



A boy who returned with his family from Pakistan is receiving assistance at the IOM Transit Center in Kandahar © IOM Afghanistan

Highlights

505,688 total returns from Iran and Pakistan since 01 Jan 2018

483,681 total returns from Iran since 01 Jan 2018

22,007 total returns from Pakistan since 01 Jan 2018

18,329 undocumented Afghans returned from Iran

563 undocumented Afghans returned from Pakistan

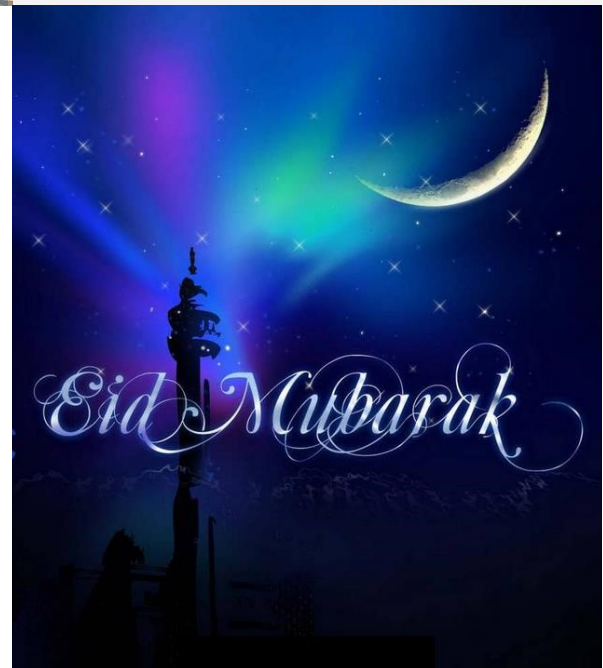
4% of returnees from Iran (744 individuals) assisted

74% of returnees from Pakistan (416 individuals) assisted

Return from Iran

A total of **18,329** undocumented Afghans spontaneously returned or were deported from Iran through the Milak (Nimroz) and Herat (Islam Qala) border crossings between 12—18 August 2018, **20% less** than in the previous week (23,008). This brings the total number of undocumented returnees from Iran since 01 January 2018 to 483,681.

Due current funding gaps, IOM was only able to provide post-arrival humanitarian assistance to **744 (4%)** undocumented Afghans deported from Iran at its Transit Centers in Nimroz and Herat, including 43 Unaccompanied Migrant Children (UMC), 22 Medical Cases (MC), 71 members of Single Parent Families (SP), 2 Single Females (SF), 8 Physical Disabled (PD), 8 Unaccompanied Elderly (UE), 25 Special Cases (SC) and 40 member of poor families (PF).



Situation Overview

Since 01 January 2018, IOM is responding to the return of over 505,000 undocumented Afghans from Pakistan and Iran. Undocumented returns from Iran in particular are seeing a massive increase of more than 200,000 in 2018 to over 460,000 total versus 187,000 in 2017, largely driven by recent political and economic issues in Iran including massive currency devaluation. As Afghans primarily work in the informal economy in Iran the demand for this type of work is drastically reduced. Further as all Afghans typically send home their earnings in the form of monthly remittances, the Afghan economy itself, already evident in the drought affected provinces of Herat, Badghis and Ghor, is suffering direct and immediate effects.

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Return from Pakistan

A total of **563** undocumented Afghans spontaneously returned or were deported from Pakistan through the Turkham (Nangarhar) and Spin Boldak (Kandahar) border crossings from 12 –18 August 2018, according to the Border Monitoring Team of the Directorate of Refugees and Repatriation (DoRR). Of the total returnees, 441 were spontaneous returnees and 122 were deported. This number marks a **11% decrease** compared to the previous week (631). The total number of undocumented Afghan returnees from Pakistan since 01 January 2018 is now 22,007. IOM provided post-arrival assistance to **74%** of undocumented Afghan returnees from Pakistan (416 individuals).

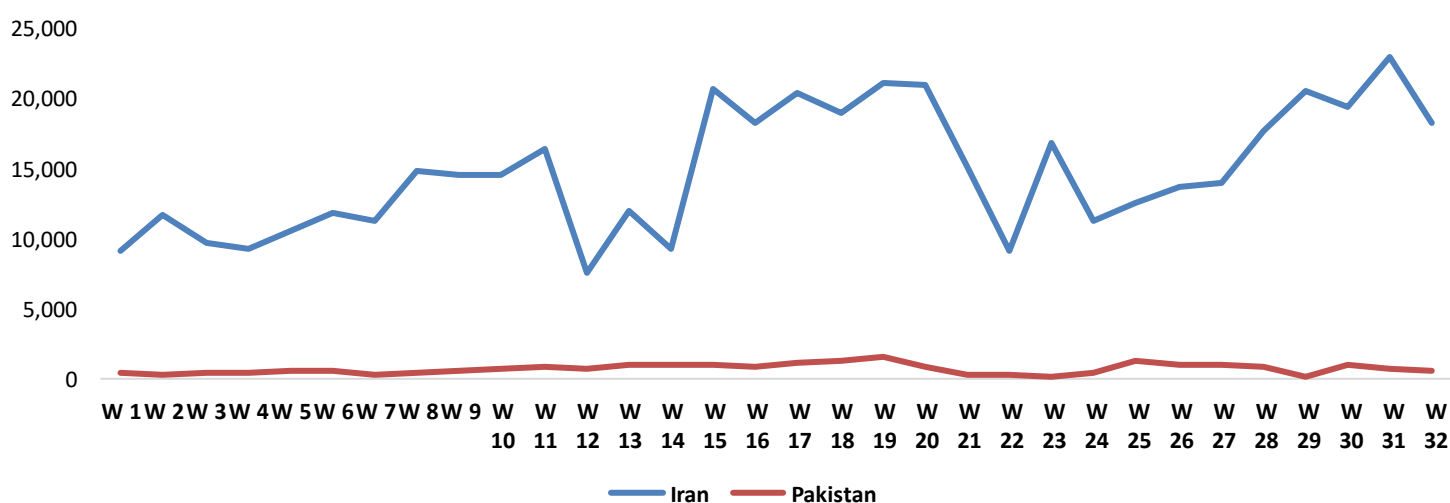
Number of Undocumented Returnees 2018 (Turkham, Spin Boldak, Islam Qala and Milak)

Date	Spontaneous Returnees				Deportees				Total Pakistan	Total Iran	Grand Total
	Turkham	Spin Boldak	Herat	Nimroz	Turkham	Spin Boldak	Herat	Nimroz			
Jan - June 18	8,355	7,613	113,434	38,115	560	479	75,597	129,740	17,007	356,886	373,893
01 - 28 July	1,351	1,313	22,381	7,565	187	1	16,778	19,221	2,852	65,945	68,797
29 Jul - 04 Aug	455	405	7,212	2,349	72	22	3,586	6,366	954	19,513	20,467
05 - 11 Aug	225	362	10,288	2,666	44	0	5,614	4,440	631	23,008	23,639
12 - 18 Aug	187	254	8,289	2,099	122	0	4,291	3,650	563	18,329	18,892
Total	10,573	9,947	161,604	52,794	985	502	105,866	163,417	22,007	483,681	505,688

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 - June 18	8,339	7,147	428	638	162	43	5,902	8,258	15,691	15,226	30,917
01 - 28 July	853	112	9	123	26	0	655	351	991	1,138	2,129
29 Jul - 04 Aug	455	390	0	129	8	0	394	366	853	889	1,742
05 - 11 Aug	225	346	21	67	14	0	330	147	585	565	1,150
12 - 18 Aug	187	209	6	66	20	0	431	241	416	744	1,160
Total	10,059	8,204	464	1,023	230	43	7,712	9,363	18,536	18,562	37,098

Arrival of Undocumented Afghans by Week



IOM Afghanistan has assisted 37,098 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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