

BORDER CONSORTIUM EMERGENCY BORDER OPERATIONS

1 TO 31 OCTOBER 2024



Afghan returning migrants are waiting to receive assistance at IOM transit center in Nangarhar. Photo: IOM/Mina Nazari

RETURNEE INFLOW FROM PAKISTAN

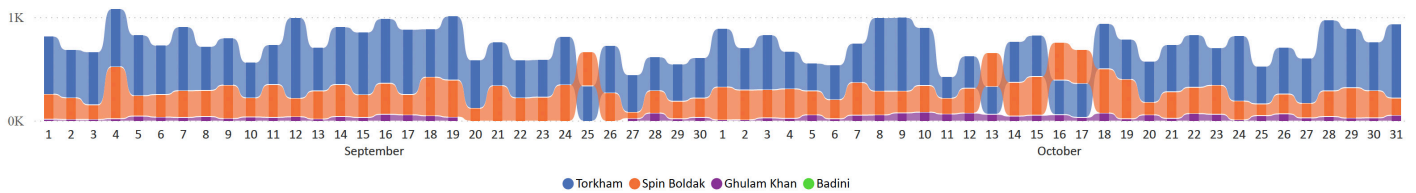
15 SEP 2023 TO 31 OCT 2024



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RECENT TRENDS - 1 SEPTEMBER TO 31 OCTOBER 2024



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Since 15 September 2023, there has been a notable surge in the number of returnees to Afghanistan, taking place primarily through the Torkham and Spin Boldak border crossings, following the announcement on 3 October by Pakistan’s national Apex Committee of the plan to repatriate over a million foreigners without valid documents, mostly Afghans. There have been over 758,000 returnees recorded up to 31 October 2024, with numbers increasing from less than 200 per day in early October to more than 25,000 by early November 2023.

According to UNHCR, Pakistan’s Cabinet approved a one-year extension for PoR cards until 30 June 2025, bringing significant relief to Afghan refugees as well as non-implementation of the second phase of the IFRP by the Government of Pakistan. The Border Consortium will continue to monitor the situation in coordination with IOM and UNHCR Pakistan, and will promptly relay confirmed updates, whenever they are available.

On the Iranian side, there are reports of an expected increase in the number of pushback returnees that will be returning to the country from Iran. To this effect, IOM is coordinating the finalization of the Border Consortium contingency plan including strengthening partners coordination in the two official border points of Islam Qala and Milak, to scale up the response if the need arises.

RETURNEE ASSISTANCE

CUMULATIVE TOTAL

RETURNEES ASSISTED 15 SEP 2023 TO 31 OCT 2024



595.4K

TOTAL FOR REPORTING PERIOD

RETURNEES ASSISTED 1 TO 31 OCTOBER 2024

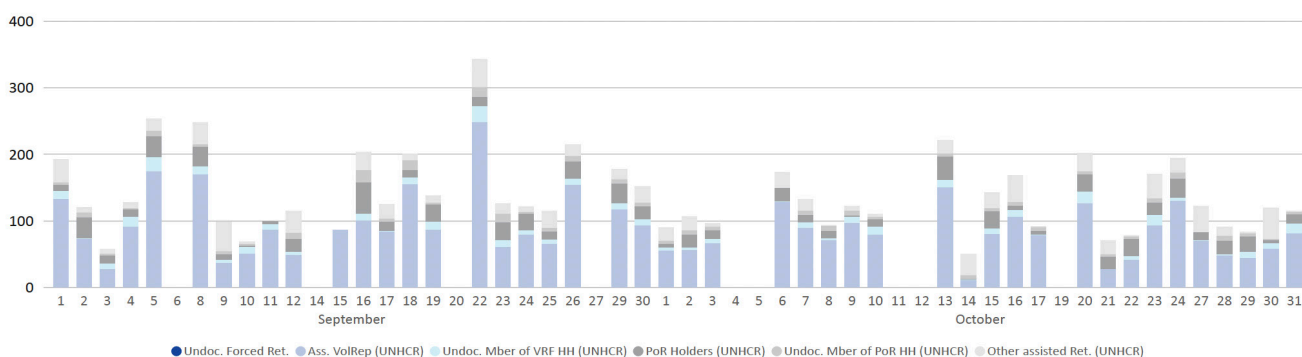


7.6K

PREPAREDNESS

In light of the recent developments from Iran, the Border Consortium is revising its contingency plan to the Iran border and working with the regional border coordination forums at Milak and Islam Qala border points to assess partners' capacities and prepare for a paradigm shift to a readiness to respond mode. The consortium also updated its 2023/2024 Border appeal to reflect the latest trends and related needs, and will actively engage with partners and donors to anticipate gaps and ensure adequate resources are available in case of a renewed influx. Some consortium partners have strengthened their preparedness and response capacities at the border points.

DAILY TRENDS - 1 SEPTEMBER TO 31 OCTOBER 2024



Source: IOM and UNHCR

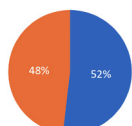
Consortium Partners have progressively scaled up and adjusted operations at both Spin Boldak and Torkham Border Points to respond to the significant increased on returns since mid-September 2023, in coordination with the DFA. Currently, the capacity of partners maintained at these locations allow for assistance provision the day of arrival. In addition to the Consortium partners' response, the De Facto Authorities (DFA) provides each family with cash assistance (4,000 Afghani for families of two and up to 10,000 Afghani for families of five or larger) and a sim card.

Assistance figures in the last 6 months

	May 2024	June 2024	July 2024	Aug 2024	Sep 2024	Oct 2024	15 Sep 2023 - 31 Oct 2024
Undocumented Forced Returnees	12,852	8,126	8,788	6,273	5,512	4,572	474,767
Deportations (undocumented)	321	209	202	103	243	214	6,018
Assisted Voluntary Repatriations	4,758	4,411	3,698	2,637	2,222	1,785	48,818
Undocumented Member of VRF HH	464	322	379	229	204	161	2,212
PoR Holders	1,176	526	910	566	410	357	24,425
Undocumented Member of PoR HH	390	182	285	173	137	110	10,831
Other Assisted Returnees	506	428	545	271	396	418	28,307
Total Assisted Returnees	20,467	14,204	14,807	10,252	9,124	7,617	595,378

* includes 144 ACC holders who returned through Torkham and 134 who returned through Spin Boldak during the reporting period.

GENDER OF ASSISTED RETURNEES (CUMULATIVE)



Female Male

The accumulation of demographic information collected during registration identifies the majority of assisted returnees are children and adolescents (61%). Approximately 20% of returnees are children under 5. Additionally, the demographics indicate that 48% of assisted returnees are women.

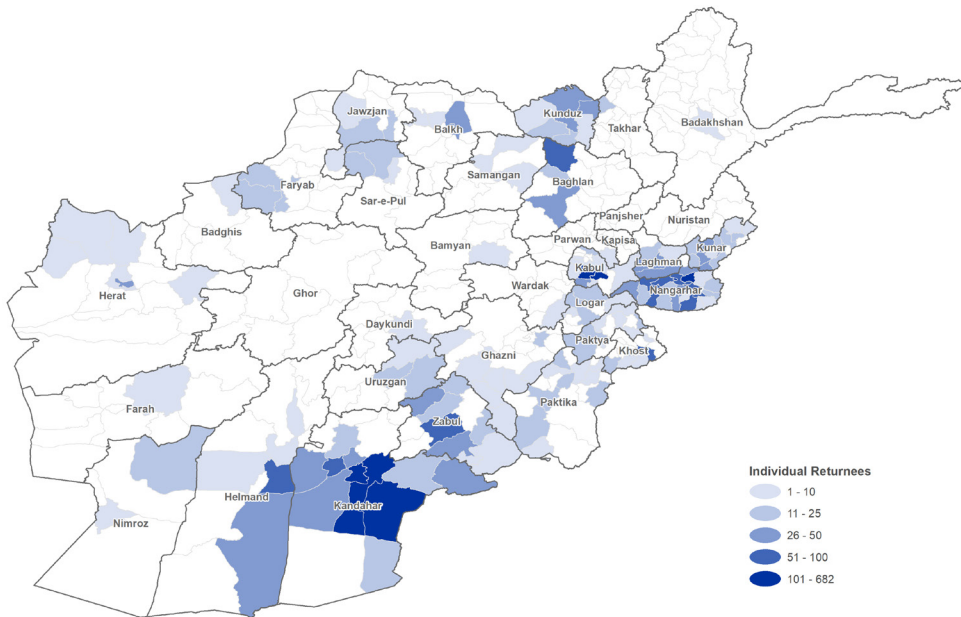
SERVICES PROVIDED & BENEFICIARIES PER LOCATION (REPORTING PERIOD)

Sector	Indicator	"TOTAL Torkham"	"TOTAL Spin Boldak"
UASC / CP	# of unaccompanied and Separated Children identified and supported	60	30
Nutrition	# of children 6-59 months screened for malnutrition (for wasting)	2084	203
Nutrition	# of children 6 -59 months with severe acute malnutrition (SAM) admitted for treatment	28	18
Nutrition	# of Moderate Acute Malnutrition (MAM) admitted for treatment	55	37
Nutrition	# of PLWs screening	285	73
Nutrition	# of PLWs MAM admitted for treatment	35	23
WASH	# of people accessing a safe water for drinking, cooking and personal hygiene	6483.4	4518
WASH	# of people who gained accss to sanitation facilities	1060.92	1988
WASH	# of people reached with hygiene promotion	5894	1263
WASH	# of family hygiene kits distributed	5894	0
Food	# of individuals who received cash for food	2541	3549
Food	# of individuals who received fortified biscuits	3603	4409
Protection	# of returnees benefitting from awareness raising and community based protection mechanisms	512	0
Protection	# of families supported with provision of information regarding the organizations providing services to returnees	777	0
Protection	# of children who benefited from Child Friendly Space (CFS) activities	5012	1627
Protection	# of PSS kits distributed	113	0
Protection	# of individuals who received PFA support	914	0
Protection	# of disabled children attending the child friendly activities	22	0
Health	# of women who received first ANC services	215	50
Health	# of women who received first PNC services	117	10
Health	# of deliveries at Zero Point/Reception Center/Transit Center	61	0
Health	# of CBA women (15-49) who received RH services	913	36
Health	# of beneficiaries reached with family planning information and counselling	92	24
Health	# of women, girls, boys and men who received health services	11523	2011
Health	# of IDPs, Returnees and Host communities reached through awareness raising sessions about available services	852	2257
Health	# of individuals referred to a static health facility (cost coverage of health services at health facility is covered)	10	79
Health	# of women who received primary health services (NOT INCLUDING immunization)	4173	777
Health	# of girls who received primary health services (NOT INCLUDING immunization)	1389	273
Health	# of boys who received primary health services (NOT INCLUDING immunization)	1268	306
Health	# of men who received primary health services (NOT INCLUDING immunization)	3926	655
Health	# of women and men who received Mental Health and Psychosocial services	638	0
Health	# of girls and boys who received Mental Health and Psychosocial services	2920	30
Health	# of 10+yrs receiving immuzination	820	1489
Health	# of under 5 children who received immunization	2290	846
EORE	# of individuals receiving EORE	1539	3387

In Spin Boldak and Torkham, a total of **1,785 individuals** received assistance as part of the **voluntary repatriation program**.

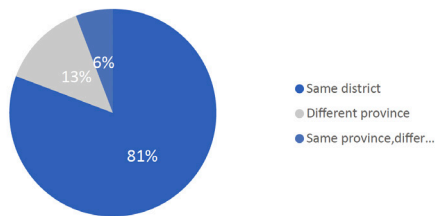
INTENDED AREAS OF RETURN

(REPORTING PERIOD)



LOCATION OF ORIGIN VS. INTENDED LOCATION OF RETURN

(CUMULATIVE)



Cumulative data collected during the provision of assistance at the Spin Boldak and Torkham border crossing points indicate the vast majority of returnees (87%) aim to return to their provinces of origin, with 81% planning to resettle to their district of origin. The majority of returnees aim to resettle in Nangahar, Kandahar, Kunar, Kabul, and Kunduz. However, the actual return locations may differ from intended locations.

IOM-DTM is planning to conduct an assessment at community of return level to provide a more accurate understanding of return locations. This exercise is estimated to be completed by early 2025.

UNDOCUMENTED RETURNS FROM IRAN - LAST 24 MONTHS

