**Voluntary repatriation of Afghan refugees**

*1 January to 30 September 2023*

**Number of Afghan refugees assisted through voluntary repatriation programme since 2002**
- **4,400 million approx.**
- **786,171** households

**UNHCR Assistance Package**
- **375 USD/ Individual**

**Place of Residence in Pakistan**

**Reasons for leaving Pakistan (Push Factors)**
- **69%** Socio-economic challenges/Inflation
- **13%** Strict border entry requirements
- **9%** Loss of livelihood
- **3%** None
- **3%** Others

**Reasons for return to Afghanistan (Pull Factors)**
- **54%** Reunion with the family/relatives
- **17%** Employment opportunities
- **6%** No longer have fear of persecution
- **4%** Rebuilding lift at home
- **19%** Others

**Breakdown by Ethnicity**
- **Pashtun** 1,004,200
- **Uzbek** 780
- **Tajik** 776
- **Turkmen** 536
- **Baloch** 134
- **Other** 49

**ASSISTED REPATRIATION IN 2023**
- **2,847** Households

**Place of intended return (Top 5)**

- **Kabul** 2,108
- **Kunduz** 1,866
- **Nangarhar** 1,143
- **Balkh** 1,067
- **Kandahar** 1,039

**MONTHLY VOLUNTARY REPATRIATION TRENDS (2022-2023)**

**YEARLY VOLUNTARY REPATRIATION TRENDS (2002-2023)**

*The figure refers to the number of refugees who were processed for Voluntary repatriation at VRCs in Pakistan. **The Baleli Verification Center serves all returnees from Balochistan, as well as refugees departing Karachi and returning to Afghanistan via Balochistan. The Azakhel Center in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa serves refugee returnees 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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