



Highlights

5,088 undocumented Afghans returned from Pakistan

6,357 undocumented Afghans returned from Iran

65,073 total returns from Pakistan since 1 January 2017

139,901 total returns from Iran since 1 January 2017

98% of returnees from Pakistan (4,976 individuals) assisted

4% of returnees from Iran (252 individuals) assisted

Return from Pakistan

A total of **5,088** undocumented Afghans spontaneously returned or were deported from Pakistan through the Turkham border (Nangarhar province) crossing from 21-27 May 2017, according to the Border Monitoring Team of the Directorate of Refugees and Repatriation (DoRR).

Of the total returnees, 5,062 were spontaneous returnees in family groups and 26 were deported individuals. This is a **11% increase** from the previous week and brings the total number of undocumented Afghans returnees from Pakistan since 01 January 2017 to 65,073.

IOM provided post-arrival assistance to **98%** of undocumented Afghan returnees from Pakistan (4,976 individuals), including 1,222 single parents and 2 special cases. The assistance provided includes meals, accommodation, Non-Food Items (NFIs), onward transportation and referral services, as well as support from partners (see Annex 1).

Border Closures

The Spin Boldak/Chaman border closed on 05 May due to cross border fighting between Afghan and Pakistani security forces in the area. Media reports that at least 42 lives were lost as a result of the hostilities. After prolonged negotiations by government representatives from both sides the border reopened on the afternoon of Saturday, 27 May 2017.

Situation Overview

IOM is responding to a substantial increase in the return of undocumented Afghans from Pakistan and Iran. Since 01 January 2017, over 204,000 undocumented Afghans have returned due to diverse push factors, including deteriorating protection space in Pakistan. 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. IOM estimates that approximately 600,000 undocumented Afghans could return from Pakistan and Iran in 2017, and is working to scale up its support to returnees in coordination with the Government of Afghanistan and other humanitarian partners.

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Returns from Iran

A total of **6,357** undocumented Afghans spontaneously returned or were deported from Iran through the Islam Qala (Herat) and Milak (Nimroz) border crossings between 21-27 May, a **13% increase** from the previous week. Of the total spontaneous returnees, 165 (10%) were in family groups and 1,547 (90%) were individuals. Similarly, out of the total deportees, 11 (0.23%) were in family groups whereas 4,613 (99.7%) were individuals. This brings the total number of undocumented returnees from Iran since 1 January 2017 to 139,901.

IOM provided post-arrival humanitarian assistance to **252 (4%)** undocumented Afghans deported from Iran at its Transit Centers in Herat and Nimroz, including 28 special cases and 10 medical cases.



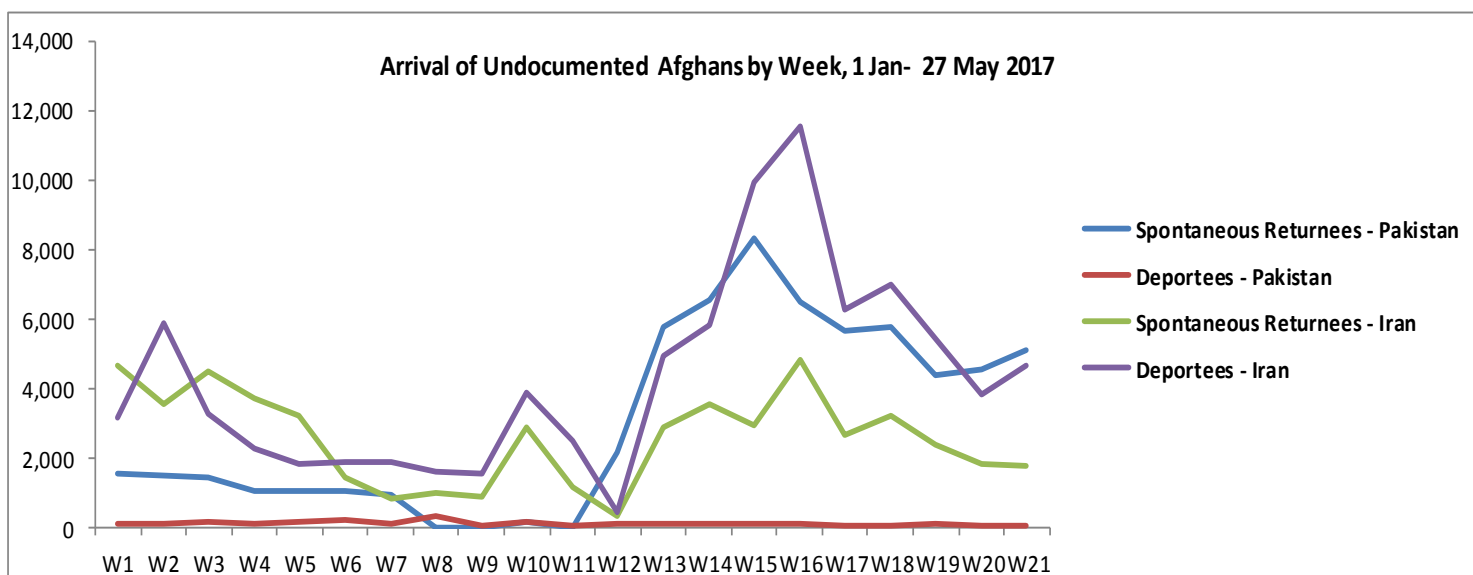
Unaccompanied Migrant Child receiving cash assistance at IOM's Transit Centre in Zaranj City, Nimroz Province © IOM 2017

Number of Undocumented Returnees in 2017 (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 17	28,022	16,132	17,077	27,945	1,316	482	7,183	58,967	45,952	111,172	157,124
1-6 May 2017	3,787	1,230	7	2,824	42	0	7	6,123	5,059	8,961	14,020
7-13 May	4,348	0	2	2,387	62	0	2	5,411	4,410	7,802	12,212
14-20 May	4,535	0	8	1,792	29	0	0	3,809	4,564	5,609	10,173
21-27 May	5,062	0	18	1,712	26	0	3	4,624	5,088	6,357	11,445
Total	45,754	17,362	17,112	36,660	1,475	482	7,195	78,934	65,073	139,901	204,974

IOM Assisted Undocumented Afghans in 2017 (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 17	25,702	9,921	84	204	296	369	639	3881	36,288	4,808	41,096
1 - 6 May	3,772	940	5	0	4	0	4	339	4,716	348	5,064
7-13 May	4,311	0	2	57	27	0	2	297	4,338	358	4,696
14-20 May	4,456	0	6	19	15	0	0	377	4,471	402	4,873
21-27 May	4,974	0	4	27	2	0	2	219	4,976	252	5,228
Total	43,215	10,861	101	307	344	369	647	5,113	54,789	6,168	60,957



Annex 1: Detailed Breakdown of Assistance Provided by Partners at Turkham BCP, 21-27 May 2017

Organization	Location	Type of Assistance	Families Assisted	Total Individuals Assisted	Male	Female	Boys	Girls
WFP	Transit Center	Food Package	907	4,974	813	1062	1,554	1,545
WHO	Transit Center	Medical Services	75	137	10	41	30	56
	Transit Center	OPV Vaccination for children (>10 years)	0	95	0	0	0	0
	Transit Center	OPV Vaccination for children (<10 years)	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Transit Center	IPV Vaccination for children (<10 years)	0	377	0	0	197	180
	Transit Center	Measles vaccination for children (<10 years)	0	383	0	0	196	187
UNICEF	Transit Center	Hygiene Kits	500	2,733	444	576	851	862
	Transit Center	Family Kit	432	2,447	410	520	786	731
	Transit Center	Hygiene Awareness Training	500	2,733	444	576	851	862
	Transit Center	Child Friendly Space	0	1,268	0	0	669	599
	Transit Center	Nutrition services for children 6-59 months, and pregnant women and lactating mothers	0	610	0	0	0	0
UNFPA	Transit Center	Dignity kits	0	0	0	0	0	0
AADA/UNFPA	Zero Point	Medical Services	0	887	213	247	238	189
	Zero Point	OPV Vaccination for	0	931	0	0	0	0
	Zero Point	OPV Vaccination for children (>10 years)	0	1,333	0	0	0	0
	Zero Point	IPV Vaccination for	0	421	0	0	213	208
	Zero Point	Measles Vaccination for children (<10 years)	0	402	0	0	196	206
	Zero Point	HIV/AIDS Awareness	0	955	458	0	497	0
AADA/UNICEF	Zero Point	Nutrition services for children (6-59 months), pregnant women and lactating mothers	0	557	0	0	0	0
UNMAS-DDG	Transit Center	Mine Risk Education	0	2,985	469	490	1059	967

Annex 2: Breakdown of Assistance Provided at all Border Crossings, 21-27 May 2017

Categories	Turkham	Spin Boldak	Islam Qala	Milak	Total
Non-Food Item (NFI) Kits	907	0	0	0	907
Medical Care	132	0	0	0	132
Tuberculosis Screening	4811	0	6	185	5002
Overnight Accommodation	2	0	6	234	242
Total	5,852	0	12	419	6,283

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