



Overview

Proof of Registration (PoR) cards are important tools of protection that provide temporary legal stay and freedom of movement for the 1.39 million registered Afghan refugees in Pakistan. PoR cards which have expired at the end of 2015 have been extended through official notification until 30 June 2018*.

Four PoR Card Modification (PCM) centres - located in Peshawar, Quetta, Karachi and Rawalpindi support the modification/ replacement of existing cards, the registration of new born children up to the age of five, the provision of PoR cards to registered children who have reached five years of age and who are now entitled to their own cards, as well as the issuance of birth certificates to children under the age of 18 years old.

As of March, 2018 Lahore PCM centre suspended its activities and the centre has been closed effective from 5 March 2018.

In 2018, UNHCR has prioritised funds for the birth registration and the issuance of birth certificates to 90,000 children. The target for the issuance of individual PoR cards is 130,000 children who have reached five years of age and are eligible to receive their individual cards from the PCM centres.**

A total of 3,259 applicants availed the PCM centre services in April 2018 compared to 6,380 applicants in March 2018, representing a significant decrease (49%) during the reporting month. The decrease is attributed to the closure of Mobile Registration Van (MRV) operations in Haripur district.

**PoR cards have been extended until the end of June 2018 by the Federal Cabinet in its meeting of 20 February 2018, pending SAFRON submission of a Repatriation plan at which time a further extension will also be considered.*



Jan–Apr, 2018

29,966

Refugees availed registration services (Cases processed + Birth registration)

10,504
(11.6%)

Birth registrations

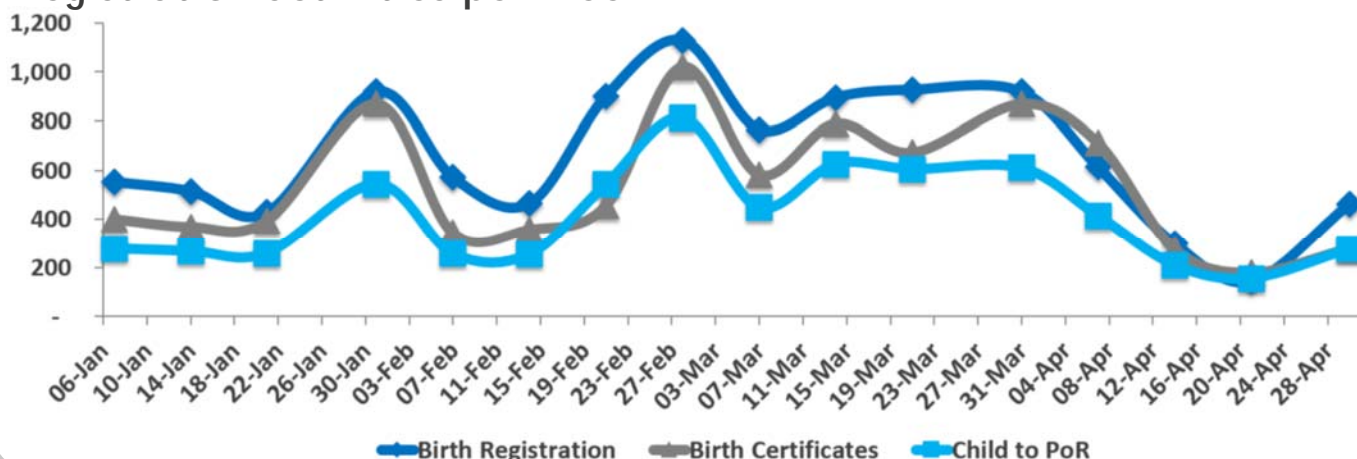
8,574
(9.5%)

Birth certificates

6,558
(5.0%)

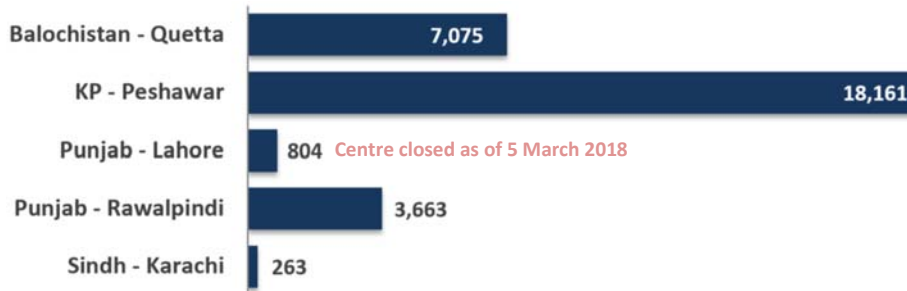
PoR cards for children reaching five years of age

Registration activities per week



** Percentages are based on estimates of 90,000 new born children requiring registration and 130,000 children who have reached five years of age and are now entitled to their own PoR card (children below 5 are listed on the back of one of their parents' cards). 90,000 children require birth certificates.

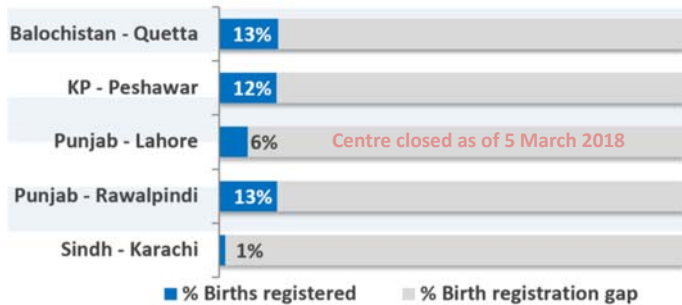
Registration activities summary by location - January–April, 2018



Total registered refugees in Pakistan as of 30 April 2018

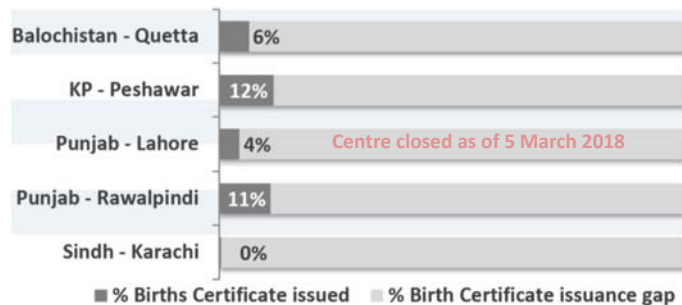
1,395,241

Birth registrations



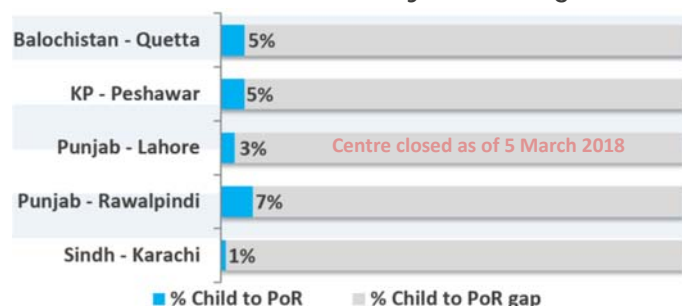
Above percentage presented against the target of 90,000 new births during 2018

Birth certificates



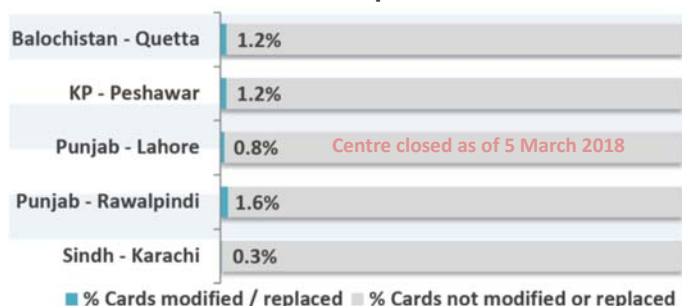
Above percentage presented against the target of 90,000 birth certificates

Provision of PoR cards to registered children that have reached 5 years of age



Above percentage presented against the target of 130,000 children who have reached five years

Card modification / replacement



The following charts summarise the progress towards these targets and the remaining gaps.

The percentages for birth registrations, birth certificate issuance and provision of PoR cards to registered children that have reached five years of age are based on the estimates noted on page 1. These overall targets have been apportioned to each centre based on the size of the Afghan refugee population for which the centre provides services.

During April, the trend in registration activities decreased significantly compared to those in March 2018 at all PCM centres countrywide (around 1,500 children were registered in April 2018 at all the PCM centres countrywide and one MRV compared to 3,500 in the month of March 2018).

In 2018, based on the trend analysis for PCM processing of Lahore PCM centre, it was observed that fewer applicants approached the centre to avail the PCM centre services. In addition, PCM Rawalpindi can provide services to applicants residing in Lahore and its surroundings. The applicants residing in these areas will also be facilitated with an MRV deployment for a specific period of time in 2018. Furthermore, as per the cost benefit analysis, the stakeholders mutually agreed to discontinue the PCM Centre services in Lahore from 5 March 2018.

UNHCR will continue to deploy 3 MRVs in KP (four months), Balochistan (four months) and in Punjab (four months).

During the reporting month, MRV operations concluded in Haripur district after the successful completion of MRV deployment for a period of one month. MRV deployed in Haripur district also had the provision of issuing birth certificates at the time of registration. The MRV was managed to process a total of 2,767 applicants and 1,470 birth certificates was also issued through the MRV.

A total of 8,574 birth certificates were issued from 1 January to 30 April 2018 from all PCM centres and one MRV.

Note that the trend for PoR card modifications will naturally follow that of birth registrations and the provision of PoR cards to children over age of five. This is because children are added or removed from their parents' cards. Therefore, their parents' cards will also need to be modified.

From 1 January to 30 April 2018, 2,306 lost or stolen cards were replaced. Deaths of refugees continue to be significantly under-reported. Only 21 deaths were registered/ reported between January to April 2018.