



Ahmad (left) and his three siblings at the IOM Transit Center in Herat. They are part of the 149 Afghan families who were deported from Iran last week

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Highlights

252 undocumented Afghans returned from Pakistan

15,205 undocumented Afghans returned from Iran

15,112 total returns from Pakistan since 01 Jan 2018

311,117 total returns from Iran since 01 Jan 2018

91% of returnees from Pakistan (229 individuals) assisted

4% of returnees from Iran (611 individuals) assisted

Return from Pakistan

A total of **252** undocumented Afghans spontaneously returned or were deported from Pakistan through the Turkham (Nangarhar) and Spin Boldak (Kandahar) border crossings from 27 May—02 June 2018, according to the Border Monitoring Team of the Directorate of Refugees and Repatriation (DoRR). Of the total returnees, 221 were spontaneous returnees and 31 were deported. This number marks a **12% decrease** compared to the previous week (286). The total number of undocumented Afghan returnees from Pakistan since 01 January 2018 is now 15,112. IOM provided post-arrival assistance to **91%** of undocumented Afghan returnees from Pakistan (229 individuals). In Nangarhar, Kandahar and Nimroz, IOM 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. The other components of IOM's current assistance package- hot meals, overnight accommodation, basic medical screening and referral services - continues without change.

Between 01 January and 30 April 2018, 227,890 undocumented Afghans returned or were deported from Iran, compared to 11,370 from Pakistan. IOM has assisted 9,851 of those with crucial post-arrival emergency support. Among those assisted were more than 1,500 unaccompanied children, 202 unaccompanied elderly, 40 unaccompanied females, 1,012 special cases, 879 injured or sick Afghans, and more than 5,000 deported families. IOM is the largest international organization providing services and support to undocumented Afghans returning or being deported from Iran. However, due to lack of funding, IOM may have to significantly scale down its operations in both Nimroz and Herat.

Situation Overview

IOM is responding to a substantial increase in the return of undocumented Afghans from Pakistan and Iran. Since 01 January 2018, over 326,000 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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A total of **15,202** undocumented Afghans spontaneously returned or were deported from Iran through the Milak (Nimroz) and Herat (Islam Qala) border crossings between 27 May—02 June 2018, **5 % more** than in the previous week. This marks an anticipated decline during the holy month of Ramadan. Of the total deported undocumented Afghans, 3,458 individuals were deported through Islam Qala (Herat) and 5,089 were deported through Milak (Nimroz). Of those who spontaneously returned, 5,562 returned through Islam Qala (Herat) and 1,093 through Milak (Nimroz). Out of the total deportees, 655 individuals (8%) were deported with family members whereas 7,892 (92%) were deported as individuals. This brings the total number of undocumented returnees from Iran since 01 January 2018 to 311,117. IOM provided post-arrival humanitarian assistance to **611 (4%)** undocumented Afghans deported from Iran at its Transit Centers in Nimroz and Herat, including 373 individuals in Deported Families (DF), 65 Unaccompanied Migrant Children (UMC), 34 Special Cases (SC), 43 Single Parents Family (SP), 41 Medical Cases (MC), 36 members of poor families (PF), 5 Unaccompanied Elderly (UAE), 9 Physical Disabled (PD), 1 Drug Addicted (DA), 2 Single Females (SF) and 2 chronically ill (CI).

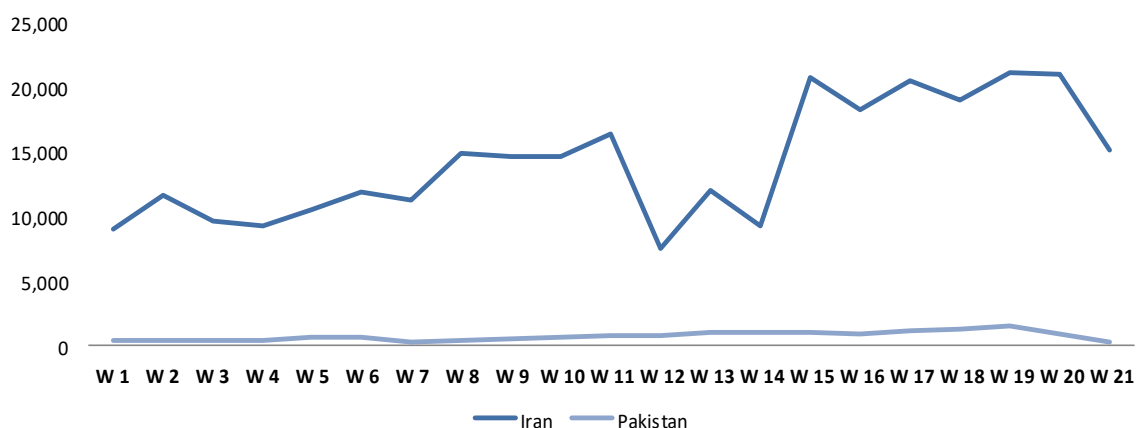
Number of Undocumented Returnees 2018 (Turkham, Spin Boldak, Islam Qala and Milak)

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 - 19 May	1,946	1,151	15,641	6,782	36	71	11,783	19,388	3,204	53,594	56,798
20 - 26 May	193	78	4,739	1,536	12	3	4,313	3,843	286	14,431	14,717
27 May - 02 June	114	107	5,562	1,093	31	0	3,458	5,089	252	15,202	15,454
Total	7,475	6,727	97,764	34,217	448	462	63,006	116,130	15,112	311,117	326,229

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	1,943	1,065	50	125	10	0	1,108	1,028	3,018	2,311	5,329
20 - 26 May	193	78	19	20	4	0	424	329	275	792	1,067
27 May - 02 June	114	104	13	40	11	0	279	279	229	611	840
Total	7,463	6,343	400	513	133	43	5,306	7,346	13,982	13,565	27,547

Arrival of Undocumented Afghans by Week



IOM Afghanistan has assisted 27,545 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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