



Returnee families from Pakistan at the IOM Transit Center near Spin Boldak border
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Highlights

1,235 undocumented Afghans returned from Pakistan

13,993 undocumented Afghans returned from Iran

17,007 total returns from Pakistan since 01 Jan 2018

362,499 total returns from Iran since 01 Jan 2018

90% of returnees from Pakistan (1,109 individuals) assisted

5% of returnees from Iran (742 individuals) assisted

Return from Iran

A total of **13,993** undocumented Afghans spontaneously returned or were deported from Iran through the Milak (Nimroz) and Herat (Islam Qala) border crossings between 24—30 June 2018, **24% more** than in the previous week. Of the total deported undocumented Afghans, 2,515 individuals were deported through Islam Qala (Herat) and 4,244 were deported through Milak (Nimroz). Of those who spontaneously returned, 5,846 returned through Islam Qala (Herat) and 1,388 through Milak (Nimroz). Out of the total deportees, 622 individuals (10%) were deported with family members whereas 6,137 (90%) were deported as individuals. This brings the total number of undocumented returnees from Iran since 01 January 2018 to 362,499. IOM provided post-arrival humanitarian assistance to **742 (5%)** undocumented Afghans deported from Iran at its Transit Centers in Nimroz and Herat, including 350 individuals in deported families, 97 unaccompanied migrant children, 86 special cases and 68 medical cases.

IOM Afghanistan Funding Gap

Due to funding constraints, IOM's provision of humanitarian assistance at the border crossing points in Nimroz, Nangarhar and Kandahar provinces to returning undocumented Afghans is suspended as of 01 July 2018, until additional funding becomes available. IOM operations will continue to a limited extent in Herat in addition to cash provision at the community level in Kabul and Jalalabad. A donor roundtable will be held in Kabul on July 09 to highlight the needs of returning Afghans. IOM hopes to resume operations under new funding in August 2018 until which time IOM is seeking to refer returnees to partners for assistance.

Situation Overview

IOM is responding to a substantial increase in the return of undocumented Afghans from Pakistan and Iran. Since 01 January 2018, over 364,000 undocumented Afghans have returned due to diverse push factors. Most of those returning have lived outside of Afghanistan for decades, and need support 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. As of the week of 30 June, the Government of Pakistan has extended Proof of Registration cards and Afghan Citizenship Cards by 3 months until 30 September 2018 until the results of federal elections to be held on 25 July are clear and a new government assumes power. As of 30 June, only 327,000 Afghan Citizenship Cards have been issued from a total of 879,000 applications due to a lack of funding for distribution in Pakistan.

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Return from Pakistan

A total of **1,235** undocumented Afghans spontaneously returned or were deported from Pakistan through the Turkham (Nangarhar) and Spin Boldak (Kandahar) border crossings from 24 –30 June 2018, according to the Border Monitoring Team of the Directorate of Refugees and Repatriation (DoRR). Of the total returnees, 1,148 were spontaneous returnees and 87 were deported. This number marks a **68% increase** compared to the previous week (393). The total number of undocumented Afghan returnees from Pakistan since 01 January 2018 is now 17,007. IOM provided post-arrival assistance to **90%** of undocumented Afghan returnees from Pakistan (1,109 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 IOM’s current assistance package- hot meals, overnight accommodation, basic medical screening and referral services - continues without change.

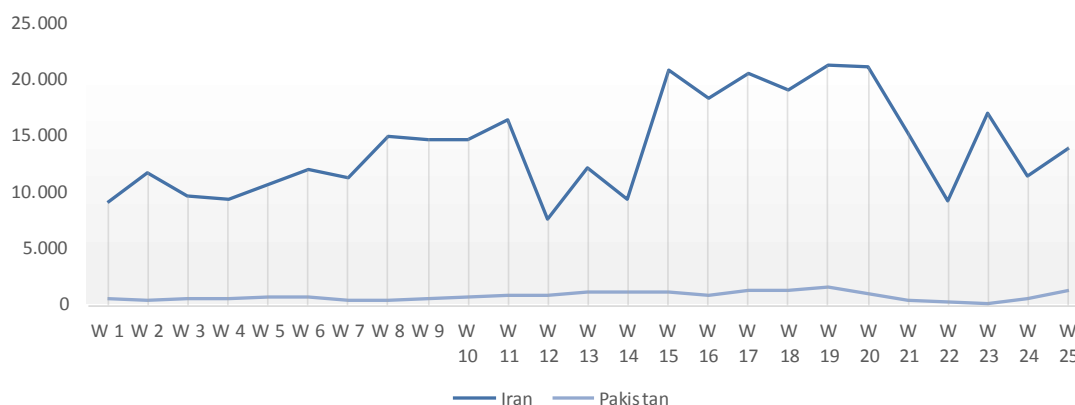
Number of Undocumented Returnees 2018 (Turkham, Spin Boldak, Islam Qala and Milak)

Date	Spontaneous Returnees				Deportees				Total Pakistan	Total Iran	Grand Total
	Turkham	Spin Boldak	Herat	Nimroz	Turkham	Spin Boldak	Herat	Nimroz			
Jan - 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
17 - 23 June	164	191	3,604	1,346	38	0	3,188	3,174	393	11,312	11,705
24 - 30 June	511	637	5,846	1,388	72	15	2,515	4,244	1,235	13,993	15,228
Total	8,355	7,613	117,354	38,235	560	479	76,126	130,784	17,007	362,499	379,506

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 - 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
17 - 23 June	160	186	6	25	8	0	126	231	354	388	742
24 - 30 June	511	577	17	98	21	0	237	390	1,109	742	1,851
Total	8,339	7,147	426	638	162	43	5,902	8,260	15,691	15,226	30,917

Arrival of Undocumented Afghans by Week



IOM Afghanistan has assisted 30,917 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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