



A boy from an undocumented returnee family waits in a truck at Torkham border. © IOM 2017

Highlights

6,628 undocumented Afghans returned from Pakistan

9,315 undocumented Afghans returned from Iran

24,598 total returns from Pakistan since 1 January 2017

74,992 total returns from Iran since 1 January 2017

75% of returnees from Pakistan (5,001 individuals) assisted

2% of returnees from Iran (404 individuals) assisted

Returns from Pakistan

A total of **6,628** undocumented Afghans spontaneously returned or were deported from Pakistan through Torkham (Nangarhar province) and Spin Boldak (Kandahar province) border crossings from 2-8 April, according to the Border Monitoring Team of the Directorate of Refugees and Repatriation (DoRR). Of the total returnees, 6,544 were spontaneous returnees in family groups and 84 were deported individuals. This is a **14% increase** from the previous week, and brings the total number of undocumented Afghan returnees from Pakistan since 1 January 2017 to **24,598**.

IOM provided post-arrival assistance to **75%** of undocumented Afghan returnees from Pakistan (5,001 individuals), including 627 single parents and 16 special cases. The assistance provided includes meals, accommodation, Non-Food Items (NFIs), onward transportation and referral services, as well as support from partners (see table).

On 5 April, IOM was able to undertake its first programmatic road mission to Torkham border since October 2016.

Organization	Type of Assistance	People Assisted
WFP	Food Package	3,640
WHO	Medical Services	255
UNICEF	Hygiene Kit	2,323
UNICEF	Family Kit	1,420
UNICEF	Hygiene Awareness Training for Kit Recipients	2,323
UNFPA	Dignity Kit	0
AADA	Medical Services	1,233

Situation Overview

IOM is responding to a substantial increase in the return of undocumented Afghans from Pakistan and Iran. Since 1 January 2016, over 791,000 undocumented Afghans have returned due to diverse push factors, including deteriorating protection space in Pakistan. Many 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 into a country already struggling with widespread conflict and displacement.

While returns have declined in line with seasonal trends during winter, previous surges in returns have been unpredictable and an estimated 1 million undocumented Afghans still remain in Pakistan. IOM is prepared to respond to increased needs and is appealing for additional funding to continue its emergency response programming.

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Returns from Iran

A total of **9,315** undocumented Afghans spontaneously returned or were deported from Iran from 2-8 April, all of them through Milak border in Nimroz province. Islam Qala border remains closed for undocumented returns due to recent flooding. Out of the total spontaneous returnees, 264 (8%) were in family groups and 3,244 (92%) were individuals. Similarly, out of the total deportees, 519 (9%) were in family groups whereas 5,288 (91%) were individuals. This brings the total number of undocumented returnees from Iran since 1 January 2017 to **74,992**. IOM provided post-arrival humanitarian assistance to **404 (2%)** undocumented Afghans deported from Iran at its Transit Center in Nimroz, including 38 unaccompanied migrant children, 25 medical cases, 24 special cases, 7 single parents and 6 unaccompanied elderly.



Clearing flood damage at Islam Qala border © IOM 2017

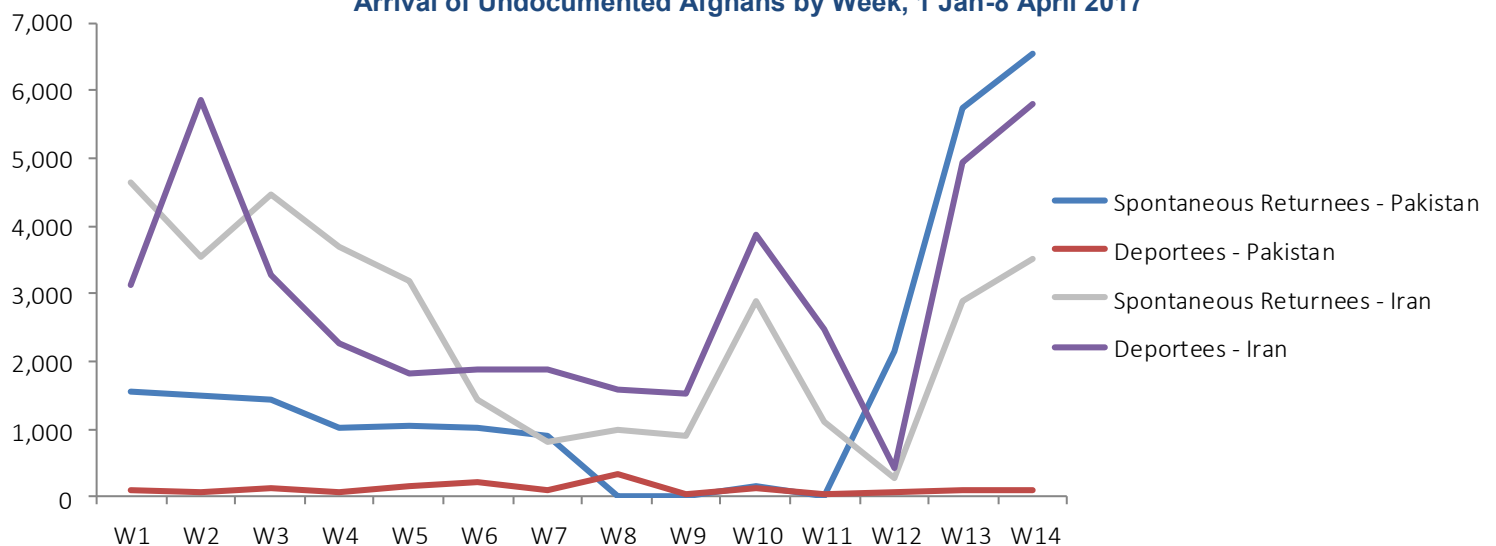
Number of Undocumented Returnees in 2017 (Torkham, Spin Boldak, Islam Qala and Milak)

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	9,986	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
1-25 Mar	862	1,428	3	4,753	232	20	33	7,540	2,542	12,329	14,871
26 Mar-1 Apr	2,874	2,853	0	2,879	94	0	0	4,926	5,821	7,805	13,626
2-8 Apr	3,783	2,761	0	3,508	84	0	0	5,807	6,628	9,315	15,943
Total	13,085	9,931	17,075	17,217	1,168	414	10,275	30,425	24,598	74,992	99,590

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	582	418	5,418	1,085	6,503
Feb 17	1,829	359	26	76	63	115	23	885	2,366	1,010	3,376
1-25 Mar	852	1,176	3	38	105	0	20	701	2,133	762	2,895
26 Mar-1 Apr	2,789	1,408	0	28	10	0	0	244	4,207	272	4,479
2-8 Apr	3,640	1,343	0	16	18	0	0	388	5,001	404	5,405
Total	12,132	6,395	82	190	270	328	625	2,636	19,125	3,533	22,658

Arrival of Undocumented Afghans by Week, 1 Jan-8 April 2017



Annex 1: Cash Grants for Transportation at Kandahar Transit Center, 2-8 April 2017

No. of Families	No. of Individuals	Province of Final Destination	Transportation Grant (Per Person)	Total
38	319	Kandahar	\$30	\$9,570
24	222	Farah	\$30	\$6,660
22	148	Kunduz	\$50	\$7,400
11	73	Herat	\$30	\$2,190
11	72	Kabul	\$30	\$2,160
8	65	Nangahar	\$40	\$2,600
8	52	Takhar	\$50	\$2,600
7	53	Helmand	\$40	\$2,120
7	66	Zabul	\$40	\$2,640
5	38	Jawzjan	\$50	\$1,900
5	46	Paktya	\$50	\$2,300
4	23	Baghlan	\$40	\$920
3	30	Balkh	\$40	\$1,200
3	9	Laghman	\$40	\$360
3	23	Nimroz	\$40	\$920
3	20	Samangan	\$50	\$1,000
2	19	Ghazni	\$35	\$665
2	23	Logar	\$35	\$805
2	11	Sarepol	\$50	\$550
1	14	Badakhshan	\$50	\$700
1	8	Faryab	\$50	\$400
1	8	Urozgan	\$50	\$400
171	1,342	-	-	\$50,060

Annex 2: Cash Grants for Transportation at Torkham Transit Center, 2-8 April 2017

No. of Families	No. of Individuals	Province of Final Destination	Transportation Grant (Per Person)	Total
331	2,028	Nangarhar	\$25	\$50,700
91	516	Kabul	\$30	\$15,480
26	158	Kunar	\$30	\$4,740
10	51	Paktya	\$36	\$1,836
9	44	Paktika	\$36	\$1,584
7	50	Logar	\$36	\$1,800
6	25	Balkh	\$50	\$1,250
6	41	Kunduz	\$50	\$2,050
6	37	Takhar	\$50	\$1,850
5	20	Baghlan	\$50	\$1,000
5	30	Laghman	\$30	\$900
4	19	Khost	\$36	\$684
3	11	Kapisa	\$36	\$396
2	9	Samangan	\$50	\$450
1	10	Faryab	\$50	\$500
1	8	Wardak	\$36	\$288
513	3,057	-	-	\$85,508

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