



Highlights

837 undocumented Afghans returned from Pakistan

21,051 undocumented Afghans returned from Iran

14,574 total returns from Pakistan since 01 Jan 2018

284,727 total returns from Iran since 01 Jan 2018

94% of returnees from Pakistan (784 individuals) assisted

4% of returnees from Iran (911 individuals) assisted

Return from Pakistan

A total of **837** undocumented Afghans spontaneously returned or were deported from Pakistan through the Turkham (Nangarhar) and Spin Boldak (Kandahar) border crossings from 13–19 May 2018, according to the Border Monitoring Team of the Directorate of Refugees and Repatriation (DoRR). Of the total returnees, 826 were spontaneous returnees and 11 were deported. This number marks a **45 % decrease** compared to the previous week (1,519). The total number of undocumented Afghan returnees from Pakistan since 01 January 2018 is now 14,574. IOM provided post-arrival assistance to **94%** of undocumented Afghan returnees from Pakistan (784 individuals), including 457 individuals in poor families and 327 individuals in single parent families. 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.

Cash Assistance

On 20 May, IOM Afghanistan began to replace Non-Food 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 which is provided on an individual basis and ranges from 25-50 USD based on final destination. Using a new cash delivery mechanism that employs an accredited financial institution, IOM's cash-based assistance is underway at IOM Transit Centers in Nimroz, Herat and Nangarhar. The other components of IOM's current assistance package- hot meals, overnight accommodation, basic medical screening and referral services, as well as delivery of food rations and family, hygiene and dignity kits on behalf of partners- continues without change.

Situation Overview

IOM is responding to a substantial increase in the return of undocumented Afghans from Pakistan and Iran. Since 01 January 2018, over 284,000 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 10 May have issued 320,000 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 Iran

A total of **21,051** undocumented Afghans spontaneously returned or were deported from Iran through the Milak (Nimroz) and Herat (Islam Qala) border crossings between 13-19 May 2018, **1 % less** than in the previous week. Of the total deported undocumented Afghans, 5,262 individuals were deported through Islam Qala (Herat) and 7,829 were deported through Milak (Nimroz). Of those who spontaneously returned, 6,159 returned through Islam Qala (Herat) and 1,801 through Milak (Nimroz). Out of the total deportees, 798 individuals (6%) were deported with family members whereas 12,293 (94%) were deported as individuals. This brings the total number of undocumented returnees from Iran since 01 January 2018 to 284,727. IOM provided post-arrival humanitarian assistance to **911 (4%)** undocumented Afghans deported from Iran at its Transit Centers in Nimroz and Herat, including 588 individuals in Deported Families (DF), 85 Unaccompanied Migrant Children (UMC), 44 Special Cases (SC), 60 Single Parents Family (SP), 37 Medical Cases (MC), 51 members of poor families (PF), 26 Unaccompanied Elderly (UAE), 8 Physical Disabled (PD), 6 Drug Addicted (DA), 4 Single Females and 2 mentally Ill (MI).

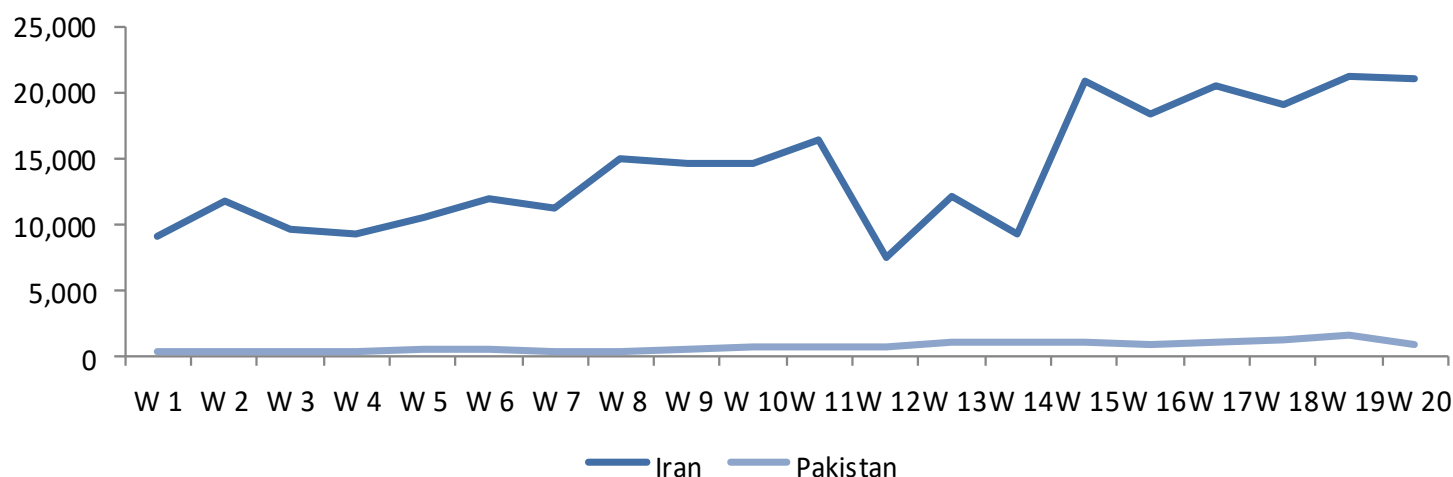
Number of Undocumented Returnees 2018 (Turkham, Spin Boldak, Islam Qala and Milak)

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 - 05 May	425	403	5,137	2,155	6	14	2,311	5,007	848	14,610	15,458
06 - 12 May	988	455	7,588	2,826	19	57	4,210	6,552	1,519	21,176	22,695
13 - 19 May	533	293	6,159	1,801	11	0	5,262	7,829	837	21,051	21,888
Total	7,168	6,542	90,706	31,588	405	459	55,235	107,198	14,574	284,727	299,301

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 - 05 May	425	389	1	22	0	0	262	144	814	429	1,243
06 - 12 May	985	425	18	66	10	0	457	430	1,420	971	2,391
13 - 19 May	533	251	31	37	0	0	389	454	784	911	1,695
Total	7,156	6,161	368	453	118	43	4,603	6,738	13,478	12,162	25,640

Arrival of Undocumented Afghans by Week



IOM Afghanistan has assisted 25,640 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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