



Afghan children who returned from Iran with their families are playing at the IOM Transit Center in Herat © IOM Afghanistan

## Highlights

**514,405** total returns from Iran and Pakistan since 01 Jan 2018

**492,343** total returns from Iran since 01 Jan 2018

**22,062** total returns from Pakistan since 01 Jan 2018

**8,662** undocumented Afghans returned from Iran

**55** undocumented Afghans returned from Pakistan

**1%** of returnees from Iran (62 individuals) assisted

**56%** of returnees from Pakistan (31 individuals) assisted

## Return from Iran

A total of **8,662** undocumented Afghans spontaneously returned or were deported from Iran through the Milak (Nimroz) and Herat (Islam Qala) border crossings between 19—25 August 2018, **53% less** than in the previous week and an anticipated decline during Eid al-Adha. This brings the total number of undocumented returnees from Iran since 01 January 2018 to 492,343.

Due current funding gaps, IOM was only able to provide post-arrival humanitarian assistance to **62 (1%)** undocumented Afghans deported from Iran at its Transit Centers in Nimroz and Herat, including 1 Unaccompanied Migrant Child (UMC), 1 Medical Case (MC), 18 members of Single Parent Families (SP), 1 Single Female (SF), 1 Physical Disabled (PD), 1 Unaccompanied Elderly (UE), 4 Special Cases (SC) and 21 member of Poor Families (PF).



A little Afghan girl at the IOM Transit Center in Herat © Amanda Nero

## Situation Overview

Since 01 January 2018, IOM is responding to the return of over 514,000 undocumented Afghans from Pakistan and Iran. Undocumented returns from Iran in particular are seeing a massive increase of more than 200,000 to over 492,000 total between January-August 2018 versus 230,000 in 2017, largely driven by recent political and economic issues in Iran including massive currency devaluation. As Afghans primarily work in the informal economy in Iran the demand for this type of work is drastically reduced. As many Afghans typically send home their earnings in the form of monthly remittances, the Afghan economy itself is suffering direct and immediate effects.

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Return from Pakistan

A total of 55 undocumented Afghans spontaneously returned or were deported from Pakistan through the Turkham (Nangarhar) and Spin Boldak (Kandahar) border crossings from 19 –25 August 2018, according to the Border Monitoring Team of the Directorate of Refugees and Repatriation (DoRR). Of the total returnees, 26 were spontaneous returnees and 29 were deported. This number marks a **90% decrease** compared to the previous week (563). The total number of undocumented Afghan returnees from Pakistan since 01 January 2018 is now 22,062. IOM provided post-arrival assistance to **56%** of undocumented Afghan returnees from Pakistan (31 individuals).

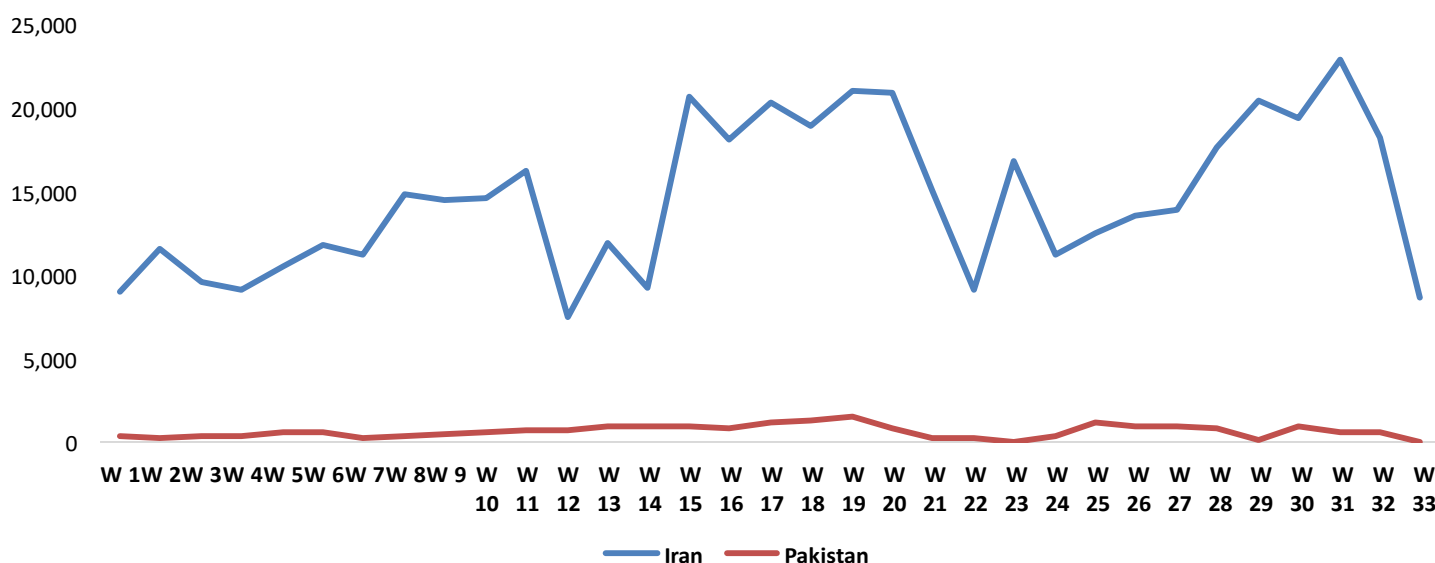
Number of Undocumented Returnees 2018 (Turkham, Spin Boldak, Islam Qala and Milak)

Date	Spontaneous Returnees				Deportees				Total Pakistan	Total Iran	Grand Total
	Turkham	Spin Boldak	Herat	Nimroz	Turkham	Spin Boldak	Herat	Nimroz			
Jan - June 18	9,896	9,139	135,947	46,659	764	502	94,554	151,781	20,301	428,941	449,242
01 - 04 Aug	265	192	7,080	1,370	55	0	1,407	3,546	512	13,403	13,915
05 - 11 August	225	362	10,288	2,666	44	0	5,614	4,440	631	23,008	23,639
12 - 18 August	187	254	8,289	2,099	122	0	4,291	3,650	563	18,329	18,892
19 - 25 August	26	0	4,215	641	29	0	3,062	744	55	8,662	8,717
<b>Total</b>	<b>10,599</b>	<b>9,947</b>	<b>165,819</b>	<b>53,435</b>	<b>1,014</b>	<b>502</b>	<b>108,928</b>	<b>164,161</b>	<b>22,062</b>	<b>492,343</b>	<b>514,405</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 - June 18	9,382	7,457	437	827	189	43	6,761	8,780	17,071	16,805	33,876
01 - 04 Aug	265	192	0	63	7	0	190	195	464	448	912
05 - 11 August	225	346	21	67	14	0	330	147	585	565	1,150
12 - 18 August	187	209	6	66	20	0	431	241	416	744	1,160
19 - 25 August	26	0	0	21	5	0	41	0	31	62	93
<b>Total</b>	<b>10,085</b>	<b>8,204</b>	<b>464</b>	<b>1,044</b>	<b>235</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>7,753</b>	<b>9,363</b>	<b>18,567</b>	<b>18,624</b>	<b>37,191</b>

Arrival of Undocumented Afghans by Week



*IOM Afghanistan has assisted 37,191 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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