



Undocumented Afghan returnee family arrived at Spin Boldak Reception Center in Kandahar ©QADIRY Mohammad Hussain, June 2018

Highlights

235,170 total returns from Iran and Pakistan since 01 Jan 2019

223,946 total returns from Iran

11,224 total returns from Pakistan

9,729 undocumented Afghans returned from Iran with **9%** of returnees from Iran (914 individuals) assisted

504 undocumented Afghans returned from Pakistan with **83%** of returnees from Pakistan (416 individuals) assisted

Return from Iran

According to the Border Monitoring Team of the Directorate of Refugees and Repatriation (DoRR), a total of **9,729** undocumented Afghans spontaneously returned or were deported from Iran through the Milak (Nimroz) and Herat (Islam Qala) border crossings between **23-29 June 2019**, **2 %** more than the previous week (**9,505**). **4,035** returned voluntarily, **5,694** were deported. This brings the total number of undocumented returnees from Iran since 01 January 2019 to **223,946**. IOM provided post-arrival humanitarian assistance to 914 (**9%**) undocumented Afghans deported from Iran at its Transit Centers in Nimroz and Herat, including 102 Unaccompanied Migrant Children, 59 Medical Cases, 120 members of Single Parent Families, 6 Physically Disabled persons, 30 Unaccompanied Elderly, 3 Single Females, 3 persons with mental health concerns and 349 members of deported families.

Protection Assistance for Returnees

The Protection unit completed case management assessments for 54 Persons with Specific Needs (PSN) cases in Kunduz, Ghor, Sare Pul, Faryab, Balkh and Kabul, including 16 Unaccompanied Migrant Children, 15 medical cases, 9 female-headed households, 4 at risk elderly persons and 3 persons with disabilities. In addition, 42 female-headed households received protection assistance in Nimroz and Kabul.

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. On 27 June, ACCs were extended until 31 October 2019 by the Government of Pakistan.

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-19	39,886	1,488	41,374
Jun-19	34,166	1,414	35,580
Total	223,946	11,224	235,170

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Return from Pakistan

According to the Border Monitoring Team of the Directorate of Refugees and Repatriation (DoRR), a total of **504** undocumented Afghans spontaneously returned or were deported from Pakistan through the Turkham (Nangarhar) and Spin Boldak (Kandahar) border crossings from 23-29 June 2019. All of the returnees were spontaneous returnees. This number marks **5%** increase compared to the last weeks (480). The total number of undocumented Afghan returnees from Pakistan since 01 January 2019 is now 11,224. IOM provided post-arrival assistance to **83%** of undocumented returnees from Pakistan (416 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 - May 2019	40,689	36,243	41,839	71,009	189,780	1945	1159	5640	1066	9,810	199,590
01 - 15 Jun 2019	3,127	3,153	4,079	4,573	14,932	148	0	230	52	430	15,362
16-22 Jun 2019	1,738	1,693	2,173	3,901	9,505	107	0	351	22	480	9,985
23-29 Jun 2019	2,302	1,733	1,984	3,710	9,729	121	51	332	0	504	10,233
Total	47,856	42,822	50,075	83,193	223,946	2,321	1,210	6,553	1,140	11,224	235,170

Number of Assisted PSNs by IOM in 2019 (Herat, Nimroz, Turkham and Spin Boldak)

Date	Iran				Total Iran	Pakistan				Total Pakistan	Overall Assisted
	Herat		Nimroz			Turkham		Kandahar			
	Spont	Deport	Spont	Deport		Spont	Deport	Spont	Deport		
Jan - May 2019	308	5,837	1,488	4,718	12,351	1945	149	5206	675	7,975	20,326
01 - 15 Jun 2019	92	388	184	175	839	148	0	221	0	369	1,208
16-22 Jun 2019	46	319	53	297	715	107	0	338	0	445	1,160
23-29 Jun 2019	64	379	145	326	914	121	4	291	0	416	1,330
Total	446	6,544	1,870	5,516	14,819	2,321	153	6,056	675	9,205	24,024

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

PSNs Assisted 23-29 June 2019	Persons						Total
	From Iran			From Pakistan			
	Herat	Nimroz	Sub-Total	Turkham	Spin Boldak	Sub-Total	
Poor Family (PF)	62	95	157	77	231	308	465
Unaccompanied Migrant Children	64	38	102	0	0	0	102
Single Parents Family (SP)	68	52	120	44	60	104	224
Special Cases (SC)	29	43	72	4	0	4	76
Medical Case (MC)	34	25	59	0	0	0	59
Physically Disabled (PD)	3	3	6	0	0	0	6
Unaccompanied Elderly (UE)	19	11	30	0	0	0	30
Drug Addicted (DA)	9	2	11	0	0	0	11
Single Female (SF)	3	0	3	0	0	0	3
Mentally Ill (MI)	0	3	3	0	0	0	3
Chronically ill (CI)	0	2	2	0	0	0	2
Deported Families	152	197	349	0	0	0	349
Total PSNs	443	471	914	125	291	416	1,330

IOM Afghanistan has assisted a total of 24,024 undocumented Afghans returning from Iran and Pakistan since 01 January 2019, thanks to the dedication of our staff and the generosity of our donors.

