



*Afghan returnees from Pakistan load assistance onto their truck in front of the IOM Transit Center in Kandahar @ IOM 2017*

## Highlights

- 1,106** undocumented Afghans returned from Pakistan
- 13,189** undocumented Afghans returned from Iran
- 89,944** total returns from Pakistan since 01 Jan 2017
- 301,196** total returns from Iran since 01 Jan 2017
- 91%** of returnees from Pakistan (1,009 individuals) assisted
- 6%** of returnees from Iran (799 individuals) assisted
- 177** Unaccompanied Migrant Children (UAM) from Iran among those assisted, 0 from Pakistan
- 26** Medical Cases (MC) from Iran among those assisted, 0 from Pakistan

## Return from Pakistan

A total of **1,106** undocumented Afghans spontaneously returned or were deported from Pakistan through the Turkham (Nangarhar) and Spin Boldak (Kandahar) border crossings from Oct 08—14, according to the Border Monitoring Team of the Directorate of Refugees and Repatriation (DoRR). Of the total returnees, 1,052 were spontaneous returnees and 54 were deported. This number marks a **3% decrease** compared to the previous week (1,138). The total number of undocumented Afghan returnees from Pakistan since 01 January 2017 is now 89,944. IOM provided post-arrival assistance to **91%** of undocumented Afghan returnees from Pakistan (1,009 individuals), including 804 individuals in poor families and 200 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. From the 16-17 October, OM's Chief of Mission travelled accompanied a high level ECHO delegation from Brussels to review the ongoing humanitarian response at the border, jointly with UNHCR.

## Contextual Update — Pakistan

As of 06 October 2017, the Government of Pakistan's National Database and Registration Authority (NADRA) supported by the Government of Pakistan and IOM has received over 221,000 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. Since 01 January 2017, over 391,000 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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Return from Iran

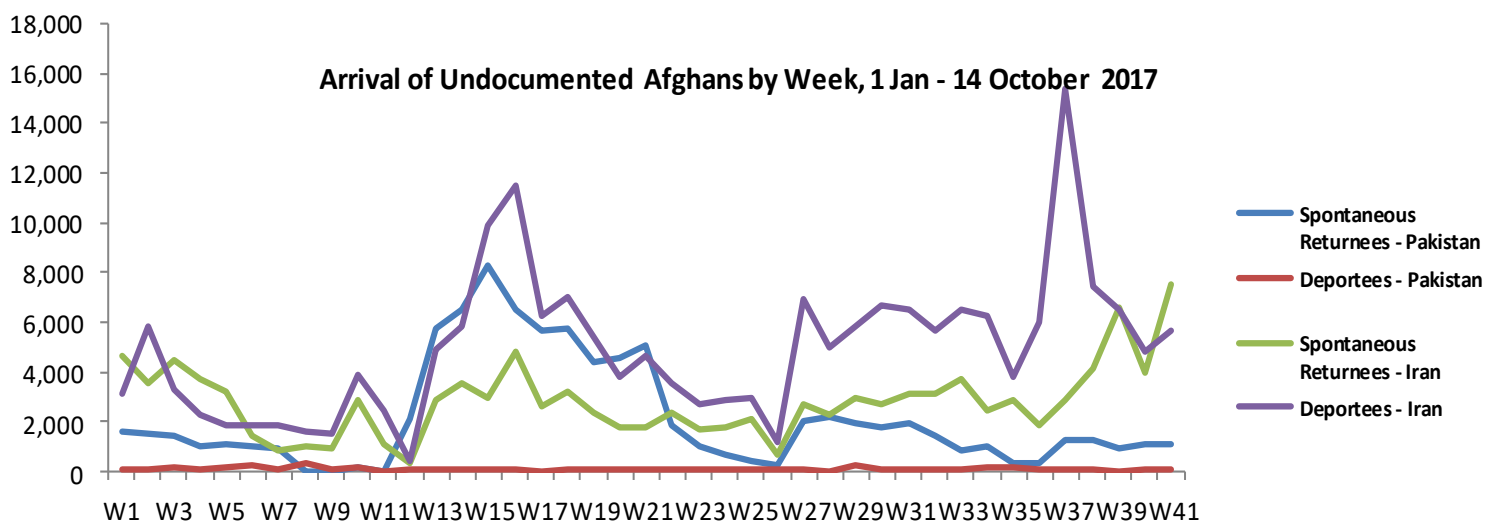
A total of **13,189** undocumented Afghans spontaneously returned or were deported from Iran through the Milak (Nimroz) and Herat (Islam Qala) border crossings between Oct 08-14, **50% more** than in the previous week. Although no official announcement has been made, spontaneous returns and deportations have resumed again through Islam Qala (Herat) since 07 September 2017. Of the total deported undocumented Afghans, 1,749 individuals were deported through Islam Qala (Herat) and 3,903 were deported through Milak (Nimroz). Of those who spontaneously returned, 5,192 returned through Islam Qala (Herat) and 2,345 through Milak (Nimroz). On October 16, IOM together with OCHA, WHO, WFP, UNICEF, UNAMA and UNHCR led a one day inter agency mission to Nimroz to inaugurate CERF Funding which will see a major expansion to humanitarian operations. Out of the total deportees, 614 individuals (11%) were deported with family members whereas 5,038 (89%) were deported as individuals. This brings the total number of undocumented returnees from Iran since 01 January 2017 to 301,196. IOM provided post-arrival humanitarian assistance to **799 (6%)** undocumented Afghans deported from Iran at its Transit Centers in Nimroz and Herat, including 425 individuals in Deported Families (DF), 177 Unaccompanied Migrant Children (UMC), 54 Special Cases (SC), 26 Medical Cases (MC), 17 Unaccompanied Elderly (UAE), 23 Physically Disabled (PD), 17 Drug Addicted (DA), 2 Mentally Ill (M) and 1 Single Female (SF). More information on protection concerns related to Afghans returning from Iran can be found on page 2 of OCHA Afghanistan’s [latest monthly bulletin](#).

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			
January - August 17	54,039	26,730	17,175	69,662	2,186	835	7,505	142,791	83,790	237,133	320,923
01 - 23 Sep	1,507	1,318	225	8,615	65	121	566	19,629	3,011	29,035	32,046
24 - 30 Sep	514	364	3,515	3,077	21	0	690	5,849	899	13,131	14,030
01 - 07 Oct	405	648	2,427	1,508	14	71	2,565	2,208	1,138	8,708	9,846
08 - 14 Oct	612	440	5,192	2,345	37	17	1,749	3,903	1,106	13,189	14,295
<b>Total</b>	<b>57,077</b>	<b>29,500</b>	<b>28,534</b>	<b>85,207</b>	<b>2,323</b>	<b>1,044</b>	<b>13,075</b>	<b>174,380</b>	<b>89,944</b>	<b>301,196</b>	<b>391,140</b>

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			
January - August 17	51,528	19,333	135	541	480	508	667	9,814	71,849	11,157	83,006
01 - 23 Sep	1,499	1,216	11	11	4	41	79	1,936	2,760	2,037	4,797
24 - 30 Sep	506	307	27	14	6	0	198	576	819	815	1,634
01 - 07 Oct	405	574	0	2	1	30	596	566	1,010	1,164	2,174
08 - 14 Oct	610	394	30	15	5	0	166	588	1,009	799	1,808
<b>Total</b>	<b>54,548</b>	<b>21,824</b>	<b>203</b>	<b>583</b>	<b>496</b>	<b>579</b>	<b>1,706</b>	<b>13,480</b>	<b>77,447</b>	<b>15,972</b>	<b>93,419</b>







Two boys and their father leave the IOM Transit Center at Turkham border carrying NFI items received from IOM @ IOM 2017

**Annex 1: Breakdown of Assistance Provided at all Border Crossings Points (BCP), Oct 08-14 2017**

Categories	Turkham	Spin Boldak	Islam Qala	Milak	Total
Non-Food Item (NFI) Kits	124	73	25	53	275
Medical Care	106	30	89	61	286
Tuberculosis Screening	615	394	196	376	1581
Overnight Accommodation	5	128	196	585	914
<b>Total</b>	<b>850</b>	<b>625</b>	<b>506</b>	<b>1,075</b>	<b>3,056</b>

**Annex 2: Detailed Breakdown of Assistance Provided by Partners at Milak and Islam Qala BCP, Oct 08-14 2017**

Organization	Location	Type of Assistance	Families	Total Individual As-	Male	Female	Boys	Girls
IOM	Registration Centre	Registration	110	709	296	115	305	83
AICHR	Registration Centre	Legal Assistance	0	0	0	0	0	0
IOM	Transit Centre	Food Package	25	114	92	36	76	0
IOM	Transit Centre	Transportation	110	709	296	115	237	83
IOM	Transit Centre	Medical Services	7	55	97	9	10	0
IOM	Transit Centre	Referrals	0	0	0	2	68	0
IOM	Reintegration Assistance		0	10	0	0	25	0
UNICEF	Tracing & Repatriation		0	0	0	0	109	0
WFP	Transit Center	Food Package	110	378	89	78	128	83

## Annex 3: Detailed Breakdown of Assistance Provided by Partners at Turkham and Spin Boldak BCP, Oct 08-14 2017

Organization	Location	Type of Assistance	Families Assisted	Total Individual Assisted	Male	Female	Boys	Girls
IOM	Transit Centre	BSAF Registatation	192	1009	182	235	311	281
IOM	Transit Centre	IOM Beneficiary Card	192	1009	182	235	311	281
	Transit Centre	Overnight Accommodation	19	133	23	27	45	38
	Transit Centre	Medical Screening	73	136	29	50	26	31
	Transit Centre	TB Screening	187	1009	182	235	311	281
	Transit Centre	Non Food Item (NFI)	187	1004	177	235	311	281
	IOM	Transit Centre	Unconditional Cash for NFI	0	0	0	0	0
Transit Centre		Cash for Transportation (\$ 25-\$50)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Transit Center		Food Package	187	1004	177	235	311	281
Transit Center		Medical Services	51	106	25	30	24	27
Transit Center		OPV Vaccination for children (>10 years)	0	55	0	0	41	14
WHO	Transit Center	OPV Vaccination for children (<10 years)	0	23	0	0	9	14
WHO	Transit Center	IPV Vaccination for children (<10 years)	0	127	0	0	70	57
	Transit Center	Measle Vaccination for children (<10 years)	0	80	0	0	41	39
UNICEF	Transit Center	Hygiene Kits	29	143	22	38	46	37
	Transit Center	Family Kit	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Transit Center	Hygiene Awareness Training	86	465	85	115	156	109
	Transit Center	Child Friendly Space	0	457	0	0	234	223
UNICEF	Transit Center	Nutrition services for children 6-59 months, and pregnant women and lactating mothers	31	63	0	0	38	25
UNICEF	Transit Center	Vitamin A 12-59 months	31	63	0	0	38	25
UNICEF	Transit Center	Albendazol 24-59 months	23	43	0	0	27	16
UNFPA	Transit Center	Dignity kits	95	467	86	110	137	134
AADA/ UNFPA	Zero Point	Medical Services	0	423	134	143	66	80
AADA/ UNFPA	Zero Point	OPV Vaccination for children (<10 years)	0	504	0	0	0	0
AADA/ UNFPA	Zero Point	OPV Vaccination for children (>10 years)	0	0	0	0	0	0
AADA/ UNFPA	Zero Point	IPV Vaccination for children (<10 years)	0	205	0	0	115	90
AADA/ UNFPA	Zero Point	Measle Vaccination for children (<10 years)	0	199	0	0	108	91
AADA/ UNFPA	Zero Point	HIV/AIDS Awareness	0	463	190	98	110	65
AADA/ UNICEF	Zero Point	Nutrition services for children (6-59 months), pregnant women and lactating mothers	0	257	0	70	101	86
DDG/ DRC	Transit Center	Mine Risk Education	54	593	118	154	188	133

Annex 3: Breakdown of Provinces and States of Exile, Origin and Final Destination of Undocumented Afghans

Figure 1: Areas of Departure of undocumented spontaneous returnees from Pakistan, Jan 01—Oct 14, 2017

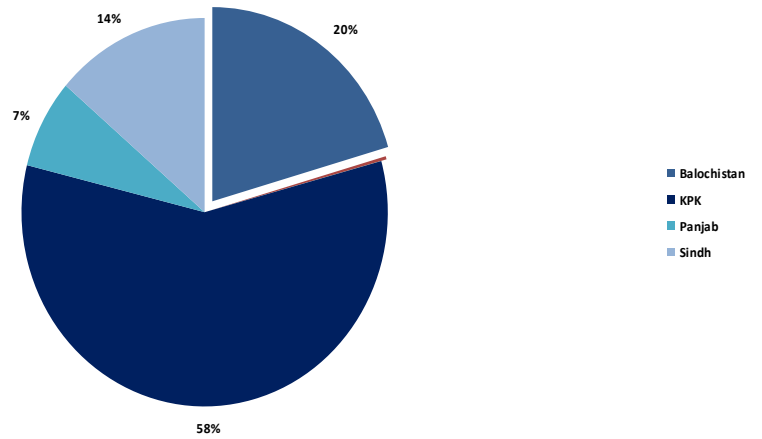


Figure 2: Top 8 provinces of Final Destination of undocumented spontaneous returnees from Pakistan, Jan 01—Oct 14, 2017

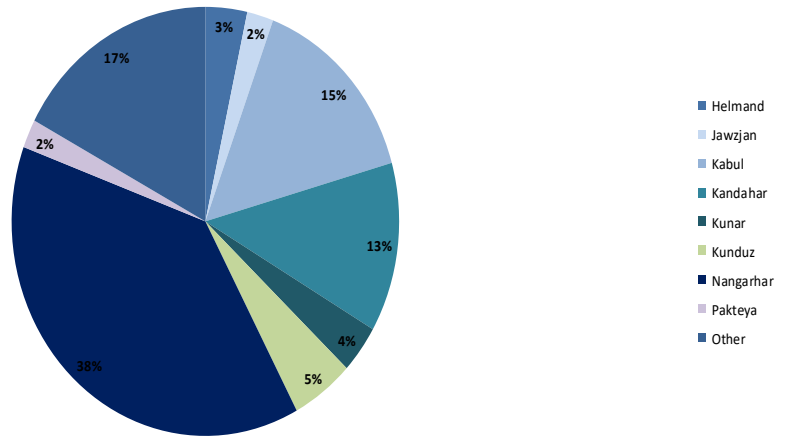
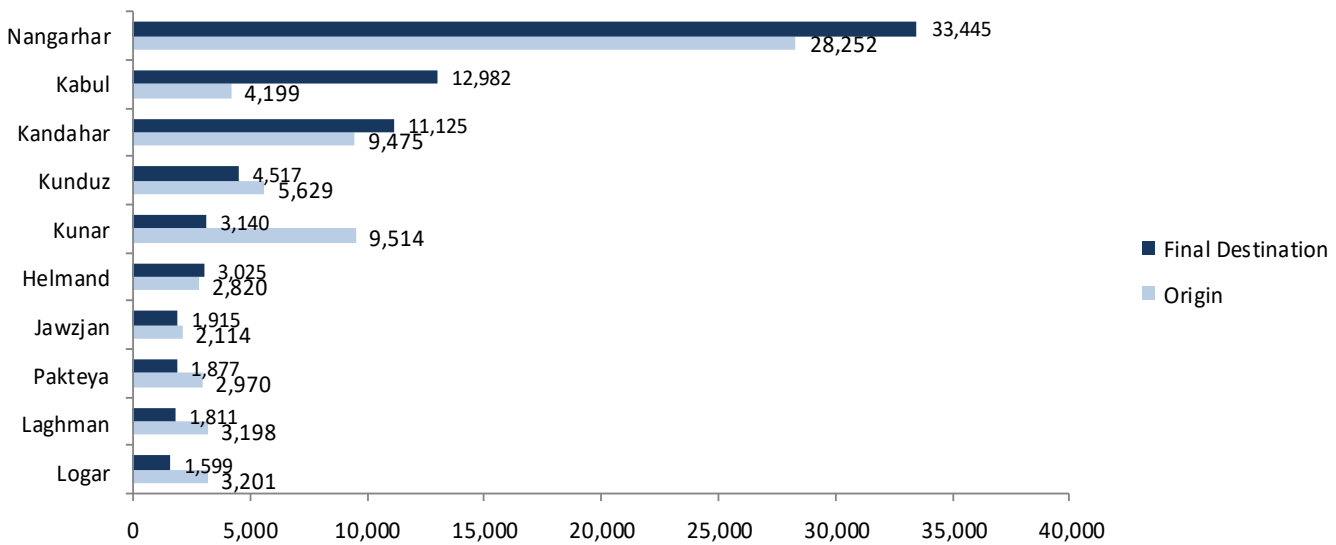


Figure 3: Top 5 Provinces of Final Destination of deported undocumented Afghans from Pakistan, Jan 01—Oct 14, 2017



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