



PoR Card Registration Update

August 2016



Overview

Proof of Registration (PoR) cards are important identity documents that provide temporary legal stay and freedom of movement in Pakistan for the 1.52 million registered Afghan refugees in Pakistan. The PoR cards which have expired at the end of 2015 have been extended until the end of March 2017 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 Repatriation of Afghans beyond 2015.

Five PoR Card Modification (PCM) centres support the modification/replacement of existing cards, registration of new born children up to age five, provision of PoR cards to registered children who have reached five years of age and are now entitled to their own cards as well as the issuance of birth certificates to children under the age of 18.

Moreover, one dedicated Mobile Registration Van (MRV) is operational in KP province after the closure of Haripur PCM centre in June. In addition, two more MRVs were operational in Punjab and Baluchistan province during the reporting month.

In 2016, UNHCR's target and prioritized funds is for the registration of 80,000 children (which includes an estimated average of 60,000 new births in addition to the gap from previous years), as well as the issuance of approximately 80,000 birth certificates, and the issuance of individual PoR cards for 80,000 children who have reached five years of age.

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

Total no. of refugees avail-
ing registration services:

113,556

Birth registrations

45,458

*(56.8%)

Birth certificates

30,224

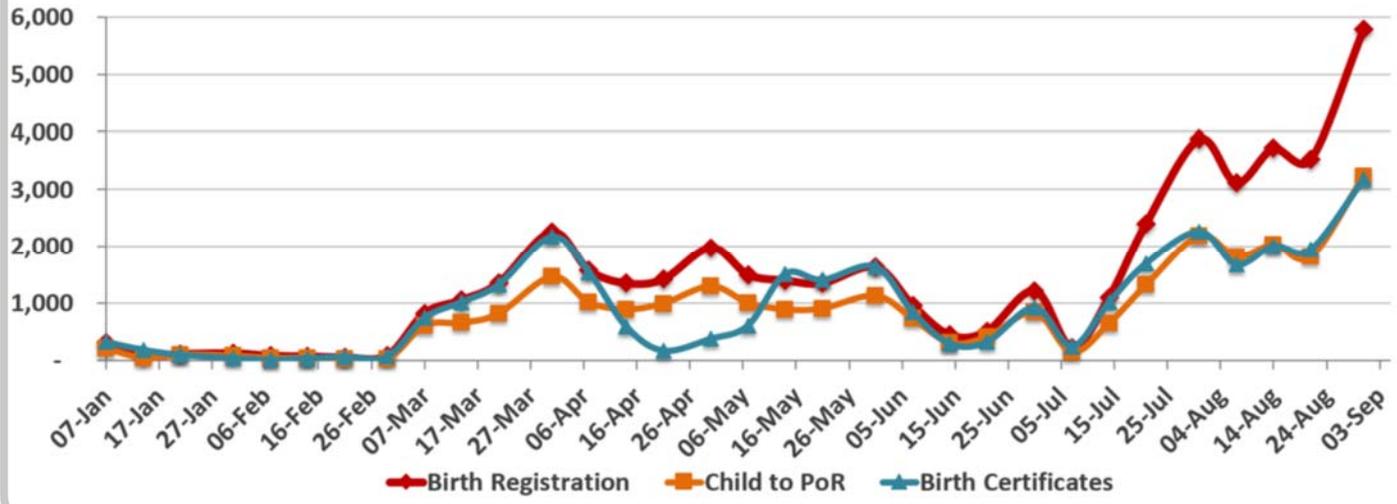
*(37.7%)

PoR cards for children
reaching five years of age

27,674

*(34.5%)

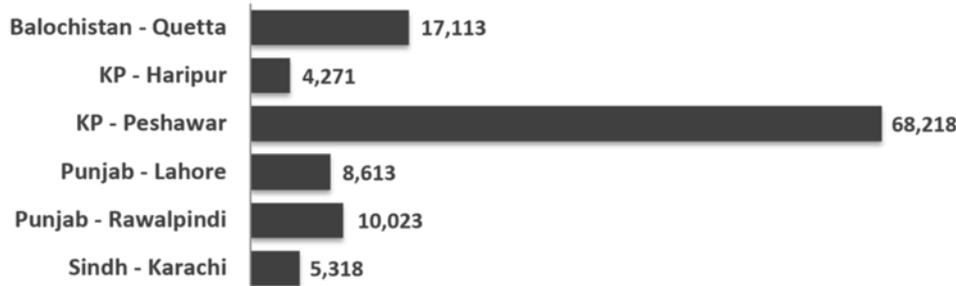
Registration activities per week



* Percentages are based on the estimated 80,000 new born children requiring registration, 80,000 children requiring birth certificates and the 80,000 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).

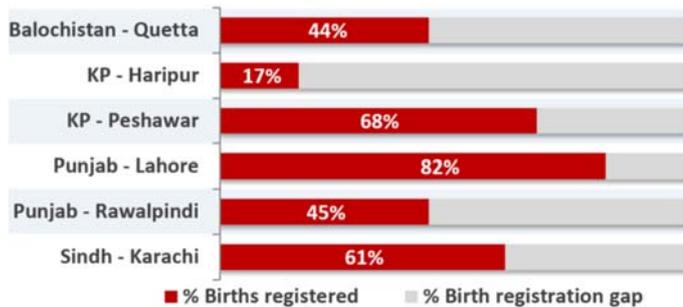


Registration activities summary



Total registered refugees in Pakistan
1,527,657

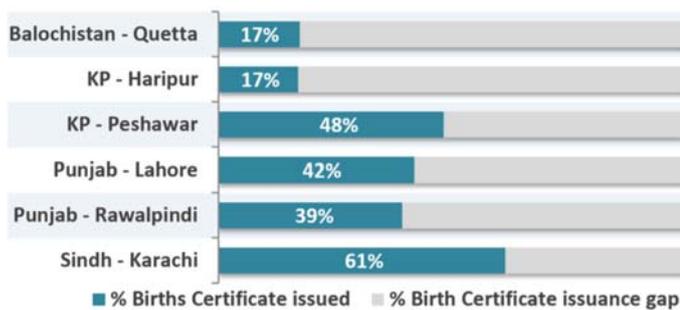
Birth registration



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.

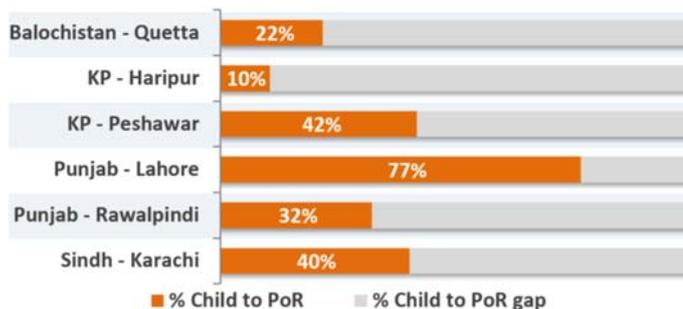
During the month of August, a major increase in registration activities has been observed at all PCM centres countrywide. This is attributed to both the increase in return trends (as parents wish to register their children before returning to Afghanistan) as well as the uncertainty surrounding the extension of the validity of PoR cards beyond March 2017. In order to meet the needs of the increased number of refugees approaching the PCM centre, NADRA deployed additional NADRA staff to the Peshawar PCM centre in August.

Birth certificates



MRV operations are progressing smoothly in Punjab and KP, while the MRV deployed in Baluchistan province remained non functional on account of an unforeseen technical problem. NADRA assured UNHCR that the MRV for Baluchistan will be made operational from 19 September 2016.

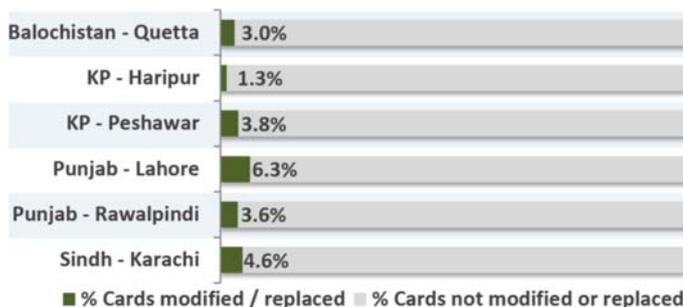
Provision of PoR cards to registered children that have reached 5 years of age



In the month of August one MRV operated in the Multan, Rahim yar khan and Chakwal districts in Punjab for a total of one month, during which 1,481 applicants availed of the MRV services.

A total of 30,224 birth certificates were issued during the reporting period. It is noted that the MRVs are not equipped for issuing birth certificates to children due to operational reasons. NADRA assured that all those children who are registered via the MRV will receive their birth certificate when collecting their modified PoR card from the nearest PCM centre. Efforts are being made by UNHCR and NADRA to minimize these gaps by ensuring the deliverance of the above mentioned birth certificates to the families visiting the PCM centre.

Card modification / replacement



During the last eight months, 6,475 lost or stolen cards were replaced. Deaths of refugees continue to be significantly underreported, with just 48 deaths registered during the reporting period.

