

## UPDATE ON RETURN OF AFGHAN REFUGEES FROM PAKISTAN

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### KEY FIGURES

(as of 19 November 2016)

**371,053**

**Refugees already  
returned in 2016**

- 368,687 (99.3%) from Pakistan
- 2,199 (0.6%) from the Islamic Republic of Iran
- 167 from other countries

**4,360**

refugees returned in the reporting period

More than

**390,000**

refugees expected to return in 2016

**\$400**

Repatriation cash grant per person as of  
23 June

### MOST URGENT FINANCIAL NEEDS

**\$181.2 million**

Required to support the repatriation and  
reintegration of Afghan refugees from  
Pakistan, and provide winterization  
assistance

Earmarked SWA donors: Australia, Canada,  
Denmark, European Union, Finland,  
Germany, Japan, Luxembourg, private  
donors in Japan, United States of America

Donors of unrestricted and regional funds in  
2016: Australia, Canada, Denmark, Italy,  
Japan, France, Germany, Netherlands,  
Norway, Sweden, Switzerland, United  
Kingdom, United States of America, and  
private donors in Italy, Japan, the Republic  
of Korea, Spain, Sweden, and the USA

### TRENDS

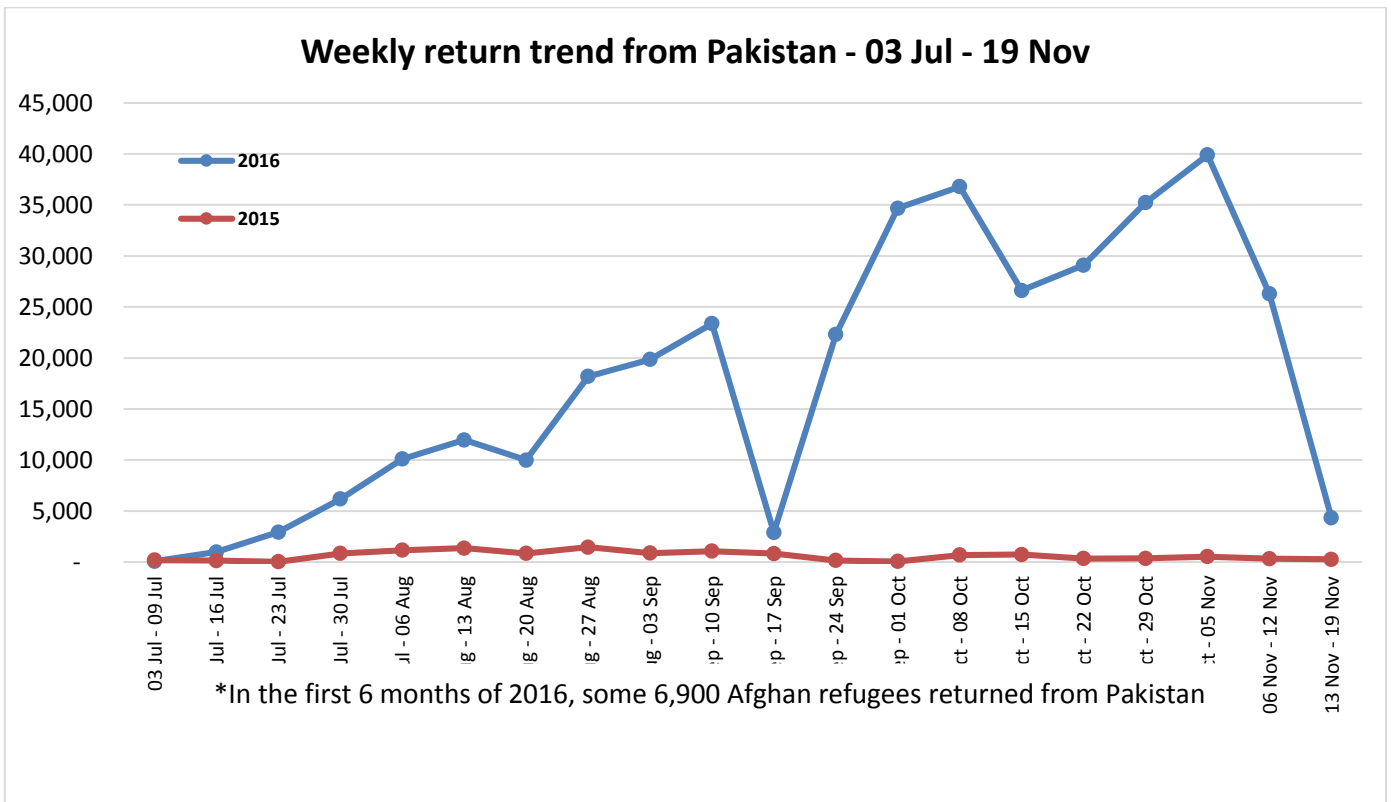
- The number of returning Afghan refugees decreased significantly over the week, with a total of 4,360 refugees arriving in Afghanistan. This was a reduction of nearly 84 per cent compared to the previous week.
- An average of over 290 Afghan refugees departed from Pakistan daily during the reporting period, with nearly 57,000 returns recorded in Afghanistan in November to date.
- The heads of all political parties met on 14 November at an All Party Conference held by the Ministry of States and Frontier Regions of the Government of Pakistan on the “Repatriation and Management Policy on Afghan Refugees”. Participants agreed that the repatriation of Afghan refugees should be voluntary, peaceful and dignified, and that the validity of the PoR cards should be extended, however the length of the extension was not specified; recommendations ranged from one to two years.

### NEEDS

- In response to the surge of Afghan refugee returns from Pakistan over the last three months, UNHCR had to revise its initial Supplementary Appeal<sup>1</sup> to include additional financial requirements to support the additional returns. The revised appeal also includes the needs of vulnerable returnees, IDPs and host communities over the winter months.
- Subject to donors’ response to the revised Supplementary Appeal, UNHCR is prepared to support up to 25,000 households—IDPs, returnees and vulnerable local residents—in Afghanistan with winterization through cash assistance (between \$100<sup>2</sup> and \$300 per household) and provision of non-food relief items.

<sup>1</sup> Supplementary Appeal dated 28 October 2016 <http://reporting.unhcr.org/node/15676>

<sup>2</sup> All dollar signs in this document denote United States dollars.



Weekly return trends from Pakistan in September - November 2016					
Date	Individuals	Weekly %	Date	Individuals	Weekly %
11 Sep – 17 Sep	2,901		16 Oct – 22 Oct	29,084	+ 9.3%
18 Sep – 24 Sep	22,304	+ 668.8%	23 Oct – 29 Oct	35,226	+ 21.1%
25 Sep – 1 Oct	34,680	+ 55.5%	30 Oct – 5 Nov	39,903	+ 13.3%
2 Oct – 8 Oct	36,790	+ 6%	6 Nov – 12 Nov	26,292	-34.1%
9 Oct – 15 Oct	26,608	-27.7%	13 Nov – 19 Nov	4,339	-83.5%

