



*Undocumented Afghan Family Received Assistance and Getting Ready to Move Toward Destination at Turkham Border  
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## Highlights

- 433** undocumented Afghans returned from Pakistan
- 9,651** undocumented Afghans returned from Iran
- 1,173** total returns from Pakistan since 01 Jan 2018
- 30,410** total returns from Iran since 01 Jan 2018
- 84%** of returnees from Pakistan (365 individuals) assisted
- 4%** of returnees from Iran (370 individuals) assisted
- 79** Unaccompanied Migrant Children (UMC) from Iran among those assisted, 5 from Pakistan
- 62** Medical Cases (MC) from Iran among those assisted, 0 from Pakistan

## Return from Pakistan

A total of **433** undocumented Afghans spontaneously returned or were deported from Pakistan through the Turkham (Nangarhar) and Spin Boldak (Kandahar) border crossings from 14—20 Jan 2018, according to the Border Monitoring Team of the Directorate of Refugees and Repatriation (DoRR). Of the total returnees, 356 were spontaneous returnees and 79 were deported. This number marks a **37 % increase** compared to the previous week (315). The total number of undocumented Afghan returnees from Pakistan since 01 January 2018 is now 1,173. IOM provided post-arrival assistance to **84%** of undocumented Afghan returnees from Pakistan (365 individuals), including 217 individuals in poor families, 122 individuals in Single Parent families (SP), 21 special cases (SC) and 5 Unaccompanied Migrant Children (UAM). 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.

## ACC Registration — Pakistan

As of 02 January 2018, the Government of Pakistan's National Database and Registration Authority (NADRA) supported by the Government of Pakistan and IOM has received over 665,495 applications from undocumented Afghans for Afghan Citizen Cards (ACC) across 21 registration centers. The cards themselves are currently in production and have yet to be issued. The registration exercise commenced on 20 July 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 2018, over 21,477 undocumented Afghans have returned due to diverse push factors, including deteriorating protection space in Pakistan and Iran. This figure represents a 25% decrease in the flow of return than the same period in previous year. 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 700,000 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 **9,651** undocumented Afghans spontaneously returned or were deported from Iran through the Milak (Nimroz) and Herat (Islam Qala) border crossings between 14—20 Jan 2018, **17 % less** than in the previous week. Of the total deported undocumented Afghans, 2,166 individuals were deported through Islam Qala (Herat) and 2,297 were deported through Milak (Nimroz). Of those who spontaneously returned, 4,027 returned through Islam Qala (Herat) and 1,161 through Milak (Nimroz). Out of the total deportees, 228 individuals (5%) were deported with family members whereas 4,235 (95%) were deported as individuals. This brings the total number of undocumented returnees from Iran since 01 January 2018 to 30,410. IOM provided post-arrival humanitarian assistance to **370 (4%)** undocumented Afghans deported from Iran at its Transit Centers in Nimroz and Herat, **including** 151 individuals in Deported Families (DF), 79 Unaccompanied Migrant Children (UMC), 62 Medical Cases (MC), 38 Special Cases (SC), 12 Physical Disabled (PD), 11 members of a Poor Family (PF), 7 Unaccompanied Elderly (UAE), 5 Drug Addicted (DA), 1 Single Female (SF) and 1 Mentally Ill (MI).

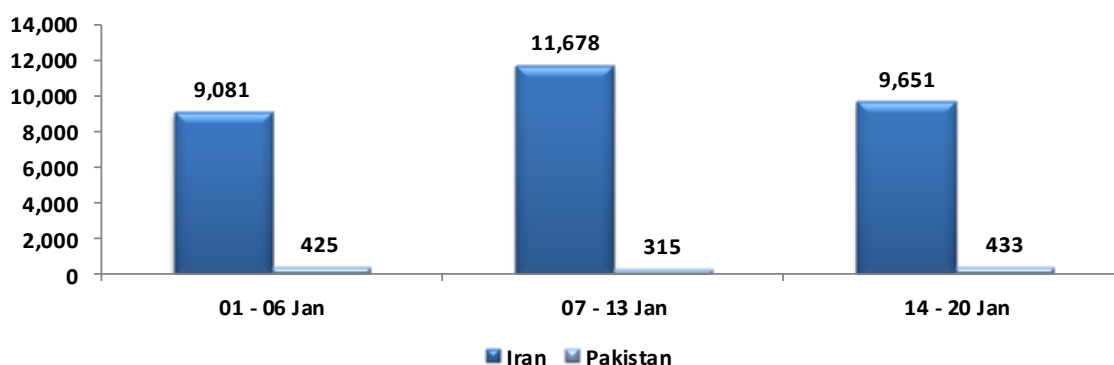
Number of Undocumented Returnees 2018 (Turkham, Spin Boldak, Islam Qala and Milak)

Date	Spontaneous Returnees				Deportees				Total Pakistan	Total Iran	Grand Total
	Turkham	Spin Bold	Herat	Nimroz	Turkham	Spin Bold	Herat	Nimroz			
01 - 06 Jan	140	242	3,334	1,466	21	22	1,655	2,626	425	9,081	9,506
07 - 13 Jan	176	112	4,568	1,848	27	0	2,322	2,940	315	11,678	11,993
14 - 20 Jan	133	221	4,027	1,161	33	46	2,166	2,297	433	9,651	10,084
<b>Total</b>	<b>449</b>	<b>575</b>	<b>11,929</b>	<b>4,475</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>6,143</b>	<b>7,863</b>	<b>1,173</b>	<b>30,410</b>	<b>31,583</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 Bold	Herat	Nimroz	Turkham	Spin Bold	Herat	Nimroz			
01 - 06 Jan	140	231	22	7	0	0	110	485	371	624	995
07 - 13 Jan	176	112	16	4	2	0	76	331	290	427	717
14 - 20 Jan	133	206	13	4	10	16	90	263	365	370	735
<b>Total</b>	<b>449</b>	<b>549</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>276</b>	<b>1,079</b>	<b>1,026</b>	<b>1,421</b>	<b>2,447</b>

Arrival of Undocumented Afghans by Week



IOM Afghanistan has assisted 2,447 undocumented Afghans returning from Iran and Pakistan between 01—20 Jan 2018, thanks to the dedication of our staff and the generosity of our donors.

Safe migration for the benefit of all.

