



An Afghan boy who returned from Pakistan with his family in front of the DoRR/IOM Transit Center at Turkham border
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Return from Pakistan

A total of **824** undocumented Afghans spontaneously returned or were deported from Pakistan through the Turkham (Nangarhar) and Spin Boldak (Kandahar) border crossings from 15—21 April 2018, according to the Border Monitoring Team of the Directorate of Refugees and Repatriation (DoRR). Of the total returnees, 819 were spontaneous returnees and 5 were deported. This number marks a **18% decrease** compared to the previous week (999). The total number of undocumented Afghan returnees from Pakistan since 01 January 2018 is now 9,804. IOM provided post-arrival assistance to **96%** of undocumented Afghan returnees from Pakistan (792 individuals), including 567 individuals in Poor Families (PF) and 224 individuals in Single Parent (SP) families. 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.

Highlights

- 824** undocumented Afghans returned from Pakistan
- 18,255** undocumented Afghans returned from Iran
- 9,804** total returns from Pakistan since 01 Jan 2018
- 202,941** total returns from Iran since 01 Jan 2018
- 96%** of returnees from Pakistan (792 individuals) assisted
- 5%** of returnees from Iran (884 individuals) assisted
- 154** Unaccompanied Migrant Children (UMC) from Iran among those assisted, 0 from Pakistan
- 47** Medical Cases (MC) from Iran among those assisted, 0 from Pakistan

Situation Overview

IOM is responding to a substantial increase in the return of undocumented Afghans from Pakistan and Iran. Since 01 January 2018, over 212,700 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. 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 **18,255** undocumented Afghans spontaneously returned or were deported from Iran through the Milak (Nimroz) and Herat (Islam Qala) border crossings between 15—21 Apr 2018, **12 % less** than in the previous week. Of the total deported undocumented Afghans, 5,879 individuals were deported through Islam Qala (Herat) and 6,610 were deported through Milak (Nimroz). Of those who spontaneously returned, 3,674 returned through Islam Qala (Herat) and 2,092 through Milak (Nimroz). Out of the total deportees, 815 individuals (7%) were deported with family members whereas 11,674 (93%) were deported as individuals. This brings the total number of undocumented returnees from Iran since 01 January 2018 to 202,941. IOM provided post-arrival humanitarian assistance to **884 (5%)** undocumented Afghans deported from Iran at its Transit Centers in Nimroz and Herat, including 553 individuals in Deported Families (DF), 154 Unaccompanied Migrant Children (UMC), 51 Special Cases (SC), 20 Single members of a Single Parent Family (SP), 47 Medical Cases (MC), 14 Unaccompanied Elderly (UAE), 14 Physical Disabled (PD), 9 Drug Addicted (DA), and 2 Single Females.

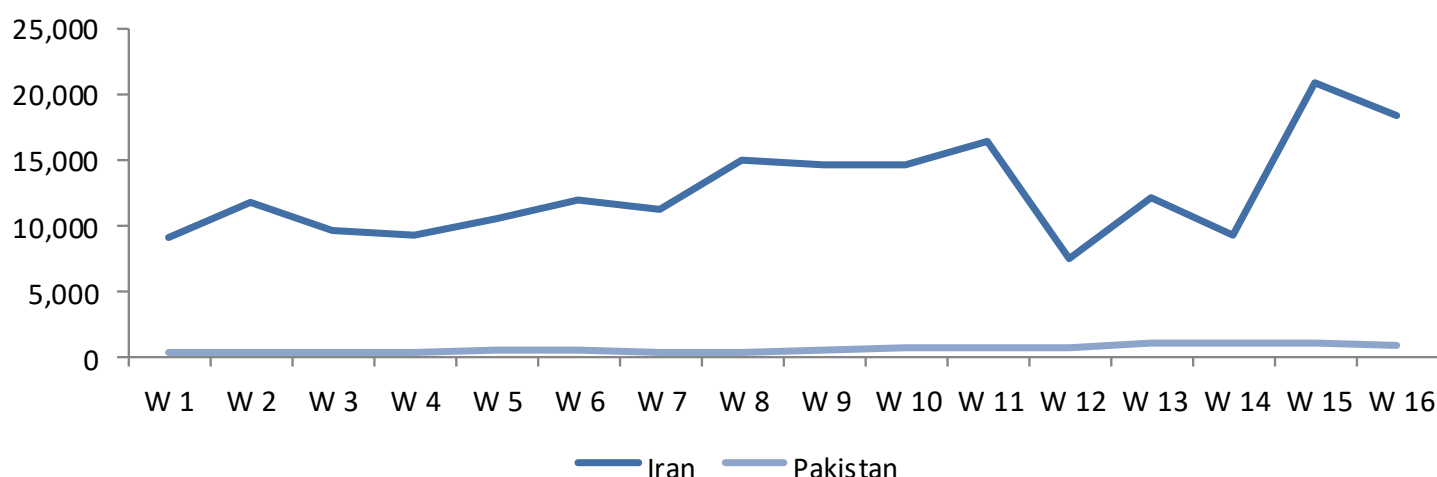
Number of Undocumented Returnees 2018 (Turkham, Spin Boldak, Islam Qala and Milak)

Date	Spontaneous Returnees				Deportees				Total Pakistan	Total Iran	Grand Total
	Turkham	Spin Boldak	Herat	Nimroz	Turkham	Spin Boldak	Herat	Nimroz			
Jan - Mar 18	2807	3507	49,575	16,969	292	372	26,103	62,015	6,978	154,662	161,640
01 - 07 April	541	436	2,318	876	20	6	1,695	4,353	1,003	9,242	10,245
08 - 14 April	500	470	7,226	3,021	28	1	3,300	7,235	999	20,782	21,781
15 - 21 April	458	361	3,674	2,092	5	0	5,879	6,610	824	18,255	19,079
Total	4,306	4,774	62,793	22,958	345	379	36,977	80,213	9,804	202,941	212,745

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 - Mar 18	2807	3327	220	182	72	43	1985	4,245	6,249	6,632	12,881
01 - 07 April	541	416	15	24	6	0	278	249	963	566	1,529
08 - 14 April	491	427	39	15	20	0	295	426	938	775	1,713
15 - 21 April	458	333	23	11	1	0	463	387	792	884	1,676
Total	4,297	4,503	297	232	99	43	3,021	5,307	8,942	8,857	17,799

Arrival of Undocumented Afghans by Week



IOM Afghanistan has assisted 17,799 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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