



An unaccompanied migrant child in front of the IOM Transit Center in Herat  
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## Highlights

- 483** undocumented Afghans returned from Pakistan
- 14,618** undocumented Afghans returned from Iran
- 3,879** total returns from Pakistan since 01 Jan 2018
- 102,927** total returns from Iran since 01 Jan 2018
- 94%** of returnees from Pakistan (453 individuals) assisted
- 5%** of returnees from Iran (727 individuals) assisted
- 158** Unaccompanied Migrant Children (UMC) from Iran among those assisted, 0 from Pakistan
- 76** Medical Cases (MC) from Iran among those assisted, 0 from Pakistan

## Return from Pakistan

A total of **483** undocumented Afghans spontaneously returned or were deported from Pakistan through the Turkham (Nangarhar) and Spin Boldak (Kandahar) border crossings from 25 Feb—03 Mar 2018, according to the Border Monitoring Team of the Directorate of Refugees and Repatriation (DoRR). Of the total returnees, 481 were spontaneous returnees and 2 were deported. This number marks a **33% increase** compared to the previous week (364). The total number of undocumented Afghan returnees from Pakistan since 01 January 2018 is now 3,879. IOM provided post-arrival assistance to **94%** of undocumented Afghan returnees from Pakistan (453 individuals), including 335 individuals in poor families and 118 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.

## Extension of ACC And Issuance of PoR Cards

The Government of Pakistan has extended validity of Proof of Registration cards to 1.4m Afghan refugees until 30 June 2018 pending further review after the upcoming Pakistani Federal election and appointment of a new Cabinet. In addition, the National Authority for Database and Registration (NADRA) has begun the issuance of Afghan Citizen Cards for over 850,000 undocumented Afghans who applied to register since 16 August 2017 at 21 registration points across Pakistan. Thus far, more than 88,000 Afghans have received their ACC cards as of 05 March 2018. ACC registration centers will remain open until 08 March to continue card distribution. ACC holders will be required to return to Afghanistan to regularize by registering for civil documentation including a passport and a Pakistani visa before returning to Pakistan.

## Situation Overview

IOM is responding to a substantial increase in the return of undocumented Afghans from Pakistan and Iran. Since 01 January 2018, over 106,000 undocumented Afghans have returned due to diverse push factors, including deteriorating protection space in Pakistan and Iran. 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. The governments of Afghanistan and Pakistan together with UN counterparts have now extended Proof of Registration cards for 1.4m Afghan refugees in Pakistan to 30 June 2018 and have begun the issuance of Afghan Citizenship Cards on 16 February for more than 850,000 undocumented Afghans. IOM is working to scale up its support to returnees in coordination with the Government of Afghanistan and other humanitarian partners in line with the 2018 Humanitarian Response Plan (HRP).

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Return from Iran

A total of **14,618** undocumented Afghans spontaneously returned or were deported from Iran through the Milak (Nimroz) and Herat (Islam Qala) border crossings between 25 Feb—03 Mar 2018, **2 % less** than in the previous week. Of the total deported undocumented Afghans, 2,603 individuals were deported through Islam Qala (Herat) and 6,910 were deported through Milak (Nimroz). Of those who spontaneously returned, 3,693 returned through Islam Qala (Herat) and 1,412 through Milak (Nimroz). Out of the total deportees, 361 individuals (4%) were deported with family members whereas 9,152 (94%) were deported as individuals. This brings the total number of undocumented returnees from Iran since 01 January 2018 to 102,927. IOM provided post-arrival humanitarian assistance to **727 (5%)** undocumented Afghans deported from Iran at its Transit Centers in Nimroz and Herat, **including** 292 individuals in Deported Families (DF), 158 Unaccompanied Migrant Children (UMC), 146 Special Cases (SC), 76 Medical Cases (MC), 22 poor families (PF), 9 Unaccompanied Elderly (UAE), 9 Physical Disabled (PD), 6 Single Parents (SP), 3 Drug Addicted (DA), and 3 Single Females (SF).

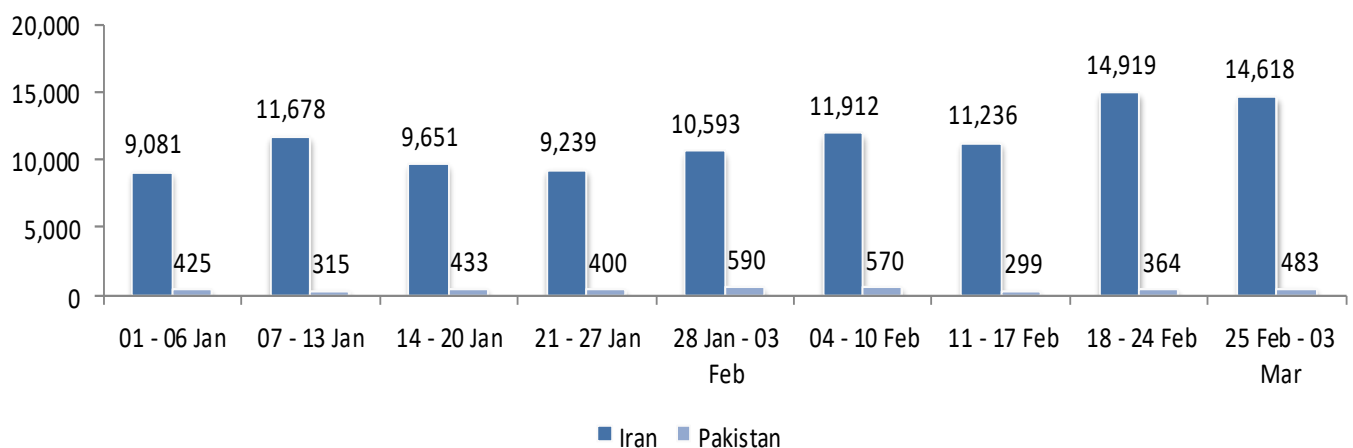
Number of Undocumented Returnees 2018 (Turkham, Spin Boldak, Islam Qala and Milak)

Date	Spontaneous Returnees				Deportees				Total Pakistan	Total Iran	Grand Total
	Turkham	Spin Bold	Herat	Nimroz	Turkham	Spin Bold	Herat	Nimroz			
January 2018	774	889	17,688	5,720	170	48	9,323	14,535	1,881	47,266	49,147
01 - 10 Feb 18	311	264	4,310	733	50	227	3,147	6,698	852	14,888	15,740
11 - 17 Feb 18	113	146	2,338	1,479	15	25	1,459	5,960	299	11,236	11,535
18 - 24 Feb 18	129	227	3,262	1,622	4	4	1,796	8,239	364	14,919	15,283
25 Feb - 03 Mar 18	231	250	3,693	1,412	1	1	2,603	6,910	483	14,618	15,101
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,558</b>	<b>1,776</b>	<b>31,291</b>	<b>10,966</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>305</b>	<b>18,328</b>	<b>42,342</b>	<b>3,879</b>	<b>102,927</b>	<b>106,806</b>

IOM Assisted Undocumented Afghans 2018 (Turkham, Spin Boldak, Islam Qala and Milak)

Date	Spontaneous Returnees				Deportees				Total Pakistan	Total Iran	Grand Total
	Turkham	Spin Bold	Herat	Nimroz	Turkham	Spin Bold	Herat	Nimroz			
January 2018	774	854	56	24	21	16	389	1,542	1,665	2,011	3,676
01 - 10 Feb 18	304	257	31	6	26	11	100	375	598	512	1,110
11 - 17 Feb 18	120	146	3	20	3	0	88	373	269	484	753
18 - 24 Feb 18	129	224	44	18	1	0	114	452	354	628	982
25 Feb - 03 Mar 18	231	222	3	26	0	0	230	468	453	727	1,180
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,558</b>	<b>1,703</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>921</b>	<b>3,210</b>	<b>3,339</b>	<b>4,362</b>	<b>7,701</b>

Arrival of Undocumented Afghans by Week



IOM Afghanistan has assisted 7,701 undocumented Afghans returning from Iran and Pakistan since 01 January 2018, thanks to the dedication of our staff and the generosity of our donors.

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