



A returnee family loads assistance onto their truck outside the IOM Kandahar Transit Centre. © IOM 2017

Highlights

1,888 undocumented Afghans returned from Pakistan

5,839 undocumented Afghans returned from Iran

66,961 total returns from Pakistan since 01 January 2017

145,740 total returns from Iran since 01 January 2017

84% of returnees from Pakistan (1,595 individuals) assisted

7% of returnees from Iran (416 individuals) assisted

Return from Pakistan

A total of **1,888** undocumented Afghans spontaneously returned or were deported from Pakistan through the Turkham border (Nangarhar province) and Spin Boldak (Kandahar province) border crossings from 28 May–03 June 2017, according to the Border Monitoring Team of the Directorate of Refugees and Repatriation (DoRR).

Of the total returnees, 1,835 were spontaneous returnees in family groups and 53 were deported individuals. This is a **63% decrease** from the previous week and marks an anticipated decline for the holy month of Ramadan. Recent high profile security incidents in Kabul and the Eastern Region are also influencing the decision to return. The total number of undocumented Afghans returnees from Pakistan since 01 January 2017 is now 66,961.

IOM provided post-arrival assistance to **84%** of undocumented Afghan returnees from Pakistan (1,595 individuals), including 151 single parents, three unaccompanied migrant children and one special needs 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 (see Annex 1).

Situation Overview

IOM is responding to a substantial increase in the return of undocumented Afghans from Pakistan and Iran. Since 01 January 2017, over 212,000 undocumented Afghans have returned due to diverse push factors, including deteriorating protection space in Pakistan. 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 600,000 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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Returns from Iran

A total of **5,839** undocumented Afghans spontaneously returned or were deported from Iran through the Islam Qala (Herat) and Milak (Nimroz) border crossings between 28 May–03 June 2017, an **8% decrease** from the previous week. Of the total spontaneous returnees, 171 (7%) were in family groups and 2,146 (93%) were individuals. Similarly, out of the total deportees, 411 (12%) were in family groups whereas 3,111 (88%) were individuals. This brings the total number of undocumented returnees from Iran since 01 January 2017 to 145,740.

IOM provided post-arrival humanitarian assistance to **416 (7%)** undocumented Afghans deported from Iran at its Transit Centers in Herat and Nimroz, including 35 special cases, 10 medical cases, 5 chronically ill cases and 44 unaccompanied migrant children.



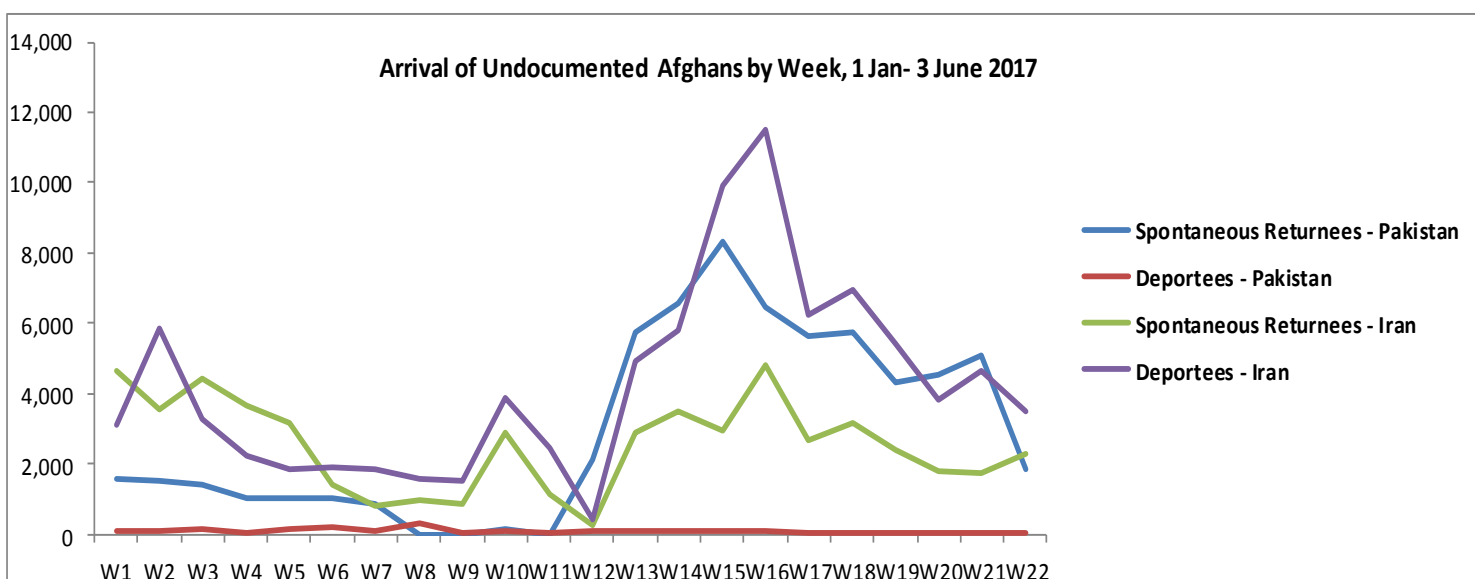
Recently returned families from Iran receive assistance at IOM's Transit Centre in Zaranj City, Nimroz Province © IOM 2017

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			
Jan - Apr 17	28,022	16,132	17,077	27,945	1,316	482	7,183	58,967	45,952	111,172	157,124
1 - 20 May	12,670	1230	17	7,003	133	0	9	15,343	14,033	22,372	36,405
21-27 May	5,062	0	18	1,712	26	0	3	4,624	5,088	6,357	11,445
28 May- 3 June	602	1233	5	2,312	53	0	5	3,517	1,888	5,839	7,727
Total	46,356	18,595	17,117	38,972	1,528	482	7,200	82,451	66,961	145,740	212,701

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			
Jan - Apr 17	25,702	9,921	84	204	296	369	639	3881	36,288	4,808	41,096
1-20 May	12,539	940	13	76	46	0	6	1013	13,525	1,108	14,633
21-27 May	4,974	0	4	27	2	0	2	219	4,976	252	5,228
28 May - 3 June	602	989	2	53	4	0	5	356	1,595	416	2,011
Total	43,817	11,850	103	360	348	369	652	5,469	56,384	6,584	62,968



Annex 1: Detailed Breakdown of Assistance Provided by Partners at Turkham BCP, 28 May-03 June 2017

Organization	Location	Type of Assistance	Families Assisted	Total Individual Assisted	Male	Female	Boys	Girls
WFP	Transit Center	Food Package	117	602	103	134	186	179
WHO	Transit Center	Medical Services	35	65	0	28	16	21
	Transit Center	OPV Vaccination for children (>10 years)	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Transit Center	OPV Vaccination for children (<10 years)	0	73	0	0	0	0
	Transit Center	IPV Vaccination for children (<10 years)	0	109	0	0	54	55
	Transit Center	Measle Vaccination for children (<10 years)	0	118	0	0	59	59
UNICEF	Transit Center	Hygiene Kits	80	416	73	93	131	119
	Transit Center	Family Kit	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Transit Center	Hygiene Awareness Training	80	416	73	93	131	119
	Transit Center	Child Friendly Space	0	117	0	0	58	59
	Transit Center	Nutrition services for children 6-59 months, and pregnant women and lactating mothers	0	164	0	38	60	66
UNFPA	Transit Center	Dignity kits	0	0	0	0	0	0
AADA/UNFPA	Zero Point	Medical Services	0	264	59	69	65	71
	Zero Point	OPV Vaccination for children (<10 years)	0	176	0	0	0	0
	Zero Point	OPV Vaccination for children (>10 years)	0	231	0	0	0	0
	Zero Point	IPV Vaccination for children (<10 years)	0	68	0	0	31	37
	Zero Point	Measle Vaccination for children (<10 years)	0	69	0	0	29	40
	Zero Point	HIV/AIDS Awareness	0	226	97	0	129	0
AADA/UNICEF	Zero Point	Nutrition services for children (6-59 months), pregnant women and lactating mothers	0	119	0	30	44	45
UNMAS-DDG	Transit Center	Mine Risk Education	0	0	0	0	0	0

Annex 2: Breakdown of Assistance Provided at all Border Crossings, 28 May-03 June 2017

Categories	Turkham	Spin Boldak	Islam Qala	Milak	Total
Non-Food Item (NFI) Kits	117	137	0	0	254
Medical Care	65	94	0	0	159
Tuberculosis Screening	606	960	7	175	1748
Overnight Accommodation	4	155	7	385	551
Total	792	1,346	14	560	2712

Annex 3: Transportation Cash Grant at Turkham Transit Center, 28 May- 03 June 2017

No. of Families	No. of Individuals	Province of Final Destination	Transportation Grant (Per Person)	Total (USD)
6	31	Baghlan	\$50	1,550
2	12	Ghazni	\$50	600
1	5	Jawzjan	\$50	250
45	239	Kabul	\$30	7,170
6	26	Khost	\$36	936
1	6	Kunduz	\$50	300
1	5	Kunar	\$30	150
1	5	Laghman	\$30	150
8	34	Logar	\$36	1,224
38	188	Nangarhar	\$25	4,700
6	38	Paktya	\$36	1,368
1	7	Paktika	\$36	252
116	596	-	-	18,650

Annex 4: Transportation Cash Grant at Kandahar Transit Center, 28 May-03 June 2017

No. of Families	No. of Individuals	Province of Final Destination	Transportation Grant (Per Person)	Total (USD)
9	49	Baghlan	\$40	1,960
4	29	Balkh	\$40	1,160
1	7	Farah	\$30	210
3	19	Faryab	\$50	950
6	35	Ghazni	\$35	1,225
23	207	Hilmand	\$40	8,280
11	71	Hirat	\$30	2,130
1	2	Jawzjan	\$50	100
7	52	Kabul	\$30	1,560
21	144	Kandahar	\$30	4,320
12	69	Kunduz	\$50	3,450
1	2	Samangan	\$50	100
7	41	Takhar	\$50	2,050
6	55	Zabul	\$40	2,200
112	782	-	-	29,695

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