



Afghan Returnee Children play at the IOM Transit Centre in Herat

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## Highlights

**191,658** total returns from Iran and Pakistan since 01 Jan 2019

**181,933** total returns from Iran since 01 Jan 2019

**9,725** total returns from Pakistan since 01 Jan 2019

**8,646** undocumented Afghans returned from Iran

**206** undocumented Afghans returned from Pakistan

**6%** of returnees from Iran (498 individuals) assisted

**59%** of returnees from Pakistan (122 individuals) assisted

### Return from Iran

According to the Border Monitoring Team of the Directorate of Refugees and Repatriation (DoRR), a total of **8,646** undocumented Afghans spontaneously returned or were deported from Iran through the Milak (Nimroz) and Herat (Islam Qala) border crossings between 19-25 May 2019, **2%** more than in the previous week (8,436). **3,537** returned voluntarily, **5,109** were deported. This brings the total number of undocumented returnees from Iran since 01 January 2019 to 181,933. IOM provided post-arrival humanitarian assistance to 498 (**6%**) undocumented Afghans deported from Iran at its Transit Centers in Nimroz and Herat, including 66 Unaccompanied Migrant Children, 20 Medical Cases, 71 members of Single Parent Families, 9 Physically Disabled, 38 Special Cases, 17 Unaccompanied Elderly, 12 Drug Addicted, 31 members of a Poor Family, 2 Single Females and 232 members of deported families.

### Protection Assistance for Returnees

IOM Protection unit completed case management assessment for 72 PSN cases in Kunduz, Sare Pul, Ghor, Herat, Nimroz, Kabul, Takhar, Balkh and Kandahar, including 21 female-headed households, 17 special cases, 13 unaccompanied migrant children, 11 medical cases, 3 drug addicts and 7 single females. In addition, 62 unaccompanied migrant children, 25 medical cases, 18 special cases and 3 people with disabilities received protection assistance in Ghor.

## 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 (1-25 May)	32,039	1,403	33,442
<b>Total</b>	<b>181,933</b>	<b>9,725</b>	<b>191,658</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 **206** undocumented Afghans spontaneously returned or were deported from Pakistan through the Turkham (Nangarhar) and Spin Boldak (Kandahar) border crossings from 19-25 May 2019. Of the total returnees, 130 were spontaneous returnees and 76 were deported undocumented Afghans. This number marks a **20% decrease** compared to the previous week (258). The total number of undocumented Afghan returnees from Pakistan since 01 January 2019 is now 9,725. IOM provided post-arrival assistance to **59%** of undocumented Afghan returnees from Pakistan (122 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 - Apr 2019	34,756	27,894	31,948	55,296	149,894	1611	886	4895	930	8,322	158,216
01 - 4 May 19	728	908	1,659	2,684	5,979	179	75	253	0	507	6,486
05 - 11 May 19	1,652	2,003	1,959	3,364	8,978	53	74	242	63	432	9,410
12 - 18 May 19	1,357	2,250	1,788	3,041	8,436	60	59	108	31	258	8,694
19 - 25 May 2019	1,509	1,755	2,028	3,354	8,646	16	34	114	42	206	8,852
<b>Total</b>	<b>40,002</b>	<b>34,810</b>	<b>39,382</b>	<b>67,739</b>	<b>181,933</b>	<b>1,919</b>	<b>1,128</b>	<b>5,612</b>	<b>1,066</b>	<b>9,725</b>	<b>191,658</b>

**Number of Assisted PSNs by IOM in 2019 (Herat, Nimroz, Turkham and Spin Boldak) \* Assisted figures for the week of 18 May 2019 included an error in calculation due to assistance types. This has now been rectified.**

Date	Iran				Total Iran	Pakistan				Total Pakistan	Overall Assisted
	Herat		Nimroz			Turkham		Kandahar			
	Spont	Deport	Spont	Deport		Spont	Deport	Spont	Deport		
Jan - Apr 2019	203	4,257	1,276	3,857	9,593	1611	149	4553	675	6,988	16,581
01 - 4 May 19	30	113	4	66	213	179	0	227	0	406	619
05 - 11 May 19	25	383	32	196	636	53	0	139	0	192	828
12 - 18 May 19	20	580	20	317	937	60	0	84	0	144	1,081
19 - 25 May 2019	16	320	40	122	498	16	0	106	0	122	620
<b>Total</b>	<b>294</b>	<b>5,653</b>	<b>1,372</b>	<b>4,558</b>	<b>11,877</b>	<b>1,919</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>5,109</b>	<b>675</b>	<b>7,852</b>	<b>19,729</b>

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

PSNs Assisted 12-18 May 2019	Persons						Total
	From Iran			From Pakistan			
	Herat	Nimroz	Sub-Total	Turkham	Spin Boldak	Sub-Total	
Poor Family (PF)	10	21	<b>31</b>	16	81	<b>97</b>	<b>128</b>
Unaccompanied Migrant Children	37	29	<b>66</b>	0	0	<b>0</b>	<b>66</b>
Single Parents Family (SP)	53	18	<b>71</b>	0	25	<b>25</b>	<b>96</b>
Special Cases (SC)	21	17	<b>38</b>	0	0	<b>0</b>	<b>38</b>
Medical Case (MC)	8	12	<b>20</b>	0	0	<b>0</b>	<b>20</b>
Physically Disabled (PD)	6	3	<b>9</b>	0	0	<b>0</b>	<b>9</b>
Unaccompanied Elderly (UE)	10	7	<b>17</b>	0	0	<b>0</b>	<b>17</b>
Drug Addicted (DA)	11	1	<b>12</b>	0	0	<b>0</b>	<b>12</b>
Single Female (SF)	1	1	<b>2</b>	0	0	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>
Mentally Ill (MI)	0	0	<b>0</b>	0	0	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Chronically ill (CI)	0	0	<b>0</b>	0	0	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Deported Families	179	53	<b>232</b>	0	0	<b>0</b>	<b>232</b>
<b>Total PSNs</b>	<b>336</b>	<b>162</b>	<b>498</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>620</b>

*IOM Afghanistan has assisted a total of 19,729 undocumented Afghans returning from Iran and Pakistan since 01 January 2019, thanks to the dedication of our staff and the generosity of our donors.*

