



A returnee family loads assistance onto their truck outside the IOM Kandahar Transit Centre. ©IOM 2017

Highlights

671 undocumented Afghans returned from Pakistan

4,593 undocumented Afghans returned from Iran

68,723 total returns from Pakistan since 01 January 2017

154,759 total returns from Iran since 01 January 2017

91% of returnees from Pakistan (610 individuals) assisted

6% of returnees from Iran (260 individuals) assisted

Return from Pakistan

A total of **671** undocumented Afghans spontaneously returned or were deported from Pakistan through the Turkham (Nangarhar province) and Spin Boldak (Kandahar province) border crossings from 11–17 June 2017, according to the Border Monitoring Team of the Directorate of Refugees and Repatriation (DoRR).

Of the total returnees, 644 were spontaneous returnees in family groups and 27 were deported individuals. This is a **38% decrease** from the previous week and marks an anticipated decline during the holy month of Ramadan. Recent high profile security incidents in Kabul and the Eastern Region are also influencing the decision to return. The total number of undocumented Afghans returnees from Pakistan since 01 January 2017 is now **68,723**.

IOM provided post-arrival assistance to **91%** of undocumented Afghan returnees from Pakistan (610 individuals), including **68 single parents, two unaccompanied migrant children and four special needs cases**. 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 (see Annex 1).

Situation Overview

IOM is responding to a substantial increase in the return of undocumented Afghans from Pakistan and Iran. Since 01 January 2017, over 223,000 undocumented Afghans have returned due to diverse push factors, including deteriorating protection space in Pakistan. 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 600,000 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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Returns from Iran

A total of **4,593** undocumented Afghans spontaneously returned or were deported from Iran through the Islam Qala (Herat) and Milak (Nimroz) border crossings between 11–17 June 2017, a **4% increase** from the previous week. Of the total spontaneous returnees, 62(4%) were in family groups and 1,699 (96%) were individuals. Similarly, out of the total deportees, 178(6%) were in family groups whereas 2,654 (94%) were individuals. This brings the total number of undocumented returnees from Iran since 01 January 2017 to **154,759**.

IOM provided post-arrival humanitarian assistance to **260 (6%)** undocumented Afghans deported from Iran at its Transit Centers in Herat and Nimroz, including **50 special cases, 15 medical cases and 71 unaccompanied migrant children**.



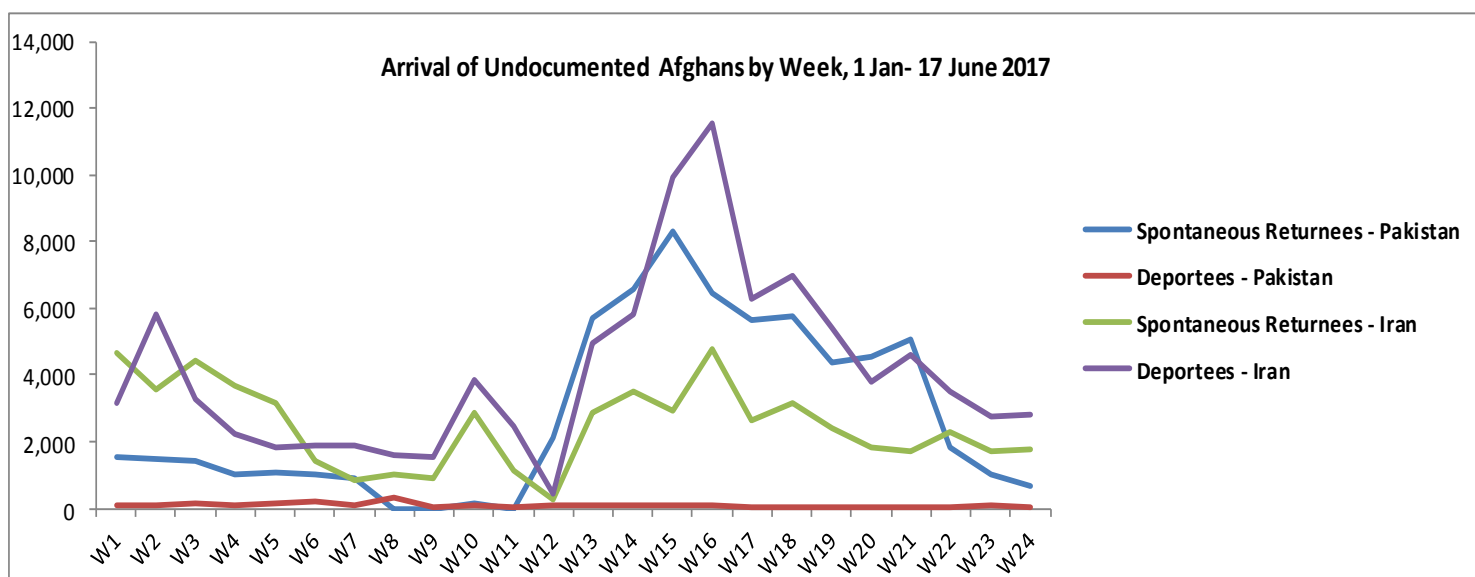
Recently returned families from Iran receive assistance at IOM's Transit Centre in Zaranj City, Nimroz Province © IOM 2017

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

Date	Spontaneous Returnees				Deportees				Total	Total	Grand Total
	Turkham	Spin Boldak	Herat	Nimroz	Turkham	Spin Boldak	Herat	Nimroz	Pakistan	Iran	
Jan - Apr 17	28,022	16,132	17,077	27,945	1,316	482	7,183	58,967	45,952	111,172	157,124
May-17	18,111	1889	40	10,148	210	0	17	22,257	20,210	32,462	52,672
1-3 June	223	574	0	879	2	0	0	1,227	799	2,106	2,905
04-10 June	410	594	7	1,693	27	60	6	2,720	1,091	4,426	5,517
11-17 June	290	354	17	1,744	27	0	0	2,832	671	4,593	5,264
Total	47,056	19,543	17,141	42,409	1,582	542	7,206	88,003	68,723	154,759	223,482

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

Date	Spontaneous Returnees				Deportees				Total	Total	Grand Total
	Turkham	Spin Boldak	Herat	Nimroz	Turkham	Spin Boldak	Herat	Nimroz	Pakistan	Iran	
Jan - Apr 17	25,702	9,921	84	204	296	369	639	3881	36,288	4,808	41,096
May-17	17,892	1,452	19	153	52	0	13	1391	19,396	1,576	20,972
01-03 June	223	477	0	3	0	0	0	197	700	200	900
04-10 June	390	480	6	3	5	13	0	110	888	119	1,007
11-17 June	290	314	9	22	6	0	0	229	610	260	870
Total	44,497	12,644	118	385	359	382	652	5,808	57,882	6,963	64,845



Annex 1: Detailed Breakdown of Assistance Provided by Partners at Turkham BCP, 11-17 June 2017

Organization	Location	Type of Assistance	Families Assisted	Total Individual Assisted	Male	Female	Boys	Girls
WFP	Transit Center	Food Package	49	290	49	64	87	90
WHO	Transit Center	Medical Services	33	63	9	25	11	18
	Transit Center	OPV Vaccination for	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Transit Center	OPV Vaccination for	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Transit Center	IPV Vaccination for	0	0	0	0	11	24
	Transit Center	Measle Vaccination for	0	0	0	0	11	16
UNICEF	Transit Center	Hygiene Kits	49	290	49	64	87	90
	Transit Center	Family Kit	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Transit Center	Hygiene Awareness	49	290	49	64	87	90
	Transit Center	Child Friendly Space	0	127	0	0	50	77
	Transit Center	Nutrition services for children 6-59 months, and pregnant women and lactating mothers	0	0	0	0	0	0
UNFPA	Transit Center	Dignity kits	0	0	0	0	0	0
AADA/UNFPA	Zero Point	Medical Services	0	235	104	63	34	34
	Zero Point	OPV Vaccination for	0	0	0	0	2	1
	Zero Point	OPV Vaccination for	0	0	0	0	40	30
	Zero Point	IPV Vaccination for	0	0	0	0	34	45
	Zero Point	Measle Vaccination for	0	0	0	0	34	37
	Zero Point	HIV/AIDS Awareness	0	403	121	161	84	37
AADA/UNICEF	Zero Point	Nutrition services for children (6-59 months), pregnant women and lactating mothers	0	0	0	0	0	0
MDC/UNMAS	Transit Center	Mine Risk Education	0	500	84	88	159	169

Annex 2: Breakdown of Assistance Provided at all Border Crossings, 11-17 June 2017

Categories	Turkham	Spin Boldak	Islam Qala	Milak	Total
Non-Food Item (NFI) Kits	290	38	0	24	352
Medical Care	63	61	0	0	124
Tuberculosis Screening	912	314	9	145	1380
Overnight Accommodation	5	29	9	145	188
Total	1270	442	18	314	2044

Annex 3: Transportation Cash Grant at Turkham Transit Center, 11– 17 June 2017

No. of Families	No. of Individuals	Province of Final Destination	Transportation Grant (Per Person)	Total (USD)
21	14	Baghlan	\$50	700
5	36	Balkh	\$50	1,800
1	7	Jozjan	\$50	350
11	63	Kabul	\$30	1,890
1	8	Kundoz	\$50	400
1	3	Kunar	\$30	90
4	22	Logar	\$36	792
15	87	Nangarhar	\$25	2,175
3	14	Paktia	\$36	504
4	19	Paktika	\$36	684
1	9	Parwan	\$36	324
1	8	Takhar	\$50	400
68	290	-	-	10,109

Annex 4: Transportation Cash Grant at Kandahar Transit Center, 11-17 June 2017

No. of Families	No. of Individuals	Province of Final Destination	Transportation Grant (Per Person)	Total (USD)
1	18	Badghis	\$50	900
2	23	Farah	\$30	690
2	14	Faryab	\$50	700
7	67	Helmand	\$40	2,680
1	8	Herat	\$30	240
1	7	Jawzjan	\$50	350
4	33	Kabul	\$30	990
7	54	Kandahar	\$30	1,620
7	45	Kunduz	\$50	2,250
2	11	Nangarhar	\$40	440
1	10	Paktika	\$50	500
1	4	Takhar	\$50	200
1	10	Wardak	\$30	300
1	10	Zabul	\$40	400
38	314	-	-	12,260

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