



Afghan returnees from Pakistan receive cash assistance at the IOM Torkham Transit Center @IOM 2019

Highlights

262,794 total returns from Iran and Pakistan since 01 Jan 2019

250,105 total returns from Iran

12,689 total returns from Pakistan

7,988 undocumented Afghans returned from Iran with **8%** of returnees from Iran (668 individuals) assisted

483 undocumented Afghans returned from Pakistan with **89%** of returnees from Pakistan (431 individuals) assisted

Return from Iran

According to the Border Monitoring Team of the Directorate of Refugees and Repatriation (DoRR), a total of **7,988** undocumented Afghans spontaneously returned or were deported from Iran through the Milak (Nimroz) and Herat (Islam Qala) border crossings between **14-20 July 2019**, **6 %** less than the previous week (**8,484**). **3,351** returned voluntarily, **4,637** were deported. This brings the total number of undocumented returnees from Iran since 01 January 2019 to **250,105**. IOM provided post-arrival humanitarian assistance to 668 (**8%**) undocumented Afghans deported from Iran at its Transit Centers in Nimroz and Herat, including 114 Unaccompanied Migrant Children, 67 Medical Cases, 49 members of Single Parent Families, 23 Physically Disabled persons, 27 Unaccompanied Elderly, 7 Single Females, and 195 members of deported families, 36 persons with substance abuse concerns and 1 person with mental health issues.

Protection Assistance for Returnees

The Protection unit completed case management assessments for 104 PSN cases in Kabul, Balkh, Takhar, Ghor, Sar-e Pul, Kunduz, Herat, Nimroz and Kandahar provinces including 24 Unaccompanied Migrant Children, 18 female-headed households, 12 at risk elderly persons, 8 single females and 4 persons with substance abuse concerns. In addition, 41 Unaccompanied Migrant Children, 19 female-headed households and 7 single females received protection assistance in Herat and Kandahar provinces.

Situation Overview

In 2019, IOM is projecting a return of over 570,000 returnees from Iran linked to ongoing economic challenges and a minimum of 50,000 returns from Pakistan, a figure that has already been endorsed by the Governments of Pakistan and Afghanistan. The remaining undocumented and Afghan Citizenship Card holding caseloads of more than 1,000,000 people may also face deportation from Pakistan in 2019. On 27 June, ACCs were extended until 31 October 2019 by the Government of Pakistan.

Monthly Return of Undocumented Afghans

Month	Iran	Pakistan	Total
January 2019	34,413	1,291	35,704
February 2019	24,071	1,376	25,447
March 2019	37,512	2,202	39,714
April 2019	53,898	3,453	57,351
May-19	39,886	1,488	41,374
Jun-19	35,277	1,440	36,717
Jul-19	25,048	1,439	26,487
Total	250,105	12,689	262,794

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Return from Pakistan

According to the Border Monitoring Team of the Directorate of Refugees and Repatriation (DoRR), a total of **483** undocumented Afghans spontaneously returned or were deported from Pakistan through the Turkham (Nangarhar) and Spin Boldak (Kandahar) border crossings from 14-20 July 2019. Of these returnees, 447 persons were spontaneous returnees and 36 were deportees. This number marks a **15%** increase compared to the previous week (420). The total number of undocumented Afghan returnees from Pakistan since 01 January 2019 is now 12,689. IOM provided post-arrival assistance to **89%** of undocumented returnees from Pakistan (431 individuals).

Number of Undocumented Returnees in 2019 (Herat, Nimroz, Turkham and Spin Boldak)

Date	Iran				Total Iran	Pakistan				Total Pakistan	Overall Return
	Herat		Nimroz			Turkham		Kandahar			
	Spont	Deport	Spont	Deport		Spont	Deport	Spont	Deport		
Jan - June 2019	48,271	42,822	50,295	83,669	225,057	2326	1210	6574	1140	11,250	236,307
01 - 06 Jul 2019	1,703	1,642	1,755	3,476	8,576	169	12	337	18	536	9,112
07-13 Jul 2019	1,377	1,845	1,861	3,401	8,484	146	0	274	0	420	8,904
14-20 Jul 2019	1,589	1,746	1,762	2,891	7,988	118	0	329	36	483	8,471
Total	52,940	48,055	55,673	93,437	250,105	2,759	1,222	7,514	1,194	12,689	262,794

Number of Assisted PSNs by IOM in 2019 (Herat, Nimroz, Turkham and Spin Boldak)

Date	Iran				Total Iran	Pakistan				Total Pakistan	Overall Assisted
	Herat		Nimroz			Turkham		Kandahar			
	Spont	Deport	Spont	Deport		Spont	Deport	Spont	Deport		
Jan - May 2019	510	6,923	1,874	5,617	14,924	2326	153	6072	675	9,226	24,150
01 - 06 Jul 2019	71	271	32	290	664	169	0	277	0	446	1,110
07 - 13 Jul 2019	131	352	56	229	768	146	0	271	0	417	1,185
14-20 Jul 2019	93	378	22	175	668	118	0	313	0	431	1,099
Total	805	7,924	1,984	6,311	17,024	2,759	153	6,933	675	10,520	27,544

Type of Assisted PSNs by IOM (Turkham, Spin Boldak, Islam Qala and Milak)

PSNs Assisted 14-20 July 2019	Persons						Total
	From Iran			From Pakistan			
	Herat	Nimroz	Sub-Total	Turkham	Spin Boldak	Sub-Total	
Poor Family (PF)	63	13	76	84	247	331	407
Unaccompanied Migrant Children	88	26	114		0	0	114
Single Parents Family (SP)	40	9	49	34	66	100	149
Special Cases (SC)	51	22	73		0	0	73
Medical Case (MC)	56	11	67		0	0	67
Physically Disabled (PD)	14	9	23		0	0	23
Unaccompanied Elderly (UE)	22	5	27		0	0	27
Drug Addicted (DA)	33	3	36		0	0	36
Single Female (SF)	7	0	7		0	0	7
Mentally Ill (MI)	1	0	1		0	0	1
Chronically ill (CI)	0	0	0		0	0	0
Deported Families	96	99	195		0	0	195
Total PSNs	471	197	668	118	313	431	1,099

IOM Afghanistan has assisted a total of 27,544 undocumented Afghans returning from Iran and Pakistan since 01 January 2019,

