



*A returnee family from Pakistan has just arrived at the IOM TC in Kandahar @ IOM 2017*

## Highlights

- 367** undocumented Afghans returned from Pakistan
- 7,857** undocumented Afghans returned from Iran
- 84,151** total returns from Pakistan since 01 Jan 2017
- 244,999** total returns from Iran since 01 Jan 2017
- 84%** of returnees from Pakistan (307 individuals) assisted
- 5%** of returnees from Iran (413 individuals) assisted
- 27** unaccompanied migrant children (UAM) from Iran
- 18** Medical Cases (MC) from Iran

## Return from Pakistan

A total of **367** undocumented Afghans spontaneously returned or were deported from Pakistan through the Turkham (Nangarhar province) and Spin Boldak (Kandahar province) border crossings from Sep 03—09, according to the Border Monitoring Team of the Directorate of Refugees and Repatriation (DoRR).

Of the total returnees, 328 were spontaneous returnees and 39 were deported. This number is a **18% increase** compared to the previous week, and a **68% decrease** compared to two weeks ago (Aug 20-26). The total number of undocumented Afghan returnees from Pakistan since 01 January 2017 is now 84,151. IOM provided post-arrival assistance to **84%** of undocumented Afghan returnees from Pakistan (307 individuals), including 262 individuals in poor families and 52 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.



*A boy who returned from Pakistan carries IOM assistance in Kandahar © IOM 2017*

## Situation Overview

IOM is responding to a substantial increase in the return of undocumented Afghans from Pakistan and Iran. Since 01 January 2017, over 329,000 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

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A single Afghan female returnee from Iran in Herat © IOM 2017

Returns from Iran

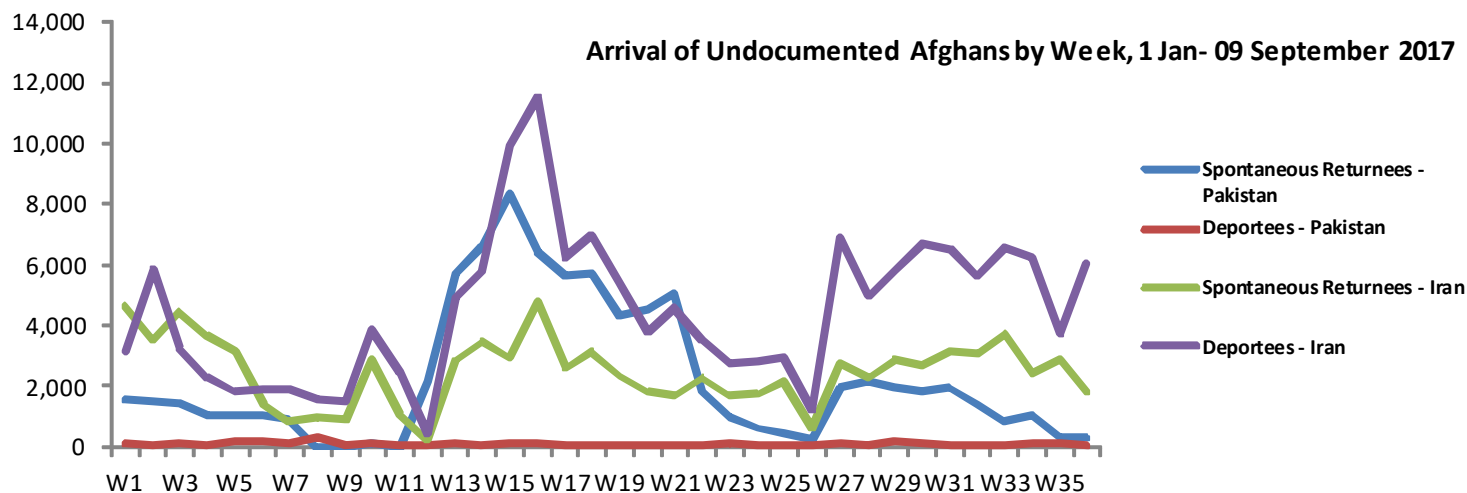
A total of **7,857** undocumented Afghans spontaneously returned or were deported from Iran through the Milak (Nimroz) border crossing between Sep 03-09 2017, **18% more** than in the previous week. While the Islam Qala (Herat) border crossing had remained mostly closed to undocumented returns in recent months, 126 individuals were deported through Islam Qala between Sep 07-09, the highest number since February 2017. Of the total spontaneous returnees, 160 individuals travelled in family groups (9%). Out of the total deportees, 705 individuals (12%) were deported with family members whereas 5,310 (88%) were deported as individuals. This brings the total number of undocumented returnees from Iran since 01 January 2017 to 244,999. IOM provided post-arrival humanitarian assistance to **413 (5%)** undocumented Afghans deported from Iran at its Transit Centers in Nimroz and Herat, including 27 unaccompanied migrant children, 22 special cases, 18 medical cases, 7 unaccompanied elderly and 5 drug addicts.

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

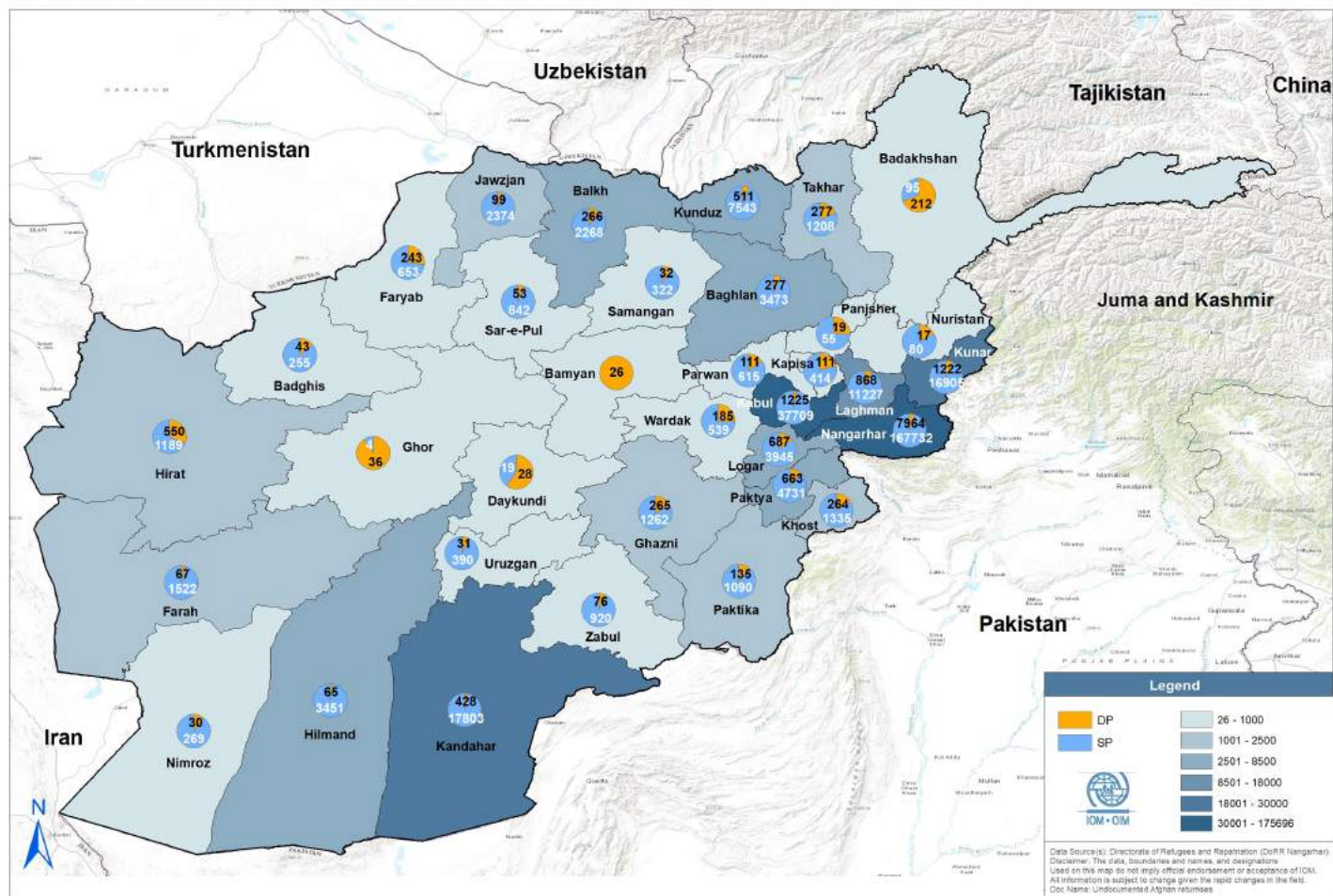
Date	Spontaneous Returnees				Deportees				Total Pakistan	Total Iran	Grand Total
	Turkham	Spin Boldak	Herat	Nimroz	Turkham	Spin Boldak	Herat	Nimroz			
Jan - July 17	51,527	24,202	17,160	55,443	1,938	668	7,476	115,974	78,335	196,053	274,388
1-5 Aug	633	822	2	2,152	32	0	0	4,664	1,487	6,818	8,305
06-12 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
<b>Total</b>	<b>54,231</b>	<b>26,860</b>	<b>17,179</b>	<b>71,504</b>	<b>2,217</b>	<b>843</b>	<b>7,636</b>	<b>148,680</b>	<b>84,151</b>	<b>244,999</b>	<b>329,150</b>

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
<b>Total</b>	<b>51,720</b>	<b>19,448</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>548</b>	<b>480</b>	<b>508</b>	<b>700</b>	<b>10,187</b>	<b>72,156</b>	<b>11,570</b>	<b>83,726</b>



**AFGHANISTAN** Final Destination of Undocumented Afghan Returnees and Deportees from Pakistan Jan 2016–9th Sep 2017



**Annex 1: Breakdown of Assistance Provided at all Border Crossings, Sep 03-09 2017**

Categories	Turkham	Spin Boldak	Islam Qala	Milak	Total
Non-Food Item (NFI) Kits	38	21	0	41	100
Medical Care	24	5	0	0	29
Tuberculosis Screening	192	115	0	144	451
Overnight Accommodation	0	0	0	376	376
<b>Total</b>	<b>254</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>561</b>	<b>956</b>

**Annex 2: Detailed Breakdown of Assistance Provided by Partners at Milak and Islam Qala BCP, Sep 03-09 2017**

Organization	Location	Type of Assistance	Families Assisted	Total Individual Assisted	Male	Female	Boys	Girls
IOM	Registration Centre	Registration	90	118	175	98	157	83
AICHR	Registration Centre	Legal Assistance	0	0	0	0	12	0
IOM	Transit Centre	cooked Food (accommodation)	90	74	131	98	157	83
IOM	Transit Centre	Transportation	90	84	175	98	157	83
IOM	Transit Centre	Medical Services			5			
IOM	Transit Centre	Referrals	0	34	6	28	0	0
IOM	Reintegration Assistance		0	93	68	25	0	0
UNICEF/Warchild	Tracing & Repatriation	Psychosocial Assistance	0	0	0	0	38	0
WFP	Transit Center	Food Package	46	0	42	50	84	44
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	90	84	141	98	157	83

## Annex 3: Detailed Breakdown of Assistance Provided by Partners at Turkham and Spin Boldak BCP, Sep 03-09 2017

Organization	Location	Type of Assistance	Families Assisted	Total Individual Assisted	Male	Female	Boys	Girls
WFP	Transit Center	Food Package	56	307	32	46	63	51
WHO	Transit Center	Medical Services	10	24	4	7	8	5
	Transit Center	OPV Vaccination for Children (>10 years)	0	4	0	0	2	2
	Transit Center	OPV Vaccination for Children (<10 years)	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Transit Center	IPV Vaccination for Children (4 m -5 years)	0	41	0	0	20	21
	Transit Center	Measle Vaccination for Children (6 m -5 years)	0	40	0	0	20	20
UNICEF	Transit Center	Hygiene Kits	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Transit Center	Family Kit	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Transit Center	Hygiene Awareness Training	6	27	6	9	8	4
	Transit Center	Child Friendly Space	0	11	0	0	5	6
	Transit Center	Nutrition services for Children 6-59 months, and Pregnant Women and Lactating Mothers	3	4	0	0	1	3
UNFPA	Transit Center	Dignity Kits	38	192	32	46	63	51
AADA/ UNFPA	Zero Point	Medical Services	0	134	46	35	31	22
	Zero Point	OPV Vaccination for Children (<10 years)	0	144	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	26	0	0	12	14
	Zero Point	Measle Vaccination for Children (<10 years)	0	24	0	0	10	14
	Zero Point	HIV/AIDS Awareness	0	0	0	0	0	0
AADA/ UNICEF	Zero Point	Nutrition Services for Children (6-59 months), Pregnant Women and Lactating Mothers	0	33	0	6	12	15
UNMAS- OMAR	Transit Center	Mine Risk Education	0	0	0	0	0	0



The loaded truck of a returnee family from Pakistan at the IOM TC 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 09, 2017

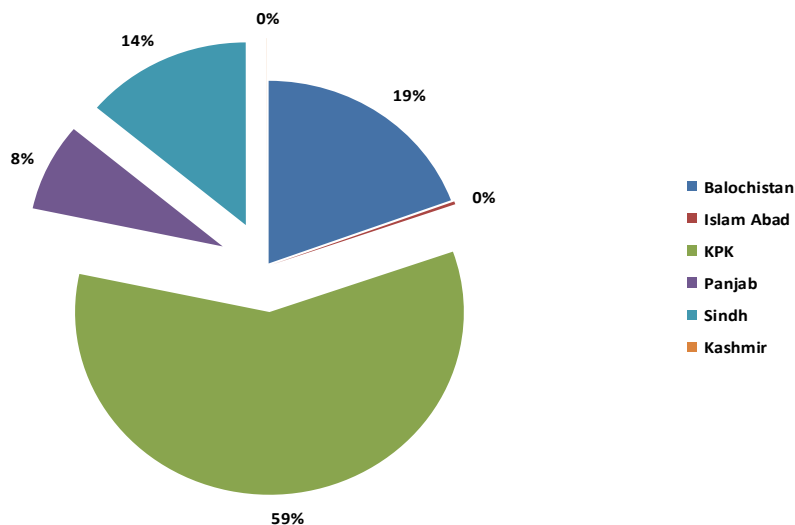


Figure 2: Top 8 provinces of Final Destination of Undocumented Afghans in Afghanistan, Jan 01—Sep 09, 2017

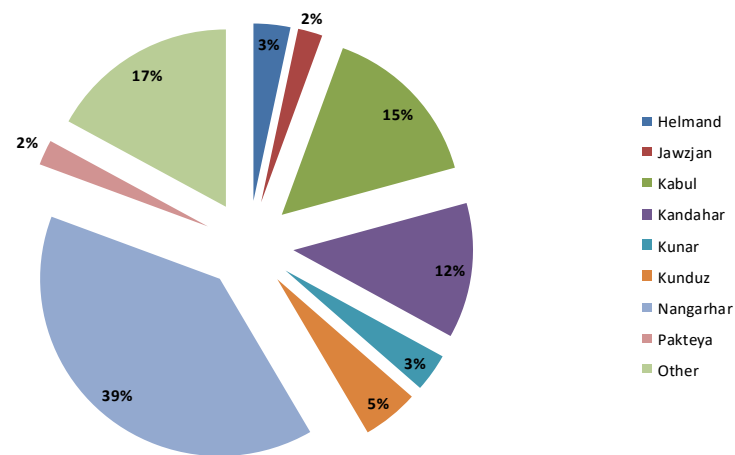
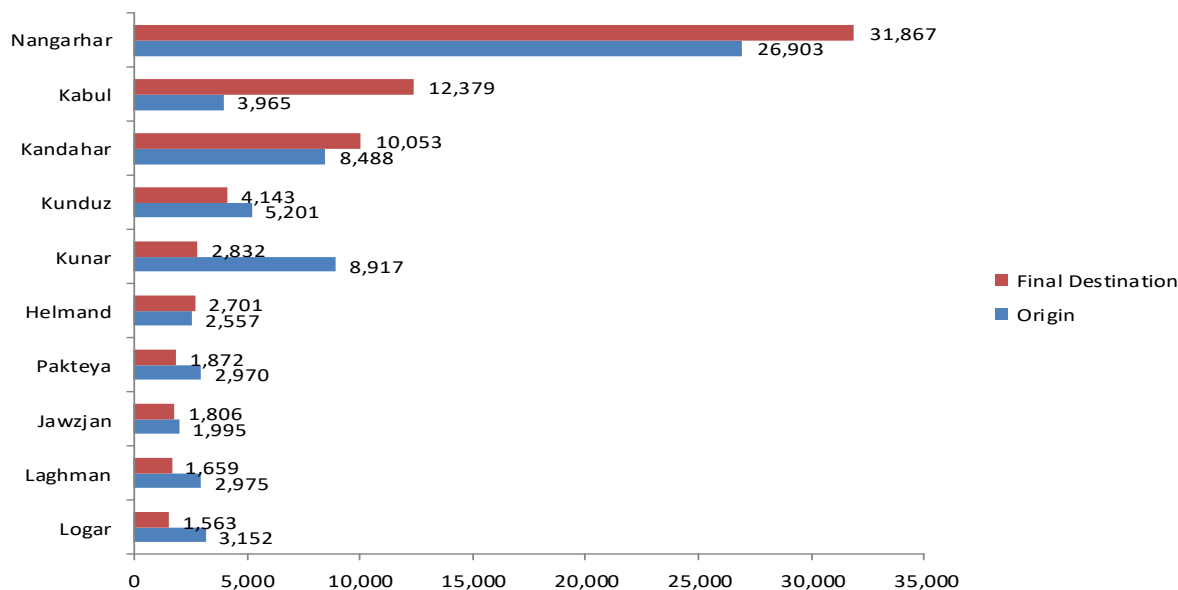


Figure 3: Top 8 Provinces of Final Destination Versus Provinces of Origin, Jan 01—Sep 09, 2017



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