



Screening of undocumented Afghans for Presumptive TB cases at Turkham Zero Point under multi-country grant TB project supported by Global fund/UNDP. © IOM 2019

### Highlights

**496,526** total returns from Iran and Pakistan since 01 Jan 2019

**476,887** total returns from Iran

**19,639** total returns from Pakistan

**17,097** undocumented Afghans returned from Iran during 15 –28 Dec with **20%** of returnees from Iran (3,456 individuals) assisted

**339** undocumented Afghans returned from Pakistan during 15 –28 Dec with **81%** of returnees from Pakistan (276 individuals) assisted.

### Return from Iran

According to the Border Monitoring Team of the Directorate of Refugees and Repatriation (DoRR), a total of **17,097** undocumented Afghans spontaneously returned or were deported from Iran through the Milak (Nimroz) and Herat (Islam Qala) border crossings between 15 –28 Dec 2019, a 12% decrease from the previous two weeks (**19,376**). **7,540** persons returned voluntarily and **9,557** were deported. This brings the total number of undocumented returnees from Iran to **476,887** in 2019. IOM provided post-arrival humanitarian assistance to **3,456 (20%)** undocumented Afghans at its Transit Centers, including 347 Unaccompanied Migrant Children, 91 Medical Cases, 91 members of Single Parent Families, 12 Physically Disabled persons, 32 Unaccompanied Elderly persons, 9 Single Females, 522 members of deported families, 17 persons with substance abuse concerns, 2 mental health concern cases.

### IOM Thematic Support

#### Protection

The Protection Unit completed case management assessments for 214 PSN cases in Kunduz, Ghor, Nangarhar, Takhar, Balkh, Sare Pul, Kabul, Faryab, Kandahar. These include 49 special cases, 28 poor families, 62 unaccompanied migrant children, 14 deported families, 38 female headed households, 8 persons with disabilities, 1 single female and 14 medical cases. In addition, 13 female headed households, 10 medical cases, and 1 person with disability received protection assistance in Kabul.

#### Migration Health

A total of 6,618 undocumented Afghans were screened for tuberculosis in IOM Transit Centers. Of the total screened, 73 persons were found to be presumptive TB cases and referred for additional diagnostic/treatment services.

A total of 302 individuals received health services at the Garzargah Transit Center in Herat province.

### Situation Overview

As of 28 December, IOM's Cross Border Return Programme has received funding contributions in 2019 from the Governments of the United Kingdom, the Netherlands, Switzerland, Norway's Ministry of Justice and Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Canada, the Czech Republic and CERF. Additional thematic funding has been received from ECHO for Protection programming and the Global Fund for Migration Health.

### Monthly Return of Undocumented Afghans

Month	Iran	Pakistan	Total
Jan - Apr 2019	149,894	8,322	158,216
May 2019	39,886	1,488	41,374
June 2019	35,277	1,440	36,717
July 2019	40,947	2,132	43,079
August 2019	37,942	1,411	39,353
September 2019	45,216	1,724	46,940
October 2019	45,676	1,341	47,017
November 2019	45,576	1,041	46,617
December 2019	36,473	740	37,213
<b>Total</b>	<b>476,887</b>	<b>19,639</b>	<b>496,526</b>

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**Return from Pakistan**

According to the Border Monitoring Team of the Directorate of Refugees and Repatriation (DoRR), a total of **319** undocumented Afghans spontaneously returned and 20 were deported from Pakistan between 15—28 December 2019, a 15% decrease compared to the previous two weeks (401) as the advent of the winter season means that returns from Pakistan will now remain low until March/April. The total number of undocumented Afghan returnees from Pakistan in 2019 is now **19,639**. IOM provided post-arrival assistance to **276 (81%)** undocumented returnees from Pakistan over the past week.

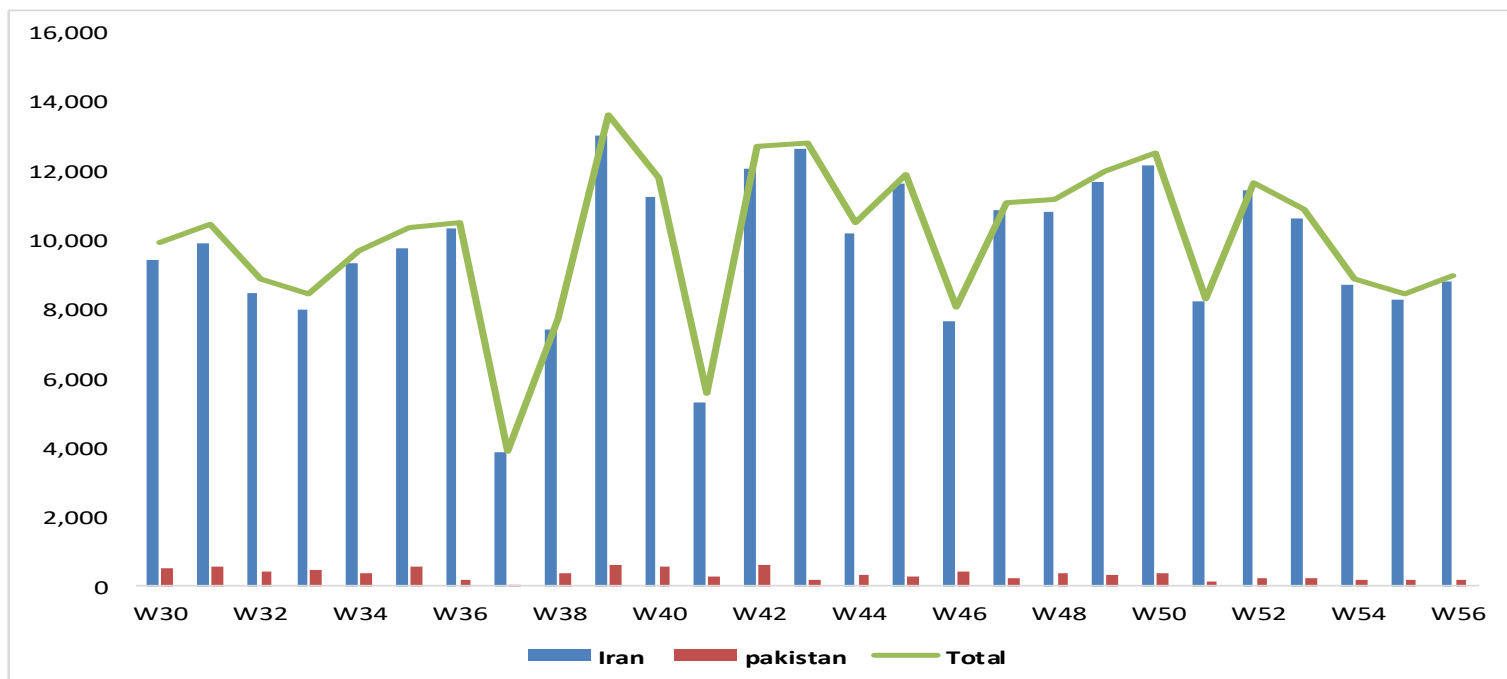
**Number of Undocumented Returnees in 2019**

Date	Iran				Total Iran	Pakistan				Total Pakistan	Overall Return
	Herat		Nimroz			Torkham		Kandahar			
	Spont	Deport	Spont	Deport		Spont	Deport	Spont	Deport		
Jan - Nov 2019	105,766	81,728	85,792	167,128	440,414	4,416	1,273	11,902	1,308	18,899	459,313
01 - 07 Dec 2019	3,963	1,644	1,209	3,843	10,659	30	7	204	0	241	10,900
08 - 14 Dec 2019	2,507	1,598	1,282	3,330	8,717	22	0	138	0	160	8,877
15 - 28 Dec 2019	4,924	3,265	2,616	6,292	17,097	53	20	266	0	339	17,436
<b>Total</b>	<b>117,160</b>	<b>88,235</b>	<b>90,899</b>	<b>180,593</b>	<b>476,887</b>	<b>4,521</b>	<b>1,300</b>	<b>12,510</b>	<b>1,308</b>	<b>19,639</b>	<b>496,526</b>

**Number of Assisted Returnees in 2019**

Date	Iran				Total Iran	Pakistan				Total Pakistan	Overall Assisted
	Herat		Nimroz			Torkham		Kandahar			
	Spont	Deport	Spont	Deport		Spont	Deport	Spont	Deport		
Jan - Nov 2019	2,044	14,105	2,338	9,133	27,620	4,418	157	10,735	702	16,012	43,632
01 - 07 Dec 2019	63	1,125	38	315	1,541	30	5	167	0	202	1,743
08 - 14 Dec 2019	57	1,065	42	460	1,624	22	0	105	0	127	1,751
15 - 28 Dec 2019	75	2,603	78	700	3,456	53	14	209	0	276	3,732
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,239</b>	<b>18,898</b>	<b>2,496</b>	<b>10,608</b>	<b>34,241</b>	<b>4,523</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>11,216</b>	<b>702</b>	<b>16,617</b>	<b>50,858</b>

**Return of Undocumented Afghan from Iran and Pakistan– Weekly trends for 2019**



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