



Afghan returnees waiting for registration at the IOM Nimroz Reception Center Milak border © IOM 2019

Highlights

293,402 total returns from Iran and Pakistan since 01 Jan 2019

279,588 total returns from Iran

13,814 total returns from Pakistan

10,347 undocumented Afghans returned from Iran with **6%** of returnees from Iran (652 individuals) assisted

192 undocumented Afghans returned from Pakistan with **93%** of returnees from Pakistan (179 individuals) assisted.

Return from Iran

According to the Border Monitoring Team of the Directorate of Refugees and Repatriation (DoRR), a total of **10,347** undocumented Afghans spontaneously returned or were deported from Iran through the Milak (Nimroz) and Herat (Islam Qala) border crossings between 04 -10 August 2019, **6 %** more than the previous week (**9,804**). **5,855** returned voluntarily, **4,492** were deported. This brings the total number of undocumented returnees from Iran since 01 January 2019 to **279,588**. IOM provided post-arrival humanitarian assistance to 652 (**6%**) undocumented Afghans deported from Iran at its Transit Centers in Nimroz and Herat, including 54 Unaccompanied Migrant Children, 34 Medical Cases, 86 members of Single Parent Families, 11 Physically Disabled persons, 23 Unaccompanied Elderly, 4 Single Females, 209 members of deported families, and 13 persons with substance abuse concerns.

Protection Assistance

The Protection unit completed case management assessments for 124 PSN cases in Herat, Takhar, Balkh, Ghor, Jawzjan, Kabul, Kunduz and Faryab including 23 special cases, 59 Unaccompanied Migrant Children, 16 female-headed households, 6 at risk elderly persons and 11 medical cases .

Migration Health

On 4th August 2019, IOM's Migration Health unit organized an orientation training for newly recruited provincial Tuberculosis health staff. Representatives from the Ministry of Public Health (MoPH) also participated in this workshop. Because of this training, IOM staff in all four border crossings are now able to identify persons infected with Tuberculosis, and will be able to give the necessary medication to treat the disease.

Situation Overview

In 2019, IOM is projecting a return of over 570,000 returnees from Iran linked to ongoing economic challenges and a minimum of 50,000 returns from Pakistan, a figure that has already been endorsed by the Governments of Pakistan and Afghanistan. The remaining undocumented and Afghan Citizenship Card holding caseloads of more than 1,000,000 people may also face deportation from Pakistan in 2019. On 27 June, ACCs were extended until 31 October 2019 by the Government of Pakistan.

Monthly Return of Undocumented Afghans

Month	Iran	Pakistan	Total
January 2019	34,413	1,291	35,704
February 2019	24,071	1,376	25,447
March 2019	37,512	2,202	39,714
April 2019	53,898	3,453	57,351
May-19	39,886	1,488	41,374
Jun-19	35,277	1,440	36,717
Jul-19	40,947	2,132	43,079
Aug-19	13,584	432	14,016
Total	279,588	13,814	293,402

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Return from Pakistan

According to the Border Monitoring Team of the Directorate of Refugees and Repatriation (DoRR), a total of **192** undocumented Afghans spontaneously returned or were deported from Pakistan through the Turkham (Nangarhar) and Spin Boldak (Kandahar) border crossings from 04-11 August 2019. out of them, 79 were spontaneous returnees and 5 were deportees. This number marks a **66%** decrease compared to the previous week (563). The total number of undocumented Afghan returnees from Pakistan since 01 January 2019 is now 13,814. IOM provided post-arrival assistance to **93%** of undocumented returnees from Pakistan (179 individuals).

Number of Undocumented Returnees in 2019 (Herat, Nimroz, Turkham and Spin Boldak)

Date	Iran				Total Iran	Pakistan				Total Pakistan	Overall Return
	Herat		Nimroz			Turkham		Kandahar			
	Spont	Deport	Spont	Deport		Spont	Deport	Spont	Deport		
Jan - June 2019	48,271	42,822	50,295	83,669	225,057	2326	1210	6574	1140	11,250	236,307
01 - 27 Jul 2019	6,779	6,792	7,354	13,455	34,380	540	12	1189	68	1,809	36,189
28 July - 03 Aug 2019	2,870	1,691	1,764	3,479	9,804	189	0	374	0	563	10,367
04 Aug - 10 Aug 2019	4,225	1,586	1,630	2,906	10,347	79	5	108	0	192	10,539
Total	62,145	52,891	61,043	103,509	279,588	3,134	1,227	8,245	1,208	13,814	293,402

Number of Assisted PSNs by IOM in 2019 (Herat, Nimroz, Turkham and Spin Boldak)

Date	Iran				Total Iran	Pakistan				Total Pakistan	Overall Assisted
	Herat		Nimroz			Turkham		Kandahar			
	Spont	Deport	Spont	Deport		Spont	Deport	Spont	Deport		
Jan - May 2019	510	6,923	1,874	5,617	14,924	2326	153	6072	675	9,226	24,150
01 - 27 Jul 2019	389	1,245	162	903	2,699	540	0	1096	0	1,636	4,335
28 July - 03 Aug 2019	148	196	27	166	537	189	0	379	0	568	1,105
04 - 10 Aug 2019	157	273	66	156	652	79	0	100	0	179	831
Total	1,204	8,637	2,129	6,842	18,812	3,134	153	7,647	675	11,609	30,421

Type of Assisted PSNs by IOM (Turkham, Spin Boldak, Islam Qala and Milak)

PSNs Assisted 04-11 Aug 2019	Persons						Total
	From Iran			From Pakistan			
	Herat	Nimroz	Sub-Total	Turkham	Spin Boldak	Sub-Total	
Poor Family (PF)	105	42	147	49	68	117	264
Unaccompanied Migrant Children	46	8	54	0	0	0	54
Single Parents Family (SP)	57	29	86	30	32	62	148
Special Cases (SC)	56	14	70	0	0	0	70
Medical Case (MC)	20	14	34	0	0	0	34
Physically Disabled (PD)	6	5	11	0	0	0	11
Unaccompanied Elderly (UE)	20	3	23	0	0	0	23
Drug Addicted (DA)	12	1	13	0	0	0	13
Single Female (SF)	4	0	4	0	0	0	4
Mentally Ill (MI)	0	1	1	0	0	0	1
Chronically ill (CI)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Deported Families	104	105	209	0	0	0	209
Total PSNs	430	222	652	79	100	179	831

IOM Afghanistan has assisted a total of 30,421 undocumented Afghans returning from Iran and Pakistan since 01 January 2019, thanks to the dedication of our staff and the generosity of our donors.

