullah
- Pishin
- Killah Saifullah
- Peshawar

SETTLEMENT TYPE

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PROVINCES OF INTENDED DESTINATION

LEGEND
- International border
- Disputed border
- Line of control
- Province border
- District border
- Origin district of returnees
- District without returnees

INTENDED PROVINCE
- Kandahar
- Helmand
- Kunduz
- Kabul
- Zabul

SETTLEMENT TYPE

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