



Returnee children from Pakistan at the IOM Transit Center near Torkham border

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Highlights

- 213** undocumented Afghans returned from Pakistan
- 9,162** undocumented Afghans returned from Iran
- 15,326** total returns from Pakistan since 01 Jan 2018
- 320,279** total returns from Iran since 01 Jan 2018
- 98%** of returnees from Pakistan (208 individuals) assisted
- 4%** of returnees from Iran (324 individuals) assisted
- 88** Unaccompanied Migrant Children (UMC) from Iran and 2 UMC from Pakistan were assisted.
- 13** Medical Cases (MC) from Iran assisted

Return from Iran

A total of **9,162** undocumented Afghans spontaneously returned or were deported from Iran through the Milak (Nimroz) and Herat (Islam Qala) border crossings between 02—09 June 2018, **40% less** than in the previous week. This marks an anticipated decline shortly before Eid al-Fitr. Of the total deported undocumented Afghans, 2,973 individuals were deported through Islam Qala (Herat) and 4,120 were deported through Milak (Nimroz). Of those who spontaneously returned, 1,251 returned through Islam Qala (Herat) and 818 through Milak (Nimroz). Out of the total deportees, 879 individuals (12%) were deported with family members whereas 3,860 (88%) were deported as individuals. This brings the total number of undocumented returnees from Iran since 01 January 2018 to 320,279. IOM provided post-arrival humanitarian assistance to **324 (4%)** undocumented Afghans deported from Iran at its Transit Centers in Nimroz and Herat, including 186 individuals in Deported Families (DF), 88 Unaccompanied Migrant Children (UMC), 12 Special Cases (SC), 10 Single Parents Family (SP), 13 Medical Cases (MC), 2 members of poor families (PF), 3 Unaccompanied Elderly (UAE), 8 Physical Disabled (PD), 1 Drug Addicted (DA) and 1 chronically ill (CI).

Since the beginning of April 2018, there has been a dramatic increase in Afghans returning from Iran. Between 01 Jan and 09 June 2018, more than 320,000 Afghans have spontaneously returned or been deported from Iran, almost double than the same time period in 2017 (150,000). Reasons for the heightened return trend include a decrease in economic opportunities for Afghans in Iran.

Situation Overview

IOM is responding to a substantial increase in the return of undocumented Afghans from Pakistan and Iran. Since 01 January 2018, over 335,000 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 the Islamic Republic of Pakistan has now extended Proof of Registration cards for 1.4m Afghan refugees in Pakistan to 30 June 2018 and as of 26 May have issued 327,000 Afghan Citizenship Cards from a total of 878,000 applications. 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).

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Return from Pakistan

A total of **213** undocumented Afghans spontaneously returned or were deported from Pakistan through the Turkham (Nangarhar) and Spin Boldak (Kandahar) border crossings from 03 —09 June 2018, according to the Border Monitoring Team of the Directorate of Refugees and Repatriation (DoRR). Of the total returnees, 212 were spontaneous returnees and 1 was deported. This number marks a **15% decrease** compared to the previous week (252). The total number of undocumented Afghan returnees from Pakistan since 01 January 2018 is now 15,325. IOM provided post-arrival assistance to **98%** of undocumented Afghan returnees from Pakistan (208 individuals). In Nangarhar, Kandahar and Nimroz, IOM began to replace NonFood Items (blanket and family modules) with direct cash assistance of USD 100 per family to give undocumented Afghan returnees more agency upon return. This is in addition to cash for transportation. The other components of IOM’s current assistance package- hot meals, overnight accommodation, basic medical screening and referral services - continues without change.

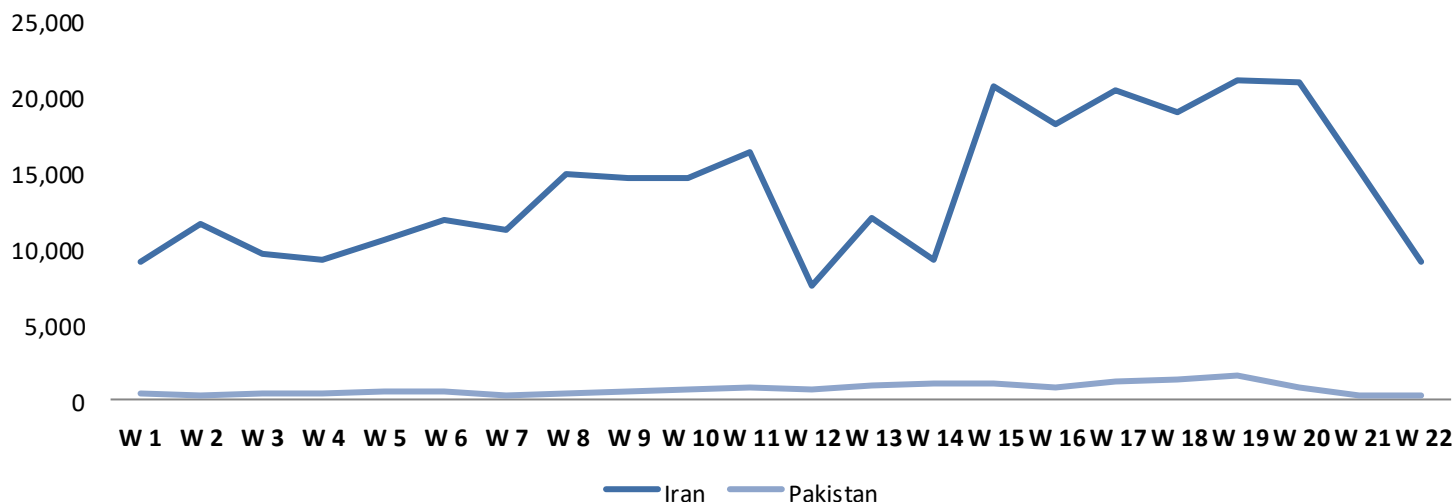
Number of Undocumented Returnees 2018 (Turkham, Spin Boldak, Islam Qala and Milak)

Date	Spontaneous Returnees				Deportees				Total Pakistan	Total Iran	Grand Total
	Turkham	Spin Bold	Herat	Nimroz	Turkham	Spin Bold	Herat	Nimroz			
Jan - Apr 18	5,222	5,391	71,822	24,806	369	388	43,452	87,810	11,370	227,890	239,260
01 - 26 May	2,139	1,229	20,380	8,318	48	74	16,096	23,231	3,490	68,025	71,515
27 May - 02 June	114	107	5,562	1,093	31	0	3,458	5,089	252	15,202	15,454
03 - 09 June	167	46	1,251	818	1	0	2,973	4,120	214	9,162	9,376
Total	7,642	6,773	99,015	35,035	449	462	65,979	120,250	15,326	320,279	335,605

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 - Apr 18	5,213	5,096	318	328	108	43	3,495	5,710	10,460	9,851	20,311
01 - 26 May	2,136	1,143	69	145	14	0	1,532	1,357	3,293	3,103	6,396
27 May - 02 June	114	104	13	40	11	0	279	279	229	611	840
03 - 09 June	167	41	1	2	0	0	105	216	208	324	532
Total	7,630	6,384	401	515	133	43	5,411	7,562	14,190	13,889	28,079

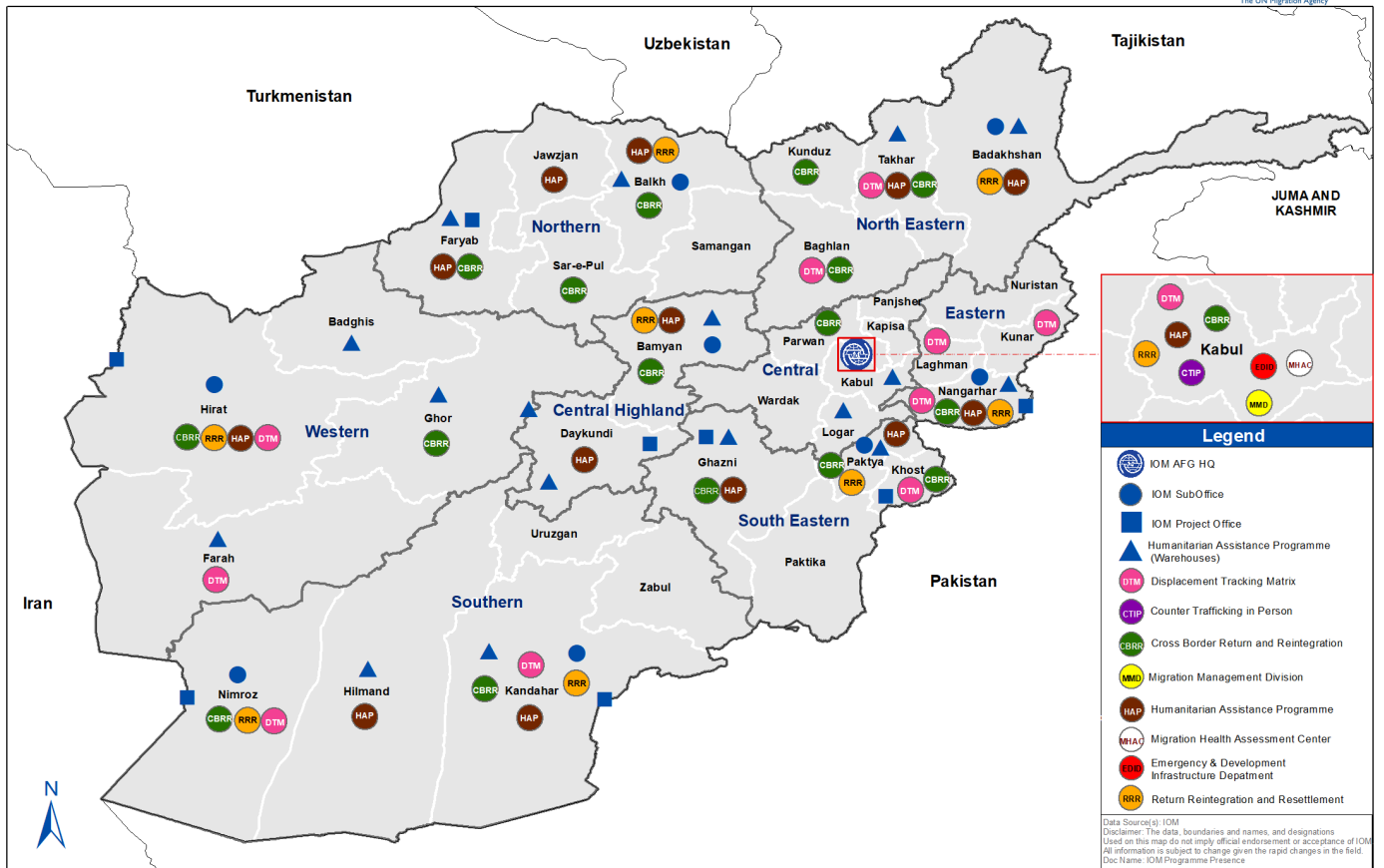
Arrival of Undocumented Afghans by Week





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Omar, an unaccompanied migrant child from Iran, is receiving medical assistance at the IOM Transit Center in Herat

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