



An undocumented Afghan returnee receives cash assistance at the Torkham Transit Center in Nangarhar ©Abdul Qayum, June 2018

## Highlights

**224,937** total returns from Iran and Pakistan since 01 Jan 2019

**214,217** total returns from Iran

**10,720** total returns from Pakistan

**9,505** undocumented Afghans returned from Iran with **8%** of returnees from Iran (715 individuals) assisted

**480** undocumented Afghans returned from Pakistan with **93%** of returnees from Pakistan (445 individuals) assisted

### Return from Iran

According to the Border Monitoring Team of the Directorate of Refugees and Repatriation (DoRR), a total of **9,505** undocumented Afghans spontaneously returned or were deported from Iran through the Milak (Nimroz) and Herat (Islam Qala) border crossings between **16-22 June 2019**, **2 %** more than the previous week (**9,284**). **3,911** returned voluntarily, **5,594** were deported. This brings the total number of undocumented returnees from Iran since 01 January 2019 to **214,217**. IOM provided post-arrival humanitarian assistance to 715 (**8%**) undocumented Afghans deported from Iran at its Transit Centers in Nimroz and Herat, including 97 Unaccompanied Migrant Children, 59 Medical Cases, 68 members of Single Parent Families, 13 Physically Disabled persons, 28 Unaccompanied Elderly, 9 Single Females, 1 persons with mental health concerns and 311 members of deported families.

### Protection Assistance for Returnees

The Protection Unit completed case management assessments for 82 PSN cases in Jawzjan, Balkh, Takhar, Ghor, Herat, Nimroz and Kandahar provinces, including 23 Unaccompanied Migrant Children, 13 female-headed households, 8 people with disabilities, 6 persons with substance addiction, 6 single females and 4 at risk elderly persons. In addition 16 female-headed households and 6 Unaccompanied Migrant Children received protection assistance in Nangarhar, Laghman and Kunar 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.

### 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	24,437	910	25,347
<b>Total</b>	<b>214,217</b>	<b>10,720</b>	<b>224,937</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 **480** undocumented Afghans spontaneously returned or were deported from Pakistan through the Turkham (Nangarhar) and Spin Boldak (Kandahar) border crossings from 16-22 June 2019. All of the returnees were spontaneous returnees. This number marks a **49%** increase compared to the previous week (321). The total number of undocumented Afghan returnees from Pakistan since 01 January 2019 is now 10,720. IOM provided post-arrival assistance to **93%** of returnees from Pakistan (445 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 - May 2019	40,689	36,243	41,839	71,009	189,780	1945	1159	5640	1066	9,810	199,590
01 - 08 Jun 2019	917	1,241	1,641	1,849	5,648	40	0	17	52	109	5,757
09-15 Jun 2019	2,210	1,912	2,438	2,724	9,284	108	0	213	0	321	9,605
16 - 22 Jun 2019	1,738	1,693	2,173	3,901	9,505	107	0	351	22	480	9,985
<b>Total</b>	<b>45,554</b>	<b>41,089</b>	<b>48,091</b>	<b>79,483</b>	<b>214,217</b>	<b>2,200</b>	<b>1,159</b>	<b>6,221</b>	<b>1,140</b>	<b>10,720</b>	<b>224,937</b>

**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	308	5,837	1,488	4,718	12,351	1945	149	5206	675	7,975	20,326
01 - 08 June 2019	12	148	21	40	221	40	0	17	0	57	278
09 - 15 Jun 2019	80	240	163	135	618	108	0	204	0	312	930
16-22 Jun 2019	46	319	53	297	715	107	0	338	0	445	1,160
<b>Total</b>	<b>446</b>	<b>6,544</b>	<b>1,725</b>	<b>5,190</b>	<b>13,905</b>	<b>2,200</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>5,765</b>	<b>675</b>	<b>8,789</b>	<b>22,694</b>

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

PSNs Assisted 16-22 June 2019	Persons						Total
	From Iran			From Pakistan			
	Herat	Nimroz	Sub-Total	Turkham	Spin Boldak	Sub-Total	
Poor Family (PF)	23	28	<b>51</b>	57	276	<b>333</b>	<b>384</b>
Unaccompanied Migrant Children	80	17	<b>97</b>	0	0	<b>0</b>	<b>97</b>
Single Parents Family (SP)	43	25	<b>68</b>	50	62	<b>112</b>	<b>180</b>
Special Cases (SC)	35	19	<b>54</b>	0	0	<b>0</b>	<b>54</b>
Medical Case (MC)	33	26	<b>59</b>	0	0	<b>0</b>	<b>59</b>
Physically Disabled (PD)	5	8	<b>13</b>	0	0	<b>0</b>	<b>13</b>
Unaccompanied Elderly (UE)	18	10	<b>28</b>	0	0	<b>0</b>	<b>28</b>
Drug Addicted (DA)	15	9	<b>24</b>	0	0	<b>0</b>	<b>24</b>
Single Female (SF)	9	0	<b>9</b>	0	0	<b>0</b>	<b>9</b>
Mentally Ill (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	103	208	<b>311</b>	0	0	<b>0</b>	<b>311</b>
<b>Total PSNs</b>	<b>365</b>	<b>350</b>	<b>715</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>338</b>	<b>445</b>	<b>1,160</b>

*IOM Afghanistan has assisted a total of 22,694 undocumented Afghans returning from Iran and Pakistan since 01 January 2019, thanks to the dedication of our staff and the generosity of our donors.*

