



Highlights

- 1,214** undocumented Afghans returned from Pakistan
- 3,318** undocumented Afghans returned from Iran
- 8,300** total returns from Pakistan since 1 January 2017
- 39,151** total returns from Iran since 1 January 2017
- 82%** of returnees from Pakistan (996 individuals) assisted this week
- 10%** of returnees from Iran (325 individuals) assisted this week

Returns from Pakistan

From 5-11 February 2017, a total of **1,214** undocumented Afghans spontaneously returned or were deported from Pakistan through Torkham border (Nangarhar province) and Spin Boldak border (Kandahar province), according to the Border Monitoring Team of the Directorate of Refugees and Repatriation (DoRR). This is a minor increase compared with the previous week (1,202 returns). Of the total, 1,007 were spontaneous returnees in family groups and 207 were deported individuals. This brings the total number of undocumented Afghan returnees from Pakistan to **8,300** since 1 January 2017.

During the reporting period, IOM assisted **996 (82%)** undocumented Afghan returnees from Pakistan, including 126 single parents and 92 special cases. The support provided includes meals and accommodation at IOM's Transit Centers near the border, household supplies and other Non-Food Items (NFIs) for families, special assistance to Persons with Specific Needs (PSNs), and other assistance from partners as per the adjacent table.

Organization	Type of Assistance	People Assisted
WFP	Food Package	733
WHO	Medical Services	160
UNICEF	Hygiene Kit	519
UNICEF	Family Kit	453
UNICEF	Hygiene Awareness Training for Kit Recipients	519
UNFPA	Dignity Kit	214
AADA	Medical Services	292

Situation Overview

IOM is responding to a substantial increase in the return of undocumented Afghans from Pakistan and Iran. Since 1 January 2016, over 739,000 undocumented Afghans have returned due to diverse 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 **3,318** undocumented Afghans spontaneously returned or were deported from Iran through Islam Qala (Herat) and Milak (Nimroz) border crossings from 5-11 February, a **34% decrease** compared with the previous week. The reasons behind this decrease include harsh weather conditions and a pause in the issuance of return documents during the week-long commemoration of the Iranian revolution. Out of the total, 1,431 were spontaneous returnees and 1,887 were deportees. This brings the total number of undocumented returnees from Iran since 1 January 2017 to **39,151**.

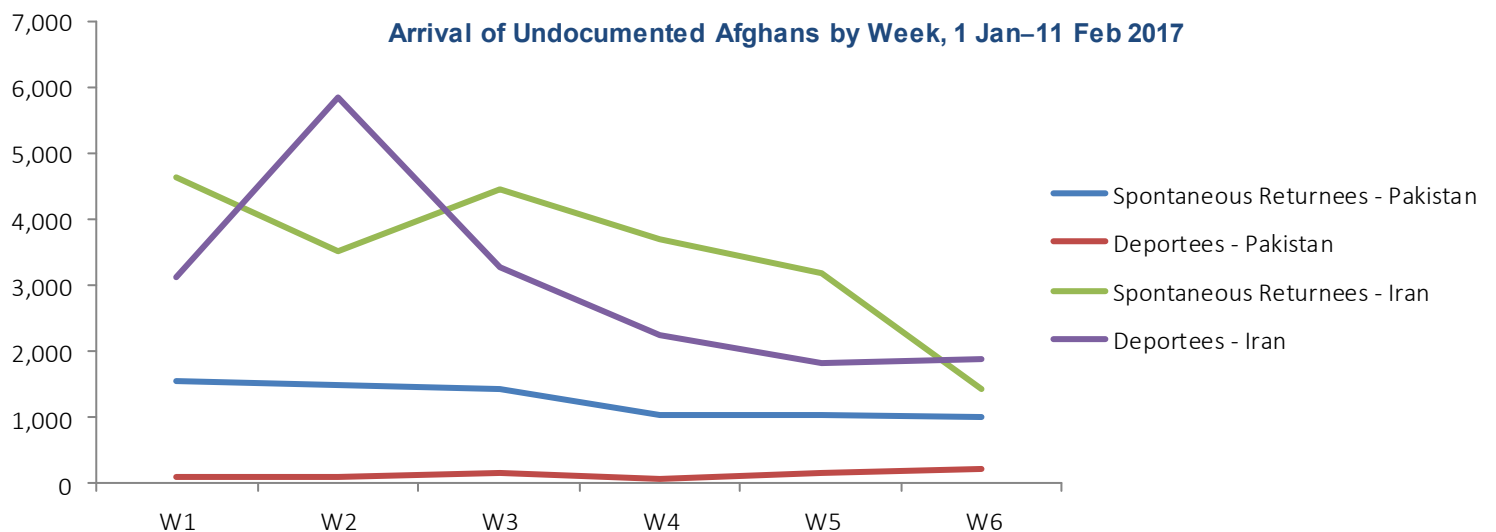
IOM provided post-arrival humanitarian assistance to **325 (10%)** undocumented Afghans arriving from Iran at its Transit Centers in Herat and Nimroz, including 35 unaccompanied migrant children and 27 chronically ill individuals.

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 1-7	717	836	4,008	625	20	70	1,786	1,347	1,643	7,766	9,409
Jan 8-14	1,008	493	3,114	417	78	0	4,845	1,002	1,579	9,378	10,957
Jan 15-21	854	569	3,771	678	69	70	1,623	1,657	1,562	7,729	9,291
Jan 22-28	699	333	3,095	595	68	0	1,188	1,072	1,100	5,950	7,050
29 Jan-4 Feb	781	266	2,530	648	69	86	686	1,146	1,202	5,010	6,212
5-11 Feb	811	196	543	888	76	131	114	1,773	1,214	3,318	4,532
Total	4,870	2,693	17,061	3,851	380	357	10,242	7,997	8,300	39,151	47,451

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 1-7	636	779	2	2	5	70	110	85	1,490	199	1,689
Jan 8-14	763	467	5	4	13	0	172	50	1,243	231	1,474
Jan 15-21	682	557	31	20	23	70	148	106	1,332	305	1,637
Jan 22-28	621	258	1	6	27	0	84	86	906	177	1,083
29 Jan-4 Feb	741	160	15	14	6	73	88	154	980	271	1,251
5-11 Feb	733	149	14	27	17	97	3	281	996	325	1,321
Total	4,176	2,370	68	73	91	310	605	762	6,947	1,508	8,455



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