

RETURN OF UNDOCUMENTED AFGHANS

WEEKLY SITUATION REPORT 27 OCTOBER—02 NOVEMBER 2019



A group of Unaccompanied Migrant Children at the IOM Herat Transit Center. IOM assisted the 8 UMCs who recently returned from Iran with family reunification services and medical referrals. Over 4,000 UMCs have received IOM assistance this year. © IOM 2019

Return from Iran

According to the Border Monitoring Team of the Directorate of Refugees and Repatriation (DoRR), a total of 10,865 undocumented Afghans spontaneously returned or were deported from Iran through the Milak (Nimroz) and Herat (Islam Qala) border crossings between 27 Oct—02 Nov 2019, a 0.4% decrease from the previous week (10,907). 5,151 persons returned voluntarily and 5,714 were deported. This brings the total number of undocumented returnees from Iran to 396,632 in 2019. IOM provided post-arrival humanitarian assistance to 286 (3%) undocumented Afghans deported from Iran at its Transit Centers in Herat, including 49 Unaccompanied Migrant Children, 28 Medical Cases, 20 members of Single Parent Families, 3 Physically Disabled persons, 10 Unaccompanied Elderly persons, 2 Single Females, 101 members of deported families, and 22 persons with substance abuse concerns.

Situation Overview

As of 02 November, IOM's Cross Border Return Programme is 39% funded against its Humanitarian Response Plan request of 12.8M USD with 5.1M received from the Governments of Switzerland, Norway, Canada, the Czech Republic and CERF. Additional thematic funding has been received from ECHO for Protection programming and the Global Fund for Migration Health.

Highlights

414,550 total returns from Iran and Pakistan since 01 Jan 2019

396,632 total returns from Iran

17,918 total returns from Pakistan

10,865 undocumented Afghans returned from Iran this week with **3%** of returnees from Iran (286 individuals) assisted

347 undocumented Afghans returned from Pakistan this week with **84%** of returnees from Pakistan (292 individuals) assisted.

IOM Thematic Support to Undocumented Returnees

Protection:

70 case management assessments were completed in Takhar, Kunduz, Herat, Ghor, Balkh, Sare Pul and Faryab provinces including 27 Unaccompanied Migrant Children, 16 poor families, 6 female headed households, 8 deported families, 6 elderlies at risk and 7 medical cases. In addition, 27 Unaccompanied Migrant Children, 3 elderly at risk received protection assistance in Herat province.

Migration Health:

A total of 1,494 undocumented Afghans were screened for tuberculosis in IOM Transit Centers. Of the total screened, 12 persons were found to be presumptive TB cases and referred for additional diagnostic/treatment services.

Monthly Return of Undocumented Afghans

Month	Iran	Pakistan	Total	
Jan - Feb 2019	58,484	2,667	61,151	
March 2019	37,512	2,202	39,714	
April 2019	53,898	3,453	57,351	
May 2019	39,886	1,488	41,374	
June 2019	35,277	1,440	36,717	
July 2019	40,947	2,132	43,079	
August 2019	37,942	1,411	39,353	
September 2019	45,216	1,724	46,940	
October 2019	47,470	1,401	48,871	
Total	396,632	17,918	414,550	

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Return from Pakistan

According to the Border Monitoring Team of the Directorate of Refugees and Repatriation (DoRR), a total of **347** undocumented Afghans spontaneously returned from Pakistan through the Torkham and Spin Boldak border crossings between 27 October—02 November 2019, a 71% increase compared to the previous week (203). The total number of undocumented Afghan returnees from Pakistan in 2019 is now **17,918**. IOM provided post-arrival assistance to **292 (84%)** undocumented returnees from Pakistan over the past week.

Number of Undocumented Returnees in 2019

	Iran				Pakistan						
Date	Herat		Nimroz		Total Iran	Torkham		Kandahar		Total Pakistan	Overall Return
	Spont	Deport	Spont	Deport		Spont	Deport	Spont	Deport		rtecarii
Jan - Sep 2019	79,149	67,953	72,430	129,630	349,162	3,659	1,262	10,373	1,223	16,517	365,679
01 - 12 Oct 2019	5,692	3,047	2,744	6,530	18,013	218	3	190	33	444	18,457
13 - 19 Oct 2019	1,836	1,460	1,080	3,309	7,685	89	0	309	9	407	8,092
20 - 26 Oct 2019	3,661	1,908	1,077	4,261	10,907	57	0	145	1	203	11,110
27 Oct - 02 Nov 19	3,818	1,423	1,333	4,291	10,865	54	0	293	0	347	11,212
Total	94,156	75,791	78,664	148,021	396,632	4,077	1,265	11,310	1,266	17,918	414,550

Number of Assisted Returnees in 2019

	Iran				Pakistan						
Date	Herat		Nimroz		Total Iran	Torkham		Kandahar		Total Pakistan	Overall Assisted
	Spont	Deport	Spont	Deport		Spont	Deport	Spont	Deport		
Jan - Sep 2019	1,521	10,581	2,290	8,908	23,300	3,659	155	9,523	675	14,012	37,312
01 - 05 Oct 2019	78	484	0	0	562	218	0	142	27	387	949
13 - 19 Oct 2019	95	230	0	0	325	89	0	266	0	355	680
20 - 26 Oct 2019	72	364	0	0	436	57	0	145	0	202	638
27 Oct - 02 Nov 19	29	257	0	0	286	54	0	238	0	292	578
Total	1,795	11,916	2,290	8,908	24,909	4,077	155	10,314	702	15,248	40,157

Migration Health Assistance Provided by IOM 27 October – 02 November 2019

Description	Persons (Returnees)					
Description	From Iran	From Pakistan	Total			
Number of outpatient health consultations provided to the returnees	0	0	0			
Number of IDPs, returnees, migrants and other mobile populations screened for presumptive TB cases	1,240	254	1,494			
Number of presumptive TB cases identified among screened IDPs, returnees, migrants and other mobile populations	4	8	12			

IOM Afghanistan has assisted a total of 40,157 undocumented Afghans returning from Iran and Pakistan in 2019, thanks to the dedication of our staff and the generosity of our donors.













