



A grandmother and her grandchild wait for IOM staff to finish the registration of their family at the Kandahar Transit Center @ IOM 2017

Highlights

1,464 undocumented Afghans returned from Pakistan

8,766 undocumented Afghans returned from Iran

81,286 total returns from Pakistan since 01 January 2017

215,084 total returns from Iran since 01 January 2017

94% of returnees from Pakistan (1,378 individuals) assisted

5% of returnees from Iran (443 individuals) assisted

Return from Pakistan

A total of **1,464** undocumented Afghans spontaneously returned or were deported from Pakistan through the Turkham (Nangarhar province) and Spin Boldak (Kandahar province) border crossings from Aug 6—12, according to the Border Monitoring Team of the Directorate of Refugees and Repatriation (DoRR).

Of the total returnees, 1,402 were spontaneous returnees and 62 were deported. This number is a **26% decrease** compared to the previous week. The total number of undocumented Afghan returnees from Pakistan since 01 January 2017 is now 81,286. IOM provided post-arrival assistance to **94%** of undocumented Afghan returnees from Pakistan (1,378 individuals), including 1,182 individuals in poor families, 170 individuals in single parent families and 23 special cases. 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 (see Annex 1).



A mother and her child at Spin Boldak border crossing © 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 296,000 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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A young girl who returned with her family from Iran at IOM's Nimroz Transit Center © IOM 2017

Returns from Iran

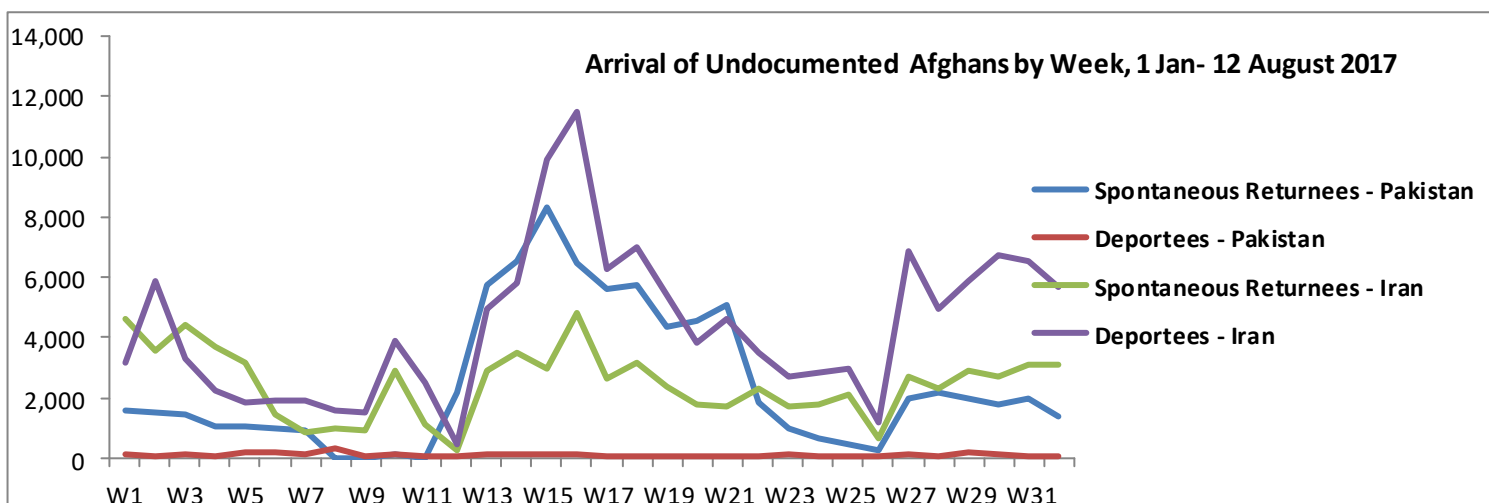
A total of **8,766** undocumented Afghans spontaneously returned or were deported from Iran through the Milak (Nimroz) border crossing between August 6-12 2017, **10% less** than in the previous week. The Islam Qala (Herat) border crossing remains closed to undocumented returnees with nobody spontaneously returning or being deported there last week. Of the total spontaneous returnees, 2,897 (93%) were individuals. Similarly, out of the total deportees, 833 (15%) were in family groups whereas 4,822 (85%) were individuals. This brings the total number of undocumented returnees from Iran since 01 January 2017 to 215,084. IOM provided post-arrival humanitarian assistance to **445 (5%)** undocumented Afghans deported from Iran at its Transit Center in Nimroz, including 22 special cases, 51 unaccompanied migrant children, 4 unaccompanied elderly, and 10 individuals in 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
01-29 July	3,882	4094	4	10,731	276	123	1	24,668	8,375	35,404	43,779
30 July- 5 Aug	905	1048	2	3,121	32	0	0	6,527	1,985	9,650	11,635
06-12 Aug	706	696	0	3,111	46	16	0	5,655	1,464	8,766	10,230
Total	52,866	25,720	17,157	61,965	2,016	684	7,208	128,754	81,286	215,084	296,370

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
01-29 July	3,983	3,869	4	93	57	63	1	1617	7,972	1,715	9,687
30 July- 5 Aug	914	990	2	15	3	0	0	325	1,907	342	2,249
06-12 Aug	702	650	0	19	10	16	0	443	1,378	462	1,840
Total	50,347	18,352	131	531	436	464	653	8,542	69,599	9,857	79,456



Annex 1: Detailed Breakdown of Assistance Provided by Partners at Turkham and Spin Boldak BCP, Aug 6-12 2017

Organization	Location	Type of Assistance	Families Assisted	Total Individual Assisted	Male	Female	Boys	Girls
WFP	Transit Center	Food Package	223	1352	130	159	200	213
WHO	Transit Center	Medical Services	50	116	15	36	32	33
	Transit Center	OPV Vaccination for children (>10 years)	0	0	0	0	16	26
	Transit Center	OPV Vaccination for children (<10 years)	0	0	0	0	15	13
	Transit Center	IPV Vaccination for children (4 m -5 years)	0	133	0	0	114	110
	Transit Center	Measle Vaccination for children (6 m -5 years)	0	120	0	0	78	81
UNICEF	Transit Center	Hygiene Kits	45	242	38	51	76	77
	Transit Center	Family Kit	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Transit Center	Hygiene Awareness Training	117	695	114	139	219	223
	Transit Center	Child Friendly Space	0	299	0	0	130	169
	Transit Center	Nutrition services for children 6-59 months, and pregnant women and lactating mothers	0	105	0	0	50	55
UNFPA	Transit Center	Dignity kits	92	460	92	108	124	136
AADA/ UNFPA	Zero Point	Medical Services	0	432	161	111	89	71
	Zero Point	OPV Vaccination for children (<10 years)	0	732	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	192	0	0	86	106
	Zero Point	Measle Vaccination for children (<10 years)	0	186	0	0	83	103
	Zero Point	HIV/AIDS Awareness	0	678	229	118	259	72
AADA/ UNICEF	Zero Point	Nutrition services for children (6-59 months), pregnant women and lactating mothers	0	272	0	73	90	109
UNMAS- OMAR	Transit Center	Mine Risk Education	52	1377	233	237	470	437

Annex 2: Breakdown of Assistance Provided at all Border Crossings, Aug 6-12 2017

Categories	Turkham	Spin Boldak	Islam Qala	Milak	Total
Non-Food Item (NFI) Kits	137	115		81	333
Medical Care	116	57		0	173
Tuberculosis Screening	712	666		0	1378
Overnight Accommodation	10	226		980	1216
Total	975	1064	0	1061	3100

Annex 3: Transportation Cash Grant at Kandahar Transit Center, Aug 6-12 2017

No. of Families	No. of Individuals	Province of Final Destination	Transportation Grant (Per Person)	Total (USD)
2	11	Baghlan	\$40	440
2	13	Balkh	\$40	520
2	13	Faryab	\$50	650
6	53	Ghazni	\$35	1,855
8	78	Helmand	\$40	3,120
2	14	Herat	\$30	420
4	40	Jawzjan	\$50	2,000
14	82	Kabul	\$30	2,460
30	232	Kandahar	\$30	6,960
4	22	Kunduz	\$50	1,100
1	3	Laghman	\$40	120
2	14	Nangarhar	\$40	560
2	19	Paktya	\$50	950
1	11	Parwan	\$30	330
2	13	SarePul	\$50	650
1	5	Takhar	\$50	250
3	27	Zabul	\$40	1,080
Deportees				
1	1	Farah	\$30	30
1	1	Helmand	\$40	40
1	1	Herat	\$30	30
2	2	Kabul	\$30	60
1	1	Nangarhar	\$40	40
10	10	Zabul	\$40	400
102	666	Total	Total	24,065

Annex 4: Transportation Cash Grant at Turkham Transit Center, Aug 6-12 2017

No. of Families	No. of Individuals	Province of Final Destination	Transportation Grant (Per Person)	Total (USD)
17	85	Kabul	\$30	2550
2	9	Kunduz	\$50	450
5	22	Kunar	\$30	660
11	51	Logar	\$36	1,836
94	496	Nangarhar	\$25	12,400
3	11	Paktya	\$36	396
1	9	Paktika	\$36	324
3	12	Parwan	\$36	432
1	7	Smangan	\$50	350
137	702	-	-	19,398

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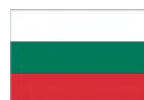


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