



Arrival of deported families at Islam Qala border, Herat province @ IOM 2017

Highlights

- 923** undocumented Afghans returned from Pakistan
- 18,033** undocumented Afghans returned from Iran
- 92,300** total returns from Pakistan since 01 Jan 2017
- 349,610** total returns from Iran since 01 Jan 2017
- 88%** of returnees from Pakistan (814 individuals) assisted
- 4%** of returnees from Iran (749 individuals) assisted
- 159** Unaccompanied Migrant Children (UMC) from Iran among those assisted, 3 from Pakistan
- 32** Medical Cases (MC) from Iran among those assisted, 0 from Pakistan

Return from Pakistan

A total of **923** undocumented Afghans spontaneously returned or were deported from Pakistan through the Turkham (Nangarhar) and Spin Boldak (Kandahar) border crossings from Oct 22—28, according to the Border Monitoring Team of the Directorate of Refugees and Repatriation (DoRR). Of the total returnees, 870 were spontaneous returnees and 53 were deported. This number marks a **12% decrease** compared to the previous week (1,059). The total number of undocumented Afghan returnees from Pakistan since 01 January 2017 is now 92,300. IOM provided post-arrival assistance to **88%** of undocumented Afghan returnees from Pakistan (814 individuals), including 686 individuals in poor families, 99 individuals in single parent families, 26 special cases and 3 unaccompanied migrant children. 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.

Contextual Update — Pakistan

As of October 2017, the Government of Pakistan's National Database and Registration Authority (NADRA) supported by the Government of Pakistan and IOM has received over 221,000 applications from undocumented Afghans for Afghan Citizen Cards (ACC) across 21 registration centers. The registration exercise commenced on 16 August 2017 and is expected to continue into next spring. ACC cards grant undocumented Afghans temporary stay in Pakistan, pending their return to Afghanistan, to regularize their legal status by acquiring a passport and visa.

Situation Overview

IOM is responding to a substantial increase in the return of undocumented Afghans from Pakistan and Iran. Since 01 January 2017, over 441,000 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 (24%) 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 500,000 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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Return from Iran

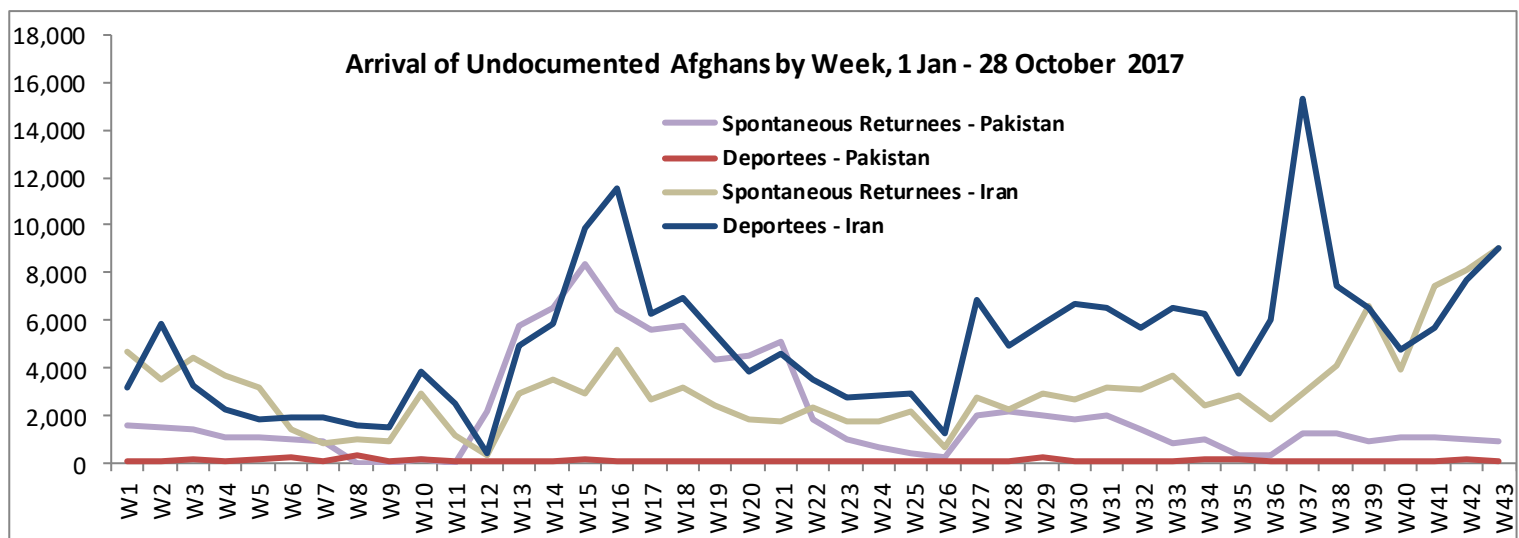
A total of **18,033** undocumented Afghans spontaneously returned or were deported from Iran through the Milak (Nimroz) and Herat (Islam Qala) border crossings between Oct 22-28, **12% more** than in the previous week. Although no official announcement has been made, spontaneous returns and deportations have resumed again through Islam Qala (Herat) since 07 September 2017. Of the total deported undocumented Afghans, 2,644 individuals were deported through Islam Qala (Herat) and 6,380 were deported through Milak (Nimroz). Of those who spontaneously returned, 7,880 returned through Islam Qala (Herat) and 1,129 through Milak (Nimroz). On October 16, IOM together with OCHA, WHO, WFP, UNICEF, UNAMA and UNHCR led a one day inter agency mission to Nimroz to inaugurate CERF Funding which will see a major expansion to humanitarian operations. Out of the total deportees, 597 individuals (7%) were deported with family members whereas 8,427 (93%) were deported as individuals. This brings the total number of undocumented returnees from Iran since 01 January 2017 to 349,610. IOM provided post-arrival humanitarian assistance to **749 (4%)** undocumented Afghans deported from Iran at its Transit Centers in Nimroz and Herat, including 488 individuals in Deported Families (DF), 159 Unaccompanied Migrant Children (UMC), 28 Special Cases (SC), 32 Medical Cases (MC), 22 Unaccompanied Elderly (UAE), 6 Drug Addicted (DA), 6 Physically Disabled (PD), 4 members of a Poor Family (PF), 3 members of a Single Parent Family (SPF), and 1 Chronically Ill individual (CI).

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

Date	Spontaneous Returnees				Deportees				Total	Total	Grand Total
	Turkham	Spin Boldak	Herat	Nimroz	Turkham	Spin Boldak	Herat	Nimroz	Pakistan	Iran	
January - Sep 17	56,181	28,612	20,915	82,274	2,280	1,001	8,761	181,979	88,074	293,929	382,003
01 - 07 Oct	405	648	2,427	1,508	14	71	2,571	2,208	1,138	8,714	9,852
08 - 14 Oct	612	440	5,129	2,345	37	17	1,749	3,903	1,106	13,126	14,232
15 - 21 Oct	517	434	4,988	3,127	30	78	2,729	4,964	1,059	15,808	16,867
22 - 28 Oct	492	378	7,880	1,129	24	29	2,644	6,380	923	18,033	18,956
Total	58,207	30,512	41,339	90,383	2,385	1,196	18,454	199,434	92,300	349,610	441,910

IOM Assisted Undocumented Afghans in 2017 (Turkham, Spin Boldak, Islam Qala and Milak)

Date	Spontaneous Returnees				Deportees				Total	Total	Grand Total
	Turkham	Spin Boldak	Herat	Nimroz	Turkham	Spin Boldak	Herat	Nimroz	Pakistan	Iran	
Jan - Sep 17	53,533	20,858	173	569	490	547	944	12,328	75,428	14,014	89,442
01 - 07 Oct	405	574	0	2	1	30	602	566	1,010	1,170	2,180
08 - 14 Oct	610	394	31	15	5	0	165	588	1,009	799	1,808
15 - 21 Oct	513	374	10	7	0	14	248	752	901	1,017	1,918
22 - 28 Oct	492	293	6	7	6	23	158	578	814	749	1,563
Total	55,553	22,493	220	600	502	614	2,117	14,812	79,162	17,749	96,911





A health worker treats an injured Afghan deportee from Iran at the Transit Center in Herat City, Herat province @ IOM 2017

Annex 1: Breakdown of Assistance Provided at all Border Crossings Points (BCP), Oct 22—28 2017

Categories	Turkham	Spin Boldak	Islam Qala	Milak	Total
Non-Food Item (NFI) Kits	94	52	21	13	180
Medical Care	129	39	13	68	249
Tuberculosis Screening	498	316	164	309	1,287
Overnight Accommodation	6	71	164	573	814
Total	727	478	362	963	2,530

Annex 2: Detailed Breakdown of Assistance Provided by Partners at Milak and Islam Qala BCP, Oct 22—28 2017

Organization	Location	Type of Assistance	Families Assisted	Total Individual Assisted	Male	Female	Boys	Girls
IOM	Registration Centre	Registration	109	749	210	119	295	124
AICHR	Registration Centre	Legal Assistance	0	0	0	0	0	0
IOM	Transit Centre	Food Package	21	164	54	21	71	18
IOM	Transit Centre	Transportation	109	636	210	119	183	124
IOM	Transit Centre	Medical Services	5	41	35	26	24	24
IOM	Transit Centre	Referrals	0	0	0	0	46	0
UNICEF	Tracing & Repatriation		0	0	0	0	113	0
WFP	Transit Center	Food Package	106	387	88	83	130	86
UNICEF	Transit Center	Child Friendly Space	0	0	0	0	97	64
MDC/UNMAS	Transit Center	Mine Risk Education	0	438	145	82	137	74

Annex 3: Detailed Breakdown of Assistance Provided by Partners at Turkham and Spin Boldak BCP, Oct 22—28 2017

Organization	Location	Type of Assistance	Families Assisted	Total Individual Assisted	Male	Female	Boys	Girls
IOM	Transit Centre	BSAF Registration	172	814	167	165	220	262
IOM	Transit Centre	IOM Beneficiary Card	172	814	167	165	220	262
	Transit Centre	Overnight Accommodation	7	77	32	8	20	17
	Transit Centre	Medical Screening	77	168	11	70	23	64
	Transit Centre	TB Screening	166	814	167	165	220	262
	Transit Centre	Non Food Item (NFI)	143	785	141	165	217	262
IOM	Transit Centre	Unconditional Cash for NFI	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Transit Centre	Cash for Transportation (\$ 25-\$50)	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Transit Center	Food Package	94	492	91	104	129	168
	Transit Center	Medical Services	50	129	10	47	16	56
	Transit Center	OPV Vaccination for children (>10 years)	0	27	0	0	16	11
WHO	Transit Center	OPV Vaccination for children (<10 years)	0	16	0	0	9	7
WHO	Transit Center	IPV Vaccination for children (<10 years)	0	170	0	0	71	99
	Transit Center	Measle Vaccination for children (<10 years)	0	93	0	0	39	54
UNICEF	Transit Center	Hygiene Kits	94	492	91	104	129	168
	Transit Center	Family Kit	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Transit Center	Hygiene Awareness Training	137	763	144	164	218	237
	Transit Center	Child Friendly Space	0	390	0	0	185	205
UNICEF	Transit Center	Nutrition services for children 6-59 months, and pregnant women and lactating mothers	27	60	0	0	28	32
UNICEF	Transit Center	Vitamin A 12-59 months	25	59	0	0	28	31
UNICEF	Transit Center	Albendazol 24-59 months	25	43	0	0	16	27
UNFPA	Transit Center	Dignity kits	0	0	0	0	0	0
AADA/UNFPA	Zero Point	Medical Services	0	358	107	117	69	65
AADA/UNFPA	Zero Point	OPV Vaccination for children (<10 years)	0	298	0	0	0	0
AADA/UNFPA	Zero Point	OPV Vaccination for children (>10 years)	0	0	0	0	0	0
AADA/UNFPA	Zero Point	IPV Vaccination for children (<10 years)	0	154	0	0	70	84
AADA/UNFPA	Zero Point	Measle Vaccination for children (<10 years)	0	146	0	0	66	80
AADA/UNFPA	Zero Point	HIV/AIDS Awareness	0	384	150	95	64	75
AADA/UNICEF	Zero Point	Nutrition services for children (6-59 months), pregnant women and lactating mothers	0	199	0	52	66	81
AADA/UNICEF	Zero Point	Vitamin A 12-59 months	0	134	0	0	59	75
AADA/UNICEF	Zero Point	Albendazol 24-59 months	0	99	0	0	43	56
DDG/ DRC	Transit Center	Mine Risk Education	43	700	144	166	194	196

Annex 4: Breakdown of Provinces of Final Destination and Top Five Provinces of High Return of Undocumented Afghans

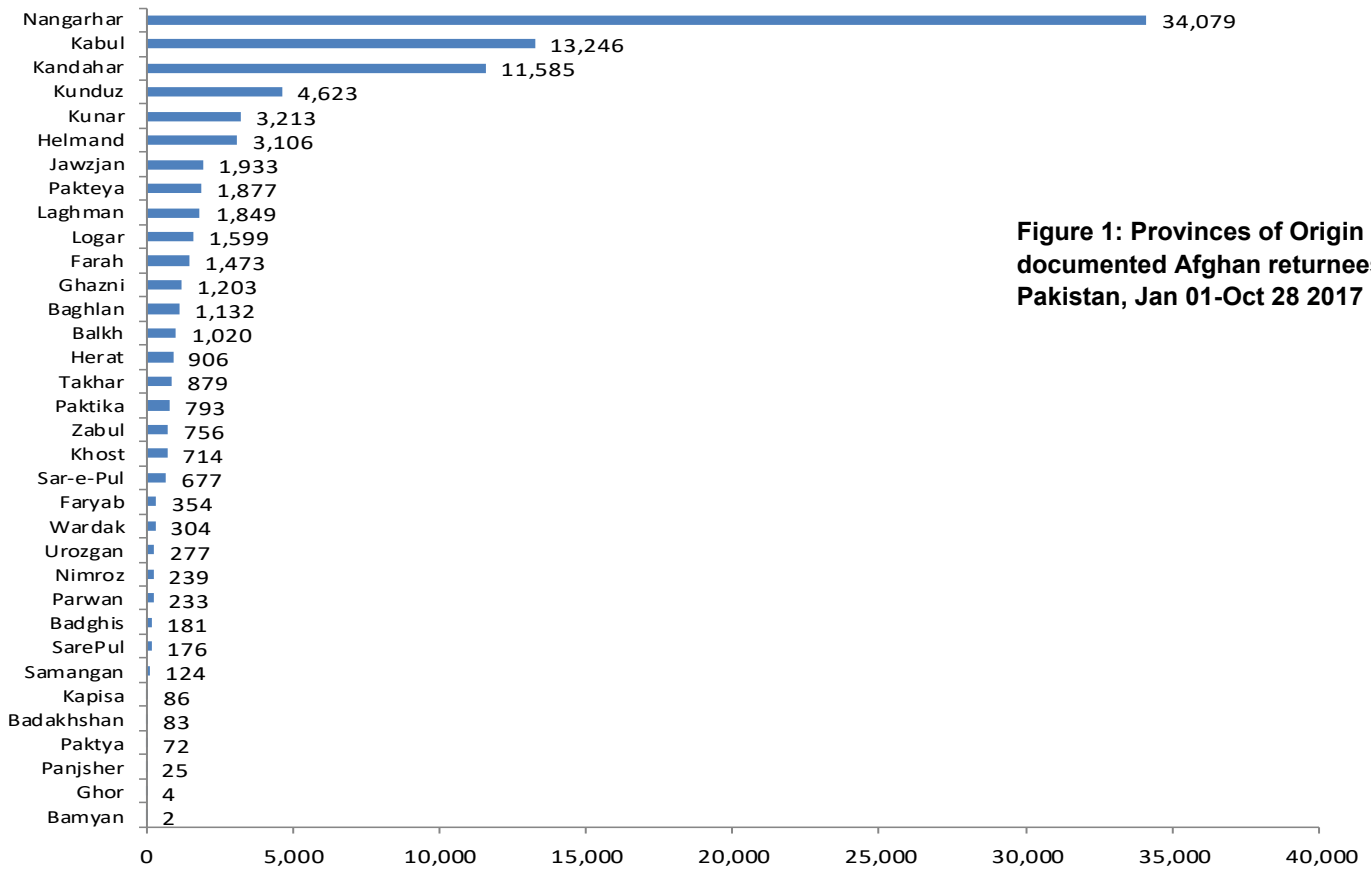


Figure 1: Provinces of Origin of Undocumented Afghan returnees from Pakistan, Jan 01-Oct 28 2017

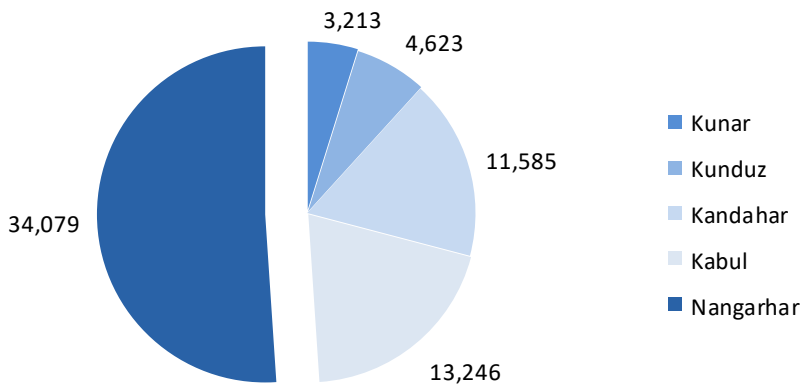


Figure 2: Top Five Provinces of Final Destination of Undocumented Afghan returnees from Pakistan, Jan 01-Oct 28 2017

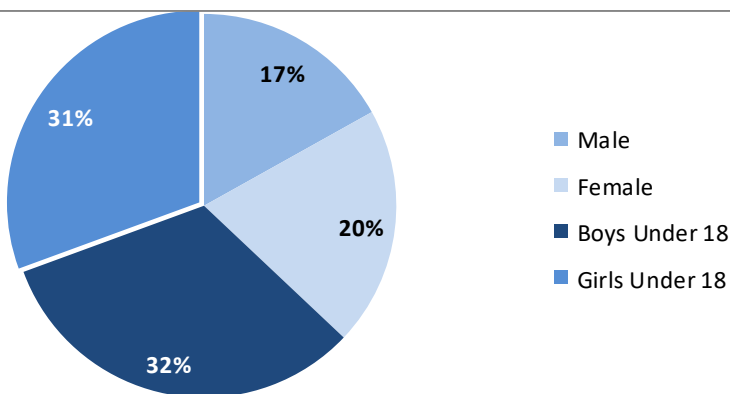


Figure 3: Gender breakdown of undocumented spontaneous returnees from Pakistan, Jan 01—Oct 28, 2017

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