



*Afghan returnee children play in the Child Friendly Space at IOM's Kandahar Transit Center. In 2019, 3,961 Unaccompanied Migrant Children have been assisted in all four border crossing points © IOM 2019*

### Return from Iran

According to the Border Monitoring Team of the Directorate of Refugees and Repatriation (DoRR), a total of **10,907** undocumented Afghans spontaneously returned or were deported from Iran through the Milak (Nimroz) and Herat (Islam Qala) border crossings between 20—26 October 2019, a 42% increase from the previous week (**7,685**). **4,738** persons returned voluntarily and **6,169** were deported. This brings the total number of undocumented returnees from Iran to **385,767** in 2019. IOM provided post-arrival humanitarian assistance to **436 (4%)** undocumented Afghans deported from Iran at its Transit Centers in Herat, including 70 Unaccompanied Migrant Children, 56 Medical Cases, 55 members of Single Parent Families, 7 Physically Disabled persons, 15 Unaccompanied Elderly persons, 3 Single Females, 66 members of deported families, 144 member of poor families and 50 persons with substance abuse concerns.

### Highlights

**403,338** total returns from Iran and Pakistan since 01 Jan 2019

**385,767** total returns from Iran

**17,571** total returns from Pakistan

**10,907** undocumented Afghans returned from Iran this week with **4%** of returnees from Iran (436 individuals) assisted

**203** undocumented Afghans returned from Pakistan this week with **99.5%** of returnees from Pakistan (202 individuals) assisted.

### IOM Thematic Support to Undocumented Returnees Protection:

102 case management assessments were completed in Takhar, Nangarhar, Kunduz, Kabul, Herat, Ghor, Balkh, Sare Pul and Faryab provinces including 25 Unaccompanied Migrant Children, 42 poor families, 14 female headed households, 11 deported families, 8 elderly at risk and 2 single females. In addition, 25 female headed households, 22 Unaccompanied Migrant Children, 13 members of poor families, 13 medical cases, 9 elderly at risk and 7 deported families received protection assistance in Faryab, Jawzjan and Kabul.

### Migration Health:

A total of 1,812 undocumented Afghans were screened for tuberculosis. Of the total screened, 36 persons were found to be presumptive TB cases and referred for additional diagnostic/treatment services. In addition, 77 patients received health services in the IOM Transit Centers.

### Situation Overview

As of 26 October, IOM's Cross Border Return Programme is 39% funded against its Humanitarian Response Plan request of 12.8M USD with 5.1M received from the Governments of Switzerland, Norway, Canada, the Czech Republic and CERF. Additional thematic funding has been received from ECHO for Protection programming and the Global Fund for Migration Health.

### Monthly Return of Undocumented Afghans

| Month          | Iran           | Pakistan      | Total          |
|----------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|
| Jan - Feb 2019 | 58,484         | 2,667         | 61,151         |
| March 2019     | 37,512         | 2,202         | 39,714         |
| April 2019     | 53,898         | 3,453         | 57,351         |
| May 2019       | 39,886         | 1,488         | 41,374         |
| June 2019      | 35,277         | 1,440         | 36,717         |
| July 2019      | 40,947         | 2,132         | 43,079         |
| August 2019    | 37,942         | 1,411         | 39,353         |
| September 2019 | 45,216         | 1,724         | 46,940         |
| October 2019   | 36,605         | 1,054         | 37,659         |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>385,767</b> | <b>17,571</b> | <b>403,338</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 202 undocumented Afghans spontaneously returned and 1 was deported from Pakistan through the Torkham and Spin Boldak border crossings between 20—26 October 2019. This number marks a 50% decrease compared to the previous week (407). The total number of undocumented Afghan returnees from Pakistan in 2019 is now 17,571. IOM provided post-arrival assistance to 202 (99.5%) undocumented returnees from Pakistan over the past week.

**Number of Undocumented Returnees in 2019**

| Date             | Iran          |               |               |                | Total Iran     | Pakistan     |              |               |              | Total Pakistan | Overall Return |
|------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|----------------|----------------|
|                  | Herat         |               | Nimroz        |                |                | Torkham      |              | Kandahar      |              |                |                |
|                  | Spont         | Deport        | Spont         | Deport         |                | Spont        | Deport       | Spont         | Deport       |                |                |
| Jan - Sep 2019   | 79,149        | 67,953        | 72,430        | 129,630        | 349,162        | 3,659        | 1,262        | 10,373        | 1,223        | 16,517         | 365,679        |
| 01 - 05 Oct 2019 | 1,897         | 1,034         | 1,069         | 2,360          | 6,360          | 132          | 1            | 63            | 0            | 196            | 6,556          |
| 06 - 12 Oct 2019 | 3,795         | 2,013         | 1,675         | 4,170          | 11,653         | 86           | 2            | 127           | 33           | 248            | 11,901         |
| 13 - 19 Oct 2019 | 1,836         | 1,460         | 1,080         | 3,309          | 7,685          | 89           | 0            | 309           | 9            | 407            | 8,092          |
| 20 - 26 Oct 2019 | 3,661         | 1,908         | 1,077         | 4,261          | 10,907         | 57           | 0            | 145           | 1            | 203            | 11,110         |
| <b>Total</b>     | <b>90,338</b> | <b>74,368</b> | <b>77,331</b> | <b>143,730</b> | <b>385,767</b> | <b>4,023</b> | <b>1,265</b> | <b>11,017</b> | <b>1,266</b> | <b>17,571</b>  | <b>403,338</b> |

**Number of Assisted Returnees in 2019**

| Date             | Iran         |               |              |              | Total Iran    | Pakistan     |            |               |            | Total Pakistan | Overall Assisted |
|------------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|------------|---------------|------------|----------------|------------------|
|                  | Herat        |               | Nimroz       |              |               | Turkham      |            | Kandahar      |            |                |                  |
|                  | Spont        | Deport        | Spont        | Deport       |               | Spont        | Deport     | Spont         | Deport     |                |                  |
| Jan - Sep 2019   | 1,521        | 10,581        | 2,290        | 8,908        | 23,300        | 3,659        | 155        | 9,523         | 675        | 14,012         | 37,312           |
| 01 - 05 Oct 2019 | 10           | 177           | 0            | 0            | 187           | 132          | 0          | 32            | 0          | 164            | 351              |
| 06 - 12 Oct 2019 | 68           | 307           | 0            | 0            | 375           | 86           | 0          | 110           | 27         | 223            | 598              |
| 13 - 19 Oct 2019 | 95           | 230           | 0            | 0            | 325           | 89           | 0          | 266           | 0          | 355            | 680              |
| 20 - 26 Oct 2019 | 72           | 364           | 0            | 0            | 436           | 57           | 0          | 145           | 0          | 202            | 638              |
| <b>Total</b>     | <b>1,766</b> | <b>11,659</b> | <b>2,290</b> | <b>8,908</b> | <b>24,623</b> | <b>4,023</b> | <b>155</b> | <b>10,076</b> | <b>702</b> | <b>14,956</b>  | <b>39,579</b>    |

**Migration Health Assistance Provided by IOM**

| Indicators   | Iran  |        |           | Pakistan  |          |           | Total |
|--|-------|--------|-----------|-----------|----------|-----------|-------|
|  | Herat | Nimroz | Sub-Total | Nangarhar | Kandahar | Sub-Total |       |
| # of OPD Consultations in September 2019               | 202   | 301    | 503       |           |          |           | 503   |
| # of OPD Consultations during 20 - 26 Oct 2019         | 77    |        | 77        |           |          |           | 77    |
| # of returnees screened for TB (Jul - Sept 2019)       | 2534  | 33728  | 36262     | 291       | 1149     | 1440      | 37702 |
| # of presumptive TB cases identified (Jul - Sept 2019) | 242   | 100    | 342       | 8         | 37       | 45        | 387   |
| # of TB cases screened during 20 - 26 Oct              | 336   | 1360   | 1696      | 17        | 99       | 116       | 1812  |
| #of presumptive TB cases identified 20 - 26 Oct        | 25    | 7      | 32        | 0         | 4        | 4         | 36    |
| # of detected TB cases enrolled for treatment          | 0     | 0      | 0         | 1         | 0        | 1         | 1     |

*IOM Afghanistan has assisted a total of 39,579 undocumented Afghans returning from Iran and Pakistan in 2019, thanks to the dedication of our staff and the generosity of our donors.*

