



Returnees from Pakistan arrive at the IOM Screening Center on Turkham border in Nangarhar province

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## Highlights

- 926** undocumented Afghans returned from Pakistan
- 13,946** undocumented Afghans returned from Iran
- 18,874** total returns from Pakistan since 01 Jan 2018
- 384,521** total returns from Iran since 01 Jan 2018
- 51%** of returnees from Pakistan (475 individuals) assisted
- 1%** of returnees from Iran (122 individuals) assisted
- 46** Unaccompanied Migrant Children (SP) from Iran were assisted
- 3** Single Females (SF) from Iran were assisted

## Return from Iran

A total of **13,946** undocumented Afghans spontaneously returned or were deported from Iran through the Milak (Nimroz) and Herat (Islam Qala) border crossings between 08—14 July 2018, **2% more** than in the previous week. This brings the total number of undocumented returnees from Iran since 01 January 2018 to 384,521. Due current funding gaps, IOM was only able to provide post-arrival humanitarian assistance to **122 (1%)** undocumented Afghans deported from Iran at its Transit Centers in Nimroz and Herat, including 46 Unaccompanied Migrant Children (UMC), 10 Medical Cases (MC), 5 members of Single Parent Families (SP) 3 Single Females (SF), 2 Physical Disabled (PD) and 2 Unaccompanied Elderly (UE). However, in the temporary limited presence of IOM and in line with the “ONE UN” Initiative, partner organizations WFP, UNICEF, WHO, DRC, and the WASH Cluster have agreed to step up and support returning Afghans using IOM facilities; thus demonstrating a well-functioning and well-coordinated returnee response at all four border crossings with Iran and Pakistan.

## IOM Funding Update

### Cross Border Operations

As a result of limited active funding, IOM is presently only able to assist a fraction of returning Afghans from Iran and Pakistan, despite the sizeable daily return caseload from Iran.

As far as possible, IOM’s partners are presently filling the assistance gap, however IOM is actively seeking new funding continue full scale operations post-August 2018. Given the ongoing deterioration of the Iranian economy and uncertainty around next week’s election in Pakistan, ensuring proper post-arrival assistance for returning Afghans is essential to maintain stability in areas of high return.

## Situation Overview

IOM is responding to a substantial increase in the return of undocumented Afghans from Pakistan and Iran. Since 01 January 2018, over 403,000 undocumented Afghans have returned due to diverse push factors, including deteriorating protection space in Pakistan and Iran. 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. The Governments of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan has now extended Proof of Registration cards for 1.4m Afghan refugees in Pakistan to 30 September 2018. IOM is working to scale up its support to returnees in coordination with the Government of Afghanistan and other humanitarian partners in line with the 2018 Humanitarian Response Plan (HRP).

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**Return from Pakistan**

A total of **926** undocumented Afghans spontaneously returned or were deported from Pakistan through the Turkham (Nangarhar) and Spin Boldak (Kandahar) border crossings from 08 –14 July 2018, according to the Border Monitoring Team of the Directorate of Refugees and Repatriation (DoRR). Of the total returnees, 865 were spontaneous returnees and 61 were deported. This number marks a **2% decrease** compared to the previous week (941). The total number of undocumented Afghan returnees from Pakistan since 01 January 2018 is now 18,874. Due to current funding constraints, IOM provided post-arrival assistance to **51%** of undocumented Afghan returnees from Pakistan (475 individuals).

However, like on the two borders with Iran, partner organizations have agreed to step up and support returning Afghans using IOM facilities until IOM’s funding constraints have been resolved.

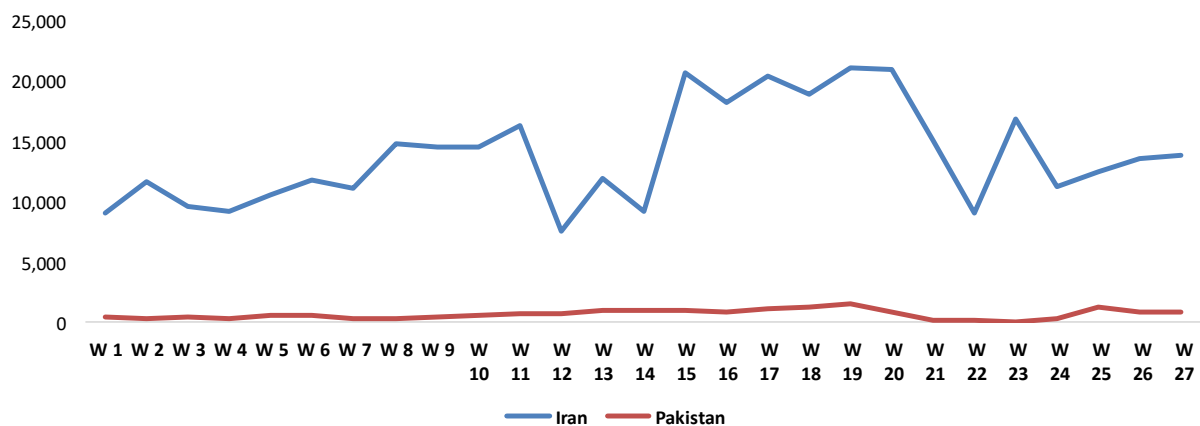
**Number of Undocumented Returnees 2018 (Turkham, Spin Boldak, Islam Qala and Milak)**

Date	Spontaneous Returnees				Deportees				Total Pakistan	Total Iran	Grand Total
	Turkham	Spin Boldak	Herat	Nimroz	Turkham	Spin Boldak	Herat	Nimroz			
Jan - May 18	7,428	6,710	94,980	33,931	436	462	62,438	114,151	15,036	305,500	320,536
01 - 23 June	416	266	13,744	2,796	52	2	11,173	11,145	736	38,858	39,594
24 - 30 June	511	637	4,710	1,388	72	15	1,986	4,444	1,235	12,528	13,763
01 - 07 July	473	420	4,495	1,641	48	0	2,604	4,949	941	13,689	14,630
08 - 14 July	489	376	4,382	1,674	60	1	3,923	3,967	926	13,946	14,872
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,317</b>	<b>8,409</b>	<b>122,311</b>	<b>41,430</b>	<b>668</b>	<b>480</b>	<b>82,124</b>	<b>138,656</b>	<b>18,874</b>	<b>384,521</b>	<b>403,395</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 - May 18	7,416	6,326	402	513	133	43	5,298	7,311	13,918	13,524	27,442
01 - 23 June	412	244	9	27	8	0	367	557	664	960	1,624
24 - 30 June	511	577	17	98	21	0	237	390	1,109	742	1,851
01 - 07 July	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	0	0	15	15
08 - 14 July	464	0	0	3	11	0	83	36	475	122	597
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,803</b>	<b>7,147</b>	<b>428</b>	<b>641</b>	<b>173</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>6,000</b>	<b>8,294</b>	<b>16,166</b>	<b>15,363</b>	<b>31,529</b>

**Arrival of Undocumented Afghans by Week**



*IOM Afghanistan has assisted 31,529 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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