



IOM staff speak with Marziya and her son Ahmad in Kabul about their needs. Both of them returned from Iran last week. © E Schwoerer / IOM Afghanistan

Highlights

700,056 total returns from Iran and Pakistan since 01 Jan 2018

671,065 total returns from Iran since 01 Jan 2018

28,991 total returns from Pakistan since 01 Jan 2018

12,475 undocumented Afghans returned from Iran

385 undocumented Afghans returned from Pakistan

4% of returnees from Iran (492 individuals) assisted

85% of returnees from Pakistan (328 individuals) assisted

Return from Iran

A total of **12,475** undocumented Afghans spontaneously returned or were deported from Iran through the Milak (Nimroz) and Herat (Islam Qala) border crossings between 3 - 10 Nov 2018, **1% more** than in the previous week (12,402). This brings the total number of undocumented returnees from Iran since 01 January 2018 to 671,065.

IOM provided post-arrival humanitarian assistance to **492 (4%)** undocumented Afghans deported from Iran at its Transit Centers in Nimroz and Herat, including 75 Unaccompanied Migrant Children (UMC), 45 Medical Cases (MC), 25 members of Single Parent Families (SP), 2 Single Females (SF), 3 Physically Disabled (PD), 37 Special Cases (SC), 5 member of Poor Families (PF) and 8 Unaccompanied Elderly (UE).

Media Highlights

- Pakistan Prime Minister vows to grant citizenship to Afghan refugees (Reuters). Full article [here](#).
- Afghan arrivals in Pakistan decline after closure of Pakistani consulate in Jala-labad (Dawn Newspaper). Full article [here](#).
- UN launched toll free call center in Afghanistan (Tolo). All Afghans in urgent need of assistance or wanting to file a complaint can call 410 from anywhere in the country at any time. Full article [here](#).

Situation Overview

Since 01 January 2018, IOM is responding to the return of over 700,000 undocumented Afghans from Pakistan and Iran. Undocumented returns from Iran in particular are seeing a massive increase of more than 200,000 to over 460,000 total between January-July 2018 versus 187,000 during the same time period in 2017, 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

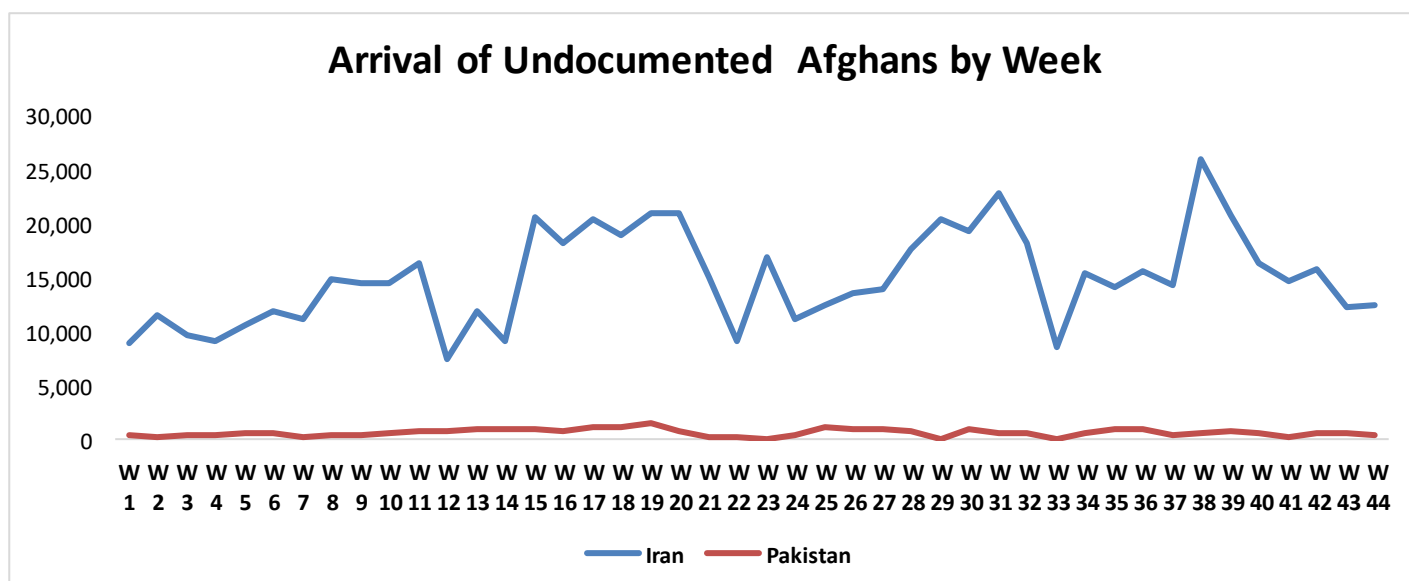
A total of **385** undocumented Afghans spontaneously returned or were deported from Pakistan through the Turkham (Nangarhar) and Spin Boldak (Kandahar) border crossings from 04 to 10 November 2018, according to the Border Monitoring Team of the Directorate of Refugees and Repatriation (DoRR). Of the total returnees, 345 were spontaneous returnees and 42 were deported. This number marks an **43% decrease** compared to the previous week (680). The total number of undocumented Afghan returnees from Pakistan since 01 January 2018 is now 28,991. IOM provided post-arrival assistance to **85%** of undocumented Afghan returnees from Pakistan (328 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 - August 18	10,853	10,186	169,339	55,389	1086	524	113,182	165,991	22,649	503,901	526,550
01 - 29 Sep	1,373	1,547	29,059	10,980	221	43	18,023	16,300	3,184	74,362	77,546
30 Sep - 06 Oct	370	323	8,809	3,679	13	0	4,378	3,999	706	20,865	21,571
07 - 13 Oct	232	301	5,678	2,931	0	6	3,301	4,516	539	16,426	16,965
14 - 20 Oct	95	140	4,634	2,965	62	0	2,828	4,302	297	14,729	15,026
21 - 27 Oct	259	277	5,617	2,637	0	13	4,091	3,560	549	15,905	16,454
28 Oct - 03 Nov	209	391	3,566	3,185	40	40	1,803	3,848	680	12,402	13,082
04 - 10 Nov	115	230	3,997	2,505	42	0	1,520	4,453	387	12,475	12,862
Total	13,506	13,395	230,699	84,271	1,464	626	149,126	206,969	28,991	671,065	700,056

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 - August 18	10,339	8,378	469	1,128	257	43	8,080	9,500	19,017	19,177	38,194
01 - 29 Sep	1,168	1,492	37	57	0	0	821	965	2,660	1,880	4,540
30 Sep - 06 Oct	368	304	2	6	0	0	87	194	672	289	961
07 - 13 Oct	232	228	5	8	0	0	167	176	460	356	816
14 - 20 Oct	95	79	9	6	0	0	63	236	174	314	488
21-27 Oct	259	253	11	30	0	0	327	224	512	592	1,104
28 Oct - 03 Nov	209	345	16	5	0	7	230	266	561	517	1,078
04 - 10 Nov	109	219	7	0	0	0	170	315	328	492	820
Total	12,779	11,298	556	1,240	257	50	9,945	11,876	24,384	23,617	48,001



IOM Afghanistan has assisted 48,001 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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