



Under funding from the Global Fund and in partnership with UNDP, IOM is carrying out a tuberculosis detection project at major border crossings with Iran and Pakistan. Here an Active Case Finding Assistant interviews undocumented Afghan returnees for TB screening purposes at IOM's Milak Reception Center in Nimroz © IOM 2019

Highlights

384,136 total returns from Iran and Pakistan since 01 Jan 2019

367,175 total returns from Iran

16,961 total returns from Pakistan

11,653 undocumented Afghans returned from Iran this week with **3%** of returnees from Iran (375 individuals) assisted

248 undocumented Afghans returned from Pakistan this week with **90%** of returnees from Pakistan (223 individuals) assisted.

Return from Iran

According to the Border Monitoring Team of the Directorate of Refugees and Repatriation (DoRR), a total of **11,653** undocumented Afghans spontaneously returned or were deported from Iran through the Milak (Nimroz) and Herat (Islam Qala) border crossings between 06—12 October 2019, with a 14% increase from the previous week (**10,233**). **5,470** persons returned voluntarily and **6,183** were deported. This brings the total number of undocumented returnees from Iran to **367,175** in 2019. IOM provided post-arrival humanitarian assistance to **375 (3%)** undocumented Afghans deported from Iran at its Transit Centers in Nimroz and Herat, including 75 Unaccompanied Migrant Children, 20 Medical Cases, 49 members of Single Parent Families, 1 Physically Disabled persons, 20 Unaccompanied Elderly, 3 Single Females, 121 members of deported families, and 15 persons with substance abuse concerns.

IOM Thematic Support to Undocumented Returnees Protection:

76 case management assessments were completed in Takhar, Kabul, Kunduz, Kandahar, Sar-e Pul, Ghor, Nangarhar Herat, and Balkh provinces including 18 Unaccompanied Migrant Children, 7 special cases, 18 female headed households, 5 single females, 4 elderly at risk, 4 cases with substance abuse concerns, and 2 medical cases. In addition, 21 Special Cases, 10 FHH, 7 Unaccompanied Migrant Children and 4 single females received protection assistance in Kabul.

Migration Health:

A total of 1,823 undocumented Afghans were screened for tuberculosis. Of the total screened, 96 persons were found to be presumptive TB cases and referred for additional diagnostic/treatment services. In addition, 127 patients received health services in the IOM Transit Centers.

Situation Overview

As of 12 October, IOM's Cross Border Return Programme is 39% funded against its Humanitarian Response Plan request of 12.8M USD with 5.1M received from the Governments of Switzerland, Norway, Canada, the Czech Republic and CERF. Additional thematic funding has been received from ECHO for Protection programming and the Global Fund for Migration Health.

Monthly Return of Undocumented Afghans

Month	Iran	Pakistan	Total
Jan - Feb 2019	58,484	2,667	61,151
March 2019	37,512	2,202	39,714
April 2019	53,898	3,453	57,351
May 2019	39,886	1,488	41,374
June 2019	35,277	1,440	36,717
July 2019	40,947	2,132	43,079
August 2019	37,942	1,411	39,353
September 2019	45,216	1,724	46,940
October 2019	18,013	444	18,457
Total	367,175	16,961	384,136

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Return from Pakistan

According to the Border Monitoring Team of the Directorate of Refugees and Repatriation (DoRR), a total of **213** undocumented Afghans spontaneously returned and 35 were deported from Pakistan through the Torkham and Spin Boldak border crossings between 06—12 October 2019. This number marks a 22% decrease compared to the previous week (316). The total number of undocumented Afghan returnees from Pakistan in 2019 is now **16,961**. IOM provided post-arrival assistance to 223 (**90%**) undocumented returnees from Pakistan over the past week.

Number of Undocumented Returnees in 2019

Date	Iran				Total Iran	Pakistan				Total Pakistan	Overall Return
	Herat		Nimroz			Torkham		Kandahar			
	Spont	Deport	Spont	Deport		Spont	Deport	Spont	Deport		
Jan - August 2019	67,665	58,656	65,450	112,175	303,946	3,355	1,227	9,003	1,208	14,793	318,739
01 - 21 Sept 2019	7,480	5,259	4,756	11,200	28,695	267	32	1,124	13	1,436	30,131
22 - 28 Sept 2019	3,964	2,937	1,572	4,175	12,648	31	3	134	0	168	12,816
29 Sep-05 Oct 2019	1,937	2,135	1,721	4,440	10,233	138	1	175	2	316	10,549
06 - 12 Oct 2019	3,795	2,013	1,675	4,170	11,653	86	2	127	33	248	11,901
Total	84,841	71,000	75,174	136,160	367,175	3,877	1,265	10,563	1,256	16,961	384,136

Number of Assisted Returnees in 2019

Date	Iran				Total Iran	Pakistan				Total Pakistan	Overall Assisted
	Herat		Nimroz			Turkham		Kandahar			
	Spont	Deport	Spont	Deport		Spont	Deport	Spont	Deport		
Jan - August 2019	1,410	9,447	2,227	7,707	20,791	3,355	153	8,335	675	12,518	33,309
01 - 21 Sept 2019	81	905	59	968	2,013	267	0	978	0	1,245	3,258
22 - 28 Sept 2019	14	158	4	233	409	31	2	119	0	152	561
29 Sep-05 Oct 2019	26	248	0	0	274	138	0	123	0	261	535
06 - 12 Oct 2019	68	307	0	0	375	86	0	110	27	223	598
Total	1,599	11,065	2,290	8,908	23,862	3,877	155	9,665	702	14,399	38,261

Type of Assisted PSNs by IOM

PSNs Assisted 06-12 October 2019	Persons							Total
	From Iran			From Pakistan				
	Herat	Nimroz	Sub-Total	Turkham	Spin Boldak	Sub-Total		
Poor Family (PF)	25	0	25	67	107	174	199	
Unaccompanied Migrant Children	75	0	75	0	0	0	75	
Single Parents Family (SP)	49	0	49	19	3	22	71	
Special Cases (SC)	45	0	45	0	0	0	45	
Medical Case (MC)	20	0	20	0	0	0	20	
Physically Disabled (PD)	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	
Unaccompanied Elderly (UE)	20	0	20	0	0	0	20	
Substance Abuse Concerns (DA)	15	0	15	0	0	0	15	
Single Female (SF)	3	0	3	0	0	0	3	
Mentally Health Concerns (MI)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Chronically ill (CI)	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	
Deported Families	121	0	121	0	27	27	148	
Total PSNs	375	0	375	86	137	223	598	

IOM Afghanistan has assisted a total of 38,261 undocumented Afghans returning from Iran and Pakistan in 2019.

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