

# PoR Card Registration Update

March 2016



## Overview

Proof of Registration (PoR) cards are important identity documents that provide temporary legal stay and freedom of movement in Pakistan for the 1.56 million registered Afghan refugees in Pakistan. The PoR cards which have expired at the end of 2015 have been extended until 30 June 2016 by the Prime Minister's Office as an ad-interim provision pending the Cabinet approval of the Government of Pakistan's new policy on the Management and Voluntary of Afghans beyond 2015.

The six PoR Card Modification (PCM) centres support the modification/replacement of existing cards, registration of new born children up to age five, issuance of birth certificates and provision of PoR cards to registered children who have reached five years of age and are now entitled to their own cards.

Due to the re-opening of the PCM centres in Peshawar and Haripur in March, the rate of registration activities as well as birth registration, issuance of birth certificates and PoR cards for children reaching five years of age have escalated during the current month. Both centres were not operational during the month of January and February in 2016 due to NADRA's security concerns.

Furthermore, NADRA has also initiated the printing of all the pending modified cards which were processed during the first three months of 2016 and also assured that the backlog will be cleared as soon as possible. All the modified cards will be available soon at the respective PCM centres for the onward delivery to the applicants.

In 2016, it was estimated that 140,000 children born since 2010 would require registration, 160,000 children who have reached five years of age would require issuance of their own PoR cards and approximately 150,000 birth certificates would need to be issued.

The following charts summarise the progress towards these targets and the remaining gaps.

Total refugees in Pakistan

**1,560,087**

Birth registrations

**6,386**  
\*(4.56%)

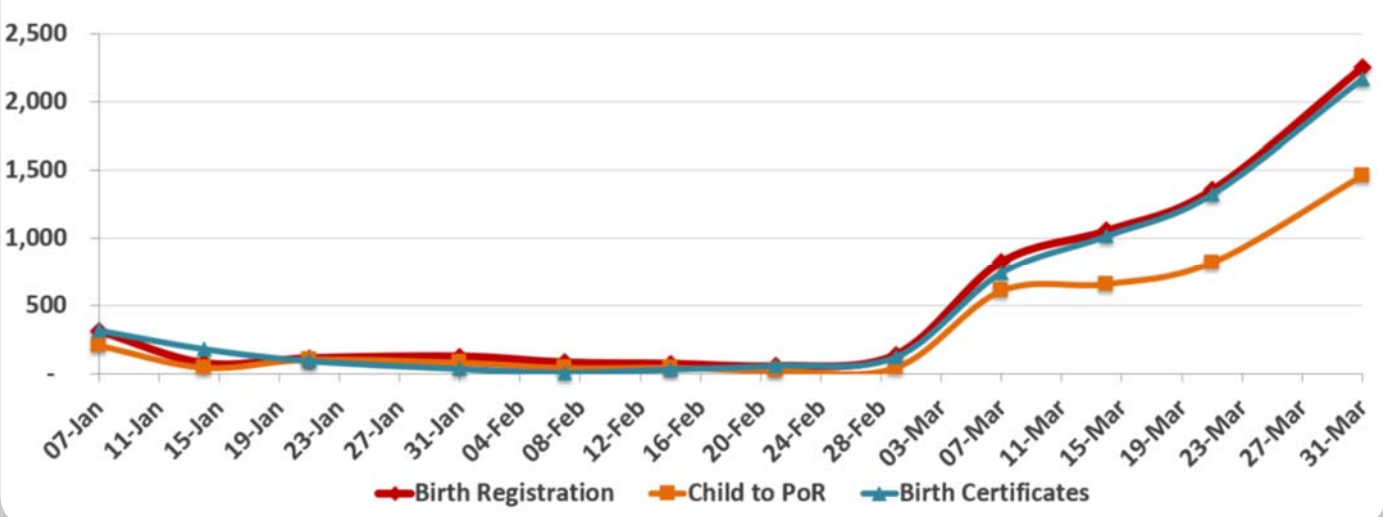
Birth certificates

**6,027**  
\*(4.02%)

PoR cards for children reaching five years of age

**4,093**  
\*(2.56%)

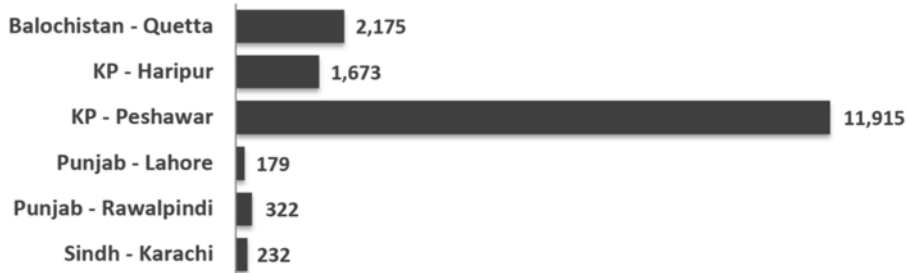
## Registration activities per week



\* Percentages are based on the estimated 140,000 new born children requiring registration, 150,000 children requiring birth certificates and the 160,000 children who have reached five years of age and are now entitled to their own PoR card (children below 5 are listed on the back of one of their parents' cards).



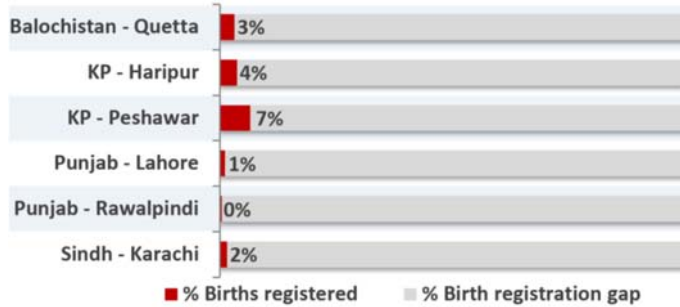
## Registration activities summary



Total number of refugees availing registration services:

**16,496**

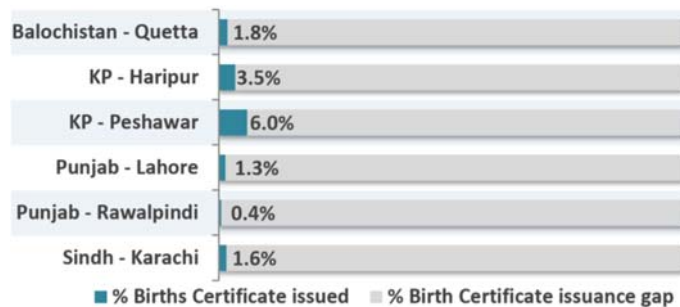
## Birth registration



The percentages for birth registration, birth certificate issuance and provision of PoR cards to registered children that have reached five years of age are based on the estimates noted on page 1. These overall targets have been apportioned to each centre based on the size of the Afghan refugee population for which the centre provides services.

Weekly rate of registration activities have increased in March. The increase is primarily due to the opening of the PCM centres in Peshawar and Haripur.

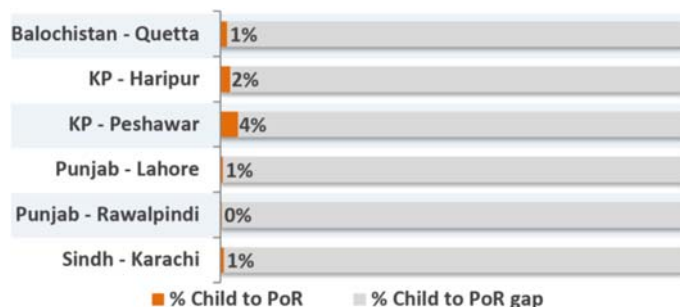
## Birth certificates



During the remainder of 2016, Mobile Registration Vans (MRV) will be deployed to remote areas of Punjab and Balochistan for a total of six months. The first location to be visited will be Mianwali district in Punjab province in May.

In 2016, based on cost-benefit analysis of PCM centres and MRVs as well as discussions on the best interests for persons of concern, it was agreed that the Haripur PCM centre would be closed as of 01 April 2016 and a dedicated MRV would be operational for the rest of the year in its place in KP. Discussions for the proposed closure of the PCM centre in Haripur and the way forward for the utilization of a MRV is ongoing with NADRA.

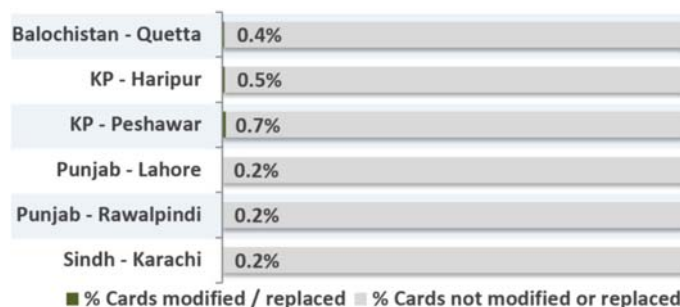
## Provision of PoR cards to registered children that have reached 5 years of age



6,027 birth certificates were issued during the reporting period. The trend of issuing birth certificates is in line with the registration of new born children during the month.

Note that the trend for PoR card modifications will naturally follow that of birth registrations and the provision of PoR cards to children over five. This is because children are added or removed from their parents' cards, and their parents' cards will need to be modified.

## Card modification / replacement



During the last three months, 1,368 lost or stolen cards were replaced. Deaths of refugees continue to be significantly underreported, with just seven deaths registered during the first quarter.

