

A DoRR border monitoring team enters returnee information into the IOM-designed Afghan Returnee Information System (ARIS) at Torkham border crossing.

Highlights

- A total of 4,158 undocumented Afghans spontaneously returned or were deported from Pakistan between 20-26 November, a 17.7% decrease from the previous week.
- A total of 6,339 undocumented Afghans spontaneously returned or were deported from Iran during the same period. This is a 30.4% decrease from the previous week.
- A total of 236,724 undocumented Afghans have spontaneously returned or been deported from Pakistan and 406,022 from Iran since the beginning of the year.

Returns from Pakistan

From 20-26 November 2016, a total of **4,158** undocumented Afghans spontaneously returned or were deported from Pakistan through Nangarhar province's Torkham border crossing and Kandahar province's Spin Boldak border crossing according to the Border Monitoring Team of the Directorate of Refugees and Repatriation (DoRR). 3,992 were spontaneous returnees in family groups and 166 were deported individuals. This brings the total number of Afghan undocumented returnees from Pakistan to **236,724** in 2016. The total this week represents a **17.7% decrease** from last week, with deportations decreasing by 30.8%.

During the reporting period, IOM provided **2,043 (49%)** undocumented Afghan returnees arriving through the Torkham and Spin Boldak border crossings with post-arrival humanitarian assistance including meals and accommodation at IOM Transit Centers, Non-Food Items (NFIs) for families, special assistance to Persons with Specific Needs (PSNs), a one-month food ration from WFP, family and hygiene kits from UNICEF and dignity kits from UNFPA.

Situation Overview

IOM is responding to a substantial increase in the number of undocumented Afghans returning from Pakistan and Iran. Since the beginning of 2016, over 642,000 undocumented Afghans have returned to Afghanistan, due to a number of diverse push factors including a deteriorating protection space in Pakistan.

Many 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 into a country already struggling with widespread conflict and displacement.

At its Transit Camps near the four major border crossing points in Torkham, Spin Boldak, Herat and Nimroz, IOM staff provide post-arrival humanitarian assistance to returnees.

IOM has appealed for USD 21 million to provide life-saving assistance to the most vulnerable undocumented Afghans returning home from Pakistan before the end of 2016. The appeal can be found online at <http://www.iom.int/appeal/iom-afghanistan-undocumented-afghan-returnees-appeal-september-december-2016>. As of 21 November 2016, the Appeal is 50% funded.

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Returns from Iran

From 20-26 November, a total of **6,339** 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 a **30.4% decrease** in the return from Iran in comparison with last week. Out of the total returnees 111 (3%) were spontaneous families and 3,738 (97%) were individuals. Similarly, out of the total deportees 142 (6%) were in families whereas 2,348 (94%) were individuals. This brings the total of undocumented returnees in 2016 to **406,022** from Iran.

IOM provided post-arrival humanitarian assistance to **184 (2.9%)** 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 involuntarily from Iran are in need of humanitarian assistance.

Return Projection to 31 December 2016

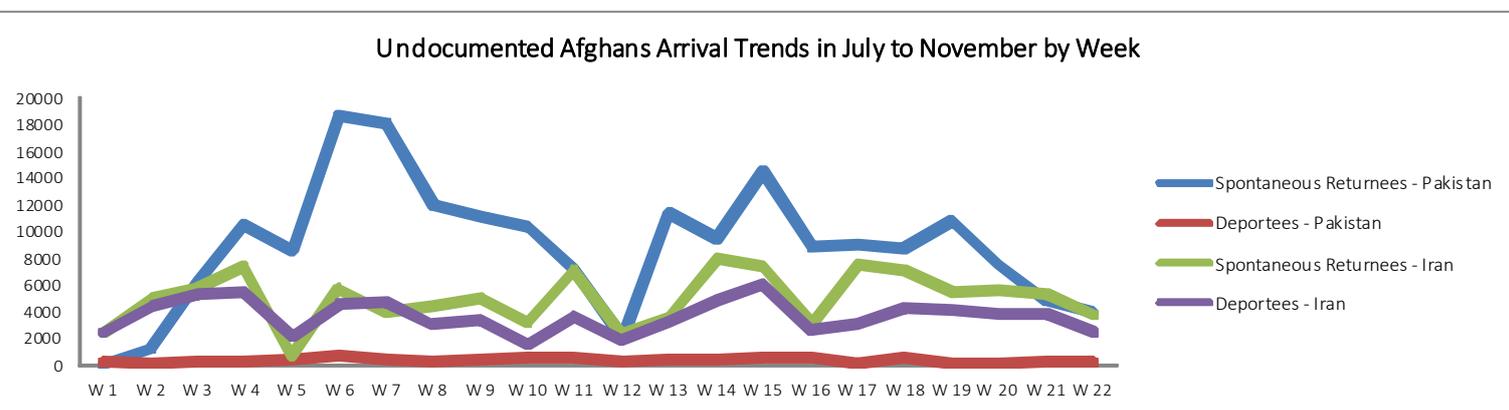
This projection changes based on the weekly trends from Pakistan through Torkham and Spin Boldak border crossing points. Based on the trends from 20-26 November 2016, the projection for the remainder of 2016 is 83,468 individuals.

IOM-Assisted Undocumented Afghans at Turkham, Islam Qala and Milak Border Crossing Points:

Date	Spontaneous Returnees				Deportees				Total Pakistan	Total Iran	Grand Total
	Turkham	Spin Boldak	Herat	Nimroz	Turkham	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
Nov 13-19	1,576	959	0	11	6	46	118	208	2,587	337	2,924
Nov 20-26	1,514	451	4	10	4	74	75	95	2,043	184	2,227
Total	53,226	1,410	904	1,002	1,695	120	9,675	6,541	56,451	18,122	74,573

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

Date	Spontaneous Returnees				Deportees				Total Pakistan	Total Iran	Grand Total
	Turkham	Spin Boldak	Herat	Nimroz	Turkham	Spin Boldak	Herat	Nimroz			
Jan-Oct 16	174,035	18,446	176,746	31,406	12,187	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
Nov 13-19	3,601	1,215	4,650	617	23	217	2,216	1,632	5,056	9,115	14,171
Nov 20-26	3,235	757	3,372	477	19	147	1,599	891	4,158	6,339	10,497
Total	193,213	21,545	192,296	33,502	12,284	9,682	115,639	64,585	236,724	406,022	642,746



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