



Undocumented Afghan Family Received Food and Non-Food Item in Kandahar Transit Centre @ Mohammad Khalis, IOM 2018

Highlights

- 451** undocumented Afghans returned from Pakistan
- 11,128** undocumented Afghans returned from Iran
- 403** total returns from Pakistan since 01 Jan 2018
- 9,081** total returns from Iran since 01 Jan 2018
- 92%** of returnees from Pakistan (371 individuals) assisted
- 7%** of returnees from Iran (624 individuals) assisted
- 97** Unaccompanied Migrant Children (UMC) from Iran among those assisted, 0 from Pakistan
- 83** Medical Cases (MC) from Iran among those assisted, 0 from Pakistan

Return from Pakistan

A total of **451** undocumented Afghans spontaneously returned or were deported from Pakistan through the Turkham (Nangarhar) and Spin Boldak (Kandahar) border crossings from 31 Dec 2017—06 Jan 2018, according to the Border Monitoring Team of the Directorate of Refugees and Repatriation (DoRR). Of the total returnees, 408 were spontaneous returnees and 43 were deported. This number marks a **9 % decrease** compared to the previous week (498). The total number of undocumented Afghan returnees from Pakistan since 01 January 2017 is now 98,591. IOM provided post-arrival assistance to **88%** of undocumented Afghan returnees from Pakistan (397 individuals), including 295 individuals in poor families, 102 individuals in single parent families. 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.

Contextual Update — Pakistan

As of 02 January 2018, the Government of Pakistan's National Database and Registration Authority (NADRA) supported by the Government of Pakistan and IOM has received over 665,495 applications from undocumented Afghans for Afghan Citizen Cards (ACC) across 21 registration centers. The registration exercise commenced on 16 August 2017 and is expected to continue into next spring. ACC cards grant undocumented Afghans temporary stay in Pakistan, pending their return to Afghanistan, to regularize their legal status by acquiring a passport and visa.

Situation Overview

IOM is responding to a substantial increase in the return of undocumented Afghans from Pakistan and Iran. Between 01 January and 31 December 2017, over 560,000 undocumented Afghans have returned due to diverse push factors, including deteriorating protection space in Pakistan and Iran. This figure represents a significantly lower 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 continues to monitor regional developments and the possible impact on projected 2018 return trends.

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Return from Iran

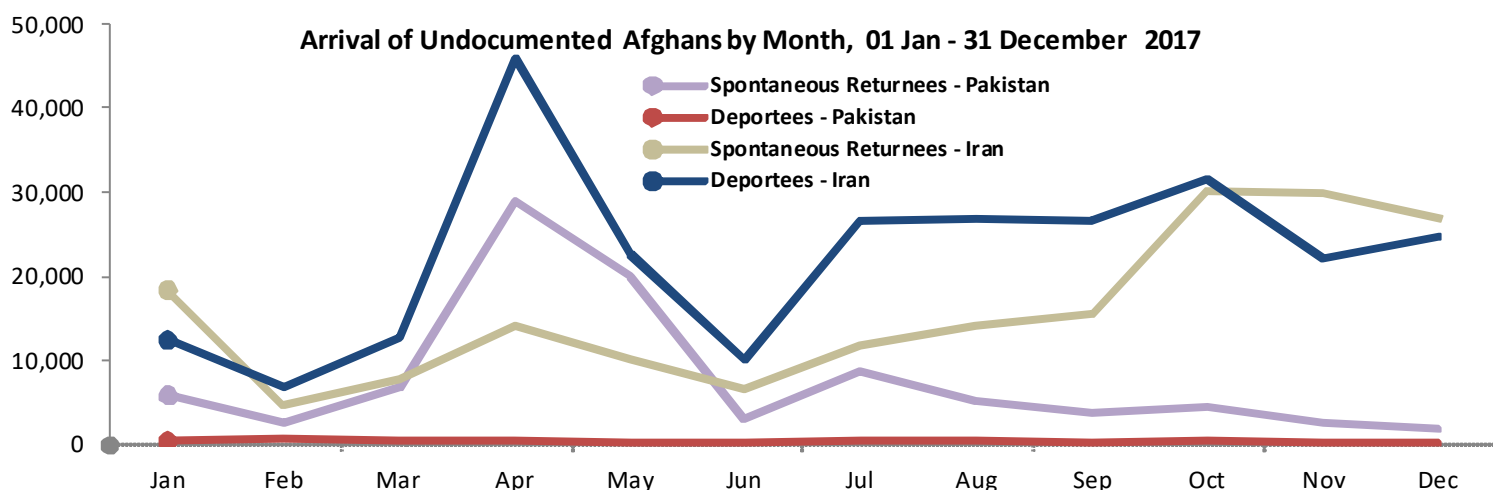
A total of **11,128** undocumented Afghans spontaneously returned or were deported from Iran through the Milak (Nimroz) and Herat (Islam Qala) border crossings between 31 Dec 2017—06 Jan 2018, **12 % less** than in the previous week. Of the total deported undocumented Afghans, 1,976 individuals were deported through Islam Qala (Herat) and 2,903 were deported through Milak (Nimroz). Of those who spontaneously returned, 4,531 returned through Islam Qala (Herat) and 1,718 through Milak (Nimroz). Out of the total deportees, 412 individuals (8%) were deported with family members whereas 4,467 (92%) were deported as individuals. This brings the total number of undocumented returnees from Iran since 01 January 2017 to 470,902. IOM provided post-arrival humanitarian assistance to **667 (6%)** undocumented Afghans deported from Iran at its Transit Centers in Nimroz and Herat, including 288 individuals in Deported Families (DF), 125 Special Cases (SC), 113 Unaccompanied Migrant Children (UMC), 88 Medical Cases (MC), 15 Unaccompanied Elderly (UAE), 15 members of a Poor Family (PF), 10 Physical Disabled (PD), 5 members of Single Parent Families (SP), 5 Single Females (SF), 2 Drug Addicted (DA) and 1 Mentally Ill (MI).

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 Bold	Herat	Nimroz	Turkham	Spin Bold	Herat	Nimroz			
January - November	59,830	32,422	60,709	101,888	2,496	1,456	27,710	220,483	96,204	410,790	506,994
01 - 23 Dec	653	684	13,787	5,026	101	0	8,667	8,801	1,438	36,281	37,719
24 - 30 Dec	218	227	4,653	1,729	37	16	2,867	3,454	498	12,703	13,201
31 Dec - 06 Jan	166	242	4,531	1,718	21	22	1,976	2,903	451	11,128	11,579
Total	60,867	33,575	83,680	110,361	2,655	1,494	41,220	235,641	98,591	470,902	569,493

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 Bold	Herat	Nimroz	Turkham	Spin Bold	Herat	Nimroz			
January - November	57,176	24,206	307	700	551	627	2,934	16,969	82,560	20,910	103,470
01 - 23 Dec	649	590	76	17	28	0	747	1,511	1,267	2,351	3,618
24 - 30 Dec	218	218	1	14	8	0	105	468	444	588	1,032
31 Dec - 06 Jan	166	231	25	7	0	0	137	498	397	667	1,064
Total	58,209	25,245	409	738	587	627	3,923	19,446	84,668	24,516	109,184



IOM Afghanistan has assisted 109,184 undocumented Afghans returning from Iran and Pakistan between 01 Jan 17 and 06 Jan 2018, thanks to the dedication of our staff and the generosity of our donors.

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