

Dear colleagues and partners,

Please find below the weekly update on the return of undocumented Afghans from Iran and Pakistan for the week of 21-27 October 2018, along with a brief summary on the upcoming Geneva Ministerial Conference on Afghanistan and the accompanying four side events.

RETURN STATISTICS

674,112 total returns from Iran and Pakistan since 01 January 2018

646,188 total returns from Iran since 01 January 2018

27,924 total returns from Pakistan since 01 January 2018

15,905 undocumented Afghans returned from Iran between 21-27 October 2018,

8% more than in the previous week (14,729). 8,254 returned spontaneously, 7,651 were deported.

549 undocumented Afghans returned from Pakistan between 21-27 October 2018,

85% more than in the previous week (297). 536 returned spontaneously, 13 were deported.

4% of returnees from Iran (592 individuals) assisted

93% of returnees from Pakistan (512 individuals) assisted

GENEVA MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE

27-28 NOVEMBER 2018



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The Ministerial Conference on Afghanistan on 28 November 2018, which will be led by the Government of Afghanistan and supported by the UN in Geneva, aims to take stock of the progress made by the Government of Afghanistan against the pledges made by the international community. Acknowledging the importance of the sustainable reintegration of displaced Afghans, the Government has included this issue high on the agenda of the conference.

Four side events as part of the Ministerial conference have been confirmed for November 27, one of them being a side event on return and reintegration titled *People on the Move*. The EU, the World Bank Group, UNICEF, UNHCR and IOM are jointly supporting the Government of Afghanistan with this event.

The *People on the Move* side event will focus on the achievements made to address migration and forced displacement, challenges faced and finding sustainable solutions for Afghan refugees, returnees and internally displaced Afghans in Afghanistan. The event will include a high-level panel discussion and a photo exhibition. More information can be found [here](#), and the specific agenda for the Ministerial conference and side events can be found [here](#).

IOM Afghanistan has assisted over 46,000 undocumented Afghans returning from Iran and Pakistan and over 68,000 Afghans displaced by natural disasters since 01 January 2018, thanks to the dedication of our staff and the generosity of our donors.

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