



Undocumented Afghan returnees register within DoRR's Afghanistan Returnee Information System (ARIS) at IOM's Milak Reception Center in Nimroz. During 2019, more than 109,271 returnees have been captured in the ARIS system © IOM 2019

Highlights

392,228 total returns from Iran and Pakistan since 01 Jan 2019

374,860 total returns from Iran

17,368 total returns from Pakistan

7,685 undocumented Afghans returned from Iran this week with **4%** of returnees from Iran (325 individuals) assisted

407 undocumented Afghans returned from Pakistan this week with **87%** of returnees from Pakistan (355 individuals) assisted.

Return from Iran

According to the Border Monitoring Team of the Directorate of Refugees and Repatriation (DoRR), a total of **7,685** undocumented Afghans spontaneously returned or were deported from Iran through the Milak (Nimroz) and Herat (Islam Qala) border crossings between 13—19 October 2019, with a 34% decrease from the previous week (**11,653**). **2,916** persons returned voluntarily and **4,769** were deported. This brings the total number of undocumented returnees from Iran to **374,860** in 2019. IOM provided post-arrival humanitarian assistance to **325 (4%)** undocumented Afghans deported from Iran at its Transit Centers in Herat, including 38 Unaccompanied Migrant Children, 8 Medical Cases, 32 members of Single Parent Families, 3 Physically Disabled persons, 11 Unaccompanied Elderly persons, 1 Single Female, 137 members of deported families, and 8 persons with substance abuse concerns.

IOM Thematic Support to Undocumented Returnees Protection:

81 case management assessments were completed in Bamyan, Kunduz, Kunar, Laghman, Kabul, Ghor, Takhar, Nangarhar, Herat, Balkh, Kandahar and Sar-e Pul provinces including 16 female headed household, 14 Unaccompanied Migrant Children, 7 medical cases, 6 elderly at risk, 4 physically disabled persons and 3 single females. In addition, 69 Unaccompanied Migrant Children, 24 medical cases, 7 Substance Abuse concerns cases, and 4 physically disabled persons received protection assistance in Ghor.

Migration Health:

A total of 1,596 undocumented Afghans were screened for tuberculosis. Of the total screened, 11 persons were found to be presumptive TB cases and referred for additional diagnostic/treatment services. In addition, 93 patients received health services in the IOM Transit Centers.

Situation Overview

As of 19 October, IOM's Cross Border Return Programme is 39% funded against its Humanitarian Response Plan request of 12.8M USD with 5.1M received from the Governments of Switzerland, Norway, Canada, the Czech Republic and CERF. Additional thematic funding has been received from ECHO for Protection programming and the Global Fund for Migration Health.

Monthly Return of Undocumented Afghans

Month	Iran	Pakistan	Total
Jan - Feb 2019	58,484	2,667	61,151
March 2019	37,512	2,202	39,714
April 2019	53,898	3,453	57,351
May 2019	39,886	1,488	41,374
June 2019	35,277	1,440	36,717
July 2019	40,947	2,132	43,079
August 2019	37,942	1,411	39,353
September 2019	45,216	1,724	46,940
October 2019	25,698	851	26,549
Total	374,860	17,368	392,228

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Return from Pakistan

According to the Border Monitoring Team of the Directorate of Refugees and Repatriation (DoRR), a total of **398** undocumented Afghans spontaneously returned and 9 were deported from Pakistan through the Torkham and Spin Boldak border crossings between 13—19 October 2019. This number marks a 64% increase compared to the previous week (248). The total number of undocumented Afghan returnees from Pakistan in 2019 is now **17,368**. IOM provided post-arrival assistance to **355 (87%)** undocumented returnees from Pakistan over the past week.

Number of Undocumented Returnees in 2019

Date	Iran				Total Iran	Pakistan				Total Pakistan	Overall Return
	Herat		Nimroz			Torkham		Kandahar			
	Spont	Deport	Spont	Deport		Spont	Deport	Spont	Deport		
Jan - August 2019	67,665	58,656	65,450	112,175	303,946	3,355	1,227	9,003	1,208	14,793	318,739
01 - 28 Sept 2019	11,444	8,196	6,328	15,375	41,343	298	35	1,258	13	1,604	42,947
29 Sep-05 Oct 2019	1,937	2,135	1,721	4,440	10,233	138	1	175	2	316	10,549
06 - 12 Oct 2019	3,795	2,013	1,675	4,170	11,653	86	2	127	33	248	11,901
13 - 19 Oct 2019	1,836	1,460	1,080	3,309	7,685	89	0	309	9	407	8,092
Total	86,677	72,460	76,254	139,469	374,860	3,966	1,265	10,872	1,265	17,368	392,228

Number of Assisted Returnees in 2019

Date	Iran				Total Iran	Pakistan				Total Pakistan	Overall Assisted
	Herat		Nimroz			Turkham		Kandahar			
	Spont	Deport	Spont	Deport		Spont	Deport	Spont	Deport		
Jan - August 2019	1,410	9,447	2,227	7,707	20,791	3,355	153	8,335	675	12,518	33,309
01 - 28 Sept 2019	95	1,063	63	1,201	2,422	298	2	1,097	0	1,397	3,819
29 Sep-05 Oct 2019	26	248	0	0	274	138	0	123	0	261	535
06 - 12 Oct 2019	68	307	0	0	375	86	0	110	27	223	598
13 - 19 Oct 2019	95	230	0	0	325	89	0	266	0	355	680
Total	1,694	11,295	2,290	8,908	24,187	3,966	155	9,931	702	14,754	38,941

Type of Assisted PSNs by IOM

PSNs Assisted	Persons							Total
	From Iran			From Pakistan				
	Herat	Nimroz	Sub-Total	Turkham	Spin Boldak	Sub-Total		
Socio-economic status	87	0	87	66	169	235	322	
Unaccompanied Migrant Children	38	0	38	0	0	0	38	
Single Parents Family	32	0	32	23	97	120	152	
Medical Case	8	0	8	0	0	0	8	
Physically Disabled	3	0	3	0	0	0	3	
Unaccompanied Elderly	11	0	11	0	0	0	11	
Substance Abuse Concerns	8	0	8	0	0	0	8	
Single Female	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	
Mentally Health Concerns	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Chronically ill	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Deported Families	137	0	137	0	0	0	137	
Total PSNs	325	0	325	89	266	355	680	

IOM Afghanistan has assisted a total of 38,941 undocumented Afghans returning from Iran and Pakistan in 2019.

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