



A Returnee Family Member Received Assistance at IOM Turkham Transit Centre
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Highlights

299 undocumented Afghans returned from Pakistan

11,236 undocumented Afghans returned from Iran

3,032 total returns from Pakistan since 01 Jan 2018

73,390 total returns from Iran since 01 Jan 2018

90% of returnees from Pakistan (269 individuals) assisted

4% of returnees from Iran (484 individuals) assisted

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

77 Special Cases, (SC) from Iran among those assisted, 1 from Pakistan

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

Return from Pakistan

A total of **299** undocumented Afghans spontaneously returned or were deported from Pakistan through the Turkham (Nangarhar) and Spin Boldak (Kandahar) border crossings from 11—17 Feb 2018, according to the Border Monitoring Team of the Directorate of Refugees and Repatriation (DoRR). Of the total returnees, 259 were spontaneous returnees and 40 were deported. This number marks a **48% decrease** compared to the previous week (570). The total number of undocumented Afghan returnees from Pakistan since 01 January 2018 is now 3,032. IOM provided post-arrival assistance to **90%** of undocumented Afghan returnees from Pakistan (269 individuals), including 233 individuals in poor families, 33 individuals in single parent families, 1 special cases and 2 Mentally Ill (MI). The assistance provided includes meals, accommodation, basic medical screening, Non-Food Items (NFIs) and referral services, as well as support from partners.

ACC Registration — Pakistan

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Situation Overview

IOM is responding to a substantial increase in the return of undocumented Afghans from Pakistan and Iran. Since 01 January 2018, over 73,000 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 are presently discussing options to extend Proof of Registration card validity for 1.4m Afghan refugees in Pakistan and to begin the issuance of Afghan Citizenship Cards for more than 833,000 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 **11,236** undocumented Afghans spontaneously returned or were deported from Iran through the Milak (Nimroz) and Herat (Islam Qala) border crossings between 11—17 Feb 2018, **6 % more** than in the previous week. Of the total deported undocumented Afghans, 1,459 individuals were deported through Islam Qala (Herat) and 5,960 were deported through Milak (Nimroz). Of those who spontaneously returned, 2,338 returned through Islam Qala (Herat) and 1,479 through Milak (Nimroz). Out of the total deportees, 287 individuals (4%) were deported with family members whereas 7,132 (96%) were deported as individuals. This brings the total number of undocumented returnees from Iran since 01 January 2018 to 73,390. IOM provided post-arrival humanitarian assistance to 484 (**4%**) undocumented Afghans deported from Iran at its Transit Centers in Nimroz and Herat, **including** 210 individuals in Deported Families (DF), 100 Unaccompanied Migrant Children (UMC), 77 Special Cases (SC), 49 Medical Cases (MC), 16 Poor family (PF), 14 Unaccompanied Elderly (UAE), 6 Single Parents (SP), 5 Physical Disabled (PD), 3 Drug Addicted (DA), 2 Single Females (SF), 1 Chronically Ill (CI) and 1 Mentally Ill (MI).

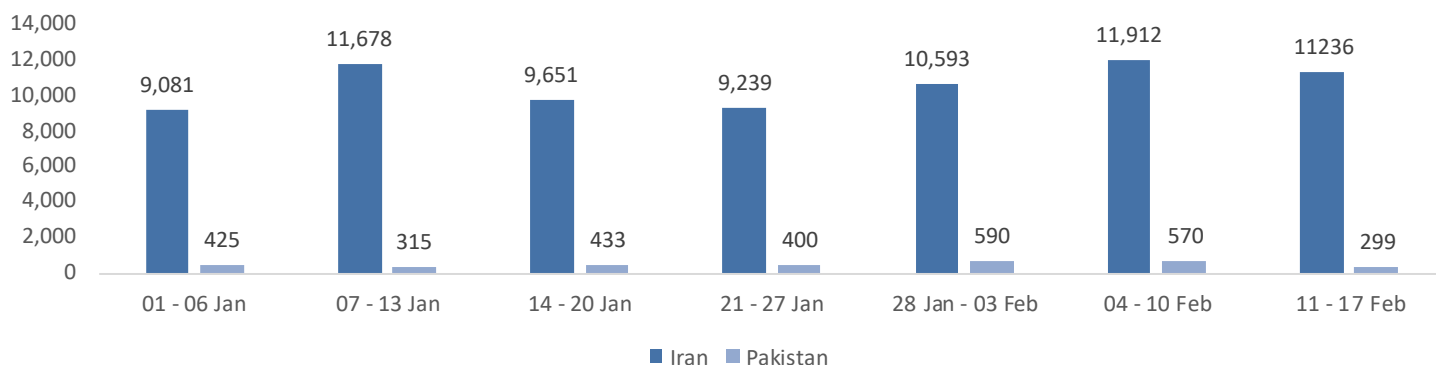
Number of Undocumented Returnees 2018 (Turkham, Spin Boldak, Islam Qala and Milak)

Date	Spontaneous Returnees				Deportees				Total Pakistan	Total Iran	Grand Total
	Turkham	Spin Bold	Herat	Nimroz	Turkham	Spin Bold	Herat	Nimroz			
January 2018	774	889	17,688	5,720	170	48	9,323	14,535	1,881	47,266	49,147
01 - 03 Feb 18	117	134	495	75	11	20	683	1,723	282	2,976	3,258
04 - 10 Feb 18	194	130	3,815	658	39	207	2,464	4,975	570	11,912	12,482
11 - 17 Feb 18	113	146	2,338	1,479	15	25	1,459	5,960	299	11,236	11,535
Total	1,198	1,299	24,336	7,932	235	300	13,929	27,193	3,032	73,390	76,422

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 2018	774	854	56	24	21	16	389	1,542	1,665	2,011	3,676
01 - 03 Feb 18	117	127	0	-6	0	0	6	57	244	57	301
04 - 10 Feb 18	187	130	31	0	26	11	94	318	354	443	797
11 - 17 Feb 18	120	146	3	20	3	0	88	373	269	484	753
Total	1,198	1,257	90	38	50	27	577	2,290	2,532	2,995	5,527

Arrival of Undocumented Afghans by Week



IOM Afghanistan has assisted 5,527 undocumented Afghans returning from Iran and Pakistan between 01 Jan—17 Feb 2018, thanks to the dedication of our staff and the generosity of our donors.

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