



Afghan returnees from Iran receive assistance at the IOM Transit Center in Zaranj City, Nimroz province © Z. Zia, IOM Afghanistan

### Highlights

**463,157** total returns from Iran and Pakistan since 01 Jan 2018

**442,344** total returns from Iran since 01 Jan 2018

**20,813** total returns from Pakistan since 01 Jan 2018

**19,513** undocumented Afghans returned from Iran

**954** undocumented Afghans returned from Pakistan

**5%** of returnees from Iran (889 individuals) assisted

**89%** of returnees from Pakistan (853 individuals) assisted

### Return from Iran

A total of **19,513** undocumented Afghans spontaneously returned or were deported from Iran through the Milak (Nimroz) and Herat (Islam Qala) border crossings between 29 July—04 August 2018, **5% less** than in the previous week. This brings the total number of undocumented returnees from Iran since 01 January 2018 to 442,344.

IOM provided post-arrival humanitarian assistance to **889 (5%)** undocumented Afghans deported from Iran at its Transit Centers in Nimroz and Herat, including 56 Unaccompanied Migrant Children (UMC), 24 Medical Cases (MC), 92 members of Single Parent Families (SP), 4 Single Females (SF), 6 Physical Disabled (PD), 11 Unaccompanied Elderly (UE), 13 Special Cases (SC), 72 member of Poor Families (PF) and 4 Drug Addicted (DA).

### In Memoriam

IOM mourns the loss of a colleague during a suicide attack against the Directorate of Refugees and Repatriation in Jalalabad on 31 July that claimed the lives of 15 civilians and injured at least another 15. They had come together for a meeting to discuss reintegration assistance for returnees and displaced Afghans. We would like to offer our deepest sympathies to the families and friends of our deceased and injured partners and colleagues. IOM's commitment to serve and deliver assistance to vulnerable Afghans remains steadfast. We will honor our colleague's memory by continuing to work for peace and a better life for all Afghans.

## Situation Overview

Since 01 January 2018, IOM is responding to the return of over 442,000 undocumented Afghans from Pakistan and Iran. Undocumented returns from Iran in particular are seeing a massive increase of more than 200,000 in 2018 to over 402,000 total versus 187,000 in 2017. Largely driven by recent political and economic issues in Iran including massive currency devaluation. As Afghans primarily work in the informal economy in Iran the demand for this type of work is drastically reduced. Further as all Afghans typically send home their earnings in the form of monthly remittances, the Afghan economy itself, already evident in the drought affected provinces of Herat, Badghis and Ghor, is suffering direct and immediate effects.

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**Return from Pakistan**

A total of **954** undocumented Afghans spontaneously returned or were deported from Pakistan through the Turkham (Nangarhar) and Spin Boldak (Kandahar) border crossings from 29 July –04 August 2018, according to the Border Monitoring Team of the Directorate of Refugees and Repatriation (DoRR). Of the total returnees, 860 were spontaneous returnees and 94 were deported. This number marks a **700% increase** compared to the previous week (137). The total number of undocumented Afghan returnees from Pakistan since 01 January 2018 is now 20,813. IOM provided post-arrival assistance to **89%** of undocumented Afghan returnees from Pakistan (853 individuals).

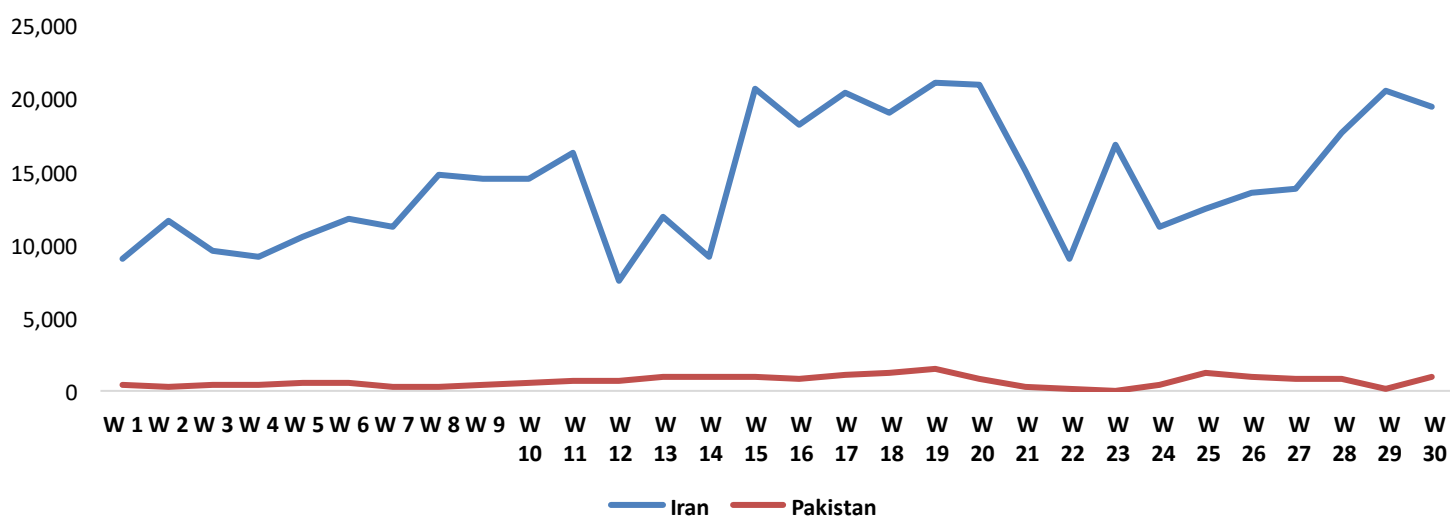
**Number of Undocumented Returnees 2018 (Turkham, Spin Boldak, Islam Qala and Milak)**

Date	Spontaneous Returnees				Deportees				Total Pakistan	Total Iran	Grand Total
	Turkham	Spin Boldak	Herat	Nimroz	Turkham	Spin Boldak	Herat	Nimroz			
Jan - June 18	8,355	7,613	113,434	38,115	560	479	75,597	129,740	17,007	356,886	373,893
01 - 14 July	962	796	8,877	3,315	108	1	6,527	8,916	1,867	27,635	29,502
15 - 21 July	297	480	5,934	2,119	71	0	5,158	4,481	848	17,692	18,540
22 - 28 July	92	37	7,570	2,131	8	0	5,093	5,824	137	20,618	20,755
29 Jul - 4 Aug	455	405	7,212	2,349	72	22	3,586	6,366	954	19,513	20,467
<b>Total</b>	<b>10,161</b>	<b>9,331</b>	<b>143,027</b>	<b>48,029</b>	<b>819</b>	<b>502</b>	<b>95,961</b>	<b>155,327</b>	<b>20,813</b>	<b>442,344</b>	<b>463,157</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			
Jan - June 18	8,339	7,147	428	638	162	43	5,902	8,258	15,691	15,226	30,917
01 - 14 July	464	0	0	3	11	0	98	36	475	137	612
15 - 21 July	297	75	5	0	14	0	318	45	386	368	754
22 - 28 July	92	37	4	120	1	0	239	270	130	633	763
29 Jul - 4 Aug	455	390	0	129	8	0	394	366	853	889	1,742
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,647</b>	<b>7,649</b>	<b>437</b>	<b>890</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>6,951</b>	<b>8,975</b>	<b>17,535</b>	<b>17,253</b>	<b>34,788</b>

**Arrival of Undocumented Afghans by Week**



*IOM Afghanistan has assisted 34,788 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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