



A returnee child from Iran is awaiting lunch at the IOM Center in Herat

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Highlights

- 53** undocumented Afghans returned from Pakistan
- 16,915** undocumented Afghans returned from Iran
- 15,379** total returns from Pakistan since 01 Jan 2018
- 337,194** total returns from Iran since 01 Jan 2018
- 72%** of returnees from Pakistan (38 individuals) assisted
- 1.2%** of returnees from Iran (207 individuals) assisted
- 98** Unaccompanied Migrant Children (UMC) from Iran assisted
- 16** Medical Cases (MC) from Iran assisted

Return from Iran

A total of **16,915** undocumented Afghans spontaneously returned or were deported from Iran through the Milak (Nimroz) and Herat (Islam Qala) border crossings between 10—16 June 2018, **85% more** than in the previous week. Of the total deported undocumented Afghans, 4,444 individuals were deported through Islam Qala (Herat) and 3,116 were deported through Milak (Nimroz). Of those who spontaneously returned, 8,889 returned through Islam Qala (Herat) and 466 through Milak (Nimroz). Out of the total deportees, 325 individuals (4%) were deported with family members whereas 7,235 (96%) were deported as individuals. This brings the total number of undocumented returnees from Iran since 01 January 2018 to 337,194. IOM provided post-arrival humanitarian assistance to **207 (1.2%)** undocumented Afghans deported from Iran at its Transit Centers in Nimroz and Herat, including 59 individuals in Deported Families (DF), 98 Unaccompanied Migrant Children (UMC), 10 Special Cases (SC), 15 Single Parents Family (SP), 16 Medical Cases (MC), 3 Unaccompanied Elderly (UAE), 5 Physical Disabled (PD) and 1 Single Female (SF).

Since the beginning of April 2018, there has been a dramatic increase in Afghans returning from Iran. Between 01 Jan and 16 June 2018, more than 337,000 Afghans have spontaneously returned or been deported from Iran, almost double than the same time period in 2017 (150,000). Reasons for the heightened return trend include a decrease in economic opportunities for Afghans in Iran.

Situation Overview

IOM is responding to a substantial increase in the return of undocumented Afghans from Pakistan and Iran. Since 01 January 2018, over 352,000 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 June 2018 and as of 26 May have issued 327,000 Afghan Citizenship Cards from a total of 878,000 applications. 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 **53** undocumented Afghans spontaneously returned or were deported from Pakistan through the Turkham (Nangarhar) and Spin Boldak (Kandahar) border crossings from 10 –16 June 2018, according to the Border Monitoring Team of the Directorate of Refugees and Repatriation (DoRR). Of the total returnees, 50 were spontaneous returnees and 3 were deported. This number marks a **75% decrease** compared to the previous week (214). The total number of undocumented Afghan returnees from Pakistan since 01 January 2018 is now 15,379. IOM provided post-arrival assistance to **72%** of undocumented Afghan returnees from Pakistan (38 individuals). In Nangarhar, Kandahar and Nimroz, IOM began to replace Nonfood Items (blanket and family modules) with direct cash assistance of USD 100 per family to give undocumented Afghan returnees more agency upon return. This is in addition to cash for transportation. The other components of the IOM assistance (temporary accommodation, meals and medical screening) continue unchanged.

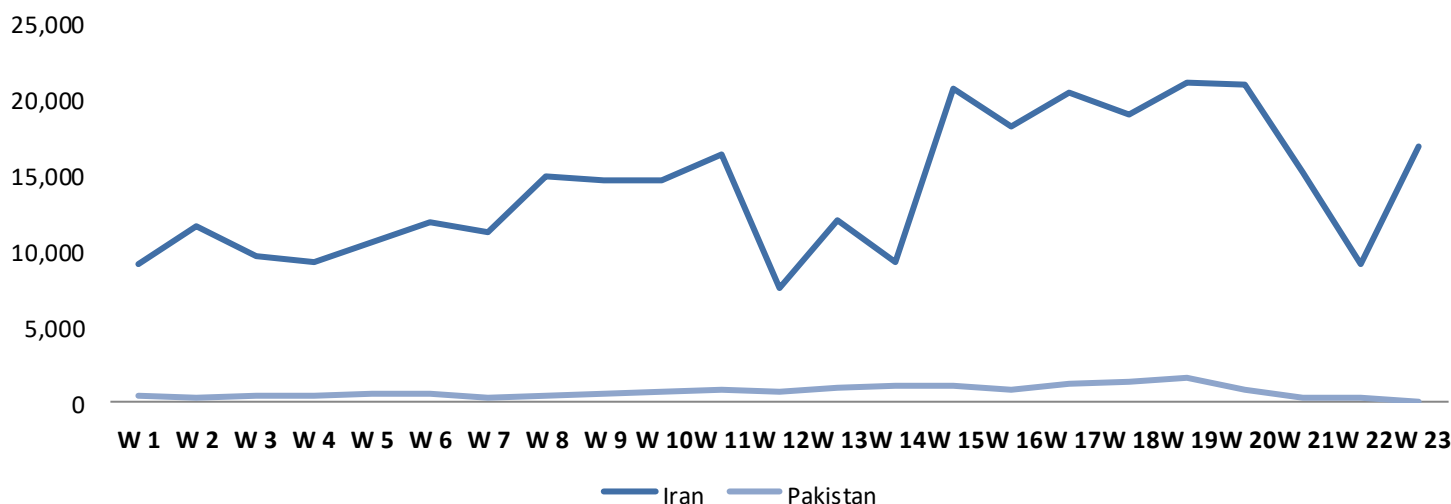
Number of Undocumented Returnees 2018 (Turkham, Spin Boldak, Islam Qala and Milak)

| Date | Spontaneous Returnees | | | | Deportees | | | | Total Pakistan | Total Iran | Grand Total |
|------------------|-----------------------|--------------|----------------|---------------|------------|------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| | Turkham | Spin Bold | Herat | Nimroz | Turkham | Spin Bold | Herat | Nimroz | | | |
| Jan - Apr 18 | 5,222 | 5,391 | 71,822 | 24,806 | 369 | 388 | 43,452 | 87,810 | 11,370 | 227,890 | 239,260 |
| 01 - 26 May | 2,139 | 1,229 | 20,380 | 8,318 | 48 | 74 | 16,096 | 23,231 | 3,490 | 68,025 | 71,515 |
| 27 May - 02 June | 114 | 107 | 5,562 | 1,093 | 31 | 0 | 3,458 | 5,089 | 252 | 15,202 | 15,454 |
| 03 - 09 June | 167 | 46 | 1,251 | 818 | 1 | 0 | 2,973 | 4,120 | 214 | 9,162 | 9,376 |
| 10 - 16 June | 38 | 12 | 8,889 | 466 | 1 | 2 | 4,444 | 3,116 | 53 | 16,915 | 16,968 |
| Total | 7,680 | 6,785 | 107,904 | 35,501 | 450 | 464 | 70,423 | 123,366 | 15,379 | 337,194 | 352,573 |

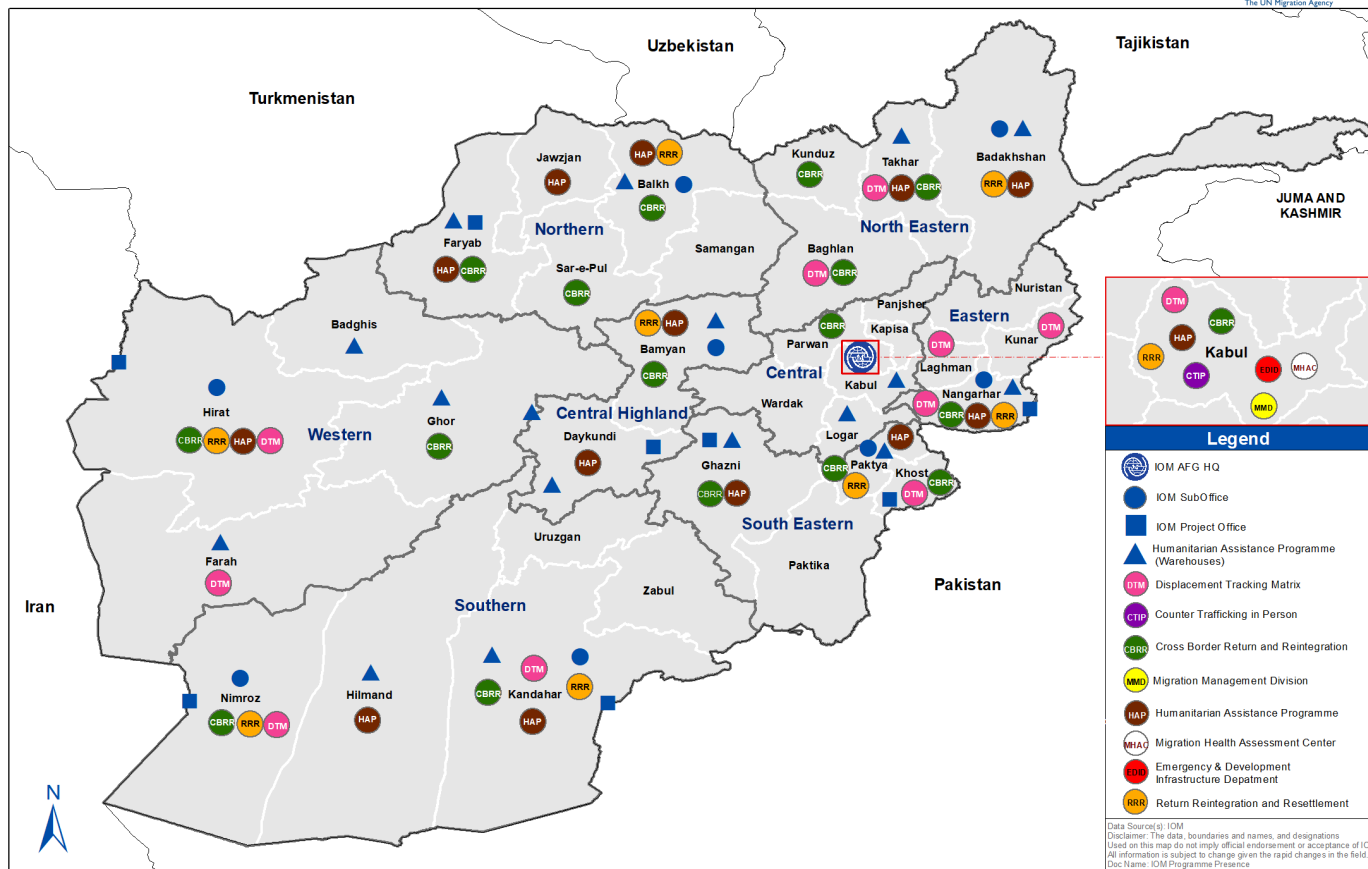
IOM Assisted Undocumented Afghans 2018 (Turkham, Spin Boldak, Islam Qala and Milak)

| Date | Spontaneous Returnees | | | | Deportees | | | | Total Pakistan | Total Iran | Grand Total |
|------------------|-----------------------|--------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|--------------|--------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|
| | Turkham | Spin Bold | Herat | Nimroz | Turkham | Spin Bold | Herat | Nimroz | | | |
| Jan - Apr 18 | 5,213 | 5,096 | 318 | 328 | 108 | 43 | 3,495 | 5,710 | 10,460 | 9,851 | 20,311 |
| 01 - 26 May | 2,136 | 1,143 | 69 | 145 | 14 | 0 | 1,532 | 1,357 | 3,293 | 3,103 | 6,396 |
| 27 May - 02 June | 114 | 104 | 13 | 40 | 11 | 0 | 279 | 279 | 229 | 611 | 840 |
| 03 - 09 June | 167 | 41 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 105 | 216 | 208 | 324 | 532 |
| 10 - 16 June | 38 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 128 | 77 | 38 | 207 | 245 |
| Total | 7,668 | 6,384 | 403 | 515 | 133 | 43 | 5,539 | 7,639 | 14,228 | 14,096 | 28,324 |

Arrival of Undocumented Afghans by Week



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