

Returnees from Iran are being interviewed by a representative of UN OCHA at the IOM Screening Center on Melak border—Nimroz province

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## Highlights

- 941** undocumented Afghans returned from Pakistan
- 13,689** undocumented Afghans returned from Iran
- 17,948** total returns from Pakistan since 01 Jan 2018
- 370,575** total returns from Iran since 01 Jan 2018
- 0%** of returnees from Pakistan (0 individuals) assisted
- 0.1%** of returnees from Iran (15 individuals) assisted
- 9** Single Parents (SP) from Iran were assisted
- 3** Single Females (SF) from Iran were assisted

## Return from Iran

A total of **13,689** undocumented Afghans spontaneously returned or were deported from Iran through the Milak (Nimroz) and Herat (Islam Qala) border crossings between 01—07 July 2018, **9% more** than in the previous week. This brings the total number of undocumented returnees from Iran since 01 January 2018 to 370,575. Due current funding gaps, IOM was only able to provide post-arrival humanitarian assistance to **15 (0.1%)** undocumented Afghans deported from Iran at its Transit Centers in Nimroz and Herat, including 3 individuals in Deported Families (DF), 9 members of Single Parent Families (SP) and 3 Single Females (SF). However, in the temporary absence of IOM and in line with the “ONE UN” Initiative, partner organizations WFP, UNICEF, WHO, DRC, and the WASH Cluster have agreed to step up and support returning Afghans using IOM facilities; thus demonstrating a well-functioning and well-coordinated returnee response at all four border crossings with Iran and Pakistan.

## IOM Afghanistan Donor Roundtable

On 09 July, IOM held a donor roundtable in Kabul presenting its funding requirements for the remainder of FY2018 with the participation of senior government officials and 19 Embassies. In order to ensure core cross border return assistance operations continue and specific returnee vulnerabilities are addressed, IOM is seeking 6.3M USD in new funding across 8 programmatic areas including but not limited to post-arrival, cash based assistance, DTM, and Protection. IOM is also pleased to announce that with approval from the Government of Japan, a budget reallocation means that cross border operations will resume during the week of 15 July for the rest of the month.

## Situation Overview

IOM is responding to a substantial increase in the return of undocumented Afghans from Pakistan and Iran. Since 01 January 2018, over 388,000 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 the Islamic Republic of Pakistan has extended both Proof of Registration cards for refugees and Afghan Citizenship Cards (ACCs) for previously undocumented Afghans until 30 September 2018 ahead of federal elections in Pakistan scheduled for 25 July 2018. Due to funding constraints, the National Authority for Database and Registration (NADRA) has been unable to complete the issuance of all 879,000 ACCs and over 500,000 cards remain unissued.

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**Return from Pakistan**

A total of **941** undocumented Afghans spontaneously returned or were deported from Pakistan through the Turkham (Nangarhar) and Spin Boldak (Kandahar) border crossings from 01 –07 July 2018, according to the Border Monitoring Team of the Directorate of Refugees and Repatriation (DoRR). Of the total returnees, 893 were spontaneous returnees and 48 were deported. This number marks a **24% decrease** compared to the previous week (1,235). The total number of undocumented Afghan returnees from Pakistan since 01 January 2018 is now 17,948. Due to current funding constraints, IOM provided post-arrival assistance to **0%** of undocumented Afghan returnees from Pakistan (0 individuals).

However, like on the two borders with Iran, partner organizations have agreed to step up and support returning Afghans using IOM facilities until IOM’s funding constraints have been resolved.

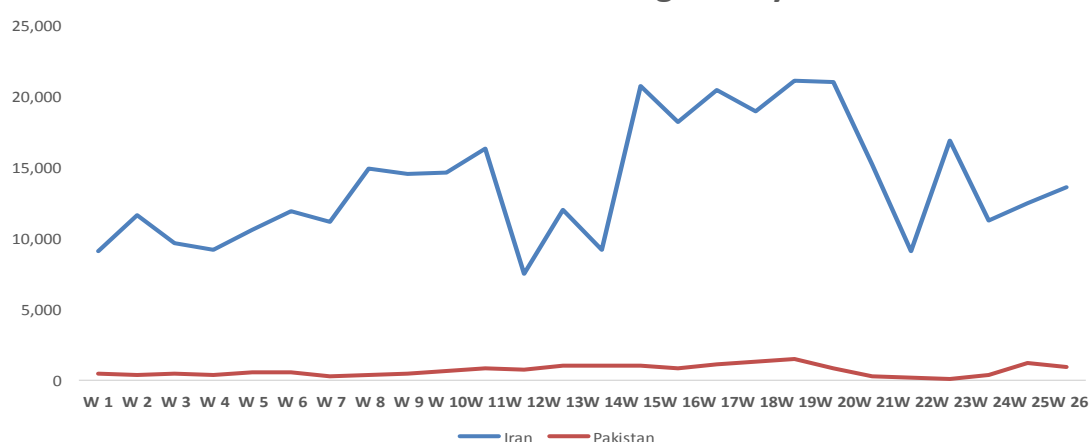
**Number of Undocumented Returnees 2018 (Turkham, Spin Boldak, Islam Qala and Milak)**

Date	Spontaneous Returnees				Deportees				Total Pakistan	Total Iran	Grand Total
	Turkham	Spin Boldak	Herat	Nimroz	Turkham	Spin Boldak	Herat	Nimroz			
Jan - May 18	7,428	6,710	94,980	33,931	436	462	62,438	114,151	15,036	305,500	320,536
01 - 16 June	252	75	10,140	1,450	14	2	7,985	7,971	343	27,546	27,889
17 - 23 June	164	191	3,604	1,346	38	0	3,188	3,174	393	11,312	11,705
24 - 30 June	511	637	4,710	1,388	72	15	1,986	4,444	1,235	12,528	13,763
01 - 07 July	473	420	4,495	1,641	48	0	2,604	4,949	941	13,689	14,630
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,828</b>	<b>8,033</b>	<b>117,929</b>	<b>39,756</b>	<b>608</b>	<b>479</b>	<b>78,201</b>	<b>134,689</b>	<b>17,948</b>	<b>370,575</b>	<b>388,523</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 Boldak	Herat	Nimroz	Turkham	Spin Boldak	Herat	Nimroz			
Jan - May 18	7,416	6,326	402	513	133	43	5,298	7,311	13,918	13,524	27,442
01 - 16 June	252	58	3	2	0	0	241	326	310	572	882
17 - 23 June	160	186	6	25	8	0	126	231	354	388	742
24 - 30 June	511	577	17	98	21	0	237	390	1,109	742	1,851
01 - 07 July	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	0	0	15	15
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,339</b>	<b>7,147</b>	<b>428</b>	<b>638</b>	<b>162</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>5,917</b>	<b>8,258</b>	<b>15,691</b>	<b>15,241</b>	<b>30,932</b>

**Arrival of Undocumented Afghans by Week**



*IOM Afghanistan has assisted 30,932 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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