



Highlights

738,743 total returns from Iran and Pakistan since 01 Jan 2018

708,668 total returns from Iran since 01 Jan 2018

30,075 total returns from Pakistan since 01 Jan 2018

17,031 undocumented Afghans returned from Iran

436 undocumented Afghans returned from Pakistan

3% of returnees from Iran (462 individuals) assisted

89% of returnees from Pakistan (388 individuals) assisted

Return from Iran

A total of **17,031** undocumented Afghans spontaneously returned or were deported from Iran through the Milak (Nimroz) and Herat (Islam Qala) border crossings between 18 - 24 Nov 2018, **40% less** than in the previous week (28,360). This brings the total number of undocumented returnees from Iran since 01 January 2018 to 708,668.

IOM provided post-arrival humanitarian assistance to **462 (3%)** undocumented Afghans deported from Iran at its Transit Centers in Nimroz and Herat, including 57 Unaccompanied Migrant Children (UMC), 32 Medical Cases (MC), 42 members of Single Parent Families (SP), 2 Single Females (SF), 7 Physically Disabled (PD), 51 Special Cases (SC), 7 member of Poor Families (PF) and 11 Unaccompanied Elderly (UE), 5 Drug Addicted (DA) and 1 Mentally Ill (MI)

Geneva Conference on Afghanistan

On the 27-28 of November, a high level ministerial conference was held under the leadership of the Government of Afghanistan and the United Nations. The conference's purpose was to stock take progress against Afghanistan's Transformative Decade (2015-2024) and to emphasize the importance of the development and reform agenda as a constructive contribution to peace and security while measuring results against the \$15.2 billion committed by the international community for Afghanistan in 2016.

The Geneva Conference on Afghanistan took place mid-way between the Brussels Conference (2016) and the next pledging conference expected to be held in 2020.

Situation Overview

Since 01 January 2018, IOM is responding to the return of over 730,000 undocumented Afghans from Pakistan and Iran. Undocumented returns from Iran in particular are seeing a massive increase of over previous years, 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 **436** undocumented Afghans spontaneously returned or were deported from Pakistan through the Turkham (Nangarhar) and Spin Boldak (Kandahar) border crossings from 18 to 24 November 2018, according to the Border Monitoring Team of the Directorate of Refugees and Repatriation (DoRR). Of the total returnees, 432 were spontaneous returnees and 4 were deported. This number marks an **26% decrease** compared to the previous week (587). The total number of undocumented Afghan returnees from Pakistan since 01 January 2018 is now 30,075. IOM provided post-arrival assistance to **89%** of undocumented Afghan returnees from Pakistan (388 individuals).

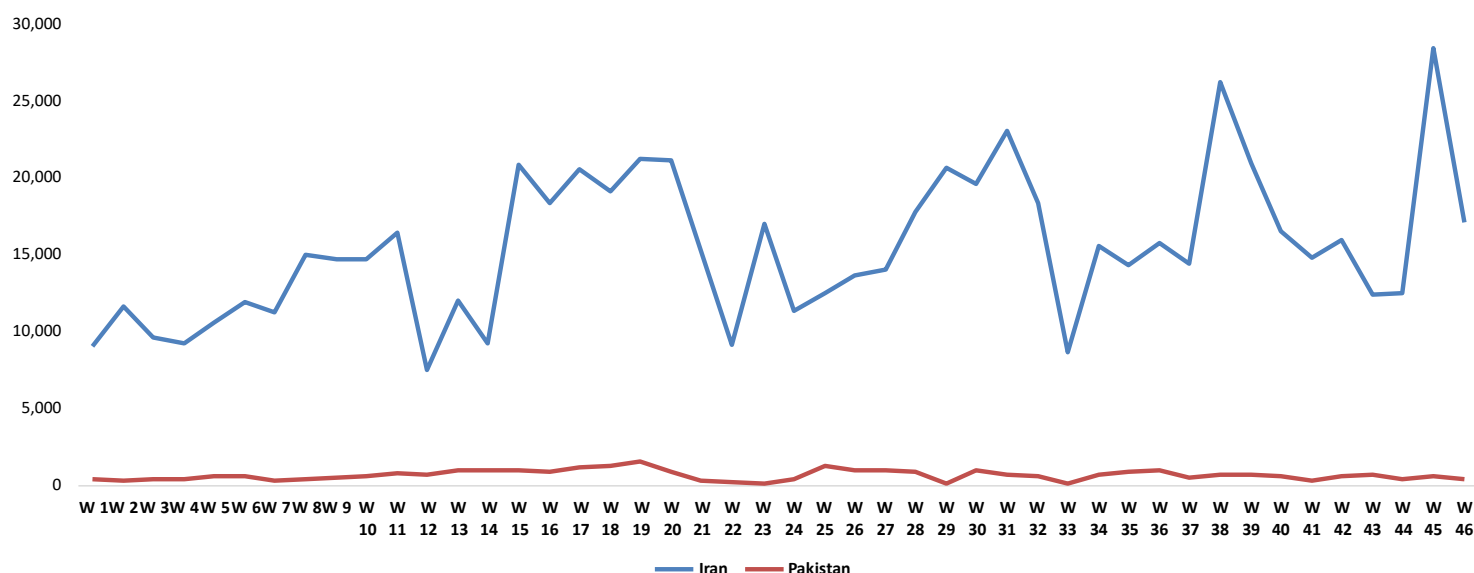
Number of Undocumented Returnees 2018 (Turkham, Spin Boldak, Islam Qala and Milak)

Date	Spontaneous Returnees				Deportees				Total Pakistan	Total Iran	Grand Total
	Turkham	Spin Boldak	Herat	Nimroz	Turkham	Spin Boldak	Herat	Nimroz			
Jan - Oct 18	13,295	13,086	218,356	80,708	1,396	591	147,007	201,317	28,368	647,388	675,756
01 - 03 Nov	96	135	681	1,058	26	40	476	1,199	297	3,414	3,711
04 - 10 Nov	115	230	3,997	2,505	42	0	1,520	4,453	387	12,475	12,862
11 - 17 Nov	189	362	6,716	3,933	19	17	3,280	14,431	587	28,360	28,947
12 - 24 Nov	182	250	5,264	3,150	2	2	2,172	6,445	436	17,031	17,467
Total	13,877	14,063	235,014	91,354	1,485	650	154,455	227,845	30,075	708,668	738,743

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 - Oct 18	12,574	10,966	548	1,247	257	43	9,719	11,519	23,840	23,033	46,873
01 - 03 Nov	96	113	1	0	0	7	37	63	216	101	317
04 - 10 Nov	109	219	7	0	0	0	170	315	328	492	820
11 - 17 Nov	180	333	10	0	0	0	319	256	513	585	1,098
12 - 24 Nov	182	206	10	0	0	0	254	198	388	462	850
Total	13,141	11,837	576	1,247	257	50	10,499	12,351	25,285	24,673	49,958

Arrival of Undocumented Afghans by Week



IOM Afghanistan has assisted 49,958 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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