



Deported Migrants crossing from Iran into Afghanistan ©IOM 2017

Highlights

2,075 undocumented Afghans returned from Pakistan

9,614 undocumented Afghans returned from Iran

71,613 total returns from Pakistan since 01 January 2017

171,269 total returns from Iran since 01 January 2017

87% of returnees from Pakistan (1,812 individuals) assisted

5% of returnees from Iran (452 individuals) assisted

Return from Pakistan

A total of **2,075** undocumented Afghans spontaneously returned or were deported from Pakistan through the Turkham border (Nangarhar province) and Spin Boldak (Kandahar province) border crossings from July 2-8, according to the Border Monitoring Team of the Directorate of Refugees and Repatriation (DoRR).

Of the total returnees, 1,985 were spontaneous returnees in family groups and 90 were deported individuals. This number is **almost eight times higher** than in the previous week and marks an anticipated increase after Eid-ua Fitr. The total number of undocumented Afghans returnees from Pakistan since 01 January 2017 is now 71,613.

IOM provided post-arrival assistance to **87%** of undocumented Afghan returnees from Pakistan (1,812 individuals), including 147 single parents and 13 special cases. This sharp increase in assistance compared to 47% the previous week was anticipated and caused by the reopening of the IOM transit center during the past week. 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 (see Annex 1).

Situation Overview

IOM is responding to a substantial increase in the return of undocumented Afghans from Pakistan and Iran. Since 01 January 2017, over 231,000 undocumented Afghans have returned due to diverse push factors, including deteriorating protection space in Pakistan. This figure represents a significantly higher rate of return than in previous years. 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 600,000 undocumented Afghans could return from Pakistan and Iran in 2017, and is working to scale up its support to returnees in coordination with the Government of Afghanistan and other humanitarian partners.

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Returns from Iran

A total of **6,892** undocumented Afghans spontaneously returned or were deported from Iran through the Milak (Nimroz) border crossing between July 2-8 2017, **more than five times more** than in the previous week. The Islam Qala (Herat) border crossing remains closed. Of the total spontaneous returnees, 175 (6%) were in family groups and 2,547 (94%) were individuals. Similarly, out of the total deportees, 554 (8%) were in family groups whereas 6,338 (92%) were individuals. This brings the total number of undocumented returnees from Iran since 01 January 2017 to 171,269.

IOM provided post-arrival humanitarian assistance to **452 (5%)** undocumented Afghans deported from Iran at its Transit Center in Nimroz, including 296 families, special cases, 16 unaccompanied elderly and 83 unaccompanied migrant children.

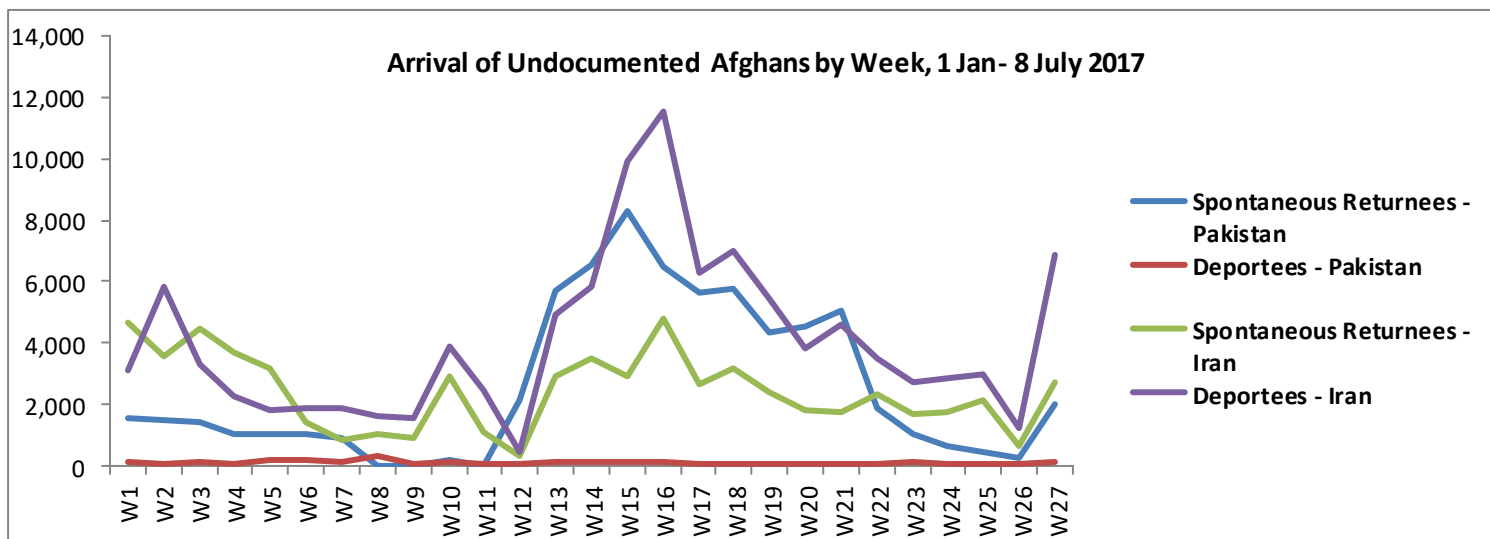


Number of Undocumented Returnees in 2017 (Turkham, Spin Boldak, Islam Qala and Milak)

Date	Spontaneous Returnees				Deportees				Total Pakistan	Total Iran	Grand Total
	Turkham	Spin Boldak	Herat	Nimroz	Turkham	Spin Boldak	Herat	Nimroz			
Jan - Apr 17	28,022	16,132	17,077	27,945	1,316	482	7,183	58,967	45,952	111,172	157,124
May-17	18,111	1889	40	10,148	210	0	17	22,257	20,210	32,462	52,672
01-24 June	1,139	1728	33	6,435	101	63	6	9,720	3,031	16,194	19,225
25 June - 1 July	101	209	3	617	35	0	1	1,206	345	1,827	2,172
02-08 July	1,104	881	0	2,722	90	0	0	6,892	2,075	9,614	11,689
Total	48,477	20,839	17,153	47,867	1,752	545	7,207	99,042	71,613	171,269	242,882

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			
Jan - Apr 17	25,702	9,921	84	204	296	369	639	3881	36,288	4,808	41,096
May-17	17,892	1,452	19	153	52	0	13	1391	19,396	1,576	20,972
01-24 July	1,119	1,433	21	45	18	16	0	803	2,586	869	3,455
25 June - 1 July	35	92	3	2	0	0	0	118	127	123	250
02-08 July	965	834	0	10	13	0	0	442	1,812	452	2,264
Total	45,713	13,732	127	414	379	385	652	6,635	60,209	7,828	68,037



Annex 1: Detailed Breakdown of Assistance Provided by Partners at Turkham and Spin Boldak BCP, July 2-8 2017

Organization	Location	Type of Assistance	Families Assisted	Total Individual Assisted	Male	Female	Boys	Girls
WFP	Transit Center	Food Package	289	1799	177	212	308	268
WHO	Transit Center	Medical Services	70	136	6	65	25	40
	Transit Center	OPV Vaccination for children (>10 years)	0	200	0	0	150	50
	Transit Center	OPV Vaccination for children (<10 years)	0	46	0	0	22	40
	Transit Center	IPV Vaccination for children (4 m -5 years)	0	207	0	0	98	109
	Transit Center	Measle Vaccination for children (6 m -5 years)	0	194	0	0	98	96
UNICEF	Transit Center	Hygiene Kits	174	965	177	212	308	268
	Transit Center	Family Kit	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Transit Center	Hygiene Awareness Training	274	1301	268	265	461	307
	Transit Center	Child Friendly Space	0	514	0	0	262	252
	Transit Center	Nutrition services for children 6-59 months, and pregnant women and lactating mothers	0	313	0	44	197	72
UNFPA	Transit Center	Dignity kits	0	0	0	0	0	0
AADA/ UNFPA	Zero Point	Medical Services	0	415	192	108	62	53
	Zero Point	OPV Vaccination for children (<10 years)	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Zero Point	OPV Vaccination for children (>10 years)	0	323	0	0	0	0
	Zero Point	IPV Vaccination for children (<10 years)	0	217	0	0	106	111
	Zero Point	Measle Vaccination for children (<10 years)	0	197	0	0	91	106
	Zero Point	HIV/AIDS Awareness	0	821	215	158	312	136
AADA/ UNICEF	Zero Point	Nutrition services for children (6-59 months), pregnant women and lactating mothers	0	281	0	97	94	90
UNMAS- OMAR	Transit Center	Mine Risk Education	115	1480	104	107	230	205

Annex 2: Breakdown of Assistance Provided at all Border Crossings, July 2-8 2017

Categories	Turkham	Spin Boldak	Islam Qala	Milak	Total
Non-Food Item (NFI) Kits	174	120	0	74	368
Medical Care	0	128	0	0	128
Tuberculosis Screening	136	834	0	352	1322
Overnight Accommodation	514	132	0	445	1091
Total	824	1214	0	871	2909

Annex 3: Transportation Cash Grant at Kandahar Transit Center, July 2-8 2017

No. of Families	No. of Individuals	Province of Final Destination	Transportation Grant (Per Person)	Total (USD)
2	15	Badakhshan	\$50	750
4	30	Badghis	\$50	1,500
1	11	Baghlan	\$40	440
2	14	Balkh	\$40	560
1	8	Daykundi	\$40	320
7	32	Ghزani	\$35	1,120
3	22	Helmand	\$40	880
2	19	Herat	\$30	570
6	40	Jawzjan	\$50	2,000
10	82	Kabul	\$30	2,460
59	439	Kandahar	\$30	13,170
13	90	Kunduz	\$50	4,500
1	8	SarePul	\$50	400
2	19	Sheberghan	\$50	950
1	2	Takhar	\$50	100
1	3	Wardak	\$30	90
115	834	-	-	29,810

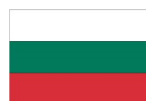
Annex 4: Transportation Cash Grant at Turkham Transit Center, July 2-8 2017

No. of Families	No. of Individuals	Province of Final Destination	Transportation Grant (Per Person)	Total (USD)
2	14	Baghlan	\$50	700
3	10	Balkh	\$50	500
31	166	Kabul	\$30	4,980
4	21	Khost	\$36	756
4	30	Kunduz	\$50	1,500
5	26	Kunar	\$30	780
2	20	Laghman	\$30	600
2	9	Logar	\$36	324
105	575	Nangarhar	\$25	14,375
14	84	Paktya	\$36	3,024
2	10	Parwan	\$36	360
174	965	-	-	27,899

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