



Registration of Afghan returnees by DoRR at IOM's Milak Reception Centre in Nimroz ©Abdul Hai Sadat, May 2018

Highlights

205,829 total returns from Iran and Pakistan since 01 Jan 2019

195,841 total returns from Iran

9,988 total returns from Pakistan

13,908 undocumented Afghans returned from Iran with **5%** of returnees from Iran (691 individuals) assisted

263 undocumented Afghans returned from Pakistan with **68%** of returnees from Pakistan (180 individuals) assisted

Return from Iran

According to the Border Monitoring Team of the Directorate of Refugees and Repatriation (DoRR), a total of **13,908** undocumented Afghans spontaneously returned or were deported from Iran through the Milak (Nimroz) and Herat (Islam Qala) border crossings between 26 May to 08 June 2019, 19 % less than in the previous two weeks (17,082). **6,133** returned voluntarily, **7,755** were deported. This brings the total number of undocumented returnees from Iran since 01 January 2019 to **195,841**. IOM provided post-arrival humanitarian assistance to 691 (**5%**) undocumented Afghans deported from Iran at its Transit Centers in Nimroz and Herat, including 69 Unaccompanied Migrant Children, 34 Medical Cases, 89 members of Single Parent Families, 19 Physically Disabled persons, 54 Special Cases, 16 Unaccompanied Elderly, 22 Persons with substance abuse issues, 3 Single Females and 270 members of deported families.

Protection Assistance for Returnees

The Protection unit completed case management assessments for 107 PSN cases in Kabul, Faryab, Takhar, Ghor and Balkh, Sar-e Pul, Nimroz, Herat and Kunduz provinces including 51 Unaccompanied Migrant Children (UMCs) and 26 female-headed households. In addition, 57 UMCs, 40 medical cases, 17 special cases, 15 female-headed households, 6 people with disabilities, and 10 single females received protection assistance in Ghor and Kabul provinces.

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.

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	41,810	1,598	43,408
01-08 Jun-19	4,137	68	4,205
Total	195,841	9,988	205,829

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Return from Pakistan

According to the Border Monitoring Team of the Directorate of Refugees and Repatriation (DoRR), a total of **263** undocumented Afghans spontaneously returned or were deported from Pakistan through the Turkham (Nangarhar) and Spin Boldak (Kandahar) border crossings from 26 May to 08 June 2019. Of the total returnees, 232 were spontaneous returnees and 31 were deported undocumented Afghans. This number marks an **43% decrease** compared to the previous two weeks (464). The total number of undocumented Afghan returnees from Pakistan since 01 January 2019 is now 9,988. IOM provided post-arrival assistance to **68%** of undocumented Afghan returnees from Pakistan (180 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 - Apr 2019	34,756	27,894	31,948	55,296	149,894	1611	886	4895	930	8,322	158,216
01 - 4 May 19	728	908	1,659	2,684	5,979	179	75	253	0	507	6,486
05 - 11 May 19	1,652	2,003	1,959	3,364	8,978	53	74	242	63	432	9,410
12 - 25 May 19	2,866	4,005	3,816	6,395	17,082	76	93	222	73	464	17,546
26 May - 08 Jun 19	2,035	2,674	4,098	5,101	13,908	66	31	166	0	263	14,171
Total	42,037	37,484	43,480	72,840	195,841	1,985	1,159	5,778	1,066	9,988	205,829

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 - Apr 2019	203	4,257	1,276	3,857	9,593	1611	149	4553	675	6,988	16,581
01 - 4 May 19	30	113	4	66	213	179	0	227	0	406	619
05 - 11 May 19	25	383	32	196	636	53	0	139	0	192	828
12 - 25 May 19	36	900	60	439	1,435	76	0	190	0	266	1,701
26 May - 08 Jun 19	26	331	137	197	691	66	0	114	0	180	871
Total	320	5,984	1,509	4,755	12,568	1,985	149	5,223	675	8,032	20,600

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

PSNs Assisted 26 May to 08 June 2019	Persons							Total
	From Iran			From Pakistan				
	Herat	Nimroz	Sub-Total	Turkham	Spin Boldak	Sub-Total		
Poor Family (PF)	8	105	113	46	89	135	248	
Unaccompanied Migrant Children	34	35	69	0	0	0	69	
Single Parents Family (SP)	63	26	89	20	25	45	134	
Special Cases (SC)	20	34	54	0	0	0	54	
Medical Case (MC)	19	15	34	0	0	0	34	
Physically Disabled (PD)	5	14	19	0	0	0	19	
Unaccompanied Elderly (UE)	8	8	16	0	0	0	16	
Drug Addicted (DA)	18	4	22	0	0	0	22	
Single Female (SF)	2	1	3	0	0	0	3	
Mentally Ill (MI)	0	2	2	0	0	0	2	
Chronically ill (CI)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Deported Families	180	90	270	0	0	0	270	
Total PSNs	357	334	691	66	114	180	871	

IOM Afghanistan has assisted a total of 20,600 undocumented Afghans returning from Iran and Pakistan since 01 January 2019, thanks to the dedication of our staff and the generosity of our donors.



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