



Undocumented Afghan deportees are registered at IOM's Nimroz Reception Center. In 2019, IOM has assisted more than 9,934 returnees in Nimroz © IOM 2019

Return from Iran

According to the Border Monitoring Team of the Directorate of Refugees and Repatriation (DoRR), a total of **13,065** undocumented Afghans spontaneously returned or were deported from Iran through the Milak (Nimroz) and Herat (Islam Qala) border crossings between 25-31 August 2019, **76%** more than the previous week (**7,414**). **5,715** returned voluntarily and **7,350** were deported. This brings the total number of undocumented returnees from Iran to **303,946** in 2019. IOM provided post-arrival humanitarian assistance to 1,069 (**8%**) undocumented Afghans deported from Iran at its Transit Centers in Nimroz and Herat, including 164 Unaccompanied Migrant Children, 49 Medical Cases, 115 members of Single Parent Families, 22 Physically Disabled persons, 24 Unaccompanied Elderly, 5 Single Females, 502 members of deported families, and 30 persons with substance abuse concerns.

Situation Overview

As of late August, IOM's Cross Border Return Programme is only 26% funded against its Humanitarian Response Plan request of 12.8M USD with 3.3M received from the Governments of Switzerland, Norway, Canada, and the Czech Republic. Additional thematic funding has been received from ECHO for Protection programming and the Global Fund for Migration Health. However, as a result of the funding gaps **on 30 September, cross border post arrival assistance operations will be suspended in Kandahar and Nimroz provinces.**

Highlights

318,739 total returns from Iran and Pakistan since 01 Jan 2019

303,946 total returns from Iran

14,749 total returns from Pakistan

13,065 undocumented Afghans returned from Iran with **8%** of returnees from Iran (1,069 individuals) assisted

604 undocumented Afghans returned from Pakistan with **96%** of returnees from Pakistan (578 individuals) assisted.

IOM Thematic Support to Undocumented Returnees

Protection: 69 case management assessments were completed in Balkh, Kandahar, Kabul, Sar-e Pul, Nangarhar, Kunduz, Herat, Ghor and Nimroz provinces for 17 special cases, 20 Unaccompanied Migrant Children, 13 female-headed households, 13 single females and 6 elderly at risk. In addition, 19 medical cases, 15 special cases and 23 unaccompanied migrant children received protection assistance in Sare Pul province.

Migration Health: IOM's Active Case Finding Staff and Field Coordinators continue to identify suspected cases at border level on a daily basis. Given the size of the return caseload particularly from Iran, IOM is exploring ways to increase staffing and coverage to improve case detection and referrals from the border to treatment facilities.

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 | 35,277 | 1,440 | 36,717 |
| Jul-19 | 40,947 | 2,132 | 43,079 |
| Aug-19 | 37,942 | 1,411 | 39,353 |
| Total | 303,946 | 14,793 | 318,739 |

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Return from Pakistan

According to the Border Monitoring Team of the Directorate of Refugees and Repatriation (DoRR), a total of **604** undocumented Afghans spontaneously returned from Pakistan through the Turkham and Spin Boldak border crossings between 25-31 August 2019. This number marks a 78% increase compared to the previous week (340). The total number of undocumented Afghan returnees from Pakistan since 01 January 2019 is now **14,793**. IOM provided post-arrival assistance to **96% (578)** of 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 | | | Turkham | | Kandahar | | | |
| | Spont | Deport | Spont | Deport | | Spont | Deport | Spont | Deport | | |
| Jan - July 2019 | 56,912 | 50,590 | 58,771 | 99,731 | 266,004 | 2,972 | 1,222 | 7,980 | 1,208 | 13,382 | 279,386 |
| 01-17 August 2019 | 5,970 | 3,659 | 3,043 | 4,791 | 17,463 | 181 | 5 | 281 | 0 | 467 | 17,930 |
| 18-24 August 2019 | 1,262 | 2,101 | 1,442 | 2,609 | 7,414 | 122 | 0 | 218 | 0 | 340 | 7,754 |
| 25-31 August 2020 | 3,521 | 2,306 | 2,194 | 5,044 | 13,065 | 80 | 0 | 524 | 0 | 604 | 13,669 |
| Total | 67,665 | 58,656 | 65,450 | 112,175 | 303,946 | 3,355 | 1,227 | 9,003 | 1,208 | 14,793 | 318,739 |

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 - July 2019 | 1,000 | 8,291 | 2,038 | 6,655 | 17,984 | 2,972 | 153 | 7,384 | 675 | 11,184 | 29,168 |
| 01-17 August 2019 | 315 | 520 | 97 | 222 | 1,154 | 181 | 0 | 279 | 0 | 460 | 1,614 |
| 18-24 August 2019 | 46 | 177 | 37 | 324 | 584 | 122 | 0 | 174 | 0 | 296 | 880 |
| 25-31 August 2020 | 49 | 459 | 55 | 506 | 1,069 | 80 | 0 | 498 | 0 | 578 | 1,647 |
| Total | 1,410 | 9,447 | 2,227 | 7,707 | 20,791 | 3,355 | 153 | 8,335 | 675 | 12,518 | 33,309 |

Type of Assisted PSNs by IOM

| PSNs Assisted 25-31 Aug 2019 | Persons | | | | | | Total |
|--------------------------------|------------|------------|--------------|---------------|-------------|------------|--------------|
| | From Iran | | | From Pakistan | | | |
| | Herat | Nimroz | Sub-Total | Turkham | Spin Boldak | Sub-Total | |
| Poor Family (PF) | 28 | 18 | 46 | 69 | 313 | 382 | 428 |
| Unaccompanied Migrant Children | 61 | 103 | 164 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 164 |
| Single Parents Family (SP) | 78 | 37 | 115 | 11 | 185 | 196 | 311 |
| Special Cases (SC) | 70 | 41 | 111 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 111 |
| Medical Case (MC) | 28 | 21 | 49 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 49 |
| Physically Disabled (PD) | 11 | 11 | 22 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 22 |
| Unaccompanied Elderly (UE) | 19 | 5 | 24 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 24 |
| Substance Abuse Concerns (DA) | 27 | 3 | 30 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 30 |
| Single Female (SF) | 5 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 |
| Mental Health Concerns (MI) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Chronically ill (CI) | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Deported Families | 181 | 321 | 502 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 502 |
| Total PSNs | 508 | 561 | 1,069 | 80 | 498 | 578 | 1,647 |

IOM Afghanistan has assisted a total of 33,309 undocumented Afghans returning from Iran and Pakistan in 2019.

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