

### Return from Pakistan:

From 6 – 12 November 2016, a total of **7,628** undocumented Afghans spontaneously returned or were deported from Pakistan through Nangarhar and Kandahar Province’s Torkham and Spin Boldak border crossing points according to the Border Monitoring Team of the Directorate of Refugees and Repatriation (DoRR). **7,539** were spontaneous returnees in family groups and **89** were deported individuals only from Torkham. This brings the total number of Afghan undocumented returnees from Pakistan to **227,510** in 2016. The total this week represents a **30%** decrease from last week whereas deportation increased by **55%**.

During the reporting period, IOM assisted **2,058 (27%)** of all undocumented Afghans returnees through the Torkham crossing with post-arrival humanitarian assistance including meals and accommodation at the IOM Transit Center, NFIs for families, special assistance to Persons with Specific Needs (PSNs), a one-month food ration from WFP and family and hygiene kits from UNICEF and dignity kits from UNFPA.

### Return from Iran:

During the same period a total of **9,338** undocumented Afghans spontaneously returned or were deported from Iran through Herat and Nimroz Province’s Islam Qala and Milak border crossing points according to the Border Monitoring Team of the Directorate of Refugees and Repatriation (DoRR). This represents an **2.6% decrease** in the return from Iran in comparison with last week. Out of the total returnees 136 (3%) were spontaneous families and 5,417 (97%) were individuals. Similarly out of the total deportees 204 (5%) were in families whereas 3,581 (95%) were individuals. This brings the total of undocumented returnees in 2016 to **390,568** from Iran.

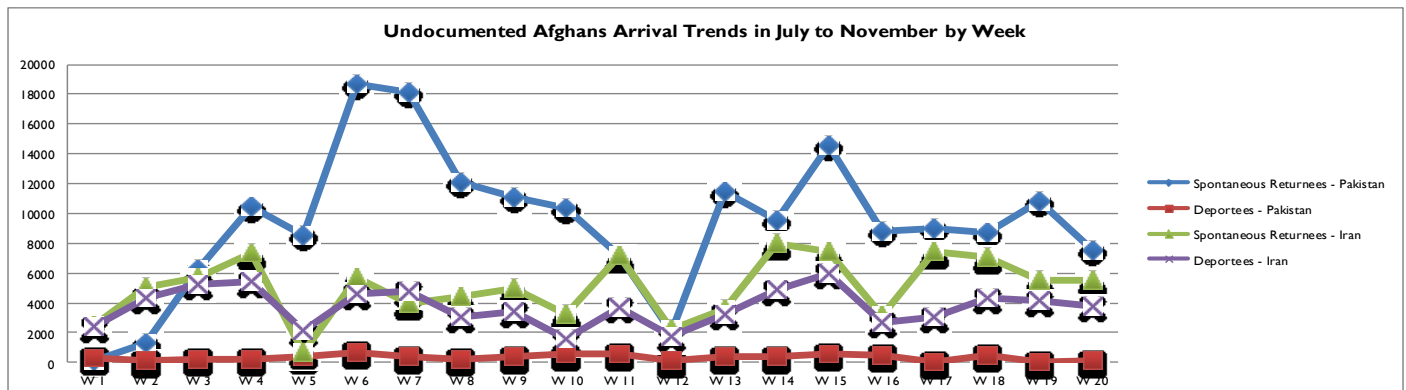
IOM provided post-arrival humanitarian assistance to **245 (2.6 %)** undocumented Afghans through Islam Qala and Milak border crossing points at the IOM transit centers in Herat and Nimroz Provinces. As per the continued observation of the Border Monitoring Team of the DoRR, about 10% of the Undocumented Afghans returning spontaneously or forcefully from Iran are in need of humanitarian assistance.



IOM staff working with DoRR at the Torkham border crossing in early November 2016.

### Number of Undocumented Returnees in 2016 (Torkham, Spin Boldak, Islam Qala and Milak Border Crossing Points)

Date	Spontaneous Returnees				Deportees				Total Pakistan	Total Iran	Grand Total
	Torkham	Spin Boldak	Herat	Nimroz	Torkham	Spin Boldak	Herat	Nimroz			
Jan-Oct, 16	174,035	18,446	176,746	31,406	12,187	9,259	107,621	60,048	213,927	375,821	589,748
Nov 1 - 5	5,485	445	2,610	367	13	12	1,749	683	5,955	5,409	11,364
Nov 6-12	6,857	682	4,918	635	42	47	2,454	1,331	7,628	9,338	16,966
<b>Total</b>	<b>186,377</b>	<b>19,573</b>	<b>184,274</b>	<b>32,408</b>	<b>12,242</b>	<b>9,318</b>	<b>111,824</b>	<b>62,062</b>	<b>227,510</b>	<b>390,568</b>	<b>618,078</b>



**IOM Assisted Undocumented Afghans at Torkham, Islam Qala and Milak Border Crossing Points:**

Date	Spontaneous Returnees				Deportees				Total Pakistan	Total Iran	Grand Total
	Torkham	Spin Boldak	Herat	Nimroz	Torkham	Spin Boldak	Herat	Nimroz			
Jan-Oct, 16	45,819	0	894	954	1665	0	9327	6048	47484	17,223	64,707
Nov 1 - 5	2,259	0	3	14	0	0	96	71	2259	184	2,443
Nov 6-12	2,058	0	3	13	20	0	59	119	2,078	194	2,272
<b>Total</b>	<b>44,384</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>888</b>	<b>943</b>	<b>1,665</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9,264</b>	<b>5,946</b>	<b>46,049</b>	<b>17,041</b>	<b>63,090</b>

**Persons With Specific Needs (PSNs):**

Beneficiaries assisted from Iran and Pakistan are selected based on the following PSN criteria applied at all border crossing points. The table below shows the number of beneficiaries per PSN criteria from both Iran and Pakistan:

PSNs Assisted 6 - 12 Nov 2016	Persons						
	From Iran			From Pakistan			Total
	Islam Qala	Milak	Sub-Total	Torkham	Spin Boldak	Sub-Total	
Poor Family (PF)	4	0	4	1,621	0	1,621	1,625
Unaccompanied Migrant Children	34	39	73	0	0	0	73
Single Parents Family (SP)	0	0	0	437	0	437	437
Special Cases (SC)	10	13	23	2	0	2	25
Medical Case (MC)	12	11	23	0	0	0	23
Physically Disabled (PD)	2	0	2	0	0	0	2
Unaccompanied Elderly (UE)	2	1	3	0	0	0	3
Drug Addicted (DA)	7	0	7	0	0	0	7
Single Female (SF)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mentally Ill (MI)	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
Chronically ill (CI)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>A: Total PSNs</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>2,060</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,060</b>	<b>2,196</b>
<b>B: Deported Families</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>153</b>
<b>Total (A&amp;B)</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>245</b>	<b>2,060</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,060</b>	<b>2,305</b>

**Updates from Humanitarian Partners**

**Torkham Zero Point:**

**UNICEF** Nutrition screening; conduct hygiene awareness sessions.

**IOM Torkham Transit Center:**

providing family kits, hygiene kits, and winter kits to eligible families; nutrition screening and hygiene awareness

**AADA** Established mobile clinic which provides OPD services and essential medicines

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**WHO** Vaccination teams for measles, polio and OPV vaccines for returnee children

Vaccination team for referred children

**DDG** Mine risk education for undocumented returnees

Mine risk education for the families

**WFP** Launched SCOPE card registration and biometric capture of all returnees

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**WFP** provided food packages to 3,171 beneficiaries and **WHO** provided medical services to 157 beneficiaries,

**UNFPA** assisted 976 beneficiaries with dignity kits, **AADA** assisted 714 beneficiaries with medical services whereas **UNICEF** assisted 1,465 beneficiaries with hygiene kits, 975 with family kits and 1,153 beneficiaries with hygiene awareness training for kit recipients.

In addition the **Danish Demining Group (DDG)** has started its operation at the IOM Torkham Transit Center by providing mine risk education.

**Beneficiary story:**

IOM staff met Hazrat Zada at the Torkham border crossing on 08 November. His lined face and sunken eyes tell a story of life hard fought. He and his family of 8 are returning to Afghanistan after 38 years. His children know no other country than Pakistan. "I lived in Pakistan for many years. I worked hard to support my family under difficult circumstances." Hazrat originates from Kunar province in eastern Afghanistan, an area which was heavily bombed during the Soviet occupation. He now intends to take his family to Behsud district in Nangarhar where he believes he can find work and services for his family.

"In June the clashes at the Torkham border between Afghanistan and Pakistan triggered my decision to return to Afghanistan as life became unbearable. I left one everything behind and returned to my homeland." Based on the assessed vulnerability of Hazrat and his family they were referred to the IOM Transit Center at Torkham to receive and assistance package and referral services. Hazrat's story is indicative of many of the undocumented Afghans who have been returning to Afghanistan by the tens of thousands each month since July.



**Hazrat Zada, 83, returning 'home' with this family after 38 years in exile.**

**Return Projection to 31 December 2016:**

The projection changes based on the weekly trends from Pakistan through Torkham and Spin Boldak border crossing points. Based on the trends from 6-12 November 2016 the projection for the remainder of 2016 to 31 December is 89,388 individuals.



**Afghan Returnees waiting for registration at the Torkham Zero Point on 10 November 2016.**

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Region	# Returnees
Eastern	145,016
Central	26,916
North Eastern	6,030
South Eastern	4,320
Northern	2,155
Western	75
Southern	52
Central Highland	30
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>184,594</b>

