

**Flygtningenævnets baggrundsmateriale**

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| <b>Bilagsnr.:</b>                  | <b>1134</b>                               |
| Land:                              | Afghanistan                               |
| Kilde:                             | UN High Commissioner for Refugees         |
| Titel:                             | Voluntary Repatriation of Afghan Refugees |
| Udgivet:                           | september 2020                            |
| Optaget på<br>baggrundsmaterialet: | 17. november 2020                         |

## RETURNS PROCESSED AT ENCASHMENT CENTERS IN AFGHANISTAN

**888**

 Returns from  
 July- Sept 2020\*

**298**

 from Iran  
**575** from Pakistan  
**15** from other countries

**1,265**

Returns in 2020

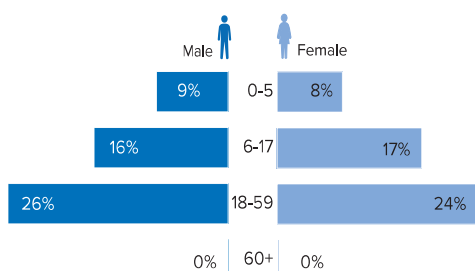
**625**

 from Iran  
**591** from Pakistan  
**49** from other countries

Since 2002, nearly 5.3 million Afghan refugees have returned to Afghanistan under UNHCR's facilitated Voluntary Repatriation programme. At Encashment Centres (EC's) in Afghanistan, returning refugees receive a cash grant of approximately USD 250 per individual, as well as a range of services to support their reintegration. Facilitated returns from Pakistan resumed on 17 August after a period of suspension due to Covid-19. Among the 630 persons processed for return in Iran 5 did not present themselves to collect the cash grant. 35% of registered returnees interviewed at EC's in 2020 report that their children did not attend school in the country of asylum, 65% reported attendance. 73% of those interviewed noted that they sourced information regarding the situation in their place of origin from the Afghan community in their country of asylum, 11% from a visit to Afghanistan, 10% from the radio, 3% from UNHCR and 2% from TV.

### RETURNEE DEMOGRAPHICS

(July-Sept 2020)



### ASSISTANCE AT ENCASHMENT CENTERS (ECs) IN AFGHANISTAN

**USD \$234,393**

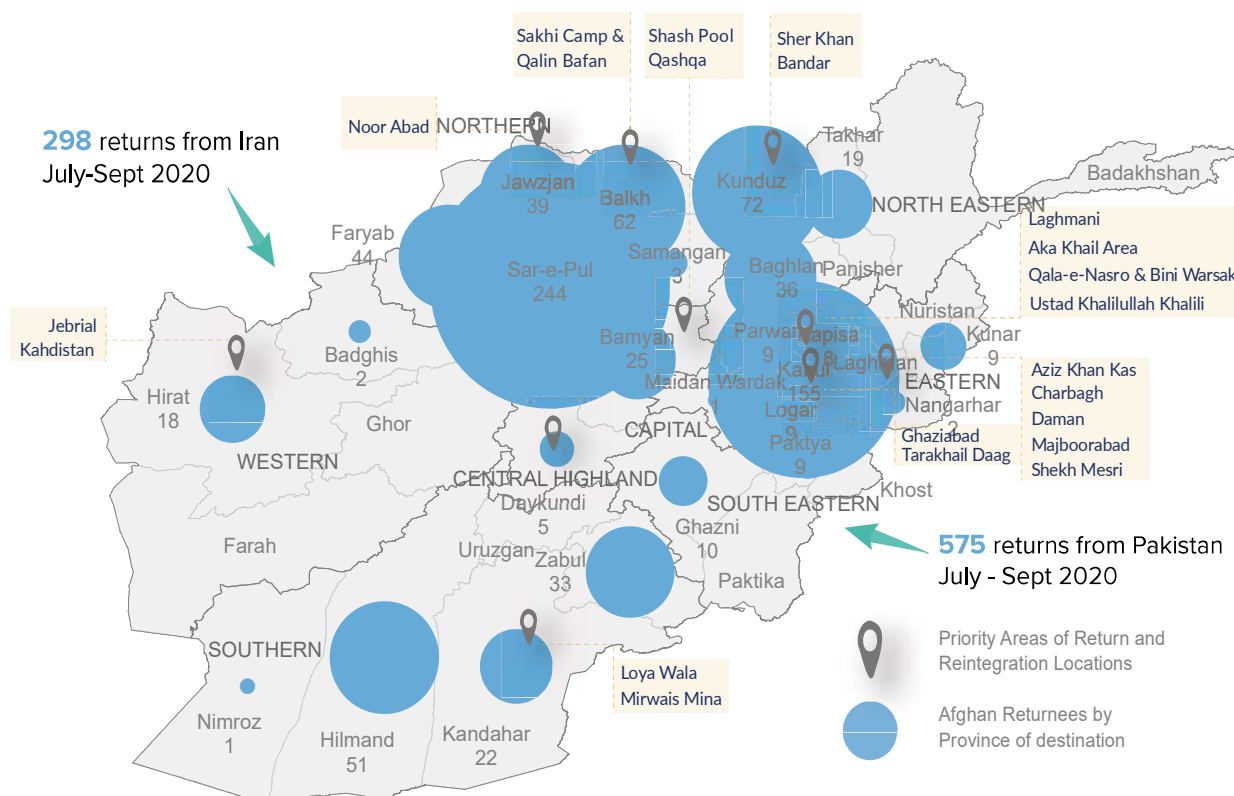
was provided in cash assistance to returnees at ECs in Q3 of 2020.

 A total of **\$312,955** was provided in 2020 so far.

*In addition to cash grants, a range of inter-agency services are provided for returning refugees, including basic health and malnutrition screening and vaccination, mine risk awareness, information on school enrolment, and overnight accommodation, if needed.*

### TOP 10 PROVINCE OF DESTINATION

(Figures reflect returns processed at encashment centers in Afghanistan)



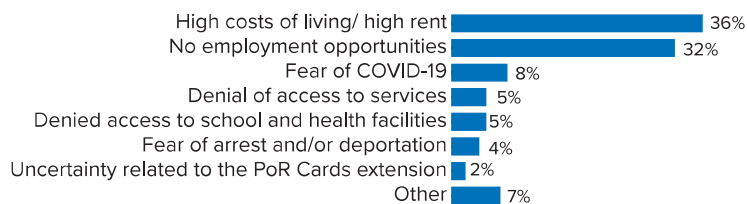
The data has not been independently verified and is subject to error or omission, deliberation or otherwise by the various sources. Arrows reflected in the map do not reflect the routes but only indicate return movement.

\* The number of refugees processed for return in Pakistan and Iran may sometimes be higher than those processed at encashment centers in Afghanistan. This is due to the presence of recycled cases applying for voluntary repatriation a second time and also persons not presenting to collect the cash grant in Afghanistan.

## REASONS AND INTENTIONS RELATED TO RETURN

Source: Encashment center monitoring data  
Timeframe: Findings for January to October 2020

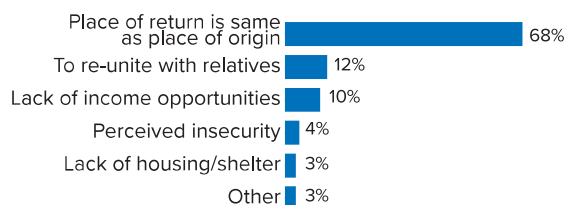
### Reasons for leaving Pakistan and Iran



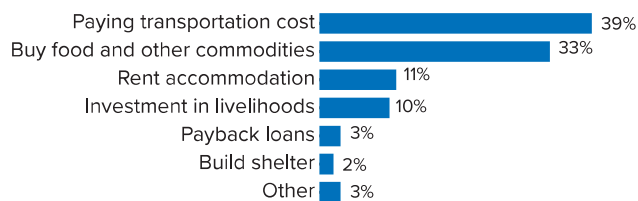
### Reasons for return to Afghanistan (pull factors)



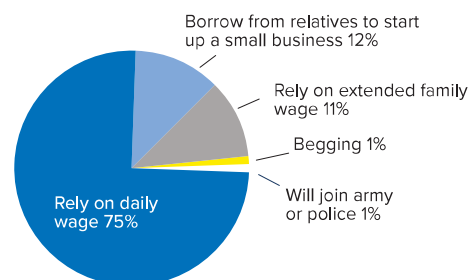
### Reasons for not returning to Province of Origin



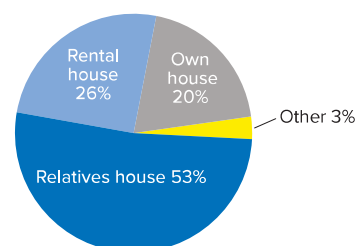
### Upon return, how do you plan to spend the cash grant?



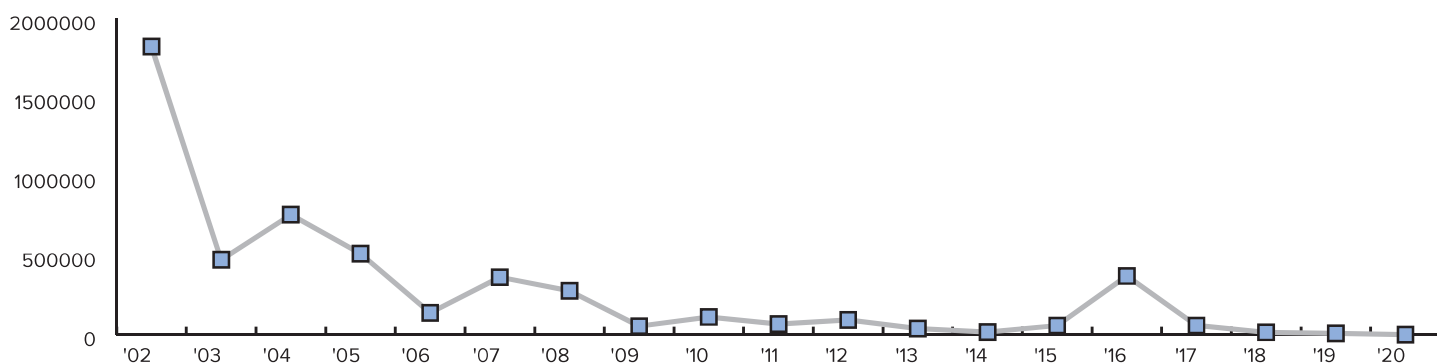
### After you spend your cash grant, how will you support your family?



### What will be your living arrangements after return?



## REGISTERED VOLUNTARY REPATRIATION TO AFGHANISTAN 2002-2020



## REGISTERED VOLUNTARY REPATRIATION (zoomed in view of 2018, 2019, 2020)

