



Afghan returnees from Pakistan receive assistance at the IOM Transit Center in Kandahar @ IOM 2017

Highlights

- 1,059** undocumented Afghans returned from Pakistan
- 15,808** undocumented Afghans returned from Iran
- 91,003** total returns from Pakistan since 01 Jan 2017
- 317,004** total returns from Iran since 01 Jan 2017
- 85%** of returnees from Pakistan (1,009 individuals) assisted
- 6%** of returnees from Iran (799 individuals) assisted
- 215** Unaccompanied Migrant Children (UAM) from Iran among those assisted, 0 from Pakistan
- 37** Medical Cases (MC) from Iran among those assisted, 0 from Pakistan

Return from Pakistan

A total of **1,059** undocumented Afghans spontaneously returned or were deported from Pakistan through the Turkham (Nangarhar) and Spin Boldak (Kandahar) border crossings from Oct 15—21, according to the Border Monitoring Team of the Directorate of Refugees and Repatriation (DoRR). Of the total returnees, 951 were spontaneous returnees and 108 were deported. This number marks a **4% decrease** compared to the previous week (1,106). The total number of undocumented Afghan returnees from Pakistan since 01 January 2017 is now 91,003. IOM provided post-arrival assistance to **85%** of undocumented Afghan returnees from Pakistan (901 individuals), including 765 individuals in poor families, 122 individuals in single parent families, and 13 special cases. 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.

Contextual Update — Pakistan

As of 21 October 2017, the Government of Pakistan's National Database and Registration Authority (NADRA) supported by the Government of Pakistan and IOM has received over 221,000 applications from undocumented Afghans for Afghan Citizen Cards (ACC) across 21 registration centers. The registration exercise commenced on 16 August 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 2017, over 408,000 undocumented Afghans have returned due to diverse push factors, including deteriorating protection space in Pakistan and Iran. This figure represents a significantly higher rate of return than in previous years. 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 estimates that approximately 500,000 undocumented Afghans could return from Pakistan and Iran in 2017, and is working to scale up its support to returnees in coordination with the Government of Afghanistan and other humanitarian partners.

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Return from Iran

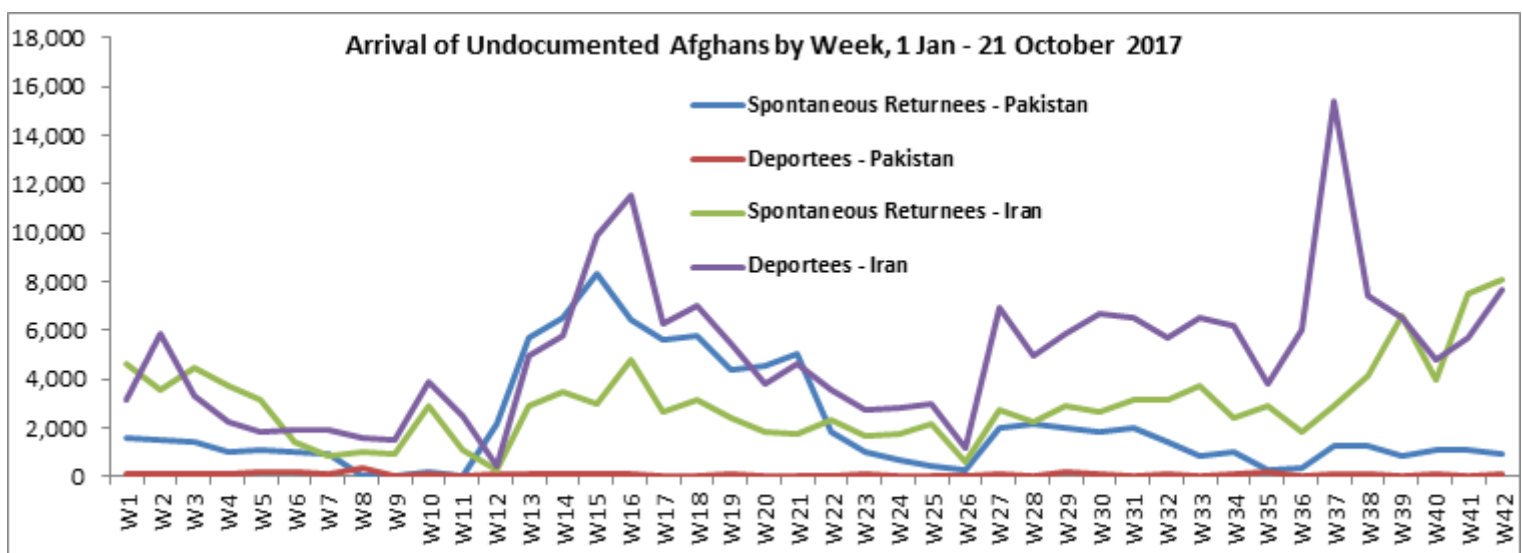
A total of **15,808** undocumented Afghans spontaneously returned or were deported from Iran through the Milak (Nimroz) and Herat (Islam Qala) border crossings between Oct 15-21, **19% more** than in the previous week. Although no official announcement has been made, spontaneous returns and deportations have resumed again through Islam Qala (Herat) since 07 September 2017. Of the total deported undocumented Afghans, 2,729 individuals were deported through Islam Qala (Herat) and 4,964 were deported through Milak (Nimroz). Of those who spontaneously returned, 4,988 returned through Islam Qala (Herat) and 3,127 through Milak (Nimroz). On October 16, IOM together with OCHA, WHO, WFP, UNICEF, UNAMA and UNHCR led a one day inter agency mission to Nimroz to inaugurate CERF Funding which will see a major expansion to humanitarian operations. Out of the total deportees, 871 individuals (11%) were deported with family members whereas 6,822 (89%) were deported as individuals. This brings the total number of undocumented returnees from Iran since 01 January 2017 to 317,004. IOM provided post-arrival humanitarian assistance to **1,025 (6%)** undocumented Afghans deported from Iran at its Transit Centers in Nimroz and Herat, including 631 individuals in Deported Families (DF), 215 Unaccompanied Migrant Children (UMC), 62 Special Cases (SC), 37 Medical Cases (MC), 12 Unaccompanied Elderly (UAE), 23 Chronically Ill (CI), 5 Drug Addicted (DA). More information on protection concerns related to Afghans returning from Iran can be found on page 2 of OCHA Afghanistan’s [latest monthly bulletin](#).

Number of Undocumented Returnees in 2017 (Turkham, Spin Boldak, Islam Qala and Milak)

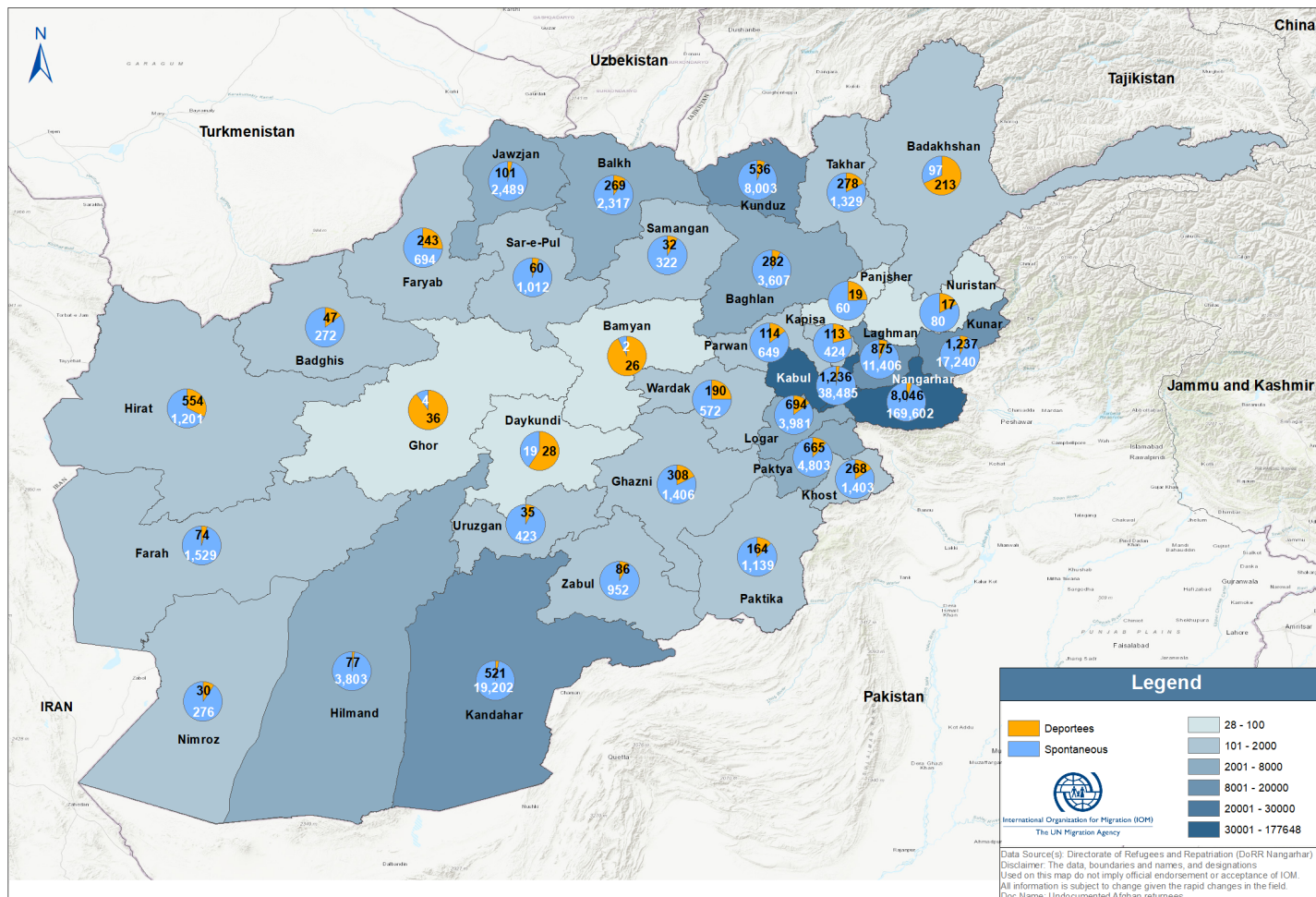
Date	Spontaneous Returnees				Deportees				Total	Total	Grand Total
	Turkham	Spin Boldak	Herat	Nimroz	Turkham	Spin Boldak	Herat	Nimroz	Pakistan	Iran	
January - September 17	56,060	28,412	20,915	81,354	2,272	956	8,761	168,269	87,700	279,299	366,999
01 - 07 Oct	405	648	2,427	1,508	14	71	2,565	2,208	1,138	8,708	9,846
08 - 14 Oct	612	440	5,192	2,345	37	17	1,749	3,903	1,106	13,189	14,295
15 - 21 October	517	434	4,988	3,127	30	78	2,729	4,964	1,059	15,808	16,867
Total	57,594	29,934	33,522	88,334	2,353	1,122	15,804	179,344	91,003	317,004	408,007

IOM Assisted Undocumented Afghans in 2017 (Turkham, Spin Boldak, Islam Qala and Milak)

Date	Spontaneous Returnees				Deportees				Total	Total	Grand Total
	Turkham	Spin Boldak	Herat	Nimroz	Turkham	Spin Boldak	Herat	Nimroz	Pakistan	Iran	
January - September 17	53,533	20,856	173	566	490	549	944	12,326	75,428	14,009	89,437
01 - 07 Oct	405	574	0	2	1	30	596	566	1,010	1,164	2,174
08 - 14 Oct	610	394	30	15	5	0	166	588	1,009	799	1,808
15 - 21 October	513	374	18	7	0	14	248	752	901	1,025	1,926
Total	55,061	22,198	221	590	496	593	1,954	14,232	78,348	16,997	95,345



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Annex 1: Breakdown of Assistance Provided at all Border Crossings Points (BCP), Oct 15-21 2017

Categories	Turkham	Spin Boldak	Islam Qala	Milak	Total
Non-Food Item (NFI) Kits	97	67	40	104	308
Medical Care	129	69	11	85	294
Tuberculosis Screening	513	388	266	376	1543
Overnight Accommodation	0	133	266	748	1147
Total	739	657	583	1,313	3,292

Annex 2: Detailed Breakdown of Assistance Provided by Partners at Milak and Islam Qala BCP, Oct 15-21 2017

Organization	Location	Type of Assistance	Families Assisted	Total Individual Assisted	Male	Female	Boys	Girls
IOM	Registration Centre	Registration	110	709	296	115	305	83
AICHR	Registration Centre	Legal Assistance	0	0	0	0	0	0
IOM	Transit Centre	Food Package	25	114	92	36	76	0
IOM	Transit Centre	Transportation	110	709	296	115	237	83
IOM	Transit Centre	Medical Services	7	55	97	9	10	0
IOM	Transit Centre	Referrals	0	0	0	2	68	0
IOM	Reintegration Assistance		0	10	0	0	25	0
UNICEF	Tracing & Repatriation		0	0	0	0	109	0
WFP	Transit Center	Food Package	110	378	89	78	128	83

Annex 3: Detailed Breakdown of Assistance Provided by Partners at Turkham and Spin Boldak BCP, Oct 15-21 2017

Organization	Location	Type of Assistance	Families Assisted	Total Individual Assisted	Male	Female	Boys	Girls
IOM	Transit Centre	BSAF Registatation	152	776	152	188	234	202
IOM	Transit Centre	IOM Beneficiary Card	152	776	152	188	234	202
	Transit Centre	Overnight Accommodation	76	266	78	60	74	54
	Transit Centre	Medical Screening	98	138	14	78	28	18
	Transit Centre	TB Screening	152	776	152	188	234	202
	Transit Centre	Non Food Item (NFI)	124	748	124	188	234	202
	IOM	Transit Centre	Unconditional Cash for NFI	0	0	0	0	0
Transit Centre		Cash for Transportation (\$ 25-\$50)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Transit Center		Food Package	100	564	100	142	184	138
Transit Center		Medical Services	0	0	0	0	0	0
Transit Center		OPV Vaccination for children (>10 years)	0	72	0	0	36	36
WHO	Transit Center	OPV Vaccination for children (<10 years)	0	44	0	0	16	28
WHO	Transit Center	IPV Vaccination for children (<10 years)	0	88	0	0	50	38
	Transit Center	Measle Vaccination for children (<10 years)	0	16	0	0	10	6
UNICEF	Transit Center	Hygiene Kits	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Transit Center	Family Kit	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Transit Center	Hygiene Awareness Training	86	498	88	138	152	120
	Transit Center	Child Friendly Space	0	194	0	0	108	86
UNICEF	Transit Center	Nutrition services for children 6-59 months, and pregnant women and lactating mothers	58	106	0	0	60	46
UNICEF	Transit Center	Vitamin A 12-59 months	58	108	0	0	60	48
UNICEF	Transit Center	Albendazol 24-59 months	48	70	0	0	42	28
UNFPA	Transit Center	Dignity kits	0	0	0	0	0	0
AADA/ UNFPA	Zero Point	Medical Services	0	0	0	0	0	0
AADA/ UNFPA	Zero Point	OPV Vaccination for children (<10 years)	0	0	0	0	0	0
AADA/ UNFPA	Zero Point	OPV Vaccination for children (>10 years)	0	0	0	0	0	0
AADA/ UNFPA	Zero Point	IPV Vaccination for children (<10 years)	0	0	0	0	0	0
AADA/ UNFPA	Zero Point	Measle Vaccination for children (<10 years)	0	0	0	0	0	0
AADA/ UNFPA	Zero Point	HIV/AIDS Awareness	0	0	0	0	0	0
AADA/ UNICEF	Zero Point	Nutrition services for children (6-59 months), pregnant women and lactating mothers	0	0	0	0	0	0
DDG/ DRC	Transit Center	Mine Risk Education	114	580	92	178	196	114

Annex 3: Breakdown of Provinces and States of Exile, Origin and Final Destination of Undocumented Afghans

Figure 1: Gender breakdown of undocumented spontaneous returnees from Pakistan, Jan 01—Oct 21, 2017

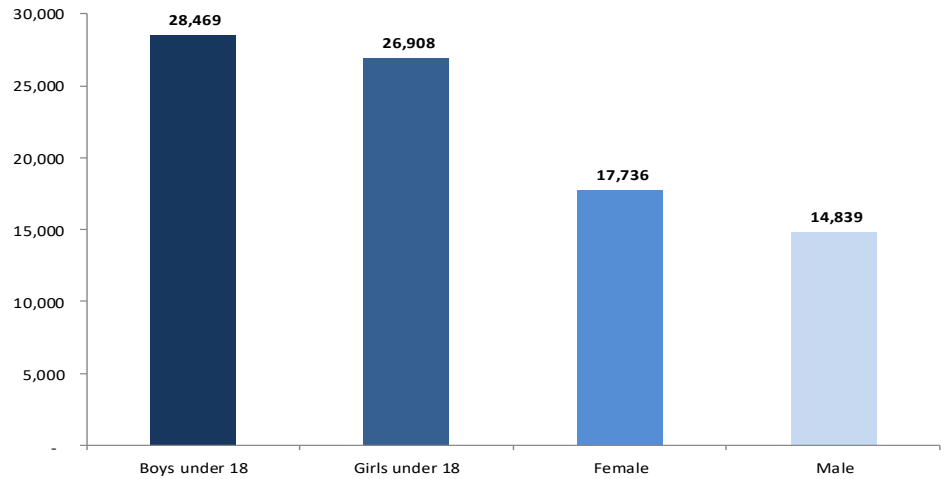


Figure 2: Vulnerability of undocumented spontaneous returnees from Pakistan, Jan 01—Oct 21, 2017

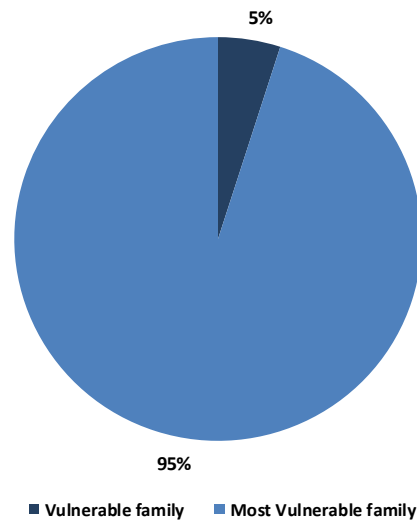
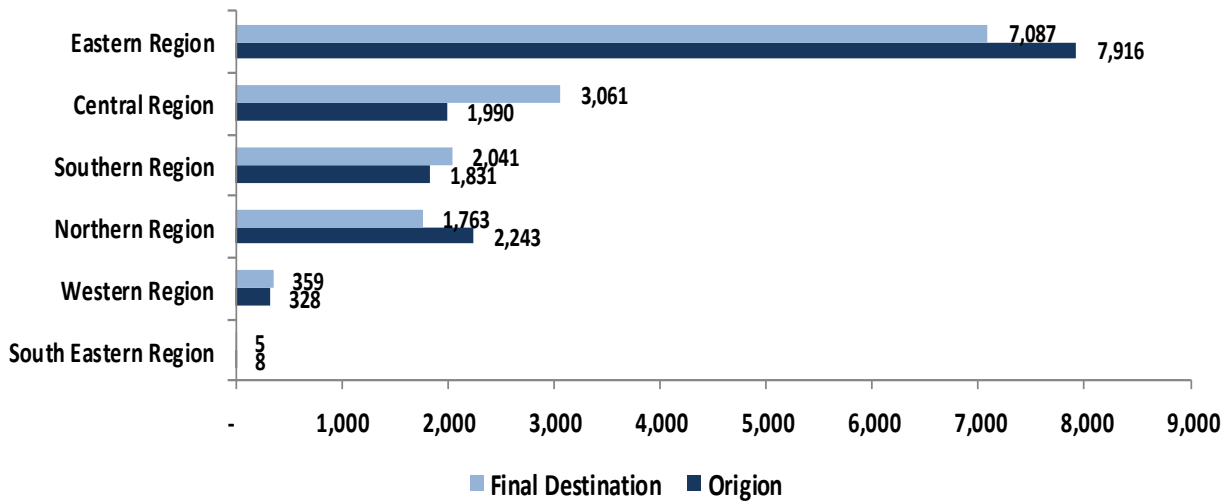


Figure 3: Regions of Final Destination vs. Origin of undocumented spontaneous returnees from Pakistan, Jan 01—Oct 21,



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