**Voluntary repatriation of Afghan refugees**

(1 January to 31 August 2023)

- **Number of Afghans assisted through voluntary repatriation programme since 2002:**
  - **785,781**

- **Number of households assisted through voluntary repatriation programme since 2002:**
  - **2,457**

- **Approximately 4.39 million Afghan refugees assisted through voluntary repatriation programme from 1 Jan. to 31 Aug. 2023:**

**Reasons for leaving Pakistan (Push Factors)***:
- **71%** Socio-economic challenges
- **15%** Inflation
- **5%** Strict border entry requirements
- **4%** Loss of livelihood
- **5%** None

**Reasons for return to Afghanistan (Pull Factors)***:
- **61%** Reunion with the family/relatives
- **17%** Employment opportunities
- **6%** No longer fear of persecution
- **4%** Improvement in weather conditions for agriculture
- **12%** Others

**Place of residence in Pakistan**

- **2%** Returnees to other provinces in Afghanistan (Zabul, Uruzgan, Farah, Uruzgan, Pakhtika, Bala Mashah, Badakhshan, Bamiyan, Badghis, various, Daykundi, Panjshir, Nenroz, Nuristani and Ghori)

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

- **Kabul**
- **Kunduz**
- **Nangarhar**
- **Kandahar**
- **Balkh**

**ASSISTED REPATRIATION IN 2023**

- 375 USD CARE Package - Fam Size 1
- 700 USD CARE Package - Fam Size 2

**UNHCR Assistance Package**

- **375 USD/Individual**

**RETURNEES TO AFGHANISTAN FROM 1 JAN. - 31 AUG. 2023**

- **10,635**

**UNHCR Assistance Package**

- **375 USD/Individual**

**BREAKDOWN BY ETHNICITY**

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

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

**CROSSING POINT**

- **Voluntary repatriation centers**
- **Individuals repatriated**
- **Province of the intended destination**

**Line of Control as promulgated in the 1972 Simla Agreement Jammu-Kashmir**

**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.**

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