



IOM CBRR staff conduct Socio- Economic survey with undocumented family head at TTC Photo by Shoaib Ghiasi @ IOM 2018

Highlights

1,003 undocumented Afghans returned from Pakistan

9,242 undocumented Afghans returned from Iran

8,001 total returns from Pakistan since 01 Jan 2018

162,781 total returns from Iran since 01 Jan 2018

96% of returnees from Pakistan (963 individuals) assisted

6% of returnees from Iran (566 individuals) assisted

44 Unaccompanied Migrant Children (UMC) from Iran among those assisted, 0 from Pakistan

31 Medical Cases (MC) from Iran among those assisted, 0 from Pakistan

Return from Pakistan

A total of **1,003** undocumented Afghans spontaneously returned or were deported from Pakistan through the Turkham (Nangarhar) and Spin Boldak (Kandahar) border crossings from 01—07 April 2018, according to the Border Monitoring Team of the Directorate of Refugees and Repatriation (DoRR). Of the total returnees, 977 were spontaneous returnees and 26 were deported. This number marks a **2% increase** compared to the previous week (987). The total number of undocumented Afghan returnees from Pakistan since 01 January 2018 is now 8,001. IOM provided post-arrival assistance to **96%** of undocumented Afghan returnees from Pakistan (963 individuals), including 666 individuals in poor families, 291 individuals in single parent families and 6 Special Cases. 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.

IOM / UNHCR Collaboration

On 12 April, representatives from UNHCR and IOM's Afghanistan and Pakistan missions will hold a donor briefing on Afghan returns from Pakistan at IOM headquarters in Geneva. Highlighting the growing strategic cooperation on the issue between the two organizations a joint 2017 IOM-UNHCR Afghanistan returns report will also be launched at the same event. This report, jointly developed by both organizations, covers the returns to Afghanistan from Pakistan and Iran in 2017 of both documented and undocumented Afghans. Last year, over 600 000 Afghans returned home voluntarily or were deported from the two neighboring countries. "In spite of the inherent challenges of returning home, IOM and UNHCR are working hand in hand to ensure sustainable solutions are provided to returnees", says IOM Afghanistan Chief of Mission Laurence Hart.

Situation Overview

IOM is responding to a substantial increase in the return of undocumented Afghans from Pakistan and Iran. Since 01 January 2018, over 170,000 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 **9,242** undocumented Afghans spontaneously returned or were deported from Iran through the Milak (Nimroz) and Herat (Islam Qala) border crossings between 01—07 Apr 2018, **23 % Less** than in the previous week. Of the total deported undocumented Afghans, 1,695 individuals were deported through Islam Qala (Herat) and 4,353 were deported through Milak (Nimroz). Of those who spontaneously returned, 2,318 returned through Islam Qala (Herat) and 876 through Milak (Nimroz). Out of the total deportees, 589 individuals (10%) were deported with family members whereas 5,459 (90%) were deported as individuals. This brings the total number of undocumented returnees from Iran since 01 January 2018 to 162,781. IOM provided post-arrival humanitarian assistance to **566 (6%)** undocumented Afghans deported from Iran at its Transit Centers in Nimroz and Herat, including 378 individuals in Deported Families (DF), 44 Unaccompanied Migrant Children (UMC), 46 Special Cases (SC), 32 Single Parents Family (SP), 31 Medical Cases (MC), 17 poor families (PF), 10 Unaccompanied Elderly (UAE), 5 Physical Disabled (PD), 2 Drug Addicted (DA) and 1 Chronically Ill.

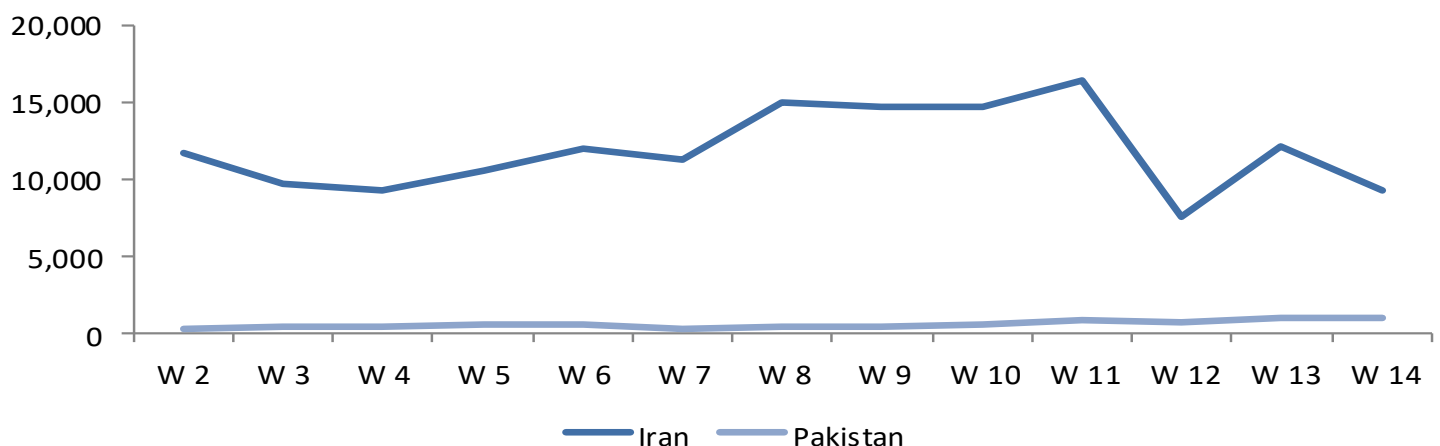
Number of Undocumented Returnees 2018 (Turkham, Spin Boldak, Islam Qala and Milak)

Date	Spontaneous Returnees				Deportees				Total Pakistan	Total Iran	Grand Total
	Turkham	Spin Bold	Herat	Nimroz	Turkham	Spin Bold	Herat	Nimroz			
January	774	889	17,688	5,720	170	48	9,323	14,535	1,881	47,266	49,147
February	633	768	13,576	4,758	69	237	8,747	25,676	1,707	52,757	54,464
01 - 24 March	978	1317	13591	5198	37	91	6,112	16,568	2,423	41,469	43,892
25 - 31 March	422	533	4,090	1,293	16	16	1,428	5,236	987	12,047	13,034
01 - 07 April	541	436	2,318	876	20	6	1,695	4,353	1,003	9,242	10,245
Total	2,807	3,507	48,945	16,969	292	398	27,305	66,368	8,001	162,781	170,782

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	774	854	56	24	21	16	389	1,542	1,665	2,011	3,676
February	633	750	81	59	30	11	463	1,558	1,424	2,161	3,585
01 - 24 March	978	1204	69	84	16	16	842	925	2,214	1,920	4,134
25 - 31 March	422	519	14	21	5	0	291	211	946	537	1,483
01 - 07 April	541	416	15	24	6	0	278	249	963	566	1,529
Total	3,348	3,743	235	212	78	43	2,263	4,485	7,212	7,195	14,407

Arrival of Undocumented Afghans by Week



IOM Afghanistan has assisted 14,407 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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