

Return From Pakistan:

From 16 – 22 October, a total of **9,069** undocumented Afghans spontaneously returned or were deported from Pakistan through Nangarhar’s Torkham and Kandahar’s Spin Boldak border crossing points according to the Border Monitoring Team of the Directorate of Refugees and Repatriation (DoRR). **9,006** were spontaneous returnees in family groups and **63** were deported individuals. The total number of returnees and deported Undocumented Afghans in the week of 16 —22 October (**9,069**) represents a **2% decrease** in comparison with the previous week.

During the past week, IOM assisted **2,743 (32%) undocumented Afghans** from the total number of returnees through the Torkham crossing (8,449) 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.



Returnees queue to be registered at the Torkham border crossing on 19 October 2016. Photo credit: A. Alhaique OCHA

Return from Iran:

During the same period a total of **10,536** 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 is the first time since August that the Iranian caseload has outnumbered returns from Pakistan. **7,473** were spontaneous returnees **3,063** were deportees.

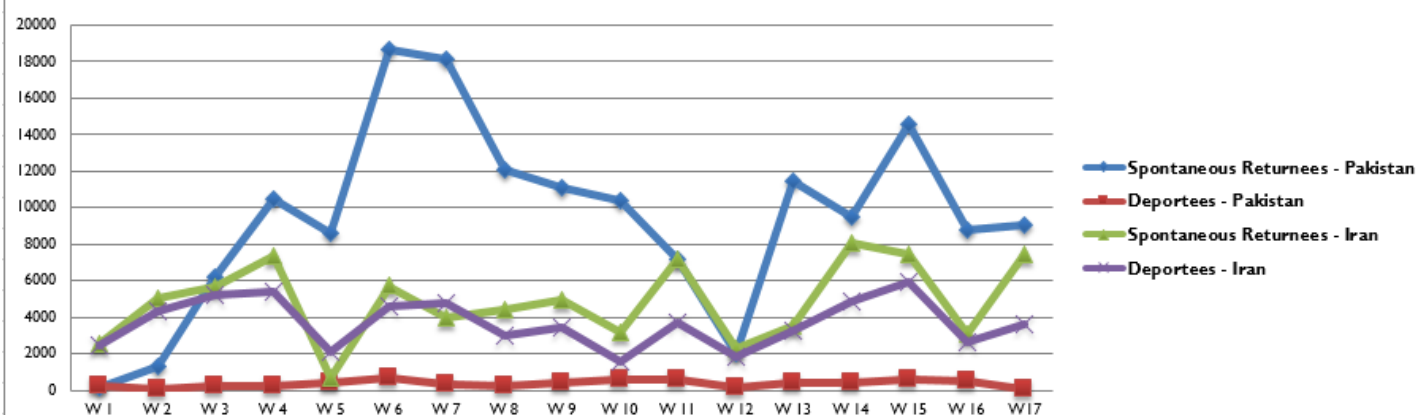
During the week of 16 — 22 October, IOM provided post-arrival humanitarian assistance to **227 (2%)** undocumented Afghans through Islam Qala and Milak border crossing points at the IOM Transit Centers in Herat and Nimroz Provinces.

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. Limited funding for the Iranian caseload has meant that assistance provided by IOM does not reach the total population in need.

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-16	676	1,090	13,982	3,695	1,448	1,390	9,892	6,619	4,604	34,188	38,792
Feb-16	930	886	11,655	2,728	1,172	1,401	7,566	6,353	4,389	28,302	32,691
Mar-16	1,784	1,092	11,217	3,239	1,613	736	7,503	5,869	5,225	27,828	33,053
Apr-16	3,901	678	17,158	3,945	2,262	1,148	12,117	6,506	7,989	39,726	47,715
May-16	3,605	1,377	23,230	4,882	1,121	669	12,699	7,130	6,772	47,941	54,713
Jun-16	1,803	1,446	17,679	2,713	1,033	631	12,525	4,870	4,913	37,787	42,700
Jul-16	26,724	1,139	18,980	2,246	1,133	339	14,549	4,951	29,335	40,726	70,061
Aug-16	64,284	1,517	19,278	2,910	1,392	524	11,077	6,166	67,717	39,431	107,148
Sep-16	31,521	3,173	19,105	1,863	823	1,086	8,742	4,843	36,603	34,553	71,156
Oct 1-8	11,804	2,756	6,662	787	106	456	4,166	1,797	15,122	13,412	28,534
Oct 9-15	7,339	1,465	2,765	354	31	442	1,622	1,050	9,277	5,791	15,068
Oct 16-22	8,386	620	6,689	784	63	0	1,658	1,405	9,069	10,536	19,605
Total	162,757	17,239	168,400	30,146	12,197	8,822	104,116	57,559	201,015	360,221	561,236

Undocumented Afghans Arrival Trends in July to October by Week



Number of 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			
16-Jan	527	0	55	64	249	0	1,053	789	776	1961	2,737
16-Feb	755	0	56	104	185	0	1,118	882	940	2160	3,100
16-Mar	1,368	0	42	85	233	0	570	526	1,601	1223	2,824
16-Apr	2,724	0	90	126	316	0	1,185	495	3,040	1896	4,936
16-May	2,218	0	101	164	125	0	1,209	744	2,343	2218	4,561
16-Jun	1,033	0	153	117	89	0	1,070	349	1,122	1689	2,811
16-Jul	3,446	0	100	114	169	0	1,102	567	3,615	1883	5,498
16-Aug	9,668	0	84	62	221	0	819	810	9,889	1775	11,664
16-Sep	9,649	0	78	5	54	0	507	244	9,703	834	10,537
Oct 1 - 8	4,472	0	51	23	10	0	313	250	4,482	637	5,119
Oct 9 -15	2,893	0	55	19	6	0	76	57	2,899	207	3,106
Oct 16-22	2,743	0	13	35	0	0	90	89	2,743	227	2,970
Totals	41,496	0	878	918	1,657	0	9,112	5,802	43,153	16,710	59,863

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.

PSNs assisted from 16-21 October 2016	Persons						
	From Iran			From Pakistan			Total
	Islam Qala	Milak	Sub-Total	Torkham	Spin Boldak	Sub-Total	
Poor Family (PF)	9	23	32	2689	0	2689	2721
Unaccompanied Migrant Children (UMC)	47	7	54	0	0	0	54
Single Parent Family (SP)	0	0	0	634	0	634	634
Special Cases (SC)	6	10	16	0	0	0	16
Medical Case (MC)	6	12	18	0	0	0	18
Physically Disabled (PD)	1	1	2	0	0	0	2
Unaccompanied Elderly (UE)	0	5	5	0	0	0	5
Drug Addicted (DA)	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
Single Female (SF)	2	0	2	0	0	0	2
Mentally Ill (MI)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chronically Ill (CI)	0	2	2	0	0	0	2
A: Total PSNs	72	60	132	3323	0	3323	3455
B: Deported Families	28	55	83	0	0	0	0
Total (A&B)	100	115	215	3323	0	3323	3455

Return Projection to 31 December 2016:

The projection below changes based on the weekly trends of return from Pakistan. Based on daily trends from August to October the projection for the remainder of 2016 to 31 December is 148,268 individuals.

Months	Return Projections to 31 December 2016 from Pakistan				
	Returns	Daily Average	Projection for October	Projection for Oct - Dec 2016	IOM Assistance Under Flash Appeal
August	67,717	1,640	48,228	148,268	60,000
September	36,603				
October 1 - 22	33,468				

Updates from Humanitarian Partners:

The below table highlights the commitment of humanitarian agencies at the Torkham border crossing, to assist undocumented Afghan returnee families, with food, hygiene kits and medicine at IOM’s Transit Center and at the zero point from 16-22 October. From next week, distribution of UNFPA dignity kits and Mine Education Awareness sessions conducted by UNMAS will commence.

Organization	Types of Service	Total Families Assisted	Individuals Assisted	Male	Female	Boys under 18	Girls under 18
WFP	Full Package Food	637	4,124	635	705	1,377	1,407
WHO	Medical Service	65	164	50	92	16	6
UNICEF	Family and Hygiene kits	277	1850	303	325	564	658
UNICEF	Hygiene Awareness Training for Kit recipients	427	2895	303	325	564	658



Three returnee brothers await their father outside of newly erected rub halls at the Torkham border crossing on 19 October 2016. Photo credit: A. Alhaique OCHA

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