



Farshid and Lutfullah, aged 11 and 5, at their home in Kabul during the IOM winterization assessment. They returned with their families 6 months ago @ IOM 2017

Highlights

- 666** undocumented Afghans returned from Pakistan
- 13,842** undocumented Afghans returned from Iran
- 95,623** total returns from Pakistan since 01 Jan 2017
- 407,666** total returns from Iran since 01 Jan 2017
- 503,289** total returns from Iran and Pakistan since 01 Jan 2017
- 92%** of returnees from Pakistan assisted
- 5%** of returnees from Iran assisted
- 127** Unaccompanied Migrant Children (UMC) from Iran among those assisted, 2 from Pakistan
- 80** Medical Cases (MC) from Iran among those assisted, 0 from Pakistan

Return from Pakistan

A total of **666** undocumented Afghans spontaneously returned or were deported from Pakistan through the Turkham (Nangarhar) and Spin Boldak (Kandahar) border crossings from Nov 19-25, according to the Border Monitoring Team of the Directorate of Refugees and Repatriation (DoRR). Of the total returnees, 571 were spontaneous returnees and 95 were deported. This number marks a **22% decrease** compared to the previous week (850). The total number of undocumented Afghan returnees from Pakistan since 01 January 2017 is now 95,623. This figure is significantly lower than in 2016 but in line with historical trends. IOM provided post-arrival assistance to **92%** of undocumented Afghan returnees from Pakistan (616 individuals), including 293 individuals in Poor Families (PF), 275 individuals in Single Parent families (SP) and 43 special cases (SC). The assistance provided includes meals, accommodation, basic medical screening, Non-Food Items (NFIs), onward transportation cash grants and referral services, as well as support from partners.

IOM Winter Assistance

With the generous contribution of the Czech Republic, IOM began household level winterization assessments in partnership with the Directorate for Refugees and Repatriation (DoRR) on 06 November for several hundred returnee families from Pakistan in four provinces of high return to identify those families who are most vulnerable to harsh winter conditions. In total, IOM will distribute 510 winter support packages to 510 families (300 in Nangarhar, 100 in Kabul, 60 in Laghman and 50 in Kunar). Each winter package consists of the following items:

- Family sized tent (7 persons) and Tarpaulins
- Blankets
- Gas Heater
- 60 USD Cash for fuel for 3 months

Situation Overview

IOM is responding to a substantial increase in the return of undocumented Afghans from Pakistan and Iran. Since 01 January 2017, over 503,000 undocumented Afghans have returned due to diverse push factors, including deteriorating protection space in Pakistan and Iran. This figure represents a significantly lower rate of return than in previous year. 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. IOM estimates that approximately 560,000 undocumented Afghans could return from Pakistan and Iran in 2017 overall. In coordination with the Government of Afghanistan, IOM has provided assistance to over 85% of those who returned from Pakistan, and is working to scale up its support to returnees from Iran as well.

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Return from Iran

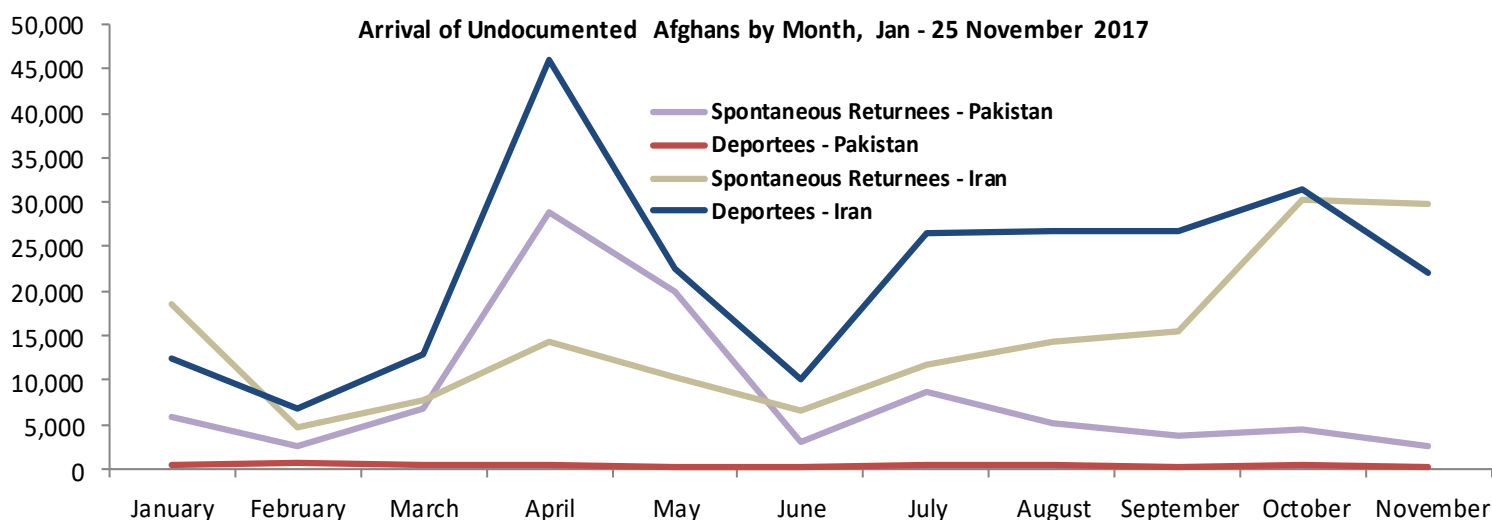
A total of **13,842** undocumented Afghans spontaneously returned or were deported from Iran through the Milak (Nimroz) and Herat (Islam Qala) border crossings between Nov 19-25 2017, **1% more** than in the previous week. Of the total deported undocumented Afghans, 1,675 individuals were deported through Islam Qala (Herat) and 3,741 were deported through Milak (Nimroz). Of those who spontaneously returned, 6,652 returned through Islam Qala (Herat) and 1,774 through Milak (Nimroz). Out of the total deportees, 584 individuals (11%) were deported with family members whereas 4,832 (89%) were deported as individuals. This brings the total number of undocumented returnees from Iran since 01 January 2017 to 407,666. IOM provided post-arrival humanitarian assistance to **755 (5%)** undocumented Afghans deported from Iran at its Transit Centers in Nimroz and Herat, including 416 individuals in Deported Families (DF), 127 Unaccompanied Migrant Children (UMC), 80 Medical Cases (MC), 67 Special Cases (SC), 15 Unaccompanied Elderly (UAE), and 7 Single Females (SF). Under the Humanitarian Re-

Number of Undocumented Returnees in 2017 (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			
January - October 17	58,466	30,708	41,411	92,010	2,386	1,208	19,799	202,456	92,768	355,676	448,444
01 - 11 Nov	589	640	9,152	4,664	28	82	3,673	6,919	1,339	24,408	25,747
12 - 18 Nov	354	467	5,268	2,352	29	0	1,516	4,604	850	13,740	14,590
19 - 25 Nov	272	299	6,652	1,774	35	60	1,675	3,741	666	13,842	14,508
Total	59,681	32,114	62,483	100,800	2,478	1,350	26,663	217,720	95,623	407,666	503,289

IOM Assisted Undocumented Afghans in 2017 (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			
January - October 17	55,812	22,685	222	605	502	614	2,255	14,955	79,613	18,037	97,650
01 - 11 Nov	589	533	12	34	2	0	210	611	1,124	867	1,991
12 - 18 Nov	354	418	28	40	8	0	82	569	780	719	1,499
19 - 25 Nov	272	296	30	7	35	13	238	480	616	755	1,371
Total	57,027	23,932	292	686	547	627	2,785	16,615	82,133	20,378	102,511



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