



An injured Afghan man who was detained and deported by Iranian Police is being treated by a doctor on Islam Qala border © N Bishop/ IOM Afghanistan

## Highlights

**562,341** total returns from Iran and Pakistan since 01 Jan 2018

**537,710** total returns from Iran since 01 Jan 2018

**24,631** total returns from Pakistan since 01 Jan 2018

**15,664** undocumented Afghans returned from Iran

**969** undocumented Afghans returned from Pakistan

**3%** of returnees from Iran (474 individuals) assisted

**89%** of returnees from Pakistan (859 individuals) assisted

### Return from Iran

A total of **15,664** undocumented Afghans spontaneously returned or were deported from Iran through the Milak (Nimroz) and Herat (Islam Qala) border crossings between 09—15 September 2018, **10% more** than in the previous week. This brings the total number of undocumented returnees from Iran since 01 January 2018 to 537,710.

IOM provided post-arrival humanitarian assistance to **474 (3%)** undocumented Afghans deported from Iran at its Transit Centers in Nimroz and Herat, including 63 Unaccompanied Migrant Children (UMC), 23 Medical Cases (MC), 42 members of Single Parent Families (SP), 3 Single Females (SF), 2 Physically Disabled (PD), 4 Unaccompanied Elderly (UE), 14 Special Cases (SC), 2 member of Poor Families (PF), 1 Drug Addicted (DA) and 1 Chronically Ill (CI).

### Media Highlights

- Pakistan Prime Minister vows to grant citizenship to Afghan refugees (Reuters). Full article [here](#).
- Afghan arrivals in Pakistan decline after closure of Pakistani consulate in Jala-labad (Dawn Newspaper). Full article [here](#).
- UN launched toll free call center in Afghanistan (Tolo). All Afghans in urgent need of assistance or wanting to file a complaint can call 410 from anywhere in the country at any time. Full article [here](#).

## Situation Overview

Since 01 January 2018, IOM is responding to the return of over 562,000 undocumented Afghans from Pakistan and Iran. Undocumented returns from Iran in particular are seeing a massive increase of more than 200,000 to over 460,000 total between January-July 2018 versus 187,000 during the same time period 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 **969** undocumented Afghans spontaneously returned or were deported from Pakistan through the Turkham (Nangarhar) and Spin Boldak (Kandahar) border crossings from 09 –15 September 2018, according to the Border Monitoring Team of the Directorate of Refugees and Repatriation (DoRR). Of the total returnees, 903 were spontaneous returnees and 66 were deported. This number marks an **8% increase** compared to the previous week (895). The total number of undocumented Afghan returnees from Pakistan since 01 January 2018 is now 24,631. IOM provided post-arrival assistance to **89%** of undocumented Afghan returnees from Pakistan (859 individuals).

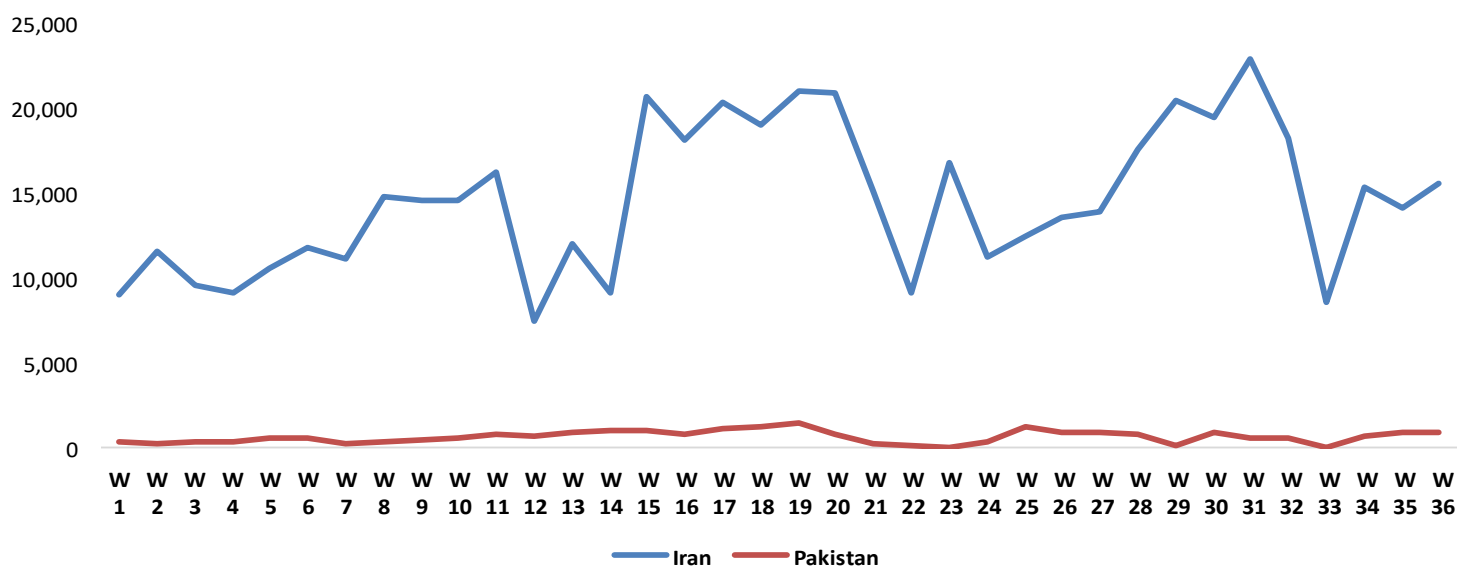
**Number of Undocumented Returnees 2018 (Turkham, Spin Boldak, Islam Qala and Milak)**

Date	Spontaneous Returnees				Deportees				Total Pakistan	Total Iran	Grand Total
	Turkham	Spin Boldak	Herat	Nimroz	Turkham	Spin Boldak	Herat	Nimroz			
Jan - June 18	9,896	9,139	135,947	46,659	764	502	94,554	151,781	20,301	428,941	449,242
01 - 25 Aug	703	808	29,872	6,776	250	0	14,374	12,380	1,761	63,402	65,163
26 Aug - 01 Sep	268	330	6,444	2,263	102	5	4,564	2,197	705	15,468	16,173
02 - 08 Sep	423	389	4,736	3,212	83	0	3,346	2,941	895	14,235	15,130
09 - 15 Sep	383	520	5,021	2,046	55	11	4,694	3,903	969	15,664	16,633
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,673</b>	<b>11,186</b>	<b>182,020</b>	<b>60,956</b>	<b>1,254</b>	<b>518</b>	<b>121,532</b>	<b>173,202</b>	<b>24,631</b>	<b>537,710</b>	<b>562,341</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	Herat	Nimroz	Turkham	Spin	Herat	Nimroz			
Jan - June 18	9,382	7,457	437	827	189	43	6,761	8,780	17,071	16,805	33,876
01 - 25 Aug	703	747	27	217	46	0	992	583	1,496	1,819	3,315
26 Aug - 01 Sep	254	259	11	87	22	0	335	144	535	577	1,112
02 - 08 Sep	244	443	9	27	0	0	331	213	687	580	1,267
09 - 15 Sep	381	478	9	4	0	0	149	312	859	474	1,333
<b>Total</b>	<b>10,964</b>	<b>9,384</b>	<b>493</b>	<b>1,162</b>	<b>257</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>8,568</b>	<b>10,032</b>	<b>20,648</b>	<b>20,255</b>	<b>40,903</b>

**Arrival of Undocumented Afghans by Week**



*IOM Afghanistan has assisted 40,903 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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