

BORDER CONSORTIUM

PAKISTANI BORDER OPERATIONS

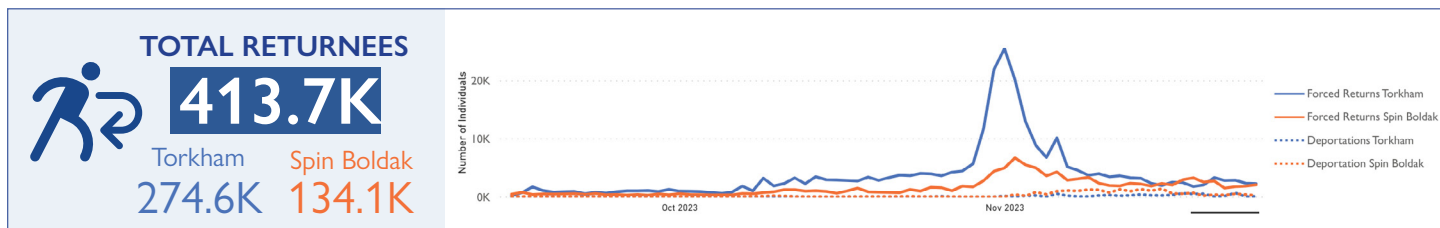
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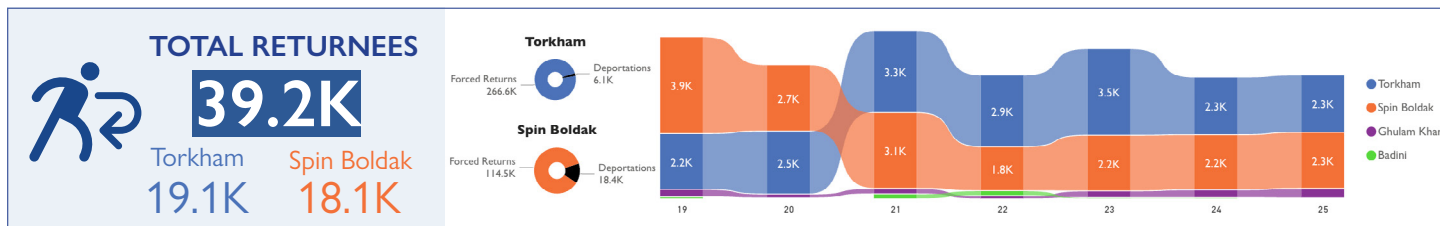
A Save the Children staff conducts needs assessment at the Torkham border point. Photo: Fahim Mayar / Save the Children 2023

RETURNEE INFLOW FROM PAKISTAN

15 SEP - 25 NOV 2023



19 NOV - 25 NOV 2023



Since 15 September, there has been a notable surge in the number of returnees to Afghanistan, taking place primarily through the Torkham and Spin Boldak border crossings. The announcement on 3 October by Pakistan's national Apex Committee of the plan¹ to repatriate over a million foreigners without valid documents, mostly Afghans triggered a consistent and steep increase in the number of undocumented and ACC holders crossing the border points. This culminated at the beginning of November in line with the ultimatum of 1 November given to illegal foreigners residing in Pakistan by Pakistan's Minister of Interior.

There have been over 356,000 returnees recorded during this period, with numbers increasing from less than 200 per day in early October to more than 17,000 by early November. This influx, consisting largely of forced returns, also includes a growing number of deportations. Since the initial peak around November 1st, the number of individuals crossing these official border points have consistently decreased but remain significantly higher than pre-September 15th.

¹ <https://data2.unhcr.org/en/situations/afghanistan>

KEY FIGURES

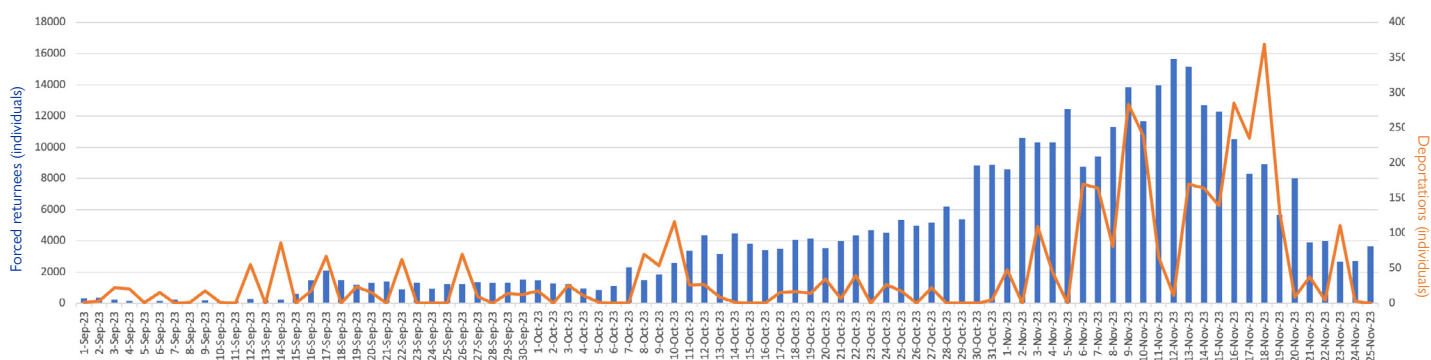
RETURNEES ASSISTED 15 SEP - 25 NOV 2023

 **405,738**

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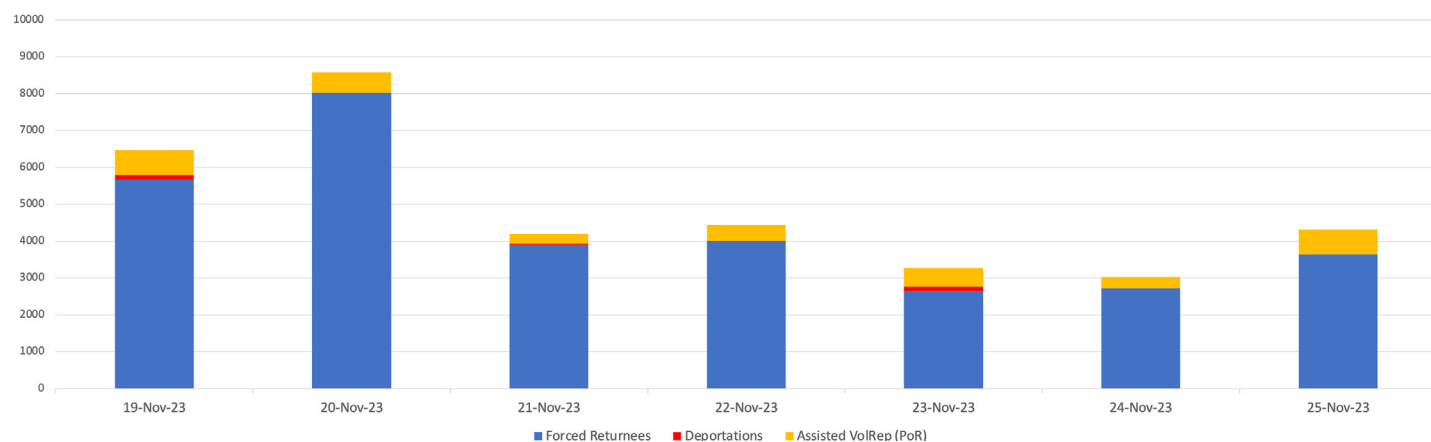
 **45,458**

ASSISTED RETURNEES TO AFGHANISTAN



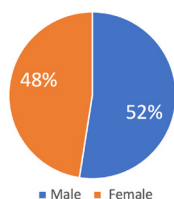
Consortium Partners have progressively scaled up and adjusted operations at both Spin Boldak and Torkham Border Points to respond to the significant increased on returns since mid-September 2023. Currently, the capacity of partners maintained at these locations allow for assistance provision the day of arrival.

NUMBER OF BENEFICIARIES PROVIDED WITH ASSISTANCE



	19 Nov	20 Nov	21 Nov	22 Nov	23 Nov	24 Nov	25 Nov	19-25 Nov	15 Sept 25 Nov
Forced returnees	5,665	8,016	3,899	3,998	2,649	2,724	3,637	30,588	371,736
Deportations	129	9	38	5	111	3	0	295	3,731
Assisted VolRep (PoR)	667	560	264	440	509	306	679	3,425	15,719
PoR Holders	211	310	524	588	653	335	743	3,364	3,959
Household member of a PoR holder without a PoR	153	229	404	470	548	310	620	2,734	3,018
Other Assisted Returnee	1,222	1,315	540	746	775	252	202	5,052	7,575
Total returnees assisted per day	8,047	10,439	5,669	6,247	5,245	3,930	5,881	45,458	405,738

GENDER OF RETURNEES (CUMULATIVE)



The accumulation of demographic information collected during registration identifies the majority of assisted returnees are children and adolescents (62%). Approximately 24% of returnees are children under 5. Additionally, the demographics indicate that 48% of assisted returnees are women.

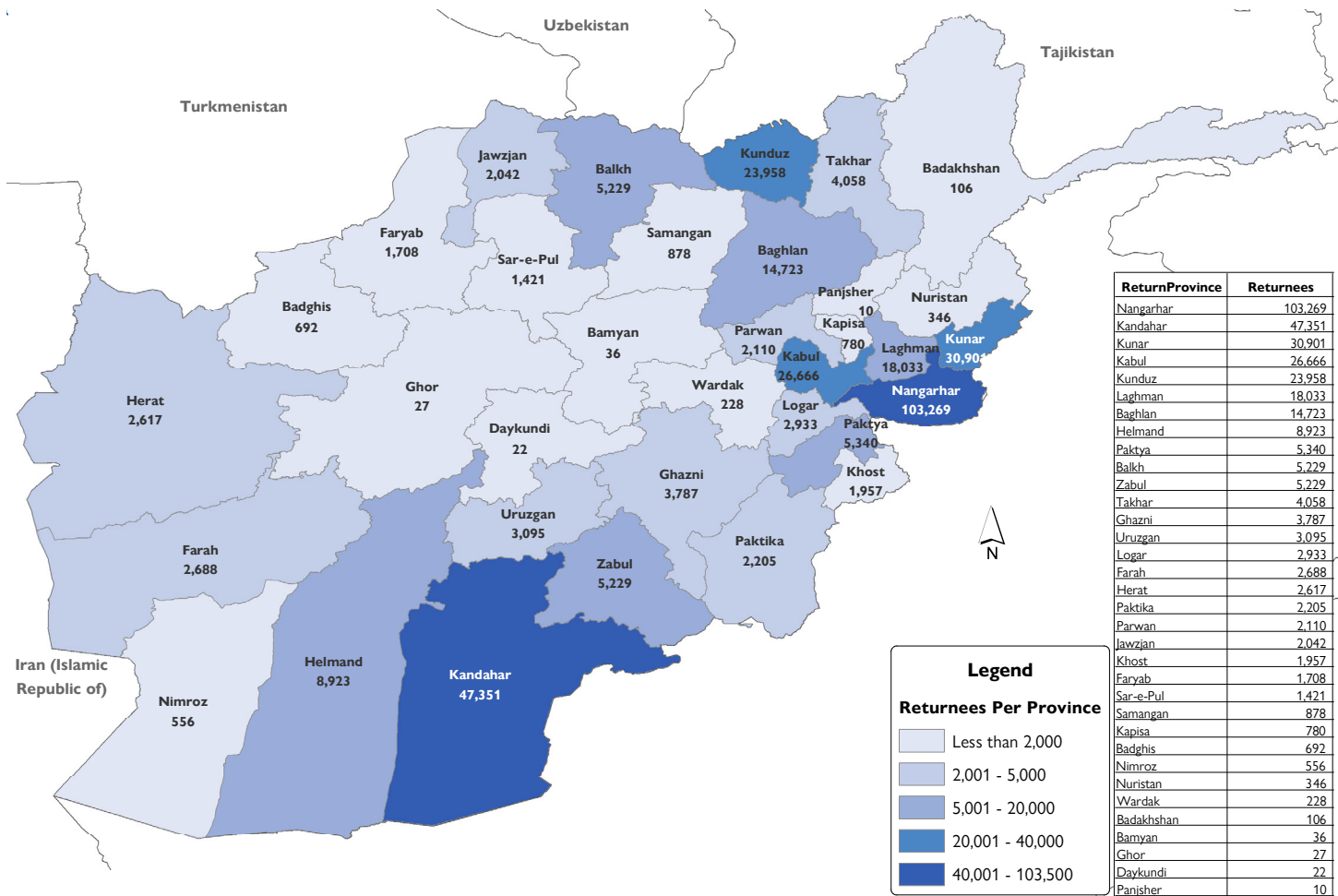
BORDER CROSSING POINTS BENEFICIARIES AND SERVICES

At the Spin Boldak and Torkham border crossing points, a range of services are provided to ensure the safe and orderly management of migration. These include registration, health services, aid distribution, family unification, child protection, psychosocial support, and legal aid, among others. These services are delivered in coordination among the consortium, aiming to address humanitarian needs and ensuring dignified and safe passage for individuals at these critical crossing points. Below is an overview of the number of beneficiaries receiving the various services available:

Sector	Indicator	Total	
		TORKHAM	SPIN BOLDAK
UASC / CP	# of unaccompanied minors identified and supported	20	12
Nutrition	# of children 06-59 months screened for malnutrition	2,538	3,673
	# of children 06 -59 months with SAM admitted for treatment	95	320
	# of Moderate Acute Malnutrition (MAM) admitted for treatment	49	62
	# of PLWs screening	191	226
	# of PLWs MAM admitted for treatment	21	54
WASH	# of people accessing a safe water for drinking, cooking and personal hygiene	23,322	17,224
	# of people reached with hygiene promotion	21,657	11,406
	# of people gain access to sanitation facilities	20,374	14,424
MPCA	# of individuals who receive full MPCA (Food + non-Food)	19,192	11,934
Food	# of individuals who receive Fortified Biscuits	10,780	14,389
ICLA	# of individuals who receive information on HLP (Housing, Land, and Property), LID (Legal Identity Documents), essential rights, and/or ELP (Employment Law Procedures)	1,636 (580 men; 1,056 women)	15,437 (7,891 men; 7,546 women)
	# of individuals who receive counseling on HLP, LID, essential rights, and/or ELP	44 (11 men; 33 women)	0
Protection	# of KIs conducted for Border Protection Monitoring	0	9
Health	# of women received female maternal reproductive health including specific health services	908	2,290
	# of women, girls, boys and men received health services	3,678	1,301
	# of women, girls, boys, and men received Mental Health and Psychosocial services	8,872	775
	# of under 5 children received immunization	7,897	6,865
	# of individuals 10+ yrs received immunization	19,192	11,934
Transport	# of individuals who receive Cash for Transport	19,192	11,934
Infrastructure / Facilities	# of individuals who receive hot meal/refreshments at the transit centers	3,525	2,160
	# of individuals provided with overnight accommodations at the transit centers	387	13
EORE	# of individuals receiving EORE	2,749	1,489
	Female Head of Household	550	293

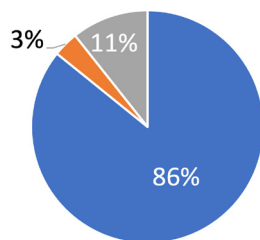
In Spin Boldak and Torkham, a total of **4,489 individuals** received assistance as part of the **voluntary repatriation program**.

AREA OF RETURN AND ORIGIN



LOCATION OF ORIGIN VS. LOCATION OF RETURN

(UNDOCUMENTED/ACC RETURNEES)



- Same Location as Origin
- Same Province but different district
- Different Province

Cumulative data collected during the provision of assistance at the Spin Boldak and Torkham border crossing points indicate the vast majority of returnees (90%) aim to return to their provinces of origin, with 86% planning to resettle to their district of origin. The majority of returnees aim to resettle in Nangarhar, Kandahar, Kunar, Kabul, and Kunduz.

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