

Significant VOLUNTARY Repatriations - 2002

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This table shows estimates of the number of refugees who returned to their home countries, and the asylum countries from which they returned, during 2002. Some repatriated through formal UN High Commissioner for Refugees programs, while others returned home on their own. Increasingly, even refugees who are said to repatriate voluntarily may be subject to host government pressure that casts doubt on the voluntariness of the repatriation. This list is not comprehensive, so no total is provided.

To	From	Number
Afghanistan	Iran and Pakistan	1,800,000
Angola	Congo-Kinshasa, Zambia, and others	80,000
Burma	Bangladesh, Thailand	1,760
Burundi	Tanzania	50,000
Central African Republic	Congo-Kinshasa	15,000
Croatia	Yugoslavia and Bosnia	11,000
East Timor	Indonesia	32,000
Eritrea	Sudan	20,000
Iraq	Iran	1,145
Kazakhstan	Uzbekistan and others	35,000
Liberia	Côte d'Ivoire, Sierra Leone	20,000
Namibia	Botswana	1,000
Nigeria	Cameroon	8,000
Rwanda	Congo-Kinshasa, Tanzania, Burundi	30,000
Senegal	Gambia and Guinea-Bissau	5,000
Sierra Leone	Guinea, Liberia, and others	90,000
Somalia	Ethiopia, Kenya, Djibouti	20,000
Sri Lanka	India	1,000
Sudan	Uganda	2,000
Tajikistan	Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, and others	1,100
Yugoslavia	Germany, Switzerland	3,100

Top: Afghan refugees repatriating from Pakistan. Photo: UNHCR

Bottom: Rwandan refugee repatriating from Tanzania. Photo: USCR/J. Frushone