Voluntary repatriation of Afghan refugees
( as of 30 September 2022)

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

Number of households assisted through voluntary repatriation programme since 2002
782,710

70% Azakhel 30% Baleli
*% of Refugee returnees through voluntary repatriation centres (VRCs) in 2002

ASSISTED REPATRIATION IN 2022

RVS VS. OUTSIDE RVs

AGE AND GENDER COMPOSITION

PLACE OF INTENDED RETURN (Top 5)

**Reasons for leaving Pakistan (Push Factors)

PLACE OF RESIDENCE IN PAKISTAN

**Reasons for return to Afghanistan (Pull Factors)

ASSISTED REPATRIATION IN 2022

829 Households

$1,172,250 USD

Cash grants provided by UNHCR (Through Encashment Centre) from Jan - Sept, 2022

40% Azakhel 60% Baleli
*% Refugee returnees through voluntary repatriation centres (VRCs) from Jan - Sept, 2022

2% Returned to other provinces in Afghanistan (Zabul, Sangan, Farah, Urozgan, Pakitika, Badakhshan, Bamyan, Badghis, different, Daykundi, Panjshir, Nimroz, Nuristan and Ghor)

** Reasons for leaving Pakistan (Push Factors)

- Strict border entry requirement
- Loss of Livelihood/Socio-economic challenges
- None
- Improvement in Security situation
- Rebuilding life at home
- Employment opportunities

2% Reunion with the family/relatives
85%

PLACE OF RESIDENCE IN PAKISTAN

Reasons for leaving Pakistan (Pull Factors)

- Reunion with the family/relatives
- 85%
- Employment opportunities
- 6%
- Improvement in Security situation
- 3%
- Rebuilding life at home
- 2%

BREAKDOWN BY ETHNICITY

- Pashtun 3,465
- Tajik
- 178
- Turkmen
- 114
- Uzbek
- 88
- Baloch
- 31
- Hazara
- 27
- Other
- 3

MONTHLY VOLUNTARY REPATRIATION TRENDS (2021-2022)

YEARLY VOLUNTARY REPATRIATION TRENDS (2002-2022)

- The figures in this map reflect returns assisted through voluntary repatriation centres (VRCs) in Pakistan and the intended place of return in Afghanistan since 2002.

- The Afghanistan National Registration Database (ANR) - 2022

- Exit interviews have been conducted with refugees in the voluntary repatriation centres (VRCs).

*The Afghani Verification Center serves all returnees from Baluchistan, as well as refugees departing Karachi and returning to Afghanistan via Baluchistan. The Azakhel Center in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa serves refugees returning from Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Islamabad, Punjab, Sindh, and Pakistan Administered Kashmir. ** Exit interviews have been conducted with refugees in the voluntary repatriation centres (VRCs).

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