



Walid, 3, hides behind his mother while his two brothers are watching TV at the IOM Transit Center in Herat. The family was deported from Iran. © IOM Afghanistan

## Highlights

- 393** undocumented Afghans returned from Pakistan
- 11,312** undocumented Afghans returned from Iran
- 15,772** total returns from Pakistan since 01 Jan 2018
- 348,506** total returns from Iran since 01 Jan 2018
- 90%** of returnees from Pakistan (354 individuals) assisted
- 3.4%** of returnees from Iran (388 individuals) assisted
- 48** Unaccompanied Migrant Children (UMC) from Iran
- 33** Medical Cases (MC) from Iran assisted

## Return from Iran

A total of **11,312** undocumented Afghans spontaneously returned or were deported from Iran through the Milak (Nimroz) and Herat (Islam Qala) border crossings between 17—23 June 2018, **33% less** than in the previous week. Of the total deported undocumented Afghans, 3,188 individuals were deported through Islam Qala (Herat) and 3,174 were deported through Milak (Nimroz). Of those who spontaneously returned, 3,604 returned through Islam Qala (Herat) and 1,346 through Milak (Nimroz). Out of the total deportees, 449 individuals (7%) were deported with family members whereas 5,951 (93%) were deported as individuals. This brings the total number of undocumented returnees from Iran since 01 January 2018 to 348,506. IOM provided post-arrival humanitarian assistance to **388 (3.4%)** undocumented Afghans deported from Iran at its Transit Centers in Nimroz and Herat, including 217 individuals in Deported Families (DF), 48 Unaccompanied Migrant Children (UMC), 27 Special Cases (SC), 21 members of Single Parent Families (SP), 33 Medical Cases (MC), 5 Unaccompanied Elderly (UAE), 3 Physical Disabled (PD) and 1 Single Female (SF).

## OCHA Bulletin on Returns from Iran

In the [latest edition of its Monthly Humanitarian Bulletin for May 2018](#), the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (UN OCHA) reported an increasing return from Iran compared to the same period last year. Despite the common belief that returnees from Iran only constitute of economic migrants, hence young men, there are thousands of families who are among the returnees as well. While being detained and deported, these families face challenges such as overcrowded facilities, witnessing the mistreatment of others, and lack of food and water and are therefore in need of humanitarian assistance upon return.

## Situation Overview

IOM is responding to a substantial increase in the return of undocumented Afghans from Pakistan and Iran. Since 01 January 2018, over 364,000 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. The Governments of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan has now extended Proof of Registration cards for 1.4m Afghan refugees in Pakistan to 30 June 2018 and as of 26 May have issued 327,000 Afghan Citizenship Cards from a total of 878,000 applications. 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 Pakistan**

A total of **393** undocumented Afghans spontaneously returned or were deported from Pakistan through the Turkham (Nangarhar) and Spin Boldak (Kandahar) border crossings from 17 –23 June 2018, according to the Border Monitoring Team of the Directorate of Refugees and Repatriation (DoRR). Of the total returnees, 355 were spontaneous returnees and 38 were deported. This number marks a **92% increase** compared to the previous week (53). The total number of undocumented Afghan returnees from Pakistan since 01 January 2018 is now 15,772. IOM provided post-arrival assistance to **90%** of undocumented Afghan returnees from Pakistan (354 individuals). In Nangarhar, Kandahar and Nimroz, IOM began to replace Nonfood-Items (blanket and family modules) with direct cash assistance of USD 100 per family to give undocumented Afghan returnees more agency upon return. This is in addition to cash for transportation. The other components of IOM’s current assistance package - hot meals, overnight accommodation, basic medical screening and referral services - continue without change.

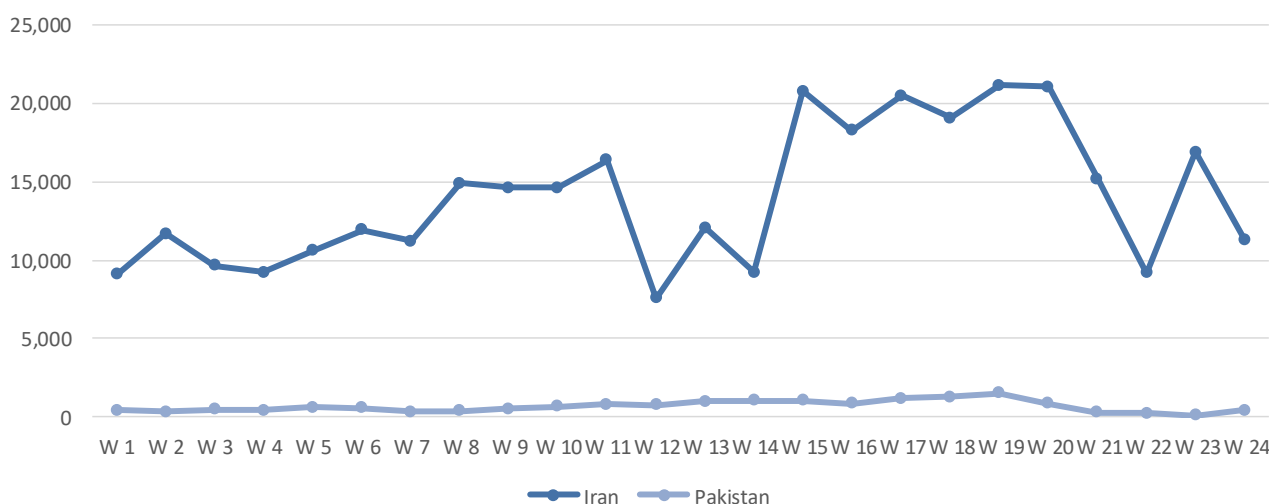
**Number of Undocumented Returnees 2018 (Turkham, Spin Boldak, Islam Qala and Milak)**

Date	Spontaneous Returnees				Deportees				Total Pakistan	Total Iran	Grand Total
	Turkham	Spin Boldak	Herat	Nimroz	Turkham	Spin Boldak	Herat	Nimroz			
Jan - Apr 18	5,222	5,391	71,822	24,806	369	388	43,452	87,810	11,370	227,890	239,260
01 - 26 May	2,139	1,229	20,380	8,318	48	74	16,096	23,231	3,490	68,025	71,515
27 May - 02 June	114	107	5,562	1,093	31	0	3,458	5,089	252	15,202	15,454
03 - 09 June	167	46	1,251	818	1	0	2,973	4,120	214	9,162	9,376
10 - 16 June	38	12	8,889	466	1	2	4,444	3,116	53	16,915	16,968
17 - 23 June	164	191	3,604	1,346	38	0	3,188	3,174	393	11,312	11,705
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,844</b>	<b>6,976</b>	<b>111,508</b>	<b>36,847</b>	<b>488</b>	<b>464</b>	<b>73,611</b>	<b>126,540</b>	<b>15,772</b>	<b>348,506</b>	<b>364,278</b>

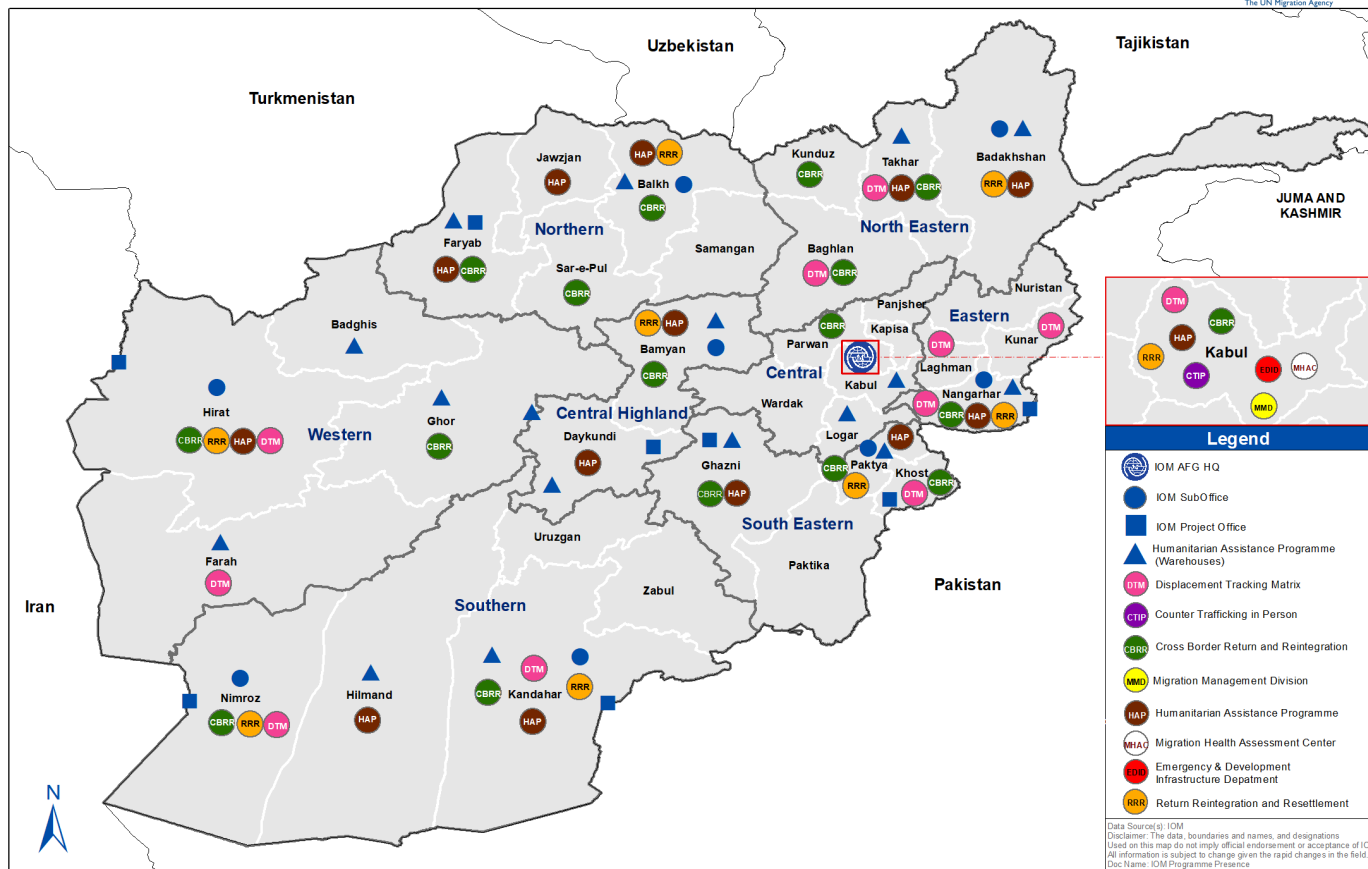
**IOM Assisted Undocumented Afghans 2018 (Turkham, Spin Boldak, Islam Qala and Milak)**

Date	Spontaneous Returnees				Deportees				Total Pakistan	Total Iran	Grand Total
	Turkham	Spin Boldak	Herat	Nimroz	Turkham	Spin Boldak	Herat	Nimroz			
Jan - Apr 18	5,213	5,096	318	328	108	43	3,495	5,710	10,460	9,851	20,311
01 - 26 May	2,136	1,143	69	145	14	0	1,532	1,357	3,293	3,103	6,396
27 May - 02 June	114	104	13	40	11	0	279	279	229	611	840
03 - 09 June	167	41	1	2	0	0	105	216	208	324	532
10 - 16 June	38	0	2	0	0	0	128	77	38	207	245
17 - 23 June	160	186	6	25	8	0	126	231	354	388	742
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,828</b>	<b>6,570</b>	<b>409</b>	<b>540</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>5,665</b>	<b>7,870</b>	<b>14,582</b>	<b>14,484</b>	<b>29,066</b>

Arrival of Undocumented Afghans by Week



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Staff from the Department of Refugees and Repatriation (DoRR) registers an Afghan returnee family from Pakistan in front of the IOM Center  
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*IOM Afghanistan has assisted 29,066 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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