



An Afghan family returning from Pakistan at the Turkham border.
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Highlights

4,410 undocumented Afghans returned from Pakistan

7,802 undocumented Afghans returned from Iran

55,421 total returns from Pakistan since 1 January 2017

127,935 total returns from Iran since 1 January 2017

98% of returnees from Pakistan (4,338 individuals) assisted

5% of returnees from Iran (358 individuals) assisted

Returns from Pakistan

A total of **4,410** undocumented Afghans spontaneously returned or were deported from Pakistan through the Turkham border (Nangarhar province) border crossing from 7-13 May 2017, according to the Border Monitoring Team of the Directorate of Refugees and Repatriation (DoRR).

Of the total returnees, 4,348 were spontaneous returnees in family groups and 62 were deported individuals. This is a **24% decrease** from the previous week ahead of an expected decline during the month of Ramadan, and brings the total number of undocumented Afghans returnees from Pakistan since 1 January 2017 to 55,421.

IOM provided post-arrival assistance to **98%** of undocumented Afghan returnees from Pakistan (4,338 individuals), including 994 single parents and 10 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 have been lost as a result of the hostilities. Government representatives from both sides are presently in negotiations however the border remains closed as of 13 May 2017.

Situation Overview

IOM is responding to a substantial increase in the return of undocumented Afghans from Pakistan and Iran. Since 1 January 2017, over 183,000 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 **7,802** undocumented Afghans spontaneously returned or were deported from Iran through the Islam Qala (Herat) and Milak (Nimroz) border crossings between 07– 13 May, a **23% decrease** compared with the previous week. Of the total spontaneous returnees, 392 (16%) were in family groups and 1,997 (84%) were individuals. Similarly, out of the total deportees, 290 (5%) were in family groups whereas 5,123 (95%) were individuals. This brings the total number of undocumented returnees from Iran since 1 January 2017 to 127,935.

IOM provided post-arrival humanitarian assistance to **358 (5%)** undocumented Afghans deported from Iran at its Transit Centers in Herat and Nimroz, including 37 unaccompanied migrant children and 10 special cases.

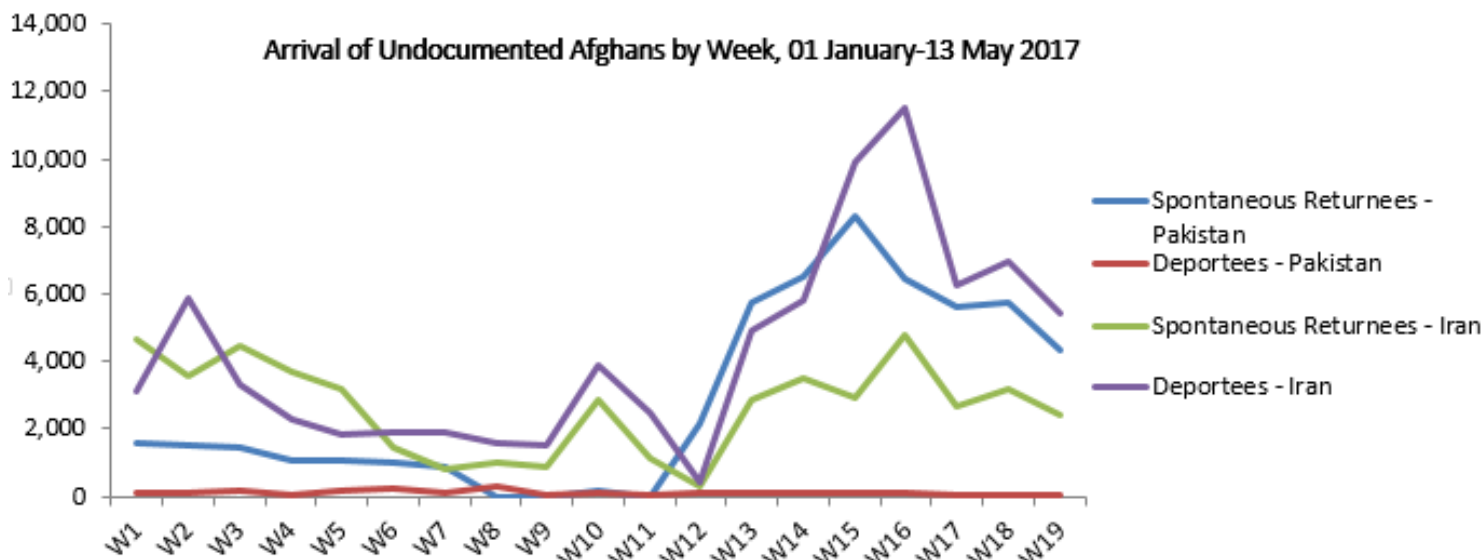


Number of Undocumented Returnees in 2017 (Turkham, Spin Boldak, Islam Qala and Milak)

Date	Spontaneous Returnees				Deportees				Total Pakistan	Total Iran	Grand Total
	Turkham	Spin Boldak	Herat	Nimroz	Turkham	Spin Boldak	Herat	Nimroz			
17-Jan	3,605	2,294	15,918	2,555	273	226	6,872	5,599	6,398	30,944	37,342
17-Feb	1,961	595	1,154	3,522	485	168	256	6,553	3,209	11,485	14,694
17-Mar	2,996	3,887	3	7,632	325	20	33	12,466	7,228	20,134	27,362
1-29 Apr	18,738	9,356	2	13,892	233	68	22	33,506	28,395	47,422	75,817
30 Apr - 6 May	4,509	1,230	7	3,168	42	0	7	6,966	5,781	10,148	15,929
7-13 May	4,348	0	2	2,387	62	0	2	5,411	4,410	7,802	12,212
Total	36,157	17,362	17,086	33,156	1,420	482	7,192	70,501	55,421	127,935	183,356

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-17	3,022	2,109	53	32	74	213	583	405	5,418	1,073	6,491
Feb-17	1,829	359	26	80	63	115	24	839	2,366	969	3,335
Mar-17	2,905	2,477	3	66	115	0	20	952	5,497	1,041	6,538
1-29 Apr	17,224	4,976	2	26	44	41	12	1618	22,285	1,658	23,943
30 Apr - 6 May	4,494	940	5	0	4	0	4	406	5,438	415	5,853
7-13 May	4,311	0	2	57	27	0	2	297	4,338	358	4,696
Total	33,785	10,861	91	261	327	369	645	4,517	45,342	5,514	50,856



Annex 1: Detailed Breakdown of Assistance Provided by Partners at Turkham BCP, 07-13 May 2017

Organization	Location	Type of Assistance	Families Assisted	Total Individual Assisted	Male	Female	Boys	Girls
WFP	Transit Center	Food Package	791	4,327	749	906	1,353	1,319
WHO	Transit Center	Medical Services	97	186	12	76	31	67
	Transit Center	OPV Vaccination for children (>10 years)	0	24	0	0	0	0
	Transit Center	IPV Vaccination for children (<10 years)	0	320	0	0	165	155
	Transit Center	Measles Vaccination for children (<10 years)	0	335	0	0	168	167
UNICEF	Transit Center	Hygiene Kits	194	1,061	191	207	326	337
	Transit Center	Family Kit	334	1,859	317	377	582	583
	Transit Center	Hygiene Awareness Training	194	1,061	191	207	326	337
	Transit Center	Child Friendly Space		1,140			565	575
	Transit Center	Nutrition services for children 6-59 months, and pregnant women and lactating mothers	0	693	0	0	0	0
UNFPA	Transit Center	Dignity kits	65	367	61	81	106	119
AADA/UNFPA	Zero Point	Medical Services	0	829	267	206	198	158
	Zero Point	OPV Vaccination for children (<10 years)	0	2,287	0	0	0	0
	Zero Point	OPV Vaccination for children (>10 years)	0	1,494	0	0	0	0
	Zero Point	IPV Vaccination for children (<10 years)	0	325	0	0	164	161
	Zero Point	Measles Vaccination for children (<10 years)	0	311	0	0	157	154
	Zero Point	HIV/AIDS Awareness	0	1,372	453	320	327	272
AADA/UNICEF	Zero Point	Nutrition services for children (6-59 months), pregnant women and lactating mothers	0	422	0	0	0	0
UNMAS-DDG	Transit Center	Mine Risk Education	0	2,637	413	374	950	900

Annex 2: Breakdown of Assistance Provided at all Border Crossings, 07-13 May 2017

Categories	Turkham	Spin Boldak	Islam Qala	Milak	Total
Non-Food Item (NFI) Kits	791	0	0	59	850
Medical Care	186	0	2	0	188
Tuberculosis Screening	4342	0	2	245	4589
Overnight Accommodation	48	0	2	348	398
Total	5367	0	6	652	6025

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