

## Background Information

- The **Federal Admission Program for Afghanistan (BAP)** was officially launched in **October 2022** and is anchored in the **2022 coalition agreement**. In 2022, an **admission order** was issued, specifying the program's scope (up to **1,000 people per month**) and the admission criteria.
- The **target group** of the BAP includes **Afghans who are individually at risk** due to their commitment to **human and women's rights**, or their work in **politics, media, judiciary, education, culture, sports, or science**. It also includes those persecuted because of their **gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, religious or ethnic affiliation**. The program explicitly **supports victims of severe individual violations of women's rights and members of the LGBTQI+ community facing homophobic and transphobic attacks**.
- As of **December 3, 2024**, **3,055 admission approvals** have been granted, and **864 people have entered Germany** through the program. An additional **17,000 people** have already been selected by the **Federal Ministry of the Interior (BMI)** and contacted on behalf of the German government. These individuals have **completed all procedural steps**, including registration by an authorized reporting body, case verification by the coordination office, and selection based on criteria set by the BMI. Their applications are currently pending final approval by the **Federal Office for Migration and Refugees (BAMF)**.
- According to the **BMI's original target**, **25,000 admission approvals** should have already been issued. The **overall goal of the program** was to grant **36,000 approvals**. The current status of the program **falls far short of these expectations**.
- **No new approvals have been granted since mid-July 2024**. However, BAMF is likely in possession of **already-approved cases** that have **not yet been communicated to the applicants**.
- The **federal budget draft for 2025 (dated July 15, 2024)** did not allocate any funds for the BAP.
- On **November 6, 2024**, the **Budget Committee** passed a resolution explicitly stating that **new admissions should continue**. The resolution states:  
*"The BMI must take all necessary steps to ensure that these funds are used immediately for the further implementation of the BAP. The allocated funds will allow the fulfillment of granted admission approvals and the continuation of procedures for individuals already contacted under the BAP."*
- **A total of €52 million has been allocated for the BAP**, including:
  1. **At least €20 million in unused funds from the 2024 budget** to be transferred to 2025.
  2. **€25 million from the European Asylum, Migration, and Integration Fund (AMIF)** for 2025, which can also be used for BAP implementation.
  3. **€7 million from the 2025 federal budget**.
- **AMIF funds and the unused 2024 budget are available regardless of further budget negotiations**, meaning the continuation of the BAP is a **political decision rather than a financial issue**.
- **Admission approvals are legally binding administrative acts**, which means they remain valid even for **future governments**. It is standard practice for **new governments to honor previously granted approvals**, as was the case during the **2021 government transition**.
- **Germany has committed to the European Union to admit 12,000 people per year in 2024 and 2025 through humanitarian admission programs—a total of 24,000 people**.