



Assessment of nutrition levels of children by UNICEF doctors at IOM's Turkham Transit Centre © IOM Afghanistan

## Highlights

**752,325** total returns from Iran and Pakistan since 01 Jan 2018

**721,633** total returns from Iran since 01 Jan 2018

**30,692** total returns from Pakistan since 01 Jan 2018

**12,965** undocumented Afghans returned from Iran

**617** undocumented Afghans returned from Pakistan

**6%** of returnees from Iran (817 individuals) assisted

**89%** of returnees from Pakistan (550 individuals) assisted

### Return from Iran

A total of **12,965** undocumented Afghans spontaneously returned or were deported from Iran through the Milak (Nimroz) and Herat (Islam Qala) border crossings between 25 Nov - 01 Dec 2018, **24% less** than in the previous week (17,031). This brings the total number of undocumented returnees from Iran since 01 January 2018 to 721,633.

IOM provided post-arrival humanitarian assistance to **817 (6%)** undocumented Afghans deported from Iran at its Transit Centers in Nimroz and Herat, including 84 Unaccompanied Migrant Children (UMC), 99 Medical Cases (MC), 41 members of Single Parent Families (SP), 3 Single Females (SF), 10 Physically Disabled (PD), 92 Special Cases (SC), 15 member of Poor Families (PF) and 17 Unaccompanied Elderly (UE), 18 Drug Addicted (DA) and 2 Chronically Ill (CI)

### Protection Assistance for Returnees

The protection unit assessed a total of 83 PSN cases in Balkh, Nimroz, Ghor, Kunduz, Kandahar, Takhar, Sar -e- Pul, Herat, Kabul, Balkh and Faryab provinces. Of the total assessed cases, 36 were unaccompanied migrant children (UMC), 34 were female heads of households (FHH) and 13 were medical cases (MC).

Furthermore, 14 cases were assisted (6 female head of households, 4 Unaccompanied Migrant Children, 2 single females and 2 medical cases in Balkh province).

The assistance included food, non-food items and sanitary kits.

## Situation Overview

Since 01 January 2018, IOM is responding to the return of over 750,000 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 **617** undocumented Afghans spontaneously returned or were deported from Pakistan through the Turkham (Nangarhar) and Spin Boldak (Kandahar) border crossings from 25 Nov to 01 December 2018, according to the Border Monitoring Team of the Directorate of Refugees and Repatriation (DoRR). Of the total returnees, 603 were spontaneous returnees and 14 were deported. This number marks an **42% increase** compared to the previous week (436). The total number of undocumented Afghan returnees from Pakistan since 01 January 2018 is now 30,692. IOM provided post-arrival assistance to **89%** of undocumented Afghan returnees from Pakistan (550 individuals).

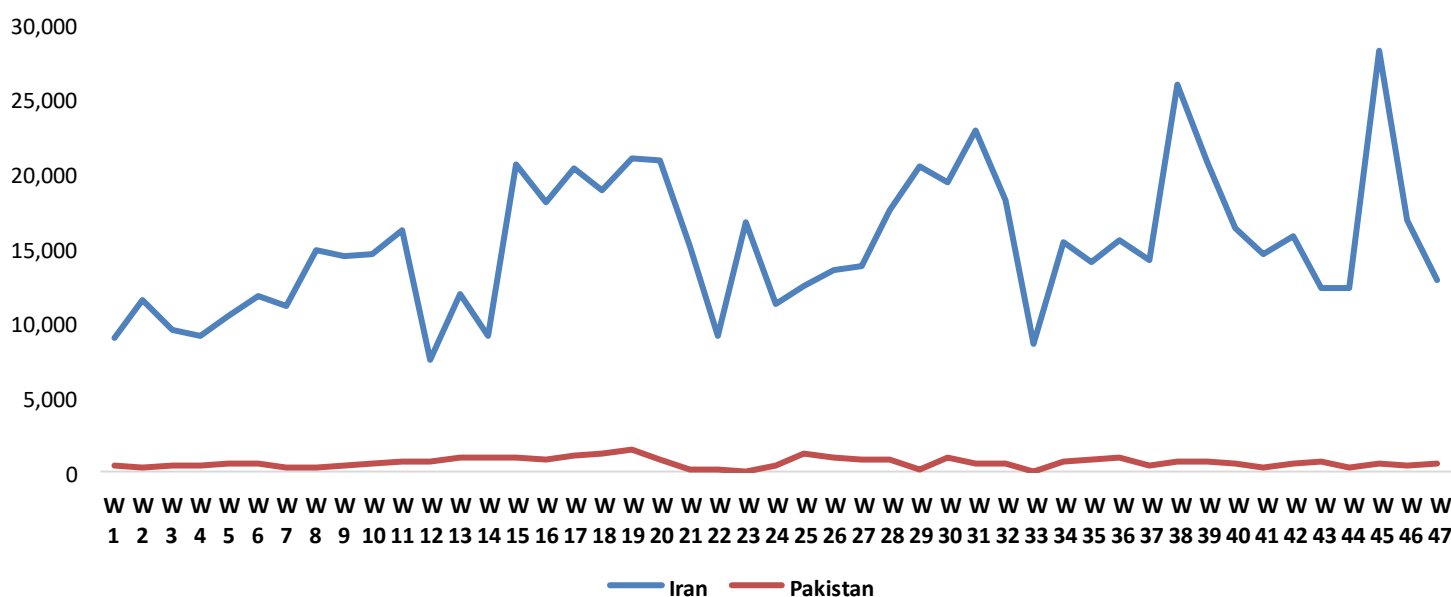
**Number of Undocumented Returnees 2018 (Turkham, Spin Boldak, Islam Qala and Milak)**

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	1396	591	147,007	201,317	28,368	647,388	675,756
01 - 10 Nov	211	365	4,678	3,563	68	40	1,996	5,652	684	15,889	16,573
11 - 17 Nov	189	362	6,716	3,933	19	17	3,280	14,431	587	28,360	28,947
18 - 24 Nov	182	250	5,264	3,150	2	2	2,172	6,445	436	17,031	17,467
25 Nov - 01 Dec	184	419	3,143	2,616	10	4	2,235	4,971	617	12,965	13,582
<b>Total</b>	<b>14,061</b>	<b>14,482</b>	<b>238,157</b>	<b>93,970</b>	<b>1,495</b>	<b>654</b>	<b>156,690</b>	<b>232,816</b>	<b>30,692</b>	<b>721,633</b>	<b>752,325</b>

**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 - 10 Nov	205	332	8	0	0	7	207	378	544	593	1,137
11 - 17 Nov	180	333	10	0	0	0	319	256	513	585	1,098
18 - 24 Nov	182	206	10	0	0	0	254	198	388	462	850
25 Nov - 01 Dec	184	337	20	0	0	29	338	459	550	817	1,367
<b>Total</b>	<b>13,325</b>	<b>12,174</b>	<b>596</b>	<b>1,247</b>	<b>257</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>10,837</b>	<b>12,810</b>	<b>25,835</b>	<b>25,490</b>	<b>51,325</b>

**Arrival of Undocumented Afghans by Week**



*IOM Afghanistan has assisted 51,325 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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