



Undocumented Afghan returnee children receive routine vaccinations from WHO's partner Rotary International at the IOM Transit Center in Torkham © IOM 2019

### Highlights

**348,870** total returns from Iran and Pakistan since 01 Jan 2019

**332,641** total returns from Iran

**16,229** total returns from Pakistan

**12,112** undocumented Afghans returned from Iran with **6%** of returnees from Iran (754 individuals) assisted

**265** undocumented Afghans returned from Pakistan with **71%** of returnees from Pakistan (439 individuals) assisted.

### Return from Iran

According to the Border Monitoring Team of the Directorate of Refugees and Repatriation (DoRR), a total of **12,112** undocumented Afghans spontaneously returned or were deported from Iran through the Milak (Nimroz) and Herat (Islam Qala) border crossings between 15-21 September 2019, double the number from the previous week (**5,320**). **5,230** returned voluntarily and **6,882** were deported. This brings the total number of undocumented returnees from Iran to **332,641** in 2019. IOM provided post-arrival humanitarian assistance to **754 (6%)** undocumented Afghans deported from Iran at its Transit Centers in Nimroz and Herat, including 109 Unaccompanied Migrant Children, 52 Medical Cases, 44 members of Single Parent Families, 19 Physically Disabled persons, 28 Unaccompanied Elderly, 4 Single Females, 316 members of deported families, 1 person with mental health concerns, and 44 persons with substance abuse concerns.

### IOM Thematic Support to Undocumented Returnees

#### Protection:

63 case management assessments were completed in Kandahar, Balkh, Sar-e Pul, Kunduz, Herat, Ghor, Takhar and Nangarhar provinces including 16 Unaccompanied Migrant Children, 15 special cases, 8 Medical cases, 10 single females and 14 female headed households .

#### Migration Health:

A total of 5,039 undocumented Afghans were screened for Tuberculosis. Of the total screened, 20 persons were found to be presumptive TB cases and referred for additional diagnostic/treatment services. In addition, 82 patients received health services in the IOM Transit Center in Nimroz.

### Situation Overview

As of 25 September, 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. Borders will be closed on 28 September 2019 for the upcoming presidential elections with a slow down in return operations before and after anticipated.

### 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 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	28,695	1,436	30,131
<b>Total</b>	<b>332,641</b>	<b>16,229</b>	<b>348,870</b>

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**Return from Pakistan**

According to the Border Monitoring Team of the Directorate of Refugees and Repatriation (DoRR), a total of **621** undocumented Afghans spontaneously returned from Pakistan through the Torkham and Spin Boldak border crossings between 15-21 September 2019. This number marks a tripling compared to the previous week (265). The total number of undocumented Afghan returnees from Pakistan since 01 January 2019 is now **16,229**. IOM provided post-arrival assistance to 439 (**71%**) of 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 - July 2019	56,912	50,590	58,771	99,731	266,004	2,972	1,222	7,980	1,208	13,382	279,386
01-31 Aug 2019	10,753	8,066	6,679	12,444	37,942	383	5	1,023	0	1,411	39,353
01 - 07 Sept 2019	2,765	2,050	1,893	4,555	11,263	107	0	443	0	550	11,813
08 - 14 Sep 2019	1,419	1,022	929	1,950	5,320	97	0	168	0	265	5,585
15-21 Sept 2019	3,296	2,187	1,934	4,695	12,112	63	32	513	13	621	12,733
<b>Total</b>	<b>75,145</b>	<b>63,915</b>	<b>70,206</b>	<b>123,375</b>	<b>332,641</b>	<b>3,622</b>	<b>1,259</b>	<b>10,127</b>	<b>1,221</b>	<b>16,229</b>	<b>348,870</b>

**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 - July 2019	1,000	8,291	2,038	6,655	17,984	2,972	153	7,384	675	11,184	29,168
01-31 Aug 2019	410	1,156	189	1,052	2,807	383	0	951	0	1,334	4,141
01 - 07 Sept 2019	38	355	10	502	905	107	0	438	0	545	1,450
08 - 14 Sep 2019	5	216	18	115	354	97	0	164	0	261	615
15-21 Sept 2019	38	334	31	351	754	63	0	376	0	439	1,193
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,491</b>	<b>10,352</b>	<b>2,286</b>	<b>8,675</b>	<b>22,804</b>	<b>3,622</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>9,313</b>	<b>675</b>	<b>13,763</b>	<b>36,567</b>

**Type of Assisted PSNs by IOM**

PSNs Assisted 15-21 September 2019	Persons						Total
	From Iran			From Pakistan			
	Herat	Nimroz	Sub-Total	Turkham	Spin Boldak	Sub-Total	
Poor Family (PF)	25	12	<b>37</b>	31	270	<b>301</b>	<b>338</b>
Unaccompanied Migrant Children (UMC)	55	54	<b>109</b>	0	0	<b>0</b>	<b>109</b>
Single Parents Family (SP)	25	19	<b>44</b>	32	106	<b>138</b>	<b>182</b>
Special Cases (SC)	82	18	<b>100</b>	0	0	<b>0</b>	<b>100</b>
Medical Case (MC)	41	11	<b>52</b>	0	0	<b>0</b>	<b>52</b>
Physically Disabled (PD)	14	5	<b>19</b>	0	0	<b>0</b>	<b>19</b>
Unaccompanied Elderly (UE)	23	5	<b>28</b>	0	0	<b>0</b>	<b>28</b>
Substance Abuse (DA)	38	6	<b>44</b>	0	0	<b>0</b>	<b>44</b>
Single Female (SF)	4	0	<b>4</b>	0	0	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>
Mental Health (MI)	1	0	<b>1</b>	0	0	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>
Chronically Ill (CI)	0	0	<b>0</b>	0	0	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Deported Families	64	252	<b>316</b>	0	0	<b>0</b>	<b>316</b>
<b>Total PSNs</b>	<b>372</b>	<b>382</b>	<b>754</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>376</b>	<b>439</b>	<b>1,193</b>

*IOM Afghanistan has assisted a total of 36,567 undocumented Afghans returning from Iran and Pakistan in 2019.*

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