



Highlights

6,551 undocumented Afghans returned from Pakistan

16,323 undocumented Afghans returned from Iran

39,577 total returns from Pakistan since 1 January 2017

104,166 total returns from Iran since 1 January 2017

89% of returnees from Pakistan (5,837 individuals) assisted

2% of returnees from Iran (334 individuals) assisted

Returns from Pakistan

A total of **6,551** undocumented Afghans spontaneously returned or were deported from Pakistan through Torkham (Nangarhar province) and Spin Boldak (Kandahar province) border crossings from 16-22 April, according to the Border Monitoring Team of the Directorate of Refugees and Repatriation (DoRR). Of the total returnees, 6,465 were spontaneous returnees in family groups and 86 were deported individuals. This is a **22% decrease** from the previous week, and brings the total number of undocumented Afghan returnees from Pakistan since 1 January 2017 to **39,577**.

IOM provided post-arrival assistance to **89%** of undocumented Afghan returnees from Pakistan (5,837 individuals), including 918 single parents and 7 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).

An IOM humanitarian border management expert conducted an assessment at Torkham border from 18-19 April.



Situation Overview

IOM is responding to a substantial increase in the return of undocumented Afghans from Pakistan and Iran. Since 1 January 2017, over 140,000 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.

CONTACT US

IOM Kabul

✉ iomkabul@iom.int

🌐 <http://afghanistan.iom.int>

[facebook.com/iomafghanistan](https://www.facebook.com/iomafghanistan)

twitter.com/iomafghanistan

Returns from Iran

A total of **16,323** undocumented Afghans spontaneously returned or were deported from Iran from 16-22 April, all of them through Milak border in Nimroz province. This is a **27% increase** from the previous week. Islam Qala border remains closed for undocumented returns due to damage from flooding in February. Out of the total spontaneous returnees, 278 (6%) were in family groups and 4,519 (94%) were individuals. Similarly, out of the total deportees, 536 (5%) were in family groups whereas 10,990 (95%) were individuals. This brings the total number of undocumented returnees from Iran since 1 January 2017 to **104,166**.

IOM provided post-arrival humanitarian assistance to **344 (2%)** undocumented Afghans deported from Iran at its Transit Center in Nimroz, including 30 special cases, 27 unaccompanied migrant children, 10 medical cases and 7 unaccompanied elderly.

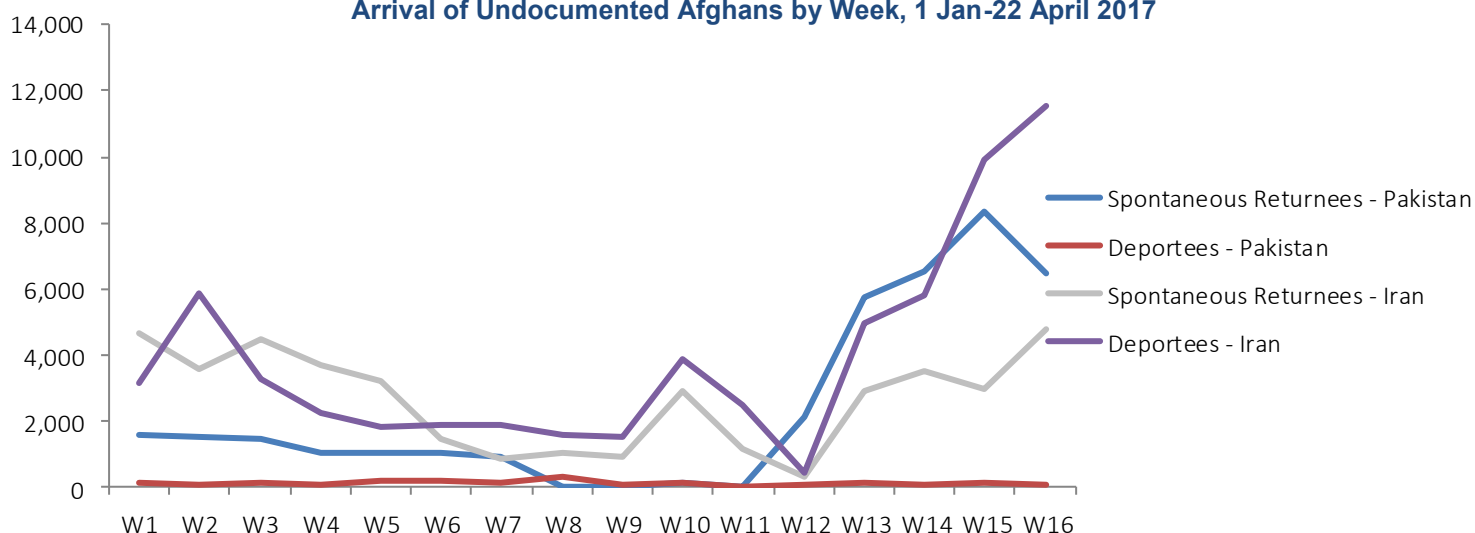
Number of Undocumented Returnees in 2017 (Torkham, Spin Boldak, Islam Qala and Milak)

Date	Spontaneous Returnees				Deportees				Total Pakistan	Total Iran	Grand Total
	Torkham	Spin Boldak	Herat	Nimroz	Torkham	Spin Boldak	Herat	Nimroz			
Jan 17	3,605	2,294	15,918	2,555	273	226	6,872	5,599	6,398	34,058	40,456
Feb 17	1,961	595	1,154	3,522	485	168	256	6,553	3,209	11,485	14,694
Mar 17	2,996	3,887	3	7,632	325	20	0	12,466	7,228	20,134	27,362
1 Apr	740	394	0	0	1	0	0	0	1,135	0	1,135
2-8 Apr	3,783	2,761	0	3,508	84	0	0	5,807	6,628	9,315	15,943
9-15 Apr	5,534	2,788	0	2,939	61	45	0	9,912	8,428	12,851	21,279
16-22 Apr	4,965	1,500	0	4,797	63	23	0	11,526	6,551	16,323	22,874
Total	23,584	14,219	17,075	24,953	1,292	482	7,161	51,863	39,577	104,166	143,743

IOM-Assisted Undocumented Afghans in 2017 (Torkham, Spin Boldak, Islam Qala and Milak)

Date	Spontaneous Returnees				Deportees				Total Pakistan	Total Iran	Grand Total
	Torkham	Spin Boldak	Herat	Nimroz	Torkham	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 Apr	736	107	0	0	0	0	0	0	843	0	843
2-8 Apr	3,640	1,343	0	16	18	0	0	388	5,001	404	5,405
9-15 Apr	4,356	1,199	0	1	9	36	0	476	5,600	477	6,077
16-22 Apr	4,827	1,002	0	0	3	5	0	334	5,837	334	6,171
Total	21,315	8,596	82	195	282	369	627	3,394	30,562	4,298	34,860

Arrival of Undocumented Afghans by Week, 1 Jan-22 April 2017



Annex 1: Detailed Breakdown of Assistance Provided by Partners at Torkham BCP, 16-22 April 2017

Organization	Location	Type of Assistance	Families Assisted	Total Individuals Assisted	Males	Females	Boys	Girls
WFP	Transit Center	Food package	839	4,827	851	980	1,548	1,448
WHO	Transit Center	Medical services	154	263	23	110	58	72
	Transit Center	OPV vaccination for children (>10 years)	-	226	-	-	n/a	n/a
	Transit Center	IPV vaccination for children (<10 years)	-	505	-	-	256	249
	Transit Center	Measles vaccination for children (<10)	-	524	-	-	253	271
UNICEF	Transit Center	Hygiene kits	497	2,856	510	566	914	866
UNICEF	Transit Center	Family kits	325	1,869	315	392	596	566
UNICEF	Transit Center	Hygiene awareness training	497	2,856	510	566	914	866
UNICEF	Transit Center	Child Friendly Space	-	1,938	-	-	985	953
UNICEF	Transit Center	Nutrition services for children (6-59 mo), pregnant women & lactating mothers	-	863	-	362	254	247
UNFPA	Transit Center	Dignity kits	325	1,889	325	393	613	558
AADA	Zero Point	Medical services	-	916	327	311	125	153
	Zero Point	OPV vaccination for children (<10 years)	-	1,914	-	-	n/a	n/a
	Zero Point	OPV vaccination for children (>10 years)	-	1,262	-	-	n/a	n/a
	Zero Point	IPV vaccination for children (<10 years)	-	446	-	-	212	234
	Zero Point	Measles vaccination for children (<10)	-	448	-	-	210	238
	Zero Point	HIV/AIDS awareness	-	1,805	411	400	460	534
	Zero Point	Nutrition services for children (6-59 mo), pregnant women & lactating mothers	-	641	-	203	208	230
UNMAS/DDG	Transit Center	Mine Risk Education	-	5,818	971	901	2,263	1,683

Annex 2: Breakdown of Assistance Provided at all Border Crossings, 16-22 April 2017

Categories	Torkham	Spin Boldak	Islam Qala	Milak	Total
Non-Food Item (NFI) Kits	839	138	0	38	1,015
Family Winter Kits	0	0	0	0	0
Medical Care	263	120	0	0	383
Tuberculosis Screening	4,033	1,007	0	345	5,385
Overnight Accommodation	44	319	0	331	694
Total	5,179	1,584	0	714	7,477

IOM Afghanistan's Returnee Response is generously supported by:

