



A young Afghan refugee is biometrically registered for a smartcard at the DRIVE Site in Rawalpindi - Pakistan

## OVERVIEW

The Documentation Renewal and Information Verification Exercise (DRIVE) is being undertaken by the Government of Pakistan – the Ministry of States and Frontier Regions (SAFRON), the Chief Commissioner for Afghan Refugees (CCAR), and the National Database and Registration Authority (NADRA) – with the support of UNHCR.

DRIVE is verifying and updating the data of **1.43 million** Afghan refugees who are Proof of Registration (PoR) cardholders in Pakistan and issuing new PoR smartcards to all eligible refugees. The new smartcards have an initial validity period of two years.

DRIVE verifications are being carried out at **35 locations** across Pakistan, with a further **4-5 sites** expected to commence later in the exercise. DRIVE will be further supported by six mobile teams covering vulnerable groups and remote regions. When operating at full capacity, a targeted average of **10,400 individuals** per day will be verified, six days per week.

## PROGRESS

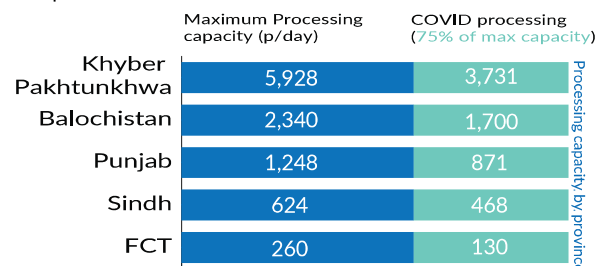
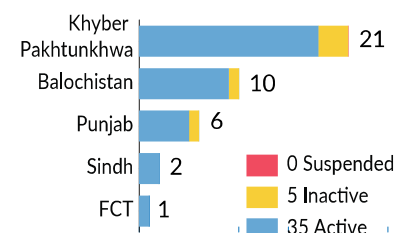
As at the end of June, DRIVE has reached the milestone of **200,000 individuals** verified or newly recorded at 35 sites across Pakistan. More than **27,000 new PoR smartcards** have been received by refugees. Approximately 11 per cent of individuals processed are children five years or younger who are newly recorded for registration. DRIVE continues to identify and record unregistered immediate family members of PoR cardholders for the future issuance of Family Information Certificates, currently representing approximately **6.5 per cent** of individuals processed.

Daily processing capacity has been gradually increased in light of the improving COVID-19 situation throughout the country, and ongoing efforts to build staffing and resource capacity. From **40 per cent** capacity at the start of June, most sites had increased to 75 per cent by the end of the month, and a small number have reached full processing capacity. The average daily rate is approximately **7,000 persons**.

During June, five sites experienced short suspensions, one of which related to COVID-19. Following site disinfection and testing of all staff in line with established protocols, that site was able to reopen after two days' suspension.

Detailed support and monitoring of DRIVE implementation—to track progress, strengthen integrity systems, and identify and address needs for technical or process adjustments, or additional training—has commenced during June. Jointly, **CCAR, NADRA** and **UNHCR** are finalizing new standard operating procedures (SOPs) on the management of complaints and allegations of misconduct, and SOPs are also being developed to further define the processes for registration of children under 5 years of age.

## DRIVE SITE STATUS BY PROVINCE



## HIGHLIGHTS

As of 30 June 2021, a cumulative total of 210,812 individuals have been processed across Pakistan. 150,848 are registered Afghan refugees who have been verified and will receive a new smart PoR card, 21,947 are registered children above five years old who are now eligible for their own individual smart PoR card, while 23,542 are children of PoR cardholders who are under the age of five and will be newly registered following document validation. An additional 14,475 individuals are undocumented immediate family members of Afghan refugees whose information has been recorded to highlight family links with registered Afghan refugees in Pakistan, and will be issued family certificates only.

The majority of verifications to date have been conducted by the 18 sites active in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province (56%), with a further 20% in Balochistan province. The current DRIVE exercise also identifies nuclear families from within extended family groupings, averaging five individuals per nuclear family.

### KEY FIGURES

# 210,812

TOTAL INDIVIDUALS VERIFIED \*

# 150,848

VERIFIED AFGHAN REFUGEES <sup>1</sup>

# 23,542

NEWLY REGISTERED CHILDREN UNDER FIVE <sup>2</sup>

# 21,947

ALREADY REGISTERED CHILDREN ABOVE FIVE <sup>3</sup>

# 14,475

UNDOCUMENTED FAMILY MEMBER RECORDED <sup>4</sup>

# 27,724

CARDS DELIVERED

\* Total Individuals processed for countrywide and provincial also includes number of already registered children below 5 years of age with their parents

### KHYBER PAKHTUNKHWA



**118,082** Total individuals verified



**85,972** Verified Afghan refugees



**12,492** Newly registered children under five



**12,658** Already registered children above five



**6,960** Undocumented family member recorded

### SINDH



**16,480** Total individuals verified



**11,577** Verified Afghan refugees



**2,033** Newly registered children under five



**1,574** Already registered children above five



**1,296** Undocumented family member recorded

### BALUCHISTAN



**41,672** Total individuals verified



**28,196** Verified Afghan refugees



**4,919** Newly registered children under five



**4,216** Already registered children above five



**4,341** Undocumented family member recorded

### FEDERAL CAPITAL TERRITORY, PUNJAB



**34,578** Total individuals verified



**25,103** Verified Afghan refugees



**4,098** Newly registered children under five

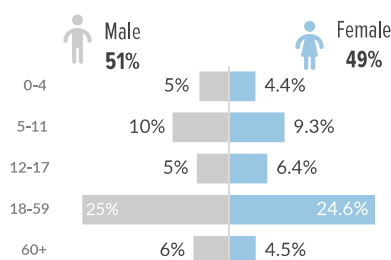


**3,499** Already registered children above five



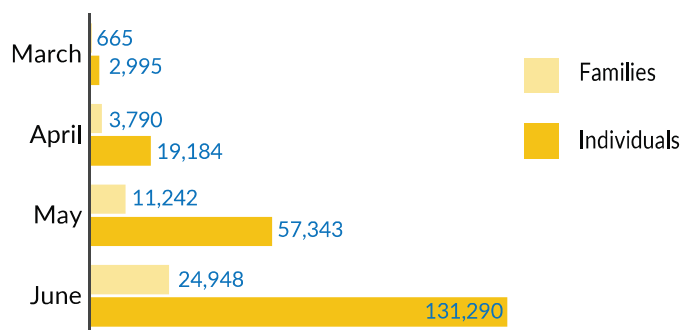
**1,878** Undocumented family member recorded

## AGE AND GENDER COMPOSITION



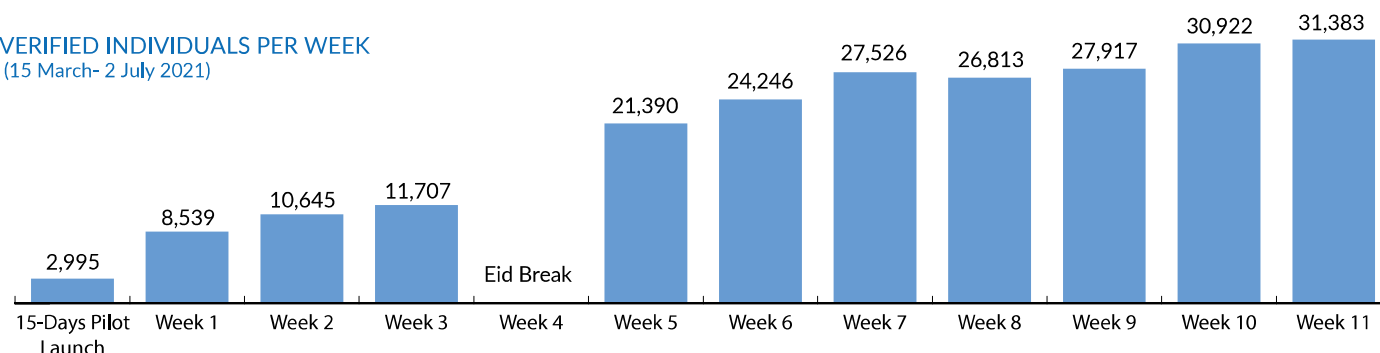
Average family size = **5** individuals per family

## VERIFIED INDIVIDUALS PER MONTH



## VERIFIED INDIVIDUALS PER WEEK

(15 March- 2 July 2021)



<sup>1</sup> Verified Afghan refugees who have successfully updated their PoR cards to new PoR smart cards. <sup>2</sup> Registration of biological children, below 5 years of age, of a previously registered PoR cardholding parent, pending document validation. <sup>3</sup> Already registered children who have attained five years and above and are entitled to have their individual smart card. <sup>4</sup> Undocumented family members have a relation with an already registered PoR cardholder. All figures stated in this report remain provisional until data quality reviews are completed at the conclusion of the DRIVE exercise. Creation date: 28 May 2021. Sources: Afghan National Registration (ANR) Database. More information available on UNHCR: data portal, <https://data2.unhcr.org/en/country/pak>. Feedback: [abdulla@unhcr.org](mailto:abdulla@unhcr.org), [zahoor@unhcr.org](mailto:zahoor@unhcr.org)

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