



Children watch an educational video in a Child Friendly Space at the Torkham Transit Center © IOM 2017

Highlights

- 5,781** undocumented Afghans returned from Pakistan
- 10,148** undocumented Afghans returned from Iran
- 51,001** total returns from Pakistan since 1 January 2017
- 120,133** total returns from Iran since 1 January 2017
- 94%** of returnees from Pakistan (5,438 individuals) assisted
- 4%** of returnees from Iran (415 individuals) assisted

Returns from Pakistan

A total of **5,781** undocumented Afghans spontaneously returned or were deported from Pakistan through Torkham (Nangarhar province) and Spin Boldak (Kandahar province) border crossings from 30 April to 6 May, according to the Border Monitoring Team of the Directorate of Refugees and Repatriation (DoRR).

Of the total returnees, 5,739 were spontaneous returnees in family groups and 42 were deported individuals. This is a **2% increase** from the previous week, and brings the total number of undocumented Afghan returnees from Pakistan since 1 January 2017 to **51,001**.

IOM provided post-arrival assistance to **94%** of undocumented Afghan returnees from Pakistan (5,438 individuals), including 855 single parents and 5 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).



Mine Risk Education training at Kandahar Transit Center © IOM 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 171,000 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 **10,148** undocumented Afghans spontaneously returned or were deported from Iran through Islam Qala (Herat) and Milak (Nimroz) border crossings from 30 April to 6 May, a 14% increase from the previous week. Out of the total spontaneous returnees, 152 (5%) were in family groups and 3,023 (95%) were individuals. Similarly, out of the total deportees, 506 (7%) were in family groups whereas 6,467 (93%) were individuals. This brings the total number of undocumented returnees from Iran since 1 January 2017 to **120,133**.

IOM provided post-arrival humanitarian assistance to **415 (4%)** undocumented Afghans deported from Iran at its Transit Centers in Herat and Nimroz, including 47 unaccompanied migrant children.



A returnee from Iran is registered with the ARIS system. © IOM 2017

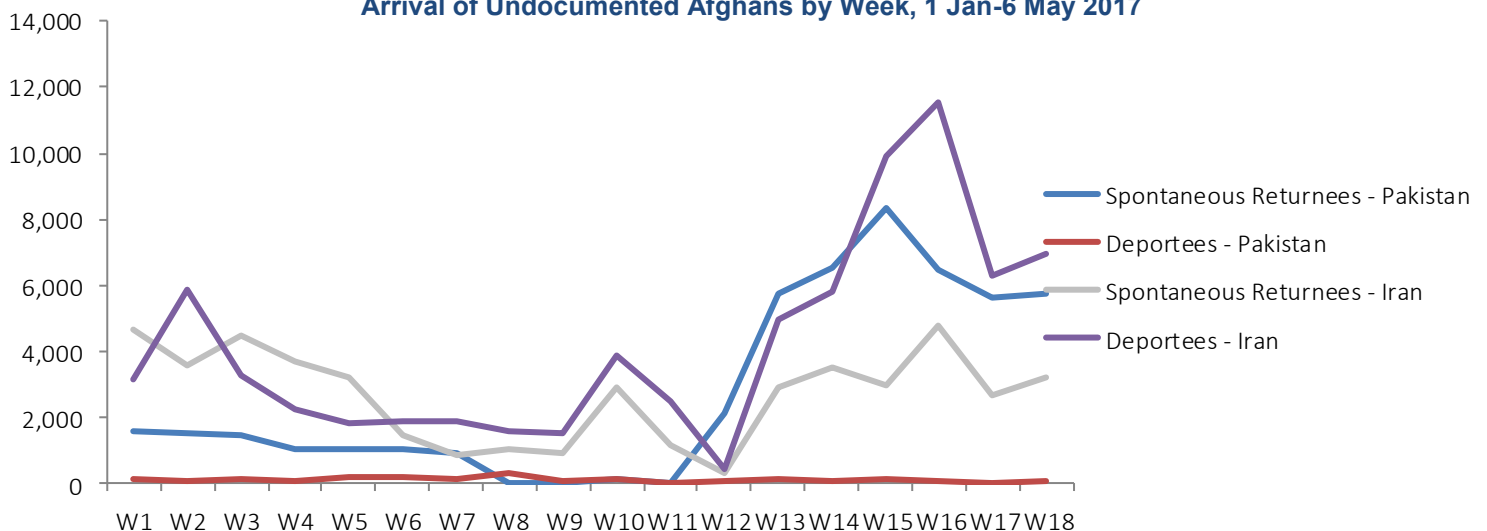
Number of Undocumented Returnees in 2017 (Torkham, Spin Boldak, Islam Qala and Milak)

Date	Spontaneous Returnees				Deportees				Total	Total	Grand Total
	Torkham	Spin Boldak	Herat	Nimroz	Torkham	Spin Boldak	Herat	Nimroz	Pakistan	Iran	
Jan 17	3,605	2,294	15,918	2,555	273	226	6,872	5,599	6,398	30,944	37,342
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
1-29 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
Total	31,809	17,362	17,084	30,769	1,358	482	7,190	65,090	51,011	120,133	171,144

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

Date	Spontaneous Returnees				Deportees				Total	Total	Grand Total
	Torkham	Spin Boldak	Herat	Nimroz	Torkham	Spin Boldak	Herat	Nimroz	Pakistan	Iran	
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	1,618	22,285	1,658	23,943
30 Apr-6 May	4,494	940	5	0	4	0	4	406	5,438	415	5,853
Total	29,474	10,861	89	204	300	369	643	4,220	41,004	5,156	46,160

Arrival of Undocumented Afghans by Week, 1 Jan-6 May 2017



Annex 1: Detailed Breakdown of Assistance Provided by Partners at Torkham BCP, 30 April—6 May 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	-	-	66	65
	Transit Center	IPV vaccination for children (<10 years)	-	505	-	-	276	269
	Transit Center	Measles vaccination for children (<10)	-	524	-	-	273	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	-	710	-	248	229	233
UNFPA	Transit Center	Dignity kits	325	1,889	325	393	613	558
AADA	Zero Point	Medical services	0	916	327	311	125	153
	Zero Point	OPV vaccination for children (<10 years)	0	1,914	-	-	n/a	n/a
	Zero Point	OPV vaccination for children (>10 years)	0	1,262	-	-	n/a	n/a
	Zero Point	IPV vaccination for children (<10 years)	0	446	-	-	212	234
	Zero Point	Measles vaccination for children (<10)	0	448	-	-	210	238
	Zero Point	HIV/AIDS awareness	0	1,805	411	400	460	534
AADA/UNICEF	Zero Point	Nutrition services for children (6-59 mo), pregnant women & lactating mothers	-	382	-	103	135	144
UNMAS/DDG	Transit Center	Mine Risk Education	0	5,818	971	901	2263	1683

Annex 2: Breakdown of Assistance Provided at all Border Crossings, 30 April—6 May 2017

Categories	Torkham	Spin Boldak	Islam Qala	Milak	Total
Non-Food Item (NFI) Kits	828	137	0	76	1,041
Family Winter Kits	0	0	0	0	0
Medical Care	160	130	2	0	292
Tuberculosis Screening	4,001	940	9	340	5,290
Overnight Accommodation	4	320	9	385	718
Total	4,993	1,527	20	801	7,341

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