



A returnee family outside IOM's Transit Centre in Zaranj City, Nimroz Province ©IOM 2017

Highlights

273 undocumented Afghans returned from Pakistan

1,827 undocumented Afghans returned from Iran

69,466 total returns from Pakistan since 01 January 2017

161,655 total returns from Iran since 01 January 2017

46% of returnees from Pakistan (127 individuals) assisted

7% of returnees from Iran (123 individuals) assisted

Return from Pakistan

A total of **273** undocumented Afghans spontaneously returned or were deported from Pakistan through the Turkham border (Nangarhar province) and Spin Boldak (Kandahar province) border crossings from 25 June –1 July 2017, according to the Border Monitoring Team of the Directorate of Refugees and Repatriation (DoRR). Due to the Eid-ul Fitr holidays marking the end of the holy month of Ramadan last week, there is no Weekly Situation Report for the week of 18–24 June 2017.

Of the total returnees, 238 were spontaneous returnees in family groups and 35 were deported individuals. This is a **58% decrease** from the previous week and marks an anticipated decline for Eid-ul Fitr. The total number of undocumented Afghan returnees from Pakistan since 01 January 2017 is now 69,466.

IOM provided post-arrival assistance to **46%** of undocumented Afghan returnees from Pakistan (127 individuals), including 11 single parents. This decline in assistance was caused by the unexpected temporary closure of the IOM transit centre during the past week. The centre will be fully operational again as of July 3, assistance levels are therefore expected to increase again. 18 families received transportation cash grants to reach their final destination, and 18 were given NFI Kits.

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 **1,827** undocumented Afghans spontaneously returned or were deported from Iran through the Islam Qala (Herat) and Milak (Nimroz) border crossings between 25 June - 1 July 2017, a **64% decrease** from the previous week. Of the total spontaneous returnees, 31 (5%) were in family groups and 589 (95%) were individuals. Similarly, out of the total deportees, 160 (13%) were in family groups whereas 1,047 (87%) were individuals. This brings the total number of undocumented returnees from Iran since 01 January 2017 to 161,655. Most returns and deportations from Iran happen through the Milak border crossing (Nimroz) as Islam Qala (Herat) remains closed until further notice. Last week, IOM provided 21 deported families with NFI Kits.

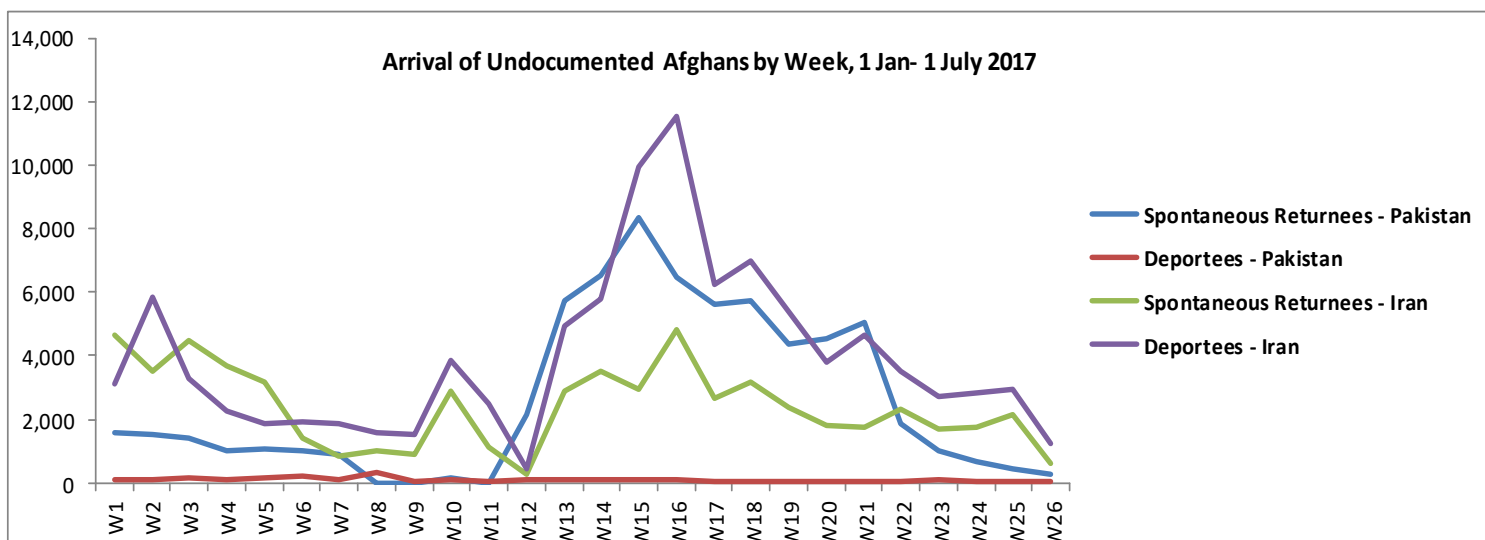


Number of Undocumented Returnees in 2017 (Turkham, Spin Boldak, Islam Qala and Milak)

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
1-3 June	223	574	0	879	2	0	0	1,227	799	2,106	2,905
04-10 June	410	594	7	1,693	27	60	6	2,720	1,091	4,426	5,517
11-17 June	290	354	17	1,744	27	0	0	2,832	671	4,593	5,264
18- 24 June	216	206	9	2,119	45	3	0	2,941	470	5,069	5,539
25 June - 1 July	101	209	3	617	35	0	1	1,206	273	1,827	2,100
Total	47,373	19,886	17,153	45,145	1,662	545	7,207	92,150	69,466	161,655	231,121

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
01-03 June	223	477	0	3	0	0	0	197	700	200	900
04-10 June	390	480	6	3	5	13	0	110	888	119	1,007
11-17 June	290	314	9	22	6	0	0	229	610	260	870
18-24 June	216	162	6	17	7	3	0	267	388	290	678
25 June - 1 July	35	92	3	2	0	0	0	118	127	123	250
Total	44,748	12,898	127	404	366	385	652	6,193	58,397	7,376	65,773



Annex 1: Detailed Breakdown of Assistance Provided by Partners at Turkham and Spin Boldak BCP, 25 June-1 July

Organization	Location	Type of Assistance	Families Assisted	Total Individual Assisted	Male	Female	Boys	Girls
WFP	Transit Center	Food Package	31	219	41	26	49	29
WHO	Transit Center	Medical Services	4	8	0	6	0	2
	Transit Center	OPV Vaccination for children (>10 years)	0	26	0	0	0	0
	Transit Center	OPV Vaccination for children (<10 years)	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Transit Center	IPV Vaccination for children (4 m -5 years)	0	13	0	0	3	4
	Transit Center	Measle Vaccination for children (6 m -5 years)	0	14	0	0	7	1
UNICEF	Transit Center	Hygiene Kits	5	35	5	6	11	13
	Transit Center	Family Kit	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Transit Center	Hygiene Awareness Training	5	35	5	6	11	13
	Transit Center	Child Friendly Space	0	23	0	0	11	12
	Transit Center	Nutrition services for children 6-59 months, and pregnant women and lactating mothers	0	7	0	3	2	2
UNFPA	Transit Center	Dignity kits	0	0	0	0	0	0
AADA/ UNFPA	Zero Point	Medical Services	0	109	34	36	17	22
	Zero Point	OPV Vaccination for children (<10 years)	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Zero Point	OPV Vaccination for children (>10 years)	0	38	0	0	0	0
	Zero Point	IPV Vaccination for children (<10 years)	0	29	0	0	14	15
	Zero Point	Measle Vaccination for children (<10 years)	0	29	0	0	13	16
	Zero Point	HIV/AIDS Awareness	0	0	0	0	0	0
AADA/ UNICEF	Zero Point	Nutrition services for children (6-59 months), pregnant women and lactating mothers	0	42	0	14	11	17
UNMAS- OMAR	Transit Center	Mine Risk Education	39	219	42	27	48	28

Annex 2: Breakdown of Assistance Provided at all Border Crossings, 25 June - 1 July 2017

Categories	Turkham	Spin Boldak	Islam Qala	Milak	Total
Non-Food Item (NFI) Kits	5	13	0	21	39
Medical Care	8	8	0	0	16
Tuberculosis Screening	35	92	3	80	210
Overnight Accommodation	0	0	3	120	123
Total	48	113	6	221	388

Annex 3: Transportation Cash Grant at Kandahar Transit Center, 25 June – 1 July 2017

No. of Families	No. of Individuals	Province of Final Destination	Transportation Grant (Per Person)	Total (USD)
2	20	Helmand	\$40	800
11	72	Kandahar	\$30	2160
13	92	-	-	2,960

Annex 4: Transportation Cash Grant at Turkham Transit Center, 25 June– 1 July 2017

No. of Families	No. of Individuals	Province of Final Destination	Transportation Grant (Per Person)	Total (USD)
1	7	Balkh	\$50	350
2	17	Nangarhar	\$25	425
2	11	Kabul	\$30	330
5	35	-	-	1,105



Recently returned families from Iran receive food items at IOM's Transit Centre in Zaranj City, Nimroz Province © IOM 2017

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