

A returnee Child waiting for her family to receive assistance in KTC on 01 May 2018 @Patialy / IOM Afghanistan

Highlights

1,264 undocumented Afghans returned from Pakistan

19,058 undocumented Afghans returned from Iran

12,218 total returns from Pakistan since 01 Jan 2018

242,500 total returns from Iran since 01 Jan 2018

97% of returnees from Pakistan (1,230 individuals) assisted

4% of returnees from Iran (746 individuals) assisted

119 Unaccompanied Migrant Children (UMC) from Iran among those assisted, 0 from Pakistan

40 Medical Cases (MC) from Iran among those

Return from Pakistan

A total of **1,264** undocumented Afghans spontaneously returned or were deported from Pakistan through the Turkham (Nangarhar) and Spin Boldak (Kandahar) border crossings from 29 April—05 May 2018, according to the Border Monitoring Team of the Directorate of Refugees and Repatriation (DoRR). Of the total returnees, 1,243 were spontaneous returnees and 21 were deported. This number marks a **10% increase** compared to the previous week (1,150). The total number of undocumented Afghan returnees from Pakistan since 01 January 2018 is now 12,218. IOM provided post-arrival assistance to **97%** of undocumented Afghan returnees from Pakistan (1,230 individuals), including 832 individuals in poor families, 397 individuals in single parent families and 1 special case. The assistance provided includes meals, accommodation, basic medical screening, Non-Food Items (NFIs), onward transportation cash grants and referral services, as well as support from partners.

Consolidated Return Plan for 2018

Since mid-April, the Ministry of Refugees and Repatriation has formed a small working group to consolidate and revise facilitated return planning for Afghans from Iran and Pakistan for 2018. A draft plan was presented to H.E. CEO Abdullah at the Displacement and Return Executive Committee (DiREC) on 01 May. Further revisions will factor in completed work on longer term reintegration activities from various line ministries on health, education, rural rehabilitation and social development. A final consolidated draft will be presented to the Ministry of Refugees next week and shared with DiREC on 13 May. This process will be further informed by ongoing bilateral discussions between the Governments of the Islamic Republics of Iran, Pakistan and Afghanistan in the coming months.

Situation Overview

IOM is responding to a substantial increase in the return of undocumented Afghans from Pakistan and Iran. Since 01 January 2018, over 254,718 undocumented Afghans have returned due to diverse push factors, including deteriorating protection space in Pakistan and Iran. 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. The governments of Afghanistan and Pakistan together with UN counterparts have now extended Proof of Registration cards for 1.4m Afghan refugees in Pakistan to 30 June 2018 and have begun the issuance of Afghan Citizenship Cards on 16 February for more than 850,000 undocumented Afghans. IOM is working to scale up its support to returnees in coordination with the Government of Afghanistan and other humanitarian partners in line with the 2018 Humanitarian Response Plan (HRP).

CONTACT US

IOM Kabul

✉ iomkabul@iom.int

🌐 <http://afghanistan.iom.int>

[facebook.com/iomafghanistan](https://www.facebook.com/iomafghanistan)

twitter.com/iomafghanistan

Return from Iran

A total of **19,058** undocumented Afghans spontaneously returned or were deported from Iran through the Milak (Nimroz) and Herat (Islam Qala) border crossings between 29 Apr—05 May 2018, **7 % less** than in the previous week. Of the total deported undocumented Afghans, 3,715 individuals were deported through Islam Qala (Herat) and 7,464 were deported through Milak (Nimroz). Of those who spontaneously returned, 5,315 returned through Islam Qala (Herat) and 2,564 through Milak (Nimroz). Out of the total deportees, 670 individuals (6%) were deported with family members whereas 10,509 (94%) were deported as individuals. This brings the total number of undocumented returnees from Iran since 01 January 2018 to 242,500. IOM provided post-arrival humanitarian assistance to **746 (4%)** undocumented Afghans deported from Iran at its Transit Centers in Nimroz and Herat, including 416 individuals in Deported Families (DF), 119 Unaccompanied Migrant Children (UMC), 46 Special Cases (SC), 77 Single Parents Family (SP), 40 Medical Cases (MC), 16 members of poor families (PF), 13 Unaccompanied Elderly (UAE), 11 Physical Disabled (PD), 5 Drug Addicted (DA), and 3 Single Females.

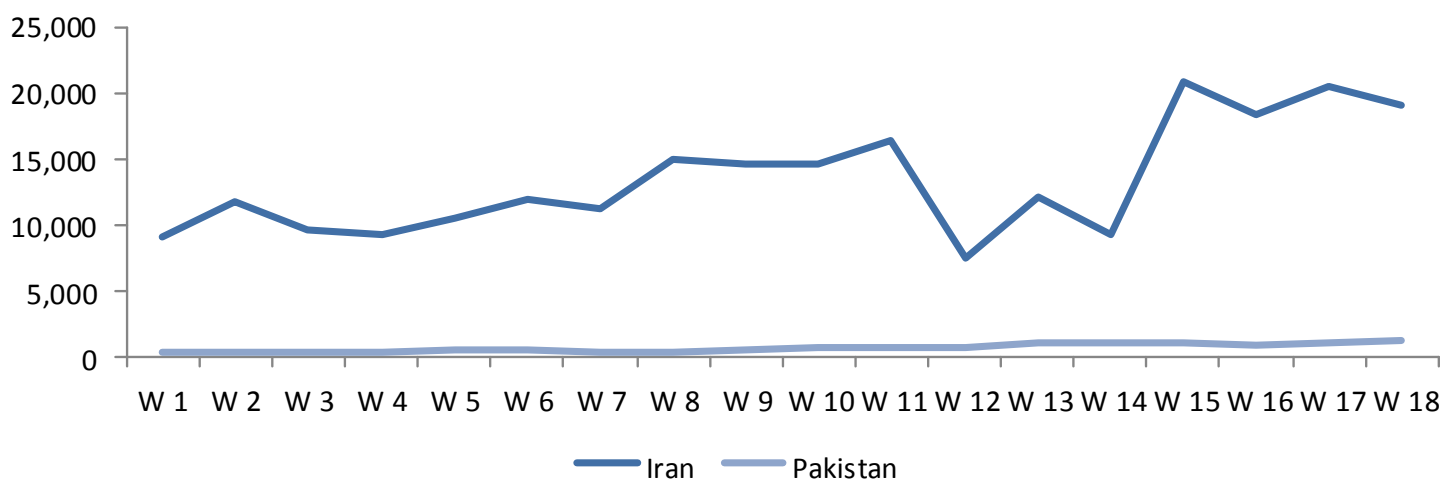
Number of Undocumented Returnees 2018 (Turkham, Spin Boldak, Islam Qala and Milak)

Date	Spontaneous Returnees				Deportees				Total Pakistan	Total Iran	Grand Total
	Turkham	Spin Bold	Herat	Nimroz	Turkham	Spin Bold	Herat	Nimroz			
Jan - Mar 18	2807	3507	49,575	16,969	292	372	26,103	62,015	6,978	154,662	161,640
01 - 21 April	1,499	1,267	13,218	5,989	53	7	10,874	18,198	2,826	48,279	51,105
22 - 28 April	600	518	8,851	1,439	23	9	5,071	5,140	1,150	20,501	21,651
29 Apr - 05 May	741	502	5,315	2,564	7	14	3,715	7,464	1,264	19,058	20,322
Total	5,647	5,794	76,959	26,961	375	402	45,763	92,817	12,218	242,500	254,718

IOM Assisted Undocumented Afghans 2018 (Turkham, Spin Boldak, Islam Qala and Milak)

Date	Spontaneous Returnees				Deportees				Total Pakistan	Total Iran	Grand Total
	Turkham	Spin Bold	Herat	Nimroz	Turkham	Spin Bold	Herat	Nimroz			
Jan - Mar 18	2807	3327	220	182	72	43	1985	4,245	6,249	6,632	12,881
01 - 21 April	1490	1176	77	50	27	0	1036	1062	2,693	2,225	4,918
22 - 28 April	600	494	20	61	8	0	320	276	1,102	677	1,779
29 Apr - 05 May	741	488	2	57	1	0	416	271	1,230	746	1,976
Total	5,638	5,485	319	350	108	43	3,757	5,854	11,274	10,280	21,554

Arrival of Undocumented Afghans by Week



IOM Afghanistan has assisted 21,554 undocumented Afghans returning from Iran and Pakistan since 01 January 2018, thanks to the dedication of our staff and the generosity of our donors.

Migration for the benefit of all.

