



Afghans wait for the border gate to open at Spin Boldak border with Pakistan in Kandahar  
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## Highlights

**5,821** undocumented Afghans returned from Pakistan

**7,805** undocumented Afghans returned from Iran

**17,970** total returns from Pakistan since 1 January 2017

**65,677** total returns from Iran since 1 January 2017

**72%** of returnees from Pakistan (4,207 individuals) assisted

**3%** of returnees from Iran (272 individuals) assisted

## Returns from Pakistan

A total of **5,821** undocumented Afghans spontaneously returned or were deported from Pakistan through Torkham (Nangarhar province) and Spin Boldak (Kandahar province) border crossings from 26 March to 1 April, according to the Border Monitoring Team of the Directorate of Refugees and Repatriation (DoRR). Of the total returnees, 5,727 were spontaneous returnees in family groups and 94 were deported individuals. This is a **162% increase** from the previous week, and brings the total number of undocumented Afghan returnees from Pakistan since 1 January 2017 to **17,907**.

IOM provided post-arrival assistance to **72%** of undocumented Afghan returnees from Pakistan (4,207 individuals), including 395 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 as per the adjacent table.

Organization	Type of Assistance	People Assisted
WFP	Food Package	2,789
WHO	Medical Services	248
UNICEF	Hygiene Kit	1,352
UNICEF	Family Kit	707
UNICEF	Hygiene Awareness Training for Kit Recipients	1,352
UNFPA	Dignity Kit	0
AADA	Medical Services	0

## Situation Overview

IOM is responding to a substantial increase in the return of undocumented Afghans from Pakistan and Iran. Since 1 January 2016, over 775,000 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

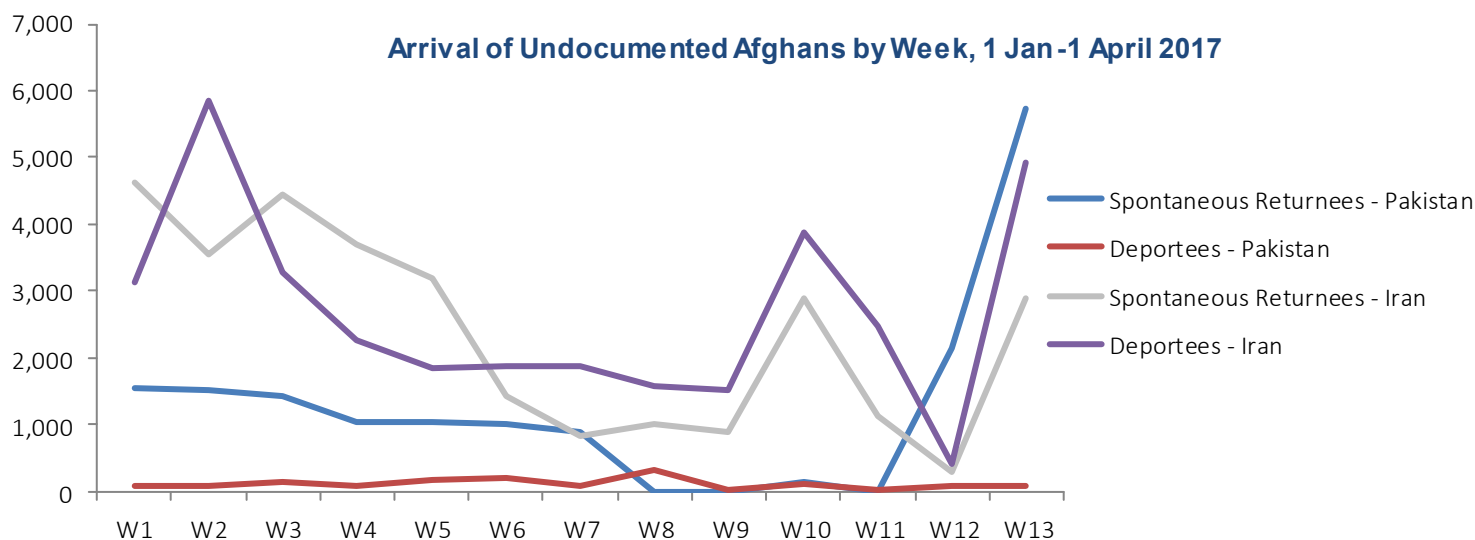
A total of **7,805** undocumented Afghans spontaneously returned or were deported from Iran from 26 March to 1 April, all of them through Milak border in Nimroz province. Islam Qala border remains closed for undocumented returns due to recent flooding. Out of the total spontaneous returnees, 300 (10%) were in family groups and 2,579 (90%) were individuals. Similarly, out of the total deportees, 418 (8%) were in family groups whereas 4,508 (92%) were individuals. This brings the total number of undocumented returnees from Iran since 1 January 2017 to **65,677**. IOM provided post-arrival humanitarian assistance to **272 (3%)** undocumented Afghans deported from Iran at its Transit Center in Nimroz, including 29 unaccompanied migrant children, 12 single parents, 10 unaccompanied elderly and 5 medical cases.

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
1-4 March	0	0	0	475	34	0	0	818	34	1,293	1,327
5-11 Mar	30	118	0	2,879	116	0	0	3,867	264	6,746	7,010
12-18 Mar	0	0	3	1,117	23	0	8	2,463	23	3,591	3,614
19-25 Mar	832	1310	0	282	59	20	25	392	2,221	699	2,920
26 Mar-1 Apr	2,874	2,853	0	2,879	94	0	0	4,926	5,821	7,805	13,626
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,302</b>	<b>7,170</b>	<b>17,075</b>	<b>13,709</b>	<b>1,084</b>	<b>414</b>	<b>10,275</b>	<b>24,618</b>	<b>17,970</b>	<b>65,677</b>	<b>83,647</b>

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
1-4 Mar	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	0	20	20
5-11 Mar	30	118	0	20	51	0	0	230	199	250	449
12-18 Mar	0	0	3	17	15	0	8	412	15	440	455
19-25 Mar	822	1,058	0	1	39	0	12	39	1,919	52	1,971
26 Mar-1 Apr	2,789	1,408	0	28	10	0	0	244	4,207	272	4,479
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,492</b>	<b>5,052</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>252</b>	<b>328</b>	<b>625</b>	<b>2,248</b>	<b>14,124</b>	<b>3,129</b>	<b>17,253</b>



## Annex 1: Cash Grants for Transportation at Kandahar Transit Center, 26 March—1 April 2017

No. of Families	No. of Individuals	Province of Final Destination	Transportation Grant (Per Person)	Total
41	354	Kandahar	\$30	\$10,620
26	143	Kunduz	\$50	\$7,150
25	207	Herat	\$30	\$6,210
23	245	Helmand	\$40	\$9,800
10	81	Kabul	\$30	\$2,430
8	61	Ghazni	\$35	\$2,135
7	55	Paktika	\$50	\$2,750
6	62	Farah	\$30	\$1,860
5	44	Zabul	\$40	\$1,760
4	24	Sar-e-Pul	\$50	\$1,200
4	20	Jawzjan	\$50	\$1,000
3	21	Baghlan	\$40	\$840
3	15	Balkh	\$40	\$600
3	17	Paktya	\$50	\$850
3	16	Takhar	\$50	\$800
1	9	Laghman	\$40	\$360
1	7	Faryab	\$50	\$350
1	7	Nimroz	\$40	\$280
1	12	Badghis	\$50	\$600
1	8	Urozgan	\$50	\$400
<b>176</b>	<b>1,408</b>	-	-	<b>\$51,995</b>

## Annex 2: Cash Grants for Transportation at Torkham Transit Center, 26 March—1 April 2017

No. of Families	No. of Individuals	Province of Final Destination	Transportation Grant (Per Person)	Total
56	356	Nangarhar	\$25	\$8,900
11	62	Kabul	\$30	\$1,860
2	13	Laghman	\$30	\$390
1	8	Kunar	\$30	\$240
1	2	Paktia	\$36	\$72
1	11	Samangan	\$50	\$550
1	8	Paktika	\$36	\$288
<b>73</b>	<b>460</b>	-	-	<b>\$12,300</b>

## Annex 3: Breakdown of Assistance Provided at all Border Crossings, 26 March—1 April 2017

Categories	Torkham	Spin Boldak	Islam Qala	Milak	Total
Non-Food Item (NFI) Kits	412	137	0	26	575
Family Winter Kits	242	137	0	0	379
Medical Care	303	116	0	0	419
Tuberculosis Screening	348	1,408	0	215	1,971
Overnight Accommodation	9	675	0	270	954
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,314</b>	<b>2,473</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>511</b>	<b>4,298</b>

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