



Two young girls waiting for their families to finish loading IOM assistance onto their trucks to continue their journey at IOM in Kandahar @ IOM 2017

Highlights

1,985 undocumented Afghans returned from Pakistan

9,650 undocumented Afghans returned from Iran

79,822 total returns from Pakistan since 01 January 2017

206,318 total returns from Iran since 01 January 2017

96% of returnees from Pakistan (1,898 individuals) assisted

3.5% of returnees from Iran (342 individuals) assisted

Return from Pakistan

A total of **1,985** undocumented Afghans spontaneously returned or were deported from Pakistan through the Turkham (Nangarhar province) and Spin Boldak (Kandahar province) border crossings from July 30—Aug 5 according to the Border Monitoring Team of the Directorate of Refugees and Repatriation (DoRR).

Of the total returnees, 1,953 were spontaneous returnees and 32 were deported. This number is a **5% increase** compared to the previous week. The total number of undocumented Afghan returnees from Pakistan since 01 January 2017 is now 79,822. IOM provided post-arrival assistance to **96%** of undocumented Afghan returnees from Pakistan (1,898 individuals), including 1,675 individuals in poor families, 220 individuals in single parent families and 3 special cases. Additionally, IOM provided assistance to 9 individuals in 2 poor families who had returned between June 30 and July 3, at a time when the IOM Transit Center at Turkham remained closed for security reasons.



A bus full of returnees from Pakistan in front of IOM's Screening Center at Spin Boldak @ IOM 2017

Situation Overview

IOM is responding to a substantial increase in the return of undocumented Afghans from Pakistan and Iran. Since 01 January 2017, over 286,000 undocumented Afghans have returned due to diverse push factors, including deteriorating protection space in Pakistan and Iran. 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 500,000 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

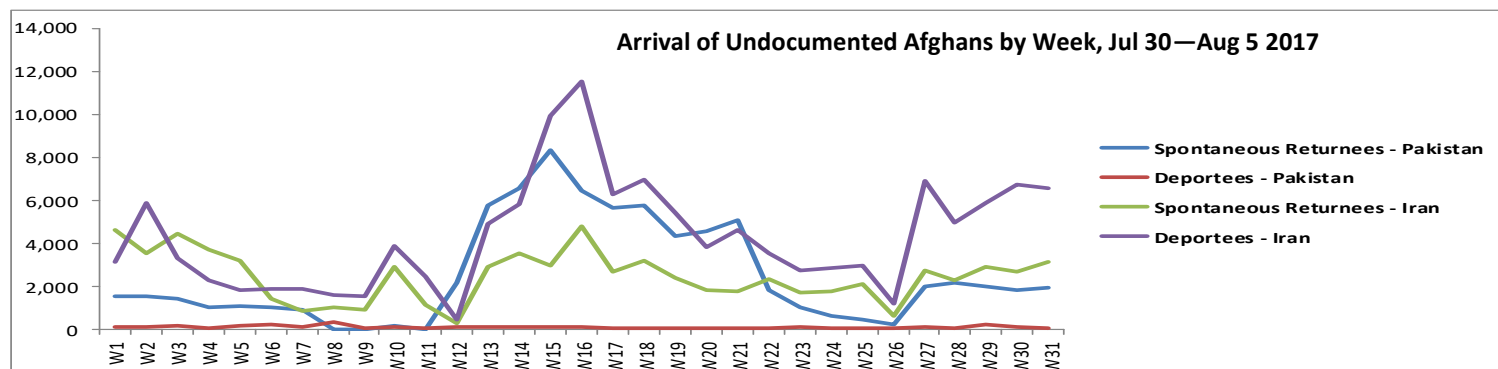
A total of **9,650** undocumented Afghans spontaneously returned or were deported from Iran through the Milak (Nimroz) border crossing between July 23-29 2017, **3% more** than in the previous week. The Islam Qala (Herat) border crossing remains closed to undocumented returnees, with only 2 cases spontaneously returning there last week. Of the total spontaneous returnees, 2,763 (89%) were individuals. Similarly, out of the total deportees, 571 (9%) were in family groups whereas 5,956 (91%) were individuals. This brings the total number of undocumented returnees from Iran since 01 January 2017 to 206,318. IOM provided post-arrival humanitarian assistance to **342 (3.5%)** undocumented Afghans deported from Iran at its Transit Center in Nimroz, including 10 special cases, 35 unaccompanied migrant children, 5 unaccompanied elderly, and 12 poor families.

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 |
| Jun-17 | 1,240 | 1861 | 34 | 6,909 | 136 | 63 | 7 | 10,680 | 3,300 | 17,630 | 20,930 |
| 01-08 July | 1,104 | 957 | 2 | 2,865 | 90 | 0 | 0 | 7,138 | 2,151 | 10,005 | 12,156 |
| 09-15 July | 1,172 | 982 | 1 | 2,273 | 23 | 0 | 1 | 4,963 | 2,177 | 7,238 | 9,415 |
| 16-22 July | 846 | 1117 | 1 | 2,909 | 76 | 123 | 0 | 5,858 | 2,162 | 8,768 | 10,930 |
| 23-29 July | 760* | 1038 | 0 | 2,684 | 87 | 0 | 0 | 6,709 | 1,885 | 9,393 | 11,278 |
| 30 July- 5 Aug | 905* | 1048 | 2 | 3,121 | 32 | 0 | 0 | 6,527 | 1,985 | 9,650 | 11,635 |
| Total | 52,160 | 25,024 | 17,157 | 58,854 | 1,970 | 668 | 7,208 | 123,099 | 79,822 | 206,318 | 286,140 |

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 |
| Jun-17 | 1,154 | 1,470 | 22 | 47 | 18 | 16 | 0 | 885 | 2,658 | 954 | 3,612 |
| 01-08 July | 965 | 889 | 2 | 10 | 13 | 0 | 0 | 478 | 1,867 | 490 | 2,357 |
| 09-15 July | 1,162 | 940 | 1 | 33 | 20 | 0 | 1 | 294 | 2,122 | 329 | 2,451 |
| 16-22 July | 846 | 1,089 | 1 | 13 | 11 | 63 | 0 | 510 | 2,009 | 524 | 2,533 |
| 23-29 July | 1,010* | 951 | 0 | 37 | 13 | 0 | 0 | 335 | 1,974 | 372 | 2,346 |
| 30 July- 5 Aug | 914* | 990 | 2 | 15 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 325 | 1,907 | 342 | 2,249 |
| Total | 49,645 | 17,702 | 131 | 512 | 426 | 448 | 653 | 8,099 | 68,221 | 9,395 | 77,616 |



* IOM assisted more returnees than actually arrived as these additional cases had arrived between Jun 30—Jul 3 2017, a time when the IOM Transit Center at Turkham was closed for security reasons. These additional cases therefore received their assistance retroactively.

Annex 1: Detailed Breakdown of Assistance Provided by Partners at Turkham and Spin Boldak BCP, Jul 30 - Aug 5 2017

| Organization | Location | Type of Assistance | Families Assisted | Total Individual Assisted | Male | Female | Boys | Girls |
|-----------------|----------------|---|-------------------|---------------------------|------|--------|------|-------|
| WFP | Transit Center | Food Package | 314 | 1876 | 145 | 191 | 269 | 309 |
| WHO | Transit Center | Medical Services | 56 | 114 | 9 | 39 | 26 | 40 |
| | Transit Center | OPV Vaccination for children (>10 years) | 0 | 56 | 0 | 0 | 24 | 32 |
| | Transit Center | OPV Vaccination for children (<10 years) | 0 | 21 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 16 |
| | Transit Center | IPV Vaccination for children (4 m -5 years) | 0 | 261 | 0 | 0 | 126 | 135 |
| | Transit Center | Measle Vaccination for children (6 m -5 years) | 0 | 214 | 0 | 0 | 102 | 112 |
| UNICEF | Transit Center | Hygiene Kits | 74 | 414 | 65 | 83 | 123 | 143 |
| | Transit Center | Family Kit | 93 | 500 | 80 | 108 | 146 | 166 |
| | Transit Center | Hygiene Awareness Training | 218 | 1315 | 214 | 316 | 384 | 401 |
| | Transit Center | Child Friendly Space | 0 | 382 | 0 | 0 | 166 | 216 |
| | Transit Center | Nutrition services for children 6-59 months, and pregnant women and lactating mothers | 0 | 205 | 0 | 12 | 94 | 99 |
| UNFPA | Transit Center | Dignity kits | 93 | 500 | 80 | 108 | 146 | 166 |
| AADA/ UNFPA | Zero Point | Medical Services | 0 | 517 | 138 | 216 | 82 | 81 |
| | Zero Point | OPV Vaccination for children (<10 years) | 0 | 669 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Zero Point | OPV Vaccination for children (>10 years) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Zero Point | IPV Vaccination for children (<10 years) | 0 | 247 | 0 | 0 | 116 | 131 |
| | Zero Point | Measle Vaccination for children (<10 years) | 0 | 249 | 0 | 0 | 110 | 139 |
| | Zero Point | HIV/AIDS Awareness | 0 | 770 | 191 | 158 | 271 | 150 |
| AADA/ UNICEF | Zero Point | Nutrition services for children (6-59 months), pregnant women and lactating mothers | 0 | 311 | 0 | 73 | 114 | 124 |
| UNMAS- OMAR | Transit Center | Mine Risk Education | 109 | 1649 | 286 | 318 | 649 | 436 |

Annex 2: Breakdown of Assistance Provided at all Border Crossings, July 30-Aug 5 2017

| Categories | Turkham | Spin Boldak | Islam Qala | Milak | Total |
|--------------------------|-------------|-------------|------------|-------------|-------------|
| Non-Food Item (NFI) Kits | 167 | 174 | | 51 | 392 |
| Medical Care | 114 | 115 | | | 229 |
| Tuberculosis Screening | 917 | 990 | | 340 | 2247 |
| Overnight Accommodation | 3 | 666 | | 850 | 1519 |
| Total | 1201 | 1945 | 0 | 1241 | 4387 |

Annex 3: Transportation Cash Grant at Kandahar Transit Center, July 30-Aug 5 2017

| No. of Families | No. of Individuals | Province of Final Destination | Transportation Grant (Per Person) | Total (USD) |
|-----------------|--------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------|
| 5 | 37 | Baghlan | \$40 | 1,480 |
| 3 | 23 | Balkh | \$40 | 920 |
| 2 | 11 | Faryab | \$50 | 550 |
| 2 | 10 | Ghazni | \$35 | 350 |
| 10 | 84 | Helmand | \$40 | 3,360 |
| 80 | 470 | Jawzjan | \$50 | 23,500 |
| 3 | 18 | Kabul | \$30 | 540 |
| 22 | 171 | Kandahar | \$30 | 5,130 |
| 9 | 57 | Kunduz | \$50 | 2,850 |
| 2 | 9 | Nangarhar | \$40 | 360 |
| 7 | 49 | SarePul | \$50 | 2,450 |
| 3 | 24 | Takhar | \$50 | 1,200 |
| 3 | 27 | Zabul | \$40 | 1,080 |
| 151 | 990 | Total | Total | 43,770 |

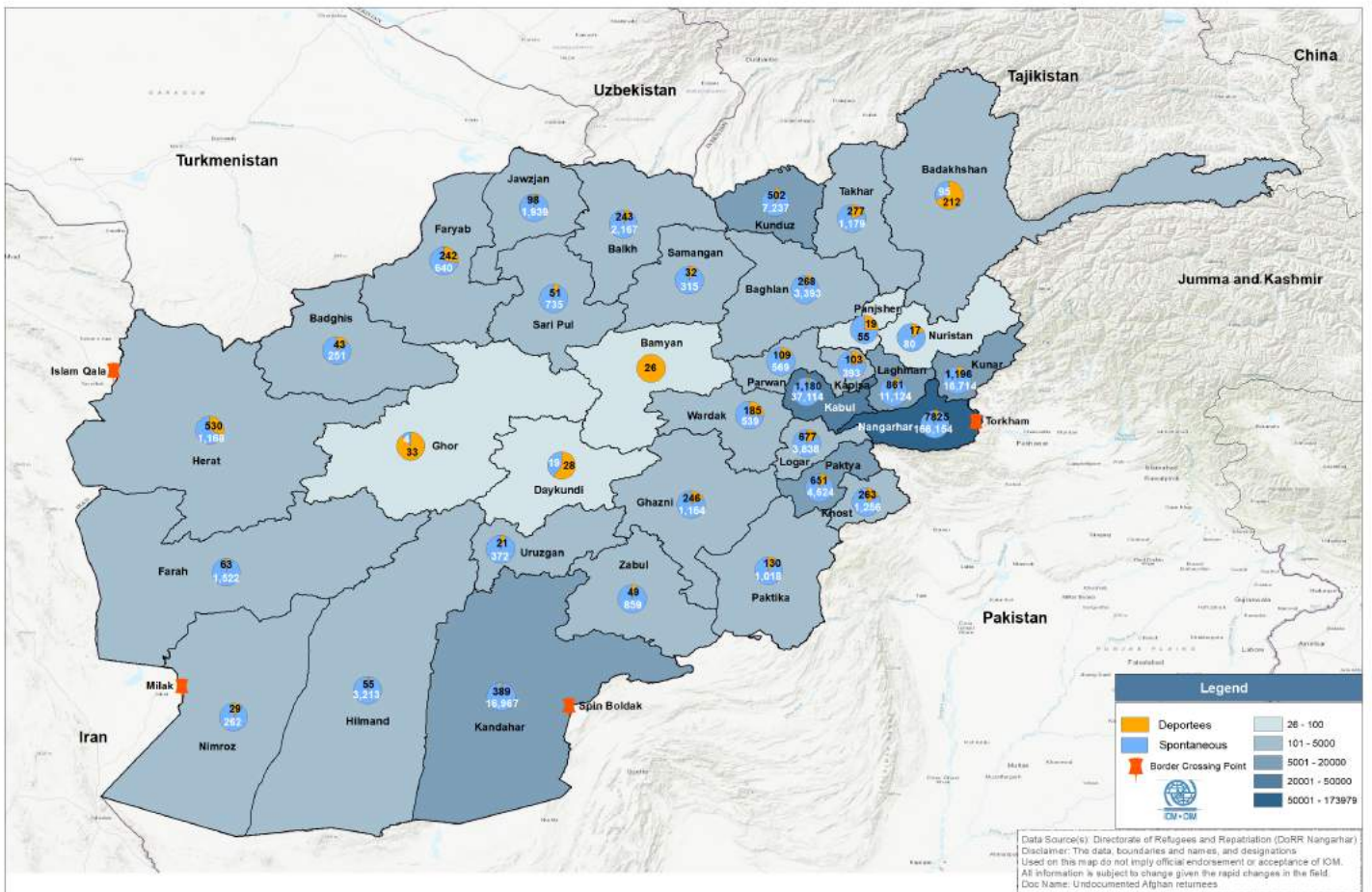


A young female returnee, originally from Kunduz, is waiting at IOM's Kandahar TC with her family for IOM assistance © IOM 2017

Annex 4: Transportation Cash Grant at Turkham Transit Center, July 30-Aug 5 2017

| No. of Families | No. of Individuals | Province of Final Destination | Transportation Grant (Per Person) | Total (USD) |
|-----------------|--------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------|
| 4 | 17 | Balkh | \$50 | 850 |
| 24 | 108 | Kabul | \$30 | 3,240 |
| 11 | 69 | Khost | \$36 | 2,484 |
| 4 | 22 | Kunduz | \$50 | 1,100 |
| 5 | 39 | Kunar | \$30 | 1,170 |
| 3 | 14 | Laghman | \$30 | 420 |
| 2 | 11 | Logar | \$36 | 396 |
| 102 | 556 | Nangarhar | \$25 | 13,900 |
| 6 | 38 | Paktya | \$36 | 1,368 |
| 5 | 30 | Paktika | \$36 | 1,080 |
| 1 | 10 | Parwan | \$36 | 360 |
| 167 | 914 | - | - | 26,368 |

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A group of Afghan refugee children from Iran, at IOM's Transit Center in Zaranj City, Nimroz Province @ IOM 2017

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