



A representative of the Department of Refugees and Repatriation (DoRR) greets an Afghan returnee family at the IOM/DoRR Screening Center on Turkham border

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Highlights

- 999** undocumented Afghans returned from Pakistan
- 20,782** undocumented Afghans returned from Iran
- 8,980** total returns from Pakistan since 01 Jan 2018
- 184,686** total returns from Iran since 01 Jan 2018
- 94%** of returnees from Pakistan (938 individuals) assisted
- 4%** of returnees from Iran (775 individuals) assisted
- 103** Unaccompanied Migrant Children (UMC) from Iran among those assisted, 0 from Pakistan
- 37** Medical Cases (MC) from Iran among those assisted, 0 from Pakistan

Return from Pakistan

A total of **999** undocumented Afghans spontaneously returned or were deported from Pakistan through the Turkham (Nangarhar) and Spin Boldak (Kandahar) border crossings from 08—14 April 2018, according to the Border Monitoring Team of the Directorate of Refugees and Repatriation (DoRR). Of the total returnees, 970 were spontaneous returnees and 29 were deported. This number marks a **0.4% decrease** compared to the previous week (1,003). The total number of undocumented Afghan returnees from Pakistan since 01 January 2018 is now 8,980. IOM provided post-arrival assistance to **94%** of undocumented Afghan returnees from Pakistan (938 individuals), including 674 individuals in poor families, 244 individuals in single parent families and 20 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.

Afghanistan-Pakistan Action Plan for Peace and Solidarity (APAPPS)

President Ashraf Ghani and Pakistan's Prime Minister Shahid Khaqan Abbasi held talks in Kabul on Friday, 06 April where they agreed to seven key principles to finalize Afghanistan-Pakistan Action Plan for Peace and Solidarity (APAPPS). Importantly for the future of Afghans living in Pakistan, the two countries will establish bilateral working groups and necessary cooperation mechanisms including the return of Afghans. The two leaders agreed that the APAPPS would provide a useful framework for broad based and structured engagement on all issues of mutual interest and decided to operationalize the five working groups under APAPPS.

Situation Overview

IOM is responding to a substantial increase in the return of undocumented Afghans from Pakistan and Iran. Since 01 January 2018, over 193,000 undocumented Afghans have returned due to diverse push factors, including deteriorating protection space in Iran and Pakistan. 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 878,000 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). To date, 320,000 Afghans have received their ACC cards.

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Return from Iran

A total of **20,782** undocumented Afghans spontaneously returned or were deported from Iran through the Milak (Nimroz) and Herat (Islam Qala) border crossings between 08—14 Apr 2018, **125 % more** than in the previous week. Of the total deported undocumented Afghans, 3,300 individuals were deported through Islam Qala (Herat) and 7,235 were deported through Milak (Nimroz). Of those who spontaneously returned, 7,226 returned through Islam Qala (Herat) and 3,021 through Milak (Nimroz). Out of the total deportees, 665 individuals (6%) were deported with family members whereas 9,870 (94%) were deported as individuals. This brings the total number of undocumented returnees from Iran since 01 January 2018 to 184,686. IOM provided post-arrival humanitarian assistance to **775 (4%)** undocumented Afghans deported from Iran at its Transit Centers in Nimroz and Herat, including 505 individuals in Deported Families (DF), 103 Unaccompanied Migrant Children (UMC), 37 Special Cases (SC), 30 Single Parents Family (SP), 37 Medical Cases (MC), 27 poor families (PF), 23 Unaccompanied Elderly (UAE), 8 Physical Disabled (PD), 1 Drug Addicted (DA), 3 Mentally Ill and 1 Single Female.

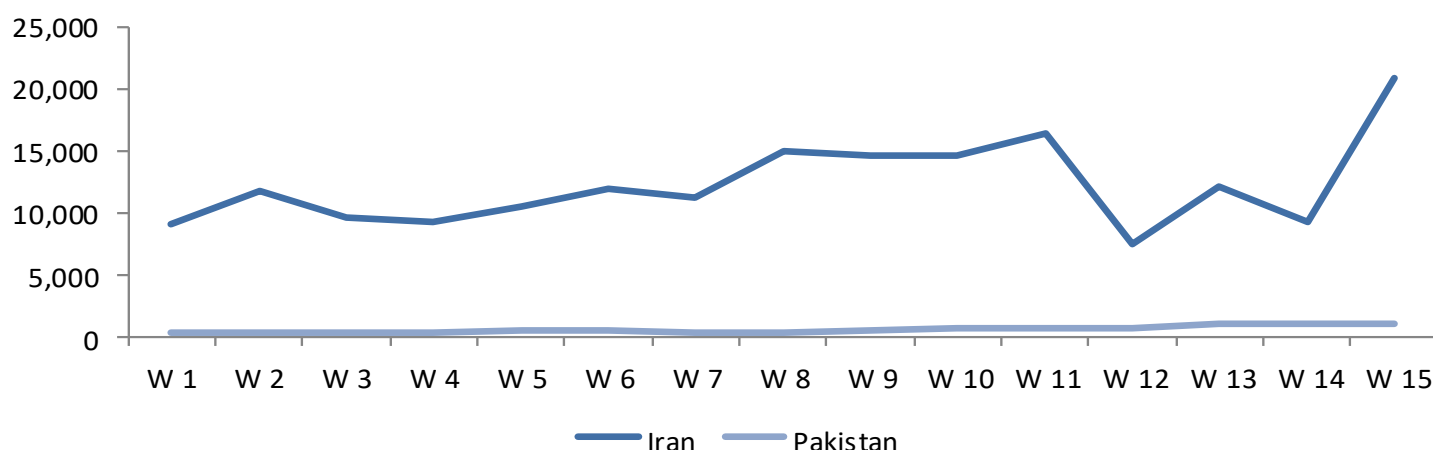
Number of Undocumented Returnees 2018 (Turkham, Spin Boldak, Islam Qala and Milak)

Date	Spontaneous Returnees				Deportees				Total Pakistan	Total Iran	Grand Total
	Turkham	Spin Bold	Herat	Nimroz	Turkham	Spin Bold	Herat	Nimroz			
January	774	889	17,688	5,720	170	48	9,323	14,535	1,881	47,266	49,147
February	633	768	13,576	4,758	69	237	8,747	25,676	1,707	52,757	54,464
March	1,400	1,850	18,311	6,491	53	87	8,033	21,804	3,390	54,639	58,029
01 - 07 April	541	436	2,318	876	20	6	1,695	4,353	1,003	9,242	10,245
08 - 14 April	500	470	7,226	3,021	28	1	3,300	7,235	999	20,782	21,781
Total	3,848	4,413	59,119	20,866	340	379	31,098	73,603	8,980	184,686	193,666

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			
January	774	854	56	24	21	16	389	1,542	1,665	2,011	3,676
February	633	750	81	59	30	11	463	1,558	1,424	2,161	3,585
March	1,400	1,723	83	99	21	16	1,133	1,145	3,160	2,460	5,620
01 - 07 April	541	416	15	24	6	0	278	249	963	566	1,529
08 - 14 April	491	427	39	15	20	0	295	426	938	775	1,713
Total	3,839	4,170	274	221	98	43	2,558	4,920	8,150	7,973	16,123

Arrival of Undocumented Afghans by Week



IOM Afghanistan has assisted 16,123 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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