



Returnee family is uploading IOM Post arrival assistance in to rented truck at Turkham Transit Centre @ Dr. Qayum / IOM 2018

## Highlights

- 623** undocumented Afghans returned from Pakistan
- 14,644** undocumented Afghans returned from Iran
- 4,502** total returns from Pakistan since 01 Jan 2018
- 117,571** total returns from Iran since 01 Jan 2018
- 90%** of returnees from Pakistan (560 individuals) assisted
- 4%** of returnees from Iran (655 individuals) assisted
- 155** Unaccompanied Migrant Children (UMC) from Iran among those assisted, 2 from Pakistan
- 71** Medical Cases (MC) from Iran among those assisted, 0 from Pakistan

## Return from Pakistan

A total of **623** undocumented Afghans spontaneously returned or were deported from Pakistan through the Turkham (Nangarhar) and Spin Boldak (Kandahar) border crossings from 04—10 March 2018, according to the Border Monitoring Team of the Directorate of Refugees and Repatriation (DoRR). Of the total returnees, 595 were spontaneous returnees and 28 were deported. This number marks a **29% increase** compared to the previous week (364). The total number of undocumented Afghan returnees from Pakistan since 01 January 2018 is now 4,502. IOM provided post-arrival assistance to **90%** of undocumented Afghan returnees from Pakistan (560 individuals), including 439 individuals in poor families, 110 individuals in single parent families, 8 Special Case, 2 UMC and 1 Mentally Ill. 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.

## Extension of PoR cards and Issuance of ACC Cards

The Government of Pakistan has extended the validity of Proof of Registration cards to 1.4m Afghan refugees until 30 June 2018 pending further review after the upcoming Pakistani Federal election and appointment of a new Cabinet. In addition, the National Database and Registration Authority (NADRA) has begun the issuance of Afghan Citizen Cards for over 878,000 undocumented Afghans who applied to register since 16 August 2017 at 21 registration points across Pakistan. The registration process for ACCs was completed on 28 February. ACC registration centers remain open to continue card distribution. ACCs have a validity of 30 June 2018 and holders are required to return to Afghanistan to regularize by registering for civil documentation including a passport and a Pakistani visa before returning to Pakistan. The approximately 200,000 Afghans who remain undocumented may face deportation. As of 12 March, 2018, 175,321 individuals have received their Afghan Citizen Card.

## Situation Overview

IOM is responding to a substantial increase in the return of undocumented Afghans from Pakistan and Iran. Since 01 January 2018, over 122,073 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).

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Return from Iran

A total of **14,644** undocumented Afghans spontaneously returned or were deported from Iran through the Milak (Nimroz) and Herat (Islam Qala) border crossings between 04—10 Mar 2018, **0.18 % More** than in the previous week. Of the total deported undocumented Afghans, 2,803 individuals were deported through Islam Qala (Herat) and 6,011 were deported through Milak (Nimroz). Of those who spontaneously returned, 4,294 returned through Islam Qala (Herat) and 1,536 through Milak (Nimroz). Out of the total deportees, 465 individuals (5%) were deported with family members whereas 8,349 (95%) were deported as individuals. This brings the total number of undocumented returnees from Iran since 01 January 2018 to 117,571. IOM provided post-arrival humanitarian assistance to **655 (4%)** undocumented Afghans deported from Iran at its Transit Centers in Nimroz and Herat, **including** 287 individuals in Deported Families (DF), 155 Unaccompanied Migrant Children (UMC), 49 Special Cases (SC), 71 Medical Cases (MC), 39 poor families (PF), 16 Unaccompanied Elderly (UAE), 14 Single Parents (SP), 9 Physical Disabled (PD), 5 Single Females (SF), 4 Drug Addicted (DA), 4 MI and 2 CI.

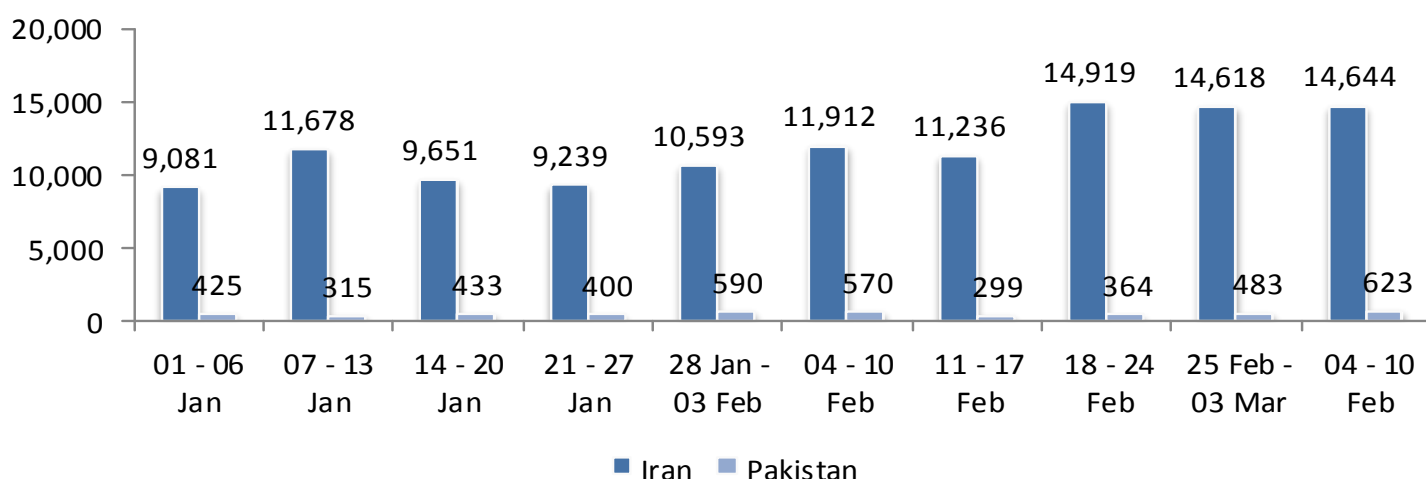
Number of Undocumented Returnees 2018 (Turkham, Spin Boldak, Islam Qala and Milak)

Date	Spontaneous Returnees				Deportees				Total Pakistan	Total Iran	Grand Total
	Turkham	Spin Boldak	Herat	Nimroz	Turkham	Spin Boldak	Herat	Nimroz			
January 2018	774	889	17,688	5,720	170	48	9,323	14,535	1,881	47,266	49,147
01 - 24 Feb 2018	553	637	9,910	3,834	69	256	6,402	20,897	1,515	41,043	42,558
25 Feb - 03 Mar 18	231	250	3,693	1,412	1	1	2,603	6,910	483	14,618	15,101
04 - 10 Feb 2018	269	326	4,294	1,536	12	16	2,803	6,011	623	14,644	15,267
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,827</b>	<b>2,102</b>	<b>35,585</b>	<b>12,502</b>	<b>252</b>	<b>321</b>	<b>21,131</b>	<b>48,353</b>	<b>4,502</b>	<b>117,571</b>	<b>122,073</b>

IOM Assisted Undocumented Afghans 2018 (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			
January 2018	774	854	56	24	21	16	389	1,542	1,665	2,011	3,676
01 - 24 Feb 18	553	627	78	44	30	11	302	1,200	1,221	1,624	2,845
25 Feb - 03 Mar 18	231	222	3	26	0	0	230	468	453	727	1,180
04 - 10 Feb 2018	269	280	34	21	11	0	298	302	560	655	1,215
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,827</b>	<b>1,983</b>	<b>171</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>1,219</b>	<b>3,512</b>	<b>3,899</b>	<b>5,017</b>	<b>8,916</b>

Arrival of Undocumented Afghans by Week



IOM Afghanistan has assisted 8,916 undocumented Afghans returning from Iran and Pakistan since 01 January 2018, thanks to the dedication of our staff and the generosity of our donors.

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