



A group of newly arrived returnee children from Pakistan at the IOM TC in Kandahar @ IOM 2017

Highlights

- 1,337** undocumented Afghans returned from Pakistan
- 18,231** undocumented Afghans returned from Iran
- 85,488** total returns from Pakistan since 01 Jan 2017
- 263,230** total returns from Iran since 01 Jan 2017
- 95%** of returnees from Pakistan (1,204 individuals) assisted
- 5%** of returnees from Iran (785 individuals) assisted
- 138** unaccompanied migrant children (UAM) from Iran, 0 from Pakistan
- 34** Medical Cases (MC) from Iran, 0 from Pakistan

Contextual Update — Pakistan

As of 13 September 2017, the Government of Pakistan's National Database and Registration Authority (NADRA) supported by the Government of Pakistan and IOM has received over 83,000 applications from undocumented Afghans for Afghan Citizen Cards (ACC) across 23 registration centers. The registration exercise commenced on 16 August 2017 and is expected to continue into next spring. ACC cards grant undocumented Afghans temporary stay in Pakistan, pending their return to Afghanistan, to regularize their legal status by acquiring a passport and visa.

Return from Pakistan

A total of **1,337** undocumented Afghans spontaneously returned or were deported from Pakistan through the Turkham (Nangarhar province) and Spin Boldak (Kandahar province) border crossings from Sep 10—16, according to the Border Monitoring Team of the Directorate of Refugees and Repatriation (DoRR).

Of the total returnees, 1,269 were spontaneous returnees and 68 were deported. This number is a **364% increase** compared to the previous week. The total number of undocumented Afghan returnees from Pakistan since 01 January 2017 is now 85,488. IOM provided post-arrival assistance to **84%** of undocumented Afghan returnees from Pakistan (1,204 individuals), including 1,025 individuals in poor families and 178 individuals in single parent families. The assistance provided includes meals, accommodation, basic medical screening, Non-Food Items (NFIs), onward transportation cash grants and referral services, as well as support from partners.

Situation Overview

IOM is responding to a substantial increase in the return of undocumented Afghans from Pakistan and Iran. Since 01 January 2017, over 348,000 undocumented Afghans have returned due to diverse push factors, including deteriorating protection space in Pakistan and Iran. This figure represents a significantly higher rate of return than in previous years. Most of those returning have lived outside of Afghanistan for decades, and will need support from the government and humanitarian actors both on arrival and as they seek to reintegrate. As the rate of return is influenced by a number of political, security and other related factors both in Afghanistan and neighboring countries, another surge in returns could occur at any time. IOM estimates that approximately 500,000 undocumented Afghans could return from Pakistan and Iran in 2017, and is working to scale up its support to returnees in coordination with the Government of Afghanistan and other humanitarian partners.

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Marziya, 5 years old, is awaiting assistance at IOM's TC in Zaranj City, Nimroz province © IOM 2017

Return from Iran

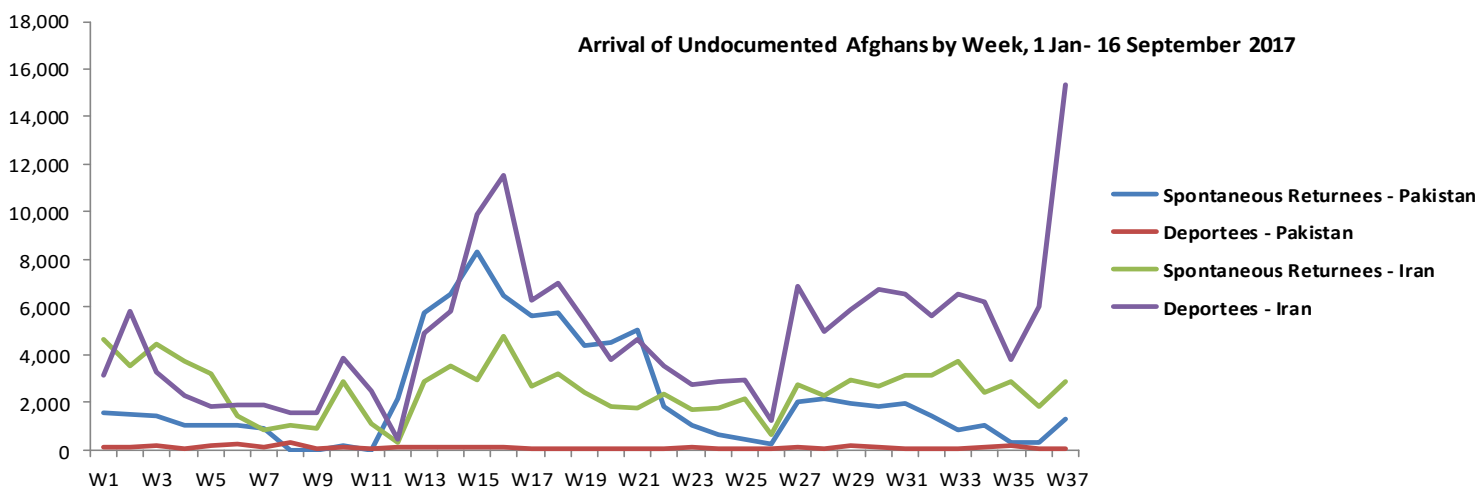
A total of **18,231** undocumented Afghans spontaneously returned or were deported from Iran through the Milak (Nimroz) border crossing between Sep 10-16 2017, **232% more** than in the previous week due to the anticipated decline during Eid Al-Adha in early September. While the Islam Qala (Herat) border crossing had remained mostly closed to undocumented returns in recent months, 89 individuals were deported through Islam Qala between Sep 10-16, compared to 126 in the previous week. Of the total spontaneous returnees, 95 individuals travelled in family groups (3%). Out of the total deportees, 717 individuals (5%) were deported with family members whereas 14,637 (95%) were deported as individuals. This brings the total number of undocumented returnees from Iran since 01 January 2017 to 263,230. IOM provided post-arrival humanitarian assistance to **785 (4%)** undocumented Afghans deported from Iran at its Transit Centers in Nimroz and Herat, including 138 unaccompanied migrant children, 36 special cases, and 34 medical cases.

Number of Undocumented Returnees in 2017 (Turkham, Spin Boldak, Islam Qala and Milak)

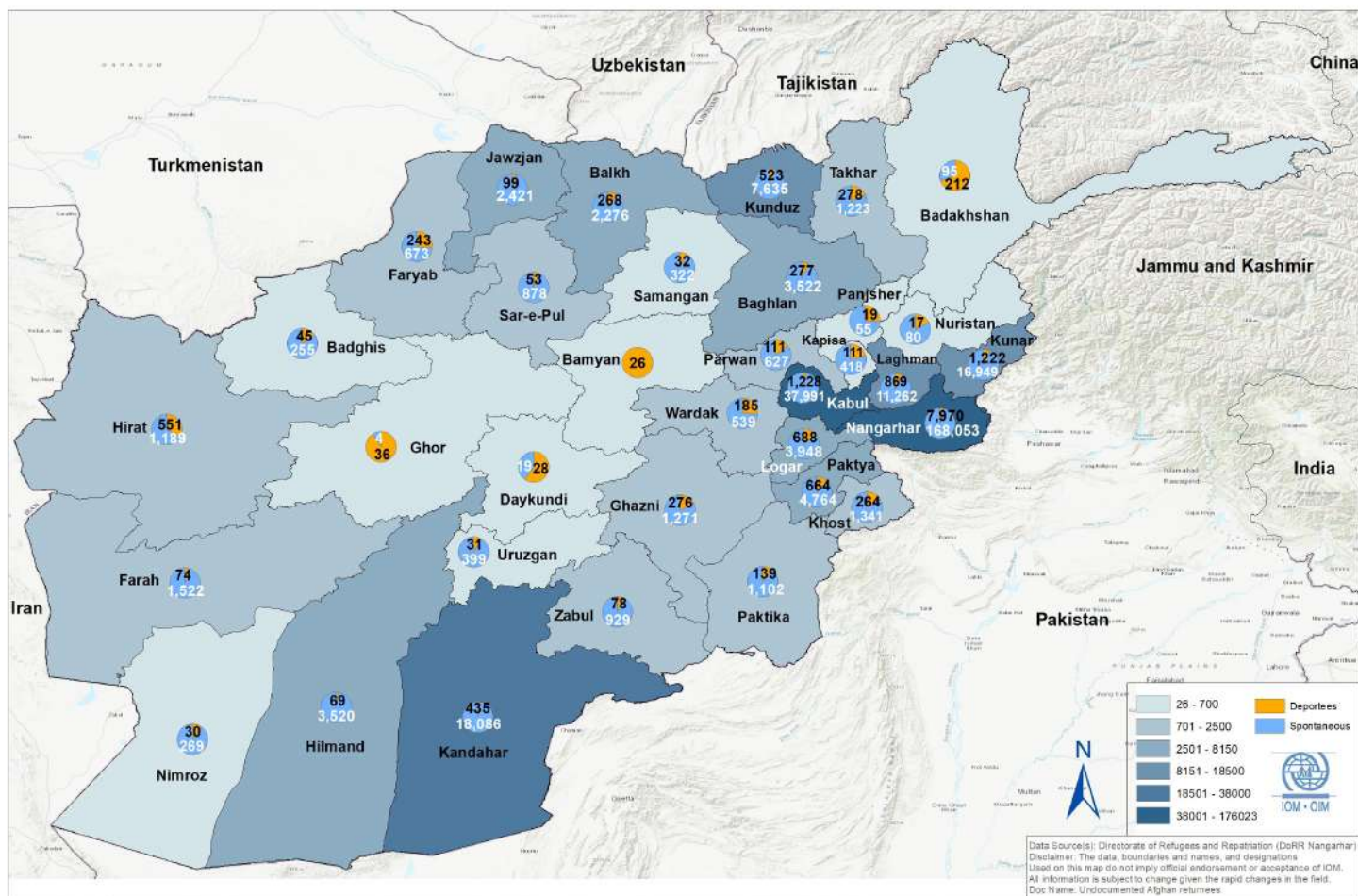
Date	Spontaneous Returnees				Deportees				Total Pakistan	Total Iran	Grand Total
	Turkham	Spin Boldak	Herat	Nimroz	Turkham	Spin Boldak	Herat	Nimroz			
Jan - July 17	51,527	24,202	17,160	55,443	1,938	668	7,476	115,974	78,335	196,053	274,388
1-5 Aug	633	822	2	2,152	32	0	0	4,664	1,487	6,818	8,305
06-12 Aug	706	696	0	3,111	46	16	0	5,655	1,464	8,766	10,230
13 - 19 Aug	584	265	2	3,706	56	0	5	6,535	905	10,248	11,153
20-26 Aug	437	588	9	2,389	69	52	23	6,202	1,146	8,623	9,769
27 Aug - 2 Sep	152	151	6	2,861	45	99	6	3,761	447	6,634	7,081
03 - 09 Sep	192	136	0	1,842	31	8	126	5,889	367	7,857	8,224
10 - 16 Sep	694	575	0	2,877	7	61	89	15,265	1,337	18,231	19,568
Total	54,925	27,435	17,179	74,381	2,224	904	7,725	163,945	85,488	263,230	348,718

IOM Assisted Undocumented Afghans in 2017 (Turkham, Spin Boldak, Islam Qala and Milak)

Date	Spontaneous Returnees				Deportees				Total Pakistan	Total Iran	Grand Total
	Turkham	Spin Boldak	Herat	Nimroz	Turkham	Spin Boldak	Herat	Nimroz			
Jan - July 17	49,008	16,936	129	502	426	450	656	7,904	66,820	9,191	76,011
01 - 05 Aug	637	764	2	8	3	0	0	167	1,404	177	1,581
06 - 12 Aug	702	650	0	19	10	16	0	443	1,378	462	1,840
13 - 19 Aug	592	265	1	2	5	0	0	413	862	416	1,278
20-26 Aug	437	567	2	5	32	0	11	474	1,036	492	1,528
27 Aug - 2 Sep	152	151	1	5	4	42	0	413	349	419	768
03 - 09 Sep	192	115	0	7	0	0	33	373	307	413	720
10 - 16 Sep	694	495	0	0	0	15	10	775	1,204	785	1,989
Total	52,414	19,943	135	548	480	523	710	10,962	73,360	12,355	85,715



AFGHANISTAN Final Destination of Undocumented Afghan Returnees and Deportees from Pakistan Jan 2016–16th Sep 2017



Annex 1: Breakdown of Assistance Provided at all Border Crossings, Sep 10-16 2017

Categories	Turkham	Spin Boldak	Islam Qala	Milak	Total
Non-Food Item (NFI) Kits	144	88	0	120	352
Medical Care	123	68	0	0	191
Tuberculosis Screening	694	510	0	287	1491
Overnight Accommodation	0	211	0	752	963
Total	961	877	0	1,159	2,997

Annex 2: Detailed Breakdown of Assistance Provided by Partners at Milak and Islam Qala BCP, Sep 10-16 2017

Organization	Location	Type of Assistance	Families Assisted	Total Individual Assisted	Male	Female	Boys	Girls
IOM	Registration Centre	Registration	122	785	214	131	294	146
AICHR	Registration Centre	Legal Assistance	0	10	9	1	12	0
IOM	Transit Centre	Meals / Accommodation	122	775	190	130	286	146
IOM	Transit Centre	Transportation	120	641	150	131	160	83
IOM	Transit Centre	Medical Services		1	1			
IOM	Transit Centre	Referrals	0	4	1	3	0	0
IOM		Reintegration Assistance	0	60	20	40	0	0
UNICEF/War Child		Tracing, Repatriation & Psychosocial Assistance	0	4	4	0	138	0
WFP	Transit Center	Food Package	120	544	122	125	159	142
NRC		Legal Assistance	0	0	0	0	0	0
Relief International	Transit Centre	Psychosocial Assistance	0	0	0	0	0	0
DDG	Transit Center	Mine Risk Education	0	616	147	115	210	144

Annex 3: Detailed Breakdown of Assistance Provided by Partners at Turkham and Spin Boldak BCP, Sep 10-16 2017

Organization	Location	Type of Assistance	Families Assisted	Total Individual Assisted	Male	Female	Boys	Girls
WFP	Transit Center	Food Package	223	1189	135	171	194	194
WHO	Transit Center	Medical Services	60	123	22	42	21	38
	Transit Center	OPV Vaccination for Children (>10 years)	0	41	0	0	25	16
	Transit Center	OPV Vaccination for Children (<10 years)	0	19	0	0	11	8
	Transit Center	IPV Vaccination for Children (4 m -5 years)	0	169	0	0	85	84
	Transit Center	Measle Vaccination for Children (6 m -5 years)	0	119	0	0	58	61
UNICEF	Transit Center	Hygiene Kits	122	576	117	145	162	152
	Transit Center	Family Kit	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Transit Center	Hygiene Awareness Training	201	1004	208	226	325	245
	Transit Center	Child Friendly Space	0	366	0	0	201	165
	Transit Center	Nutrition services for Children 6-59 months, and Pregnant Women and Lactating Mothers	29	58	0	0	28	30
UNFPA	Transit Center	Dignity Kits	51	176	18	26	61	71
AADA/ UNFPA	Zero Point	Medical Services	0	553	165	204	93	91
	Zero Point	OPV Vaccination for Children (<10 years)	0	388	0	0	0	0
	Zero Point	OPV Vaccination for Children (>10 years)	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Zero Point	IPV Vaccination for Children (<10 years)	0	136	0	0	65	71
	Zero Point	Measle Vaccination for Children (<10 years)	0	130	0	0	70	60
	Zero Point	HIV/AIDS Awareness	0	533	160	77	200	96
AADA/ UNICEF	Zero Point	Nutrition Services for Children (6-59 months), Pregnant Women and Lactating Mothers	0	227	0	56	89	82
UNMAS- OMAR	Transit Center	Mine Risk Education	27	298	85	119	23	71



The loaded buses of returnee families from Pakistan just behind the Spin Boldak border in Kandahar @ IOM 2017

Annex 3: Breakdown of Provinces and States of Exile, Origin and Final Destination of Undocumented Afghans

Figure 1: Areas of Departure of Undocumented from Pakistan, Jan 01—Sep 16, 2017

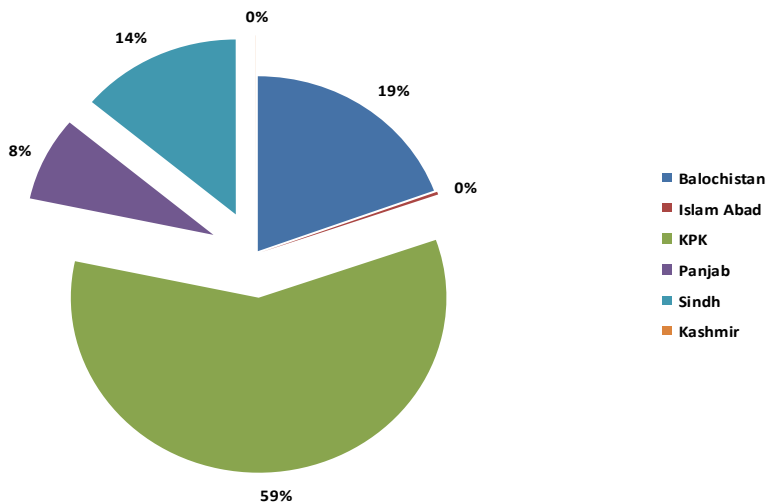


Figure 2: Top 8 provinces of Final Destination of Undocumented Afghans in Afghanistan, Jan 01—Sep 16, 2017

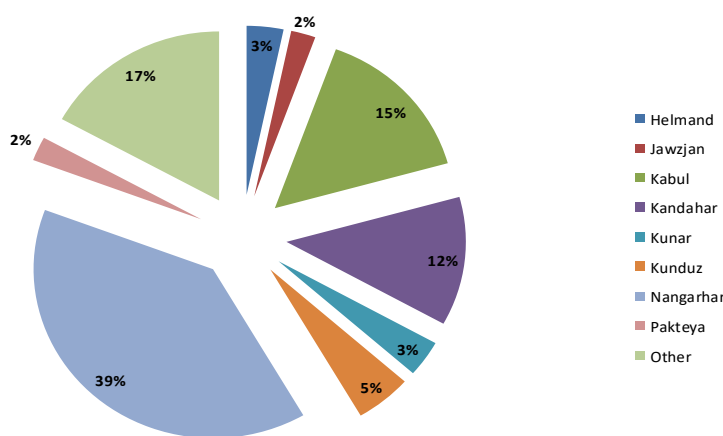
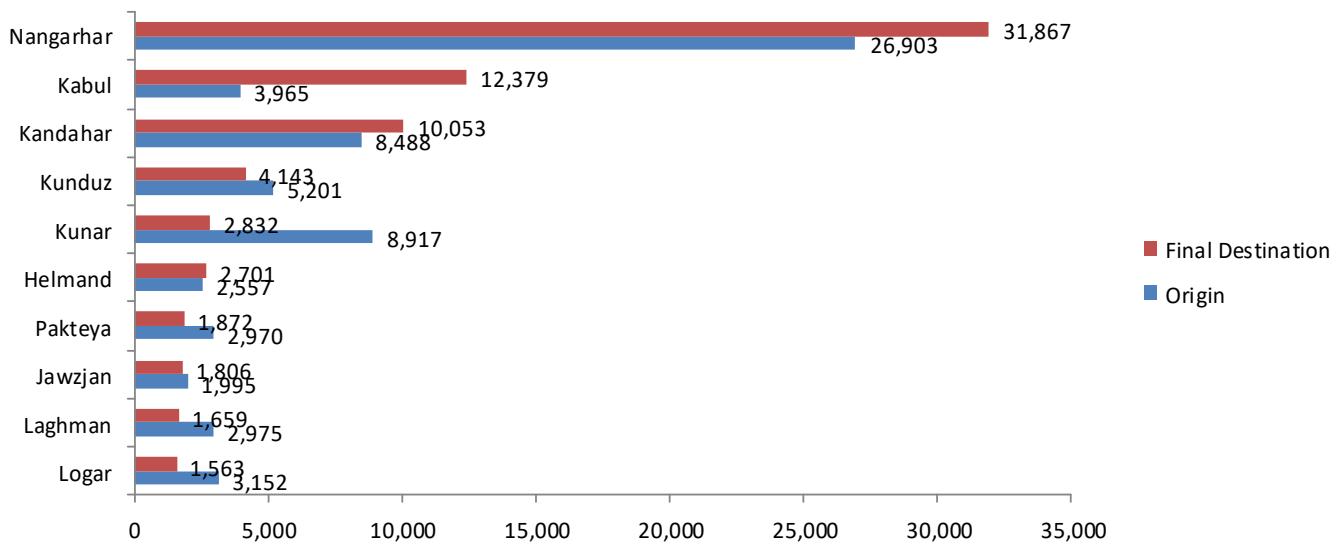


Figure 3: Top 8 Provinces of Final Destination Versus Provinces of Origin, Jan 01—Sep 16, 2017



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