



*Afghan returnees from Iran are registered at the Afghanistan Returnee Information System (ARIS) center by DoRR staff at Islam Qala (Herat) border @ IOM 2017*

## Highlights

- 1,138** undocumented Afghans returned from Pakistan
- 8,708** undocumented Afghans returned from Iran
- 88,838** total returns from Pakistan since 01 Jan 2017
- 288,007** total returns from Iran since 01 Jan 2017
- 89%** of returnees from Pakistan (1,010 individuals) assisted
- 13%** of returnees from Iran (1,164 individuals) assisted
- 252** Unaccompanied Migrant Children (UAM) from Iran among those assisted, 2 from Pakistan
- 83** Medical Cases (MC) from Iran among those assisted, 0 from Pakistan

## Return from Pakistan

A total of **1,138** undocumented Afghans spontaneously returned or were deported from Pakistan through the Turkham (Nangarhar) and Spin Boldak (Kandahar) border crossings from Oct 01—07, according to the Border Monitoring Team of the Directorate of Refugees and Repatriation (DoRR).

Of the total returnees, 1,053 were spontaneous returnees and 85 were deported. This number marks a **27% increase** compared to the previous week (899). The total number of undocumented Afghan returnees from Pakistan since 01 January 2017 is now 88,838. IOM provided post-arrival assistance to **89%** of undocumented Afghan returnees from Pakistan (1,010 individuals), including 895 individuals in poor families and 84 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.

## Contextual Update — Pakistan

As of 23 September 2017, the Government of Pakistan's National Database and Registration Authority (NADRA) supported by the Government of Pakistan and IOM has received over 146,000 applications from undocumented Afghans for Afghan Citizen Cards (ACC) across 23 registration centers, after a 10-day registration stop due to the Ashura holidays. The registration exercise commenced on 16 August 2017 and is expected to continue into next spring. ACC cards grant undocumented Afghans temporary stay in Pakistan, pending their return to Afghanistan, to regularize their legal status by acquiring a passport and visa.

## Situation Overview

IOM is responding to a substantial increase in the return of undocumented Afghans from Pakistan and Iran. Since 01 January 2017, over 376,000 undocumented Afghans have returned due to diverse push factors, including deteriorating protection space in Pakistan and Iran. This figure represents a significantly higher rate of return than in previous years. 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. IOM estimates that approximately 500,000 undocumented Afghans could return from Pakistan and Iran in 2017, and is working to scale up its support to returnees in coordination with the Government of Afghanistan and other humanitarian partners.

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Return from Iran

A total of **8,708** undocumented Afghans spontaneously returned or were deported from Iran through the Milak (Nimroz) and Herat (Islam Qala) border crossings between Oct 01-07, **34% less** than in the previous week. Although no official announcement has been made, spontaneous returns and deportations have resumed again through Islam Qala (Herat) since 07 September 2017. Of the total deported undocumented Afghans, 2,565 individuals were deported through Islam Qala (Herat) and 2,208 were deported through Milak (Nimroz). Of those who spontaneously returned, 2,427 returned through Islam Qala (Herat) and 1,508 through Milak (Nimroz).

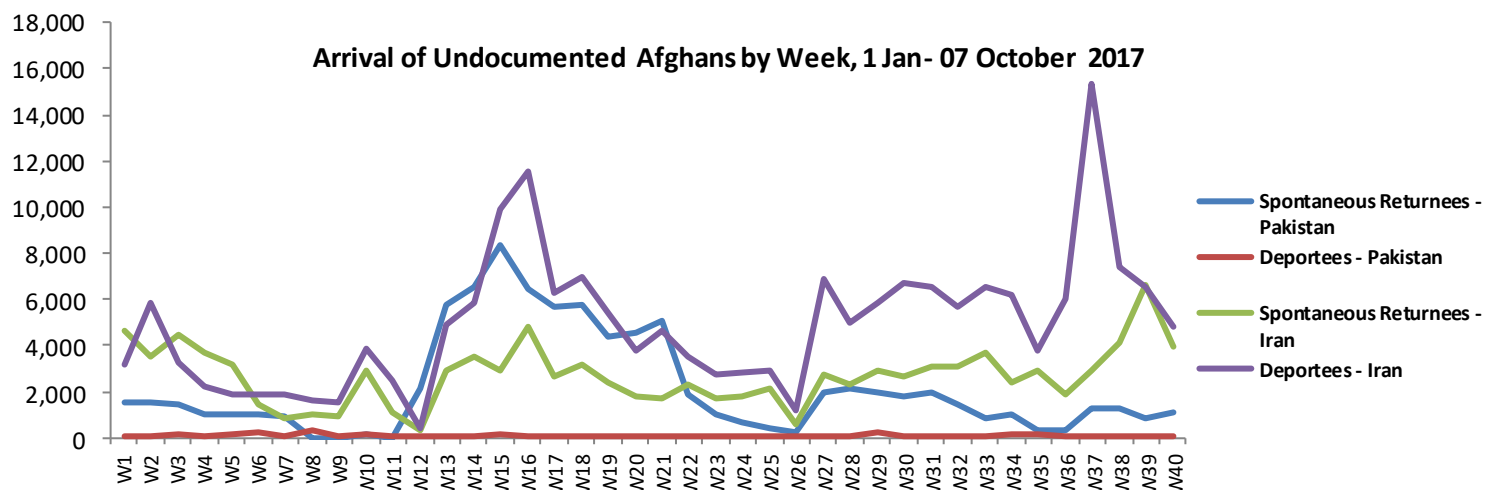
Of the total spontaneous returnees from both border crossings, 25 individuals travelled in family groups (1%) and 3,910 (99%) returned individually. Out of the total deportees, 823 individuals (17%) were deported with family members whereas 4,022 (83%) were deported as individuals. This brings the total number of undocumented returnees from Iran since 01 January 2017 to 288,007. IOM provided post-arrival humanitarian assistance to **1,164 (13%)** undocumented Afghans deported from Iran at its Transit Centers in Nimroz and Herat, including 274 individuals in Deported Families (DF), 252 Unaccompanied Migrant Children (UMC), 93 Special Cases (SC), 83 Medical Cases (MC), 12 Unaccompanied Elderly (UAE), 12 Physically Disabled (PD), 9 Drug Addicted (DA), 26 Chronically Ill (CI) and 1 Single Female (SF).

Number of Undocumented Returnees in 2017 (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			
January - August 17	54,039	26,730	17,175	69,662	2,186	835	7,505	142,791	83,790	237,133	320,923
01 - 23 Sep	1,507	1,318	225	8,615	65	121	566	19,629	3,011	29,035	32,046
24 - 30 Sep	514	364	3,515	3,077	21	0	690	5,849	899	13,131	14,030
01 - 07 Oct	405	648	2,427	1,508	14	71	2,565	2,208	1,138	8,708	9,846
<b>Total</b>	<b>56,465</b>	<b>29,060</b>	<b>23,342</b>	<b>82,862</b>	<b>2,286</b>	<b>1,027</b>	<b>11,326</b>	<b>170,477</b>	<b>88,838</b>	<b>288,007</b>	<b>376,845</b>

IOM Assisted Undocumented Afghans in 2017 (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			
January - August 17	51,528	19,333	135	541	480	508	667	9,814	71,849	11,157	83,006
01 - 23 Sep	1,499	1,216	11	11	4	41	79	1,936	2,760	2,037	4,797
24 - 30 Sep	506	307	27	14	6	0	198	576	819	815	1,634
01 - 07 Oct	405	574	0	2	1	30	596	566	1,010	1,164	2,174
<b>Total</b>	<b>53,938</b>	<b>21,430</b>	<b>173</b>	<b>568</b>	<b>491</b>	<b>579</b>	<b>1,540</b>	<b>12,892</b>	<b>76,438</b>	<b>15,173</b>	<b>91,611</b>





*Afghan Returnees from Pakistan in front of the IOM Screening Center at Turkham (Nangarhar) border @ IOM 2017*

#### Annex 1: Breakdown of Assistance Provided at all Border Crossings Points (BCP), Oct 01-07 2017

Categories	Turkham	Spin Boldak	Islam Qala	Milak	Total
Non-Food Item (NFI) Kits	90	106	97	3	296
Medical Care	97	75	116	75	363
Tuberculosis Screening	406	604	596	373	1979
Overnight Accommodation	1	219	596	564	1380
<b>Total</b>	<b>594</b>	<b>1,004</b>	<b>1,405</b>	<b>1,015</b>	<b>4,018</b>

#### Annex 2: Detailed Breakdown of Assistance Provided by Partners at Milak and Islam Qala BCP, Oct 01-07 2017

Organization	Location	Type of Assistance	Families Assisted	Total Individual Assisted	Male	Female	Boys	Girls
IOM	Registration Centre	Registration	156	965	624	236	452	142
AICHR	Registration Centre	Legal Assistance	0	0	0	0	0	0
		Food Package	97	404	223	174	120	71
	Transit Centre	Transportation	156	965	624	236	452	142
		Medical Services	22	36	89	12	22	32
		Referrals	0	5	4	0	5	0
UNICEF	Tracing & Repatriation		0	6	0	1	20	0
			0	0	0	0	145	0
WFP	Transit Center	Food Package	156	673	282	235	197	142
UNICEF	Transit Center	Child Friendly Space	0	0	107	0	232	95
AADA/UNFPA	Zero Point	OPV Vaccination for children (<10 years)	0	3	0	0	3	0
MDC/UNMAS	Transit Center	Mine Risk Education	0	0	203	61	232	71
PRM	Herat Province	Phone call	8	11	8	2	9	0



## Annex 3: Detailed Breakdown of Assistance Provided by Partners at Turkham and Spin Boldak BCP, Oct 01-07 2017

Organization	Location	Type of Assistance	Families Assisted	Total Individual Assisted	Male	Female	Boys	Girls
IOM	Transit Centre	BSAF Registatation	214	1010	204	228	277	301
IOM	Transit Centre	IOM Beneficiary Card	214	1010	204	228	277	301
	Transit Centre	Overnight Accommodation	81	220	59	50	52	59
	Transit Centre	Medical Screening	91	172	25	85	27	35
	Transit Centre	TB Screening	213	1010	204	228	277	301
	Transit Centre	Non Food Item (NFI)	196	984	180	228	275	301
	IOM	Transit Centre	Unconditional Cash for NFI	0	0	0	0	0
Transit Centre		Cash for Transportation (\$ 25-\$50)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Transit Center		Food Package	196	984	180	228	275	301
Transit Center		Medical Services	33	97	19	34	17	27
Transit Center		OPV Vaccination for children (>10 years)	0	57	0	0	30	27
WHO	Transit Center	OPV Vaccination for children (<10 years)	0	19	0	0	11	8
WHO	Transit Center	IPV Vaccination for children (<10 years)	0	141	0	0	66	75
	Transit Center	Measle Vaccination for children (<10 years)	0	65	0	0	34	31
UNICEF	Transit Center	Hygiene Kits	90	405	78	107	111	109
	Transit Center	Family Kit	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Transit Center	Hygiene Awareness Training	160	832	144	208	236	244
	Transit Center	Child Friendly Space	0	349	0	0	176	173
UNICEF	Transit Center	Nutrition services for children 6-59 months, and pregnant women and lactating mothers	40	94	0	0	43	51
UNICEF	Transit Center	Vitamin A 12-59 months	47	93	0	0	42	51
UNICEF	Transit Center	Albendazol 24-59 months	30	66	0	0	33	33
UNFPA	Transit Center	Dignity kits	0	0	0	0	0	0
AADA/UNFPA	Zero Point	Medical Services	0	359	115	103	70	71
AADA/UNFPA	Zero Point	OPV Vaccination for children (<10 years)	0	347	0	0	0	0
AADA/UNFPA	Zero Point	OPV Vaccination for children (>10 years)	0	0	0	0	0	0
AADA/UNFPA	Zero Point	IPV Vaccination for children (<10 years)	0	147	0	0	68	79
AADA/UNFPA	Zero Point	Measle Vaccination for children (<10 years)	0	138	0	0	63	75
AADA/UNFPA	Zero Point	HIV/AIDS Awareness	0	101	49	21	14	17
AADA/UNICEF	Zero Point	Nutrition services for children (6-59 months), pregnant women and lactating mothers	0	208	0	55	70	83
DDG/ DRC	Transit Center	Mine Risk Education	60	576	94	126	182	174

Annex 3: Breakdown of Provinces and States of Exile, Origin and Final Destination of Undocumented Afghans

Figure 1: Areas of Departure of undocumented spontaneous returnees from Pakistan, Jan 01—Oct 07, 2017

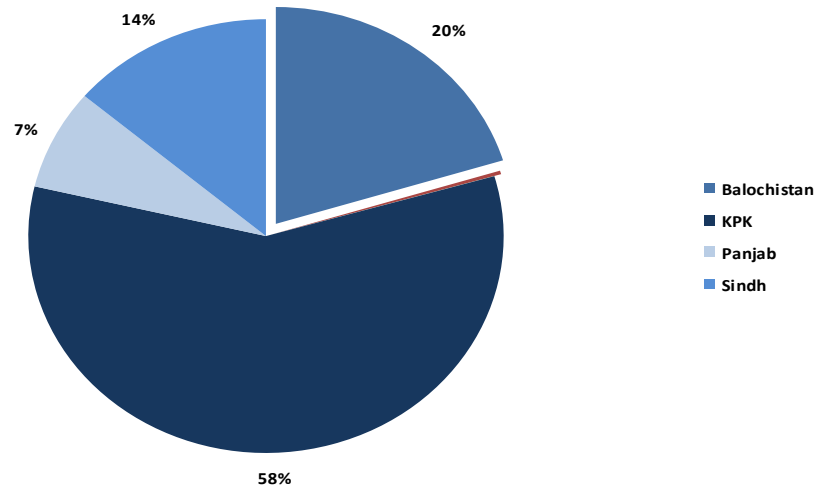


Figure 2: Top 8 provinces of Final Destination of undocumented spontaneous returnees from Pakistan, Jan 01—Oct 07, 2017

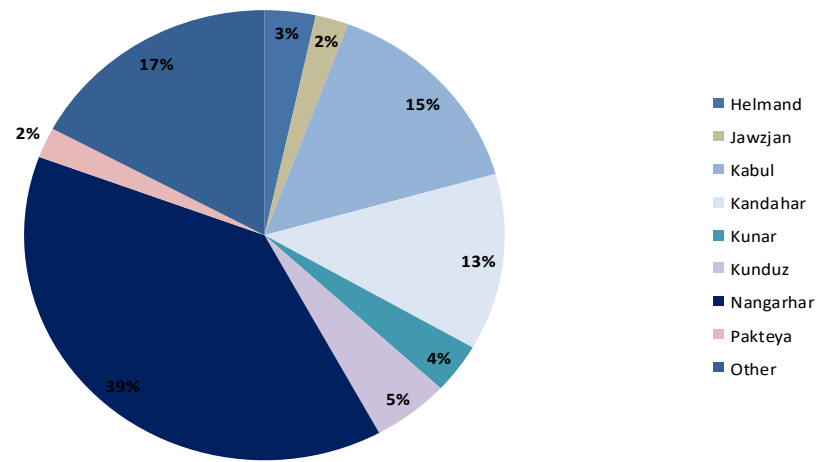
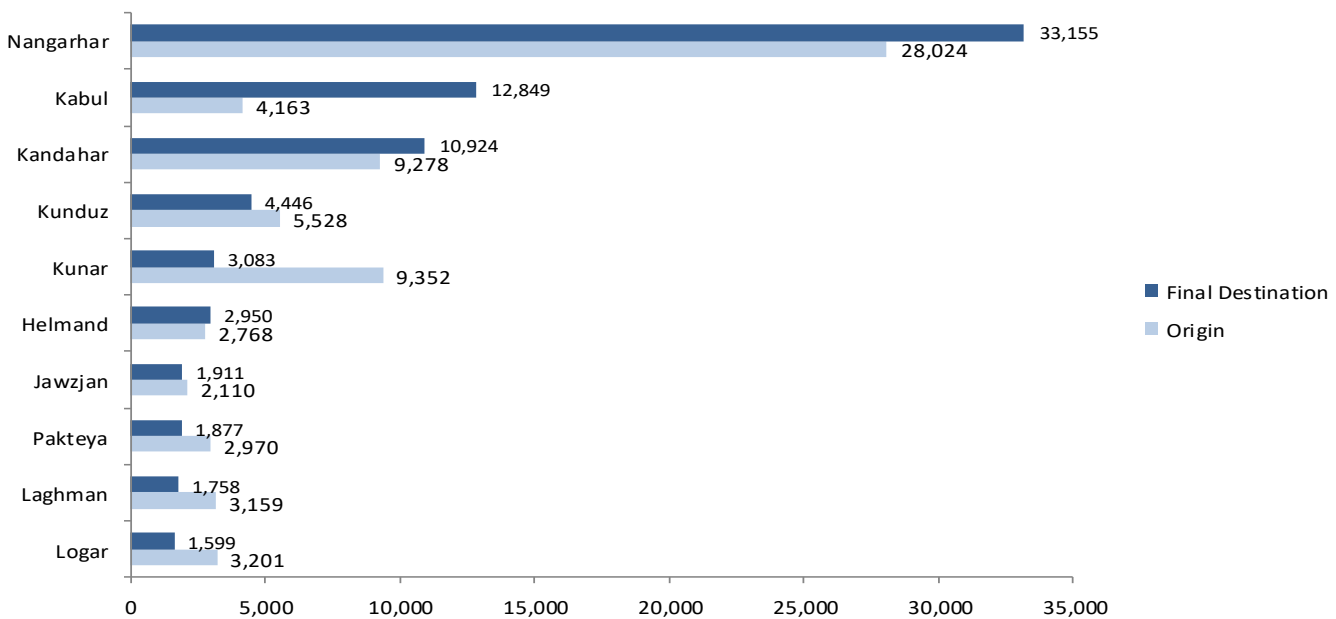


Figure 3: Top 5 Provinces of Final Destination of deported undocumented Afghans from Pakistan, Jan 01—Oct07, 2017



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