



Children celebrate at the IOM Transit Center near the Turkham border @ IOM 2017

Highlights

- 1,307** undocumented Afghans returned from Pakistan
- 11,547** undocumented Afghans returned from Iran
- 86,801** total returns from Pakistan since 01 Jan 2017
- 274,768** total returns from Iran since 01 Jan 2017
- 96%** of returnees from Pakistan (1,249 individuals) assisted
- 7%** of returnees from Iran (839 individuals) assisted
- 213** Unaccompanied Migrant Children (UAM) from Iran among those assisted, 1 from Pakistan
- 53** Medical Cases (MC) from Iran among those assisted, 0 from Pakistan

Return from Pakistan

A total of **1,307** undocumented Afghans spontaneously returned or were deported from Pakistan through the Turkham (Nangarhar) and Spin Boldak (Kandahar) border crossings from Sep 17—23, according to the Border Monitoring Team of the Directorate of Refugees and Repatriation (DoRR).

Of the total returnees, 1,228 were spontaneous returnees and 79 were deported. With a 2% decrease, this number is very similar to the previous week (1,337). The total number of undocumented Afghan returnees from Pakistan since 01 January 2017 is now 86,801. IOM provided post-arrival assistance to **96%** of undocumented Afghan returnees from Pakistan (1,249 individuals), including 1,057 individuals in poor families and 162 individuals in single parent families. The assistance provided includes meals, accommodation, basic medical screening, Non-Food Items (NFIs), onward transportation cash grants and referral services, as well as support from partners.



A child carries NFI items received from IOM to the family's truck at the IOM TC near Turkham border @ IOM 2017

Situation Overview

IOM is responding to a substantial increase in the return of undocumented Afghans from Pakistan and Iran. Since 01 January 2017, over 361,000 undocumented Afghans have returned due to diverse push factors, including deteriorating protection space in Pakistan and Iran. This figure represents a significantly higher rate of return than in previous years. 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 500,000 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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Fatemeh, 2 years, with her mother at the IOM TC at Melak border, Nimroz © IOM 2017

Returns from Iran

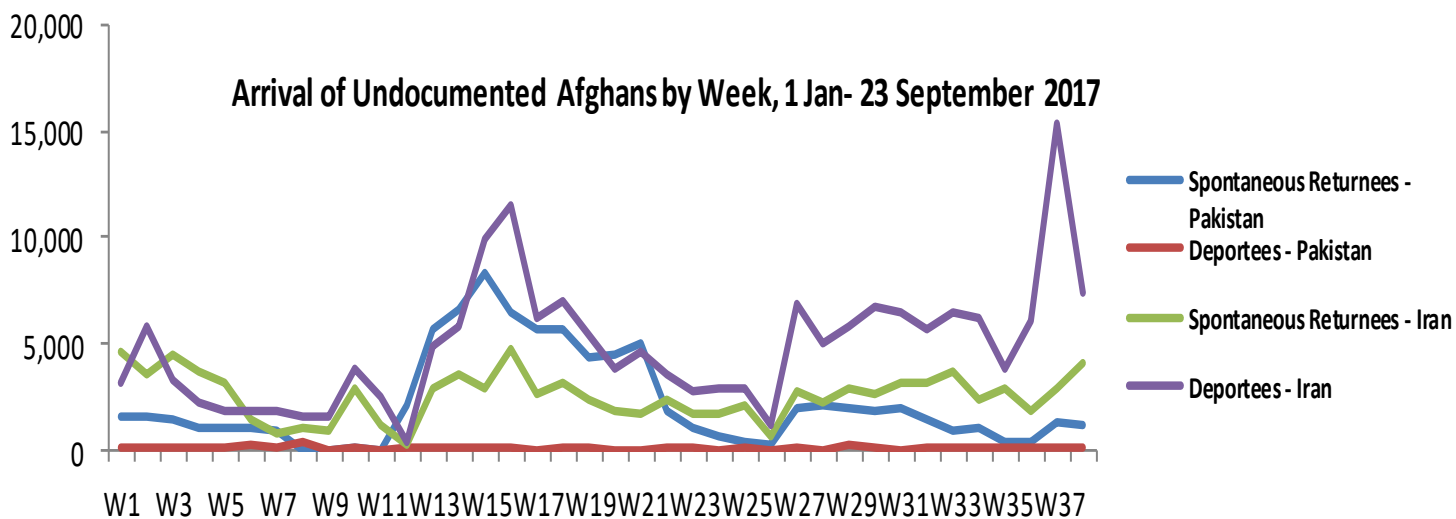
A total of **11,547** undocumented Afghans spontaneously returned or were deported from Iran mainly through the Milak (Nimroz) border crossing between Sep 17-23 2017, **37% less** than in the previous week. While the Islam Qala (Herat) border crossing had remained mostly closed to undocumented returns in recent months, 225 individuals spontaneously returned and a further 266 were deported through Islam Qala between Sep 17-23, the highest number since February 2017. Of the total spontaneous returnees from both border crossings, 108 individuals travelled in family groups (3%). Out of the total deportees, 702 individuals (9%) were deported with family members whereas 6,724 (91%) were deported as individuals. This brings the total number of undocumented returnees from Iran since 01 January 2017 to 274,768. IOM provided post-arrival humanitarian assistance to **839 (7%)** undocumented Afghans deported from Iran at its Transit Centers in Nimroz and Herat, including 213 unaccompanied migrant children, 41 special cases, 53 medical cases, and 486 members of deported families.

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

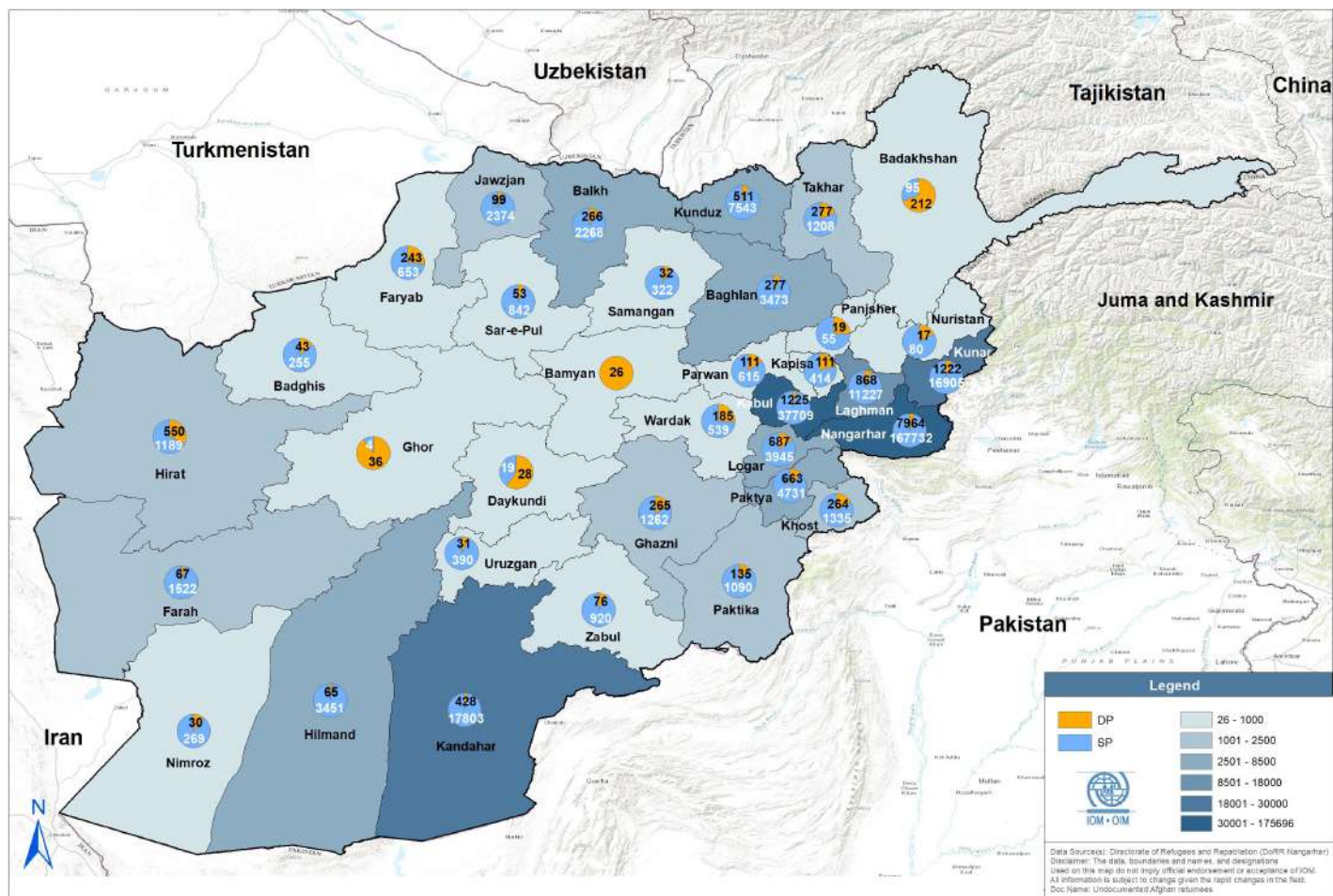
Date	Spontaneous Returnees				Deportees				Total Pakistan	Total Iran	Grand Total
	Turkham	Spin Boldak	Herat	Nimroz	Turkham	Spin Boldak	Herat	Nimroz			
January - August 17	54,039	26,730	17,175	69,662	2,186	835	7,505	142,791	83,790	237,133	320,923
01 - 09 Sep	192	136	0	1,842	31	8	126	5,889	367	7,857	8,224
10 - 16 Sep	694	575	0	2,877	7	61	89	15,265	1,337	18,231	19,568
17 - 23 Sep	621	607	225	3,896	27	52	266	7,160	1,307	11,547	12,854
Total	55,546	28,048	17,400	78,277	2,251	956	7,986	171,105	86,801	274,768	361,569

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

Date	Spontaneous Returnees				Deportees				Total Pakistan	Total Iran	Grand Total
	Turkham	Spin Boldak	Herat	Nimroz	Turkham	Spin Boldak	Herat	Nimroz			
January - August 17	51,528	19,333	135	541	480	508	667	9,814	71,849	11,157	83,006
01 - 09 Sep	192	115	0	7	0	0	33	373	307	413	720
10 - 16 Sep	694	495	0	0	0	15	10	775	1,204	785	1,989
17 - 23 Sep	613	606	11	4	4	26	36	788	1,249	839	2,088
Total	53,027	20,549	146	552	484	549	746	11,750	74,609	13,194	87,803



AFGHANISTAN Final Destination of Undocumented Afghan Returnees and Deportees from Pakistan Jan 2016–9th Sep 2017



Annex 1: Breakdown of Assistance Provided at all Border Crossings Points, Sep 17-23 2017

Categories	Turkham	Spin Boldak	Islam Qala	Milak	Total
Non-Food Item (NFI) Kits	114	118	2	35	269
Medical Care	108	47	17	15	187
Tuberculosis Screening	617	632	47	352	1648
Overnight Accommodation	4	223	47	782	1056
Total	843	1,020	113	1,184	3,047

Annex 2: Detailed Breakdown of Assistance Provided by Partners at Milak and Islam Qala BCP, Sep 17-23 2017

Organization	Location	Type of Assistance	Families Assisted	Total Individual Assisted	Male	Female	Boys	Girls
AICHR	Registration Centre	Legal Assistance	0	10	9	1	0	0
IOM	Registration Centre	Registration	107	802	219	124	340	119
		Food Package	0	0	0	0	0	0
		Transportation	107	802	219	124	141	119
	Transit Centre	Medical Services	0	1	1	0	0	0
		Referrals	0	1	1	0	0	0
		Reintegration Assistance	0	0	0	0	0	0
UNICEF	Tracing & Repatriation	Traing, Repatriation & Psychosocial Assistance	0	4	4	0	203	0
War Child UK	Tracing & Repatriation	Psychosocial Assistance	0	4	4	0	4	0
WFP	Transit Center	Food Package	77	349	80	86	96	87
NRC		Legal Assistance	0	0	0	0	0	0
AADA/UNICEF	Zero Point	Nutrition services for children (6-59 months), pregnant women and lactating mothers	0	0	0	0	0	0
Relief International	Transit Center		0	0	0	0	0	0
DDG	Transit Center	Mine Risk Education	0	0	187	111	273	104

Annex 3: Detailed Breakdown of Assistance Provided by Partners at Turkham and Spin Boldak BCP, Sep 17-23 2017

Organization	Location	Type of Assistance	Families Assisted	Total Individual Assisted	Male	Female	Boys	Girls
IOM	Transit Centre	BSAF Registatation	222	1245	227	281	365	372
IOM	Transit Centre	IOM Beneficiary Card	226	617	121	140	183	173
	Transit Centre	Overnight Accomodation	41	227	68	70	31	58
	Transit Centre	Medical Screening	84	155	28	58	33	36
	Transit Centre	TB Screening	222	1249	230	281	366	372
	Transit Centre	Non Food Item (NFI)	232	1245	227	281	365	372
	IOM	Transit Centre	Unconditional Cash for NFI	0	0	0	0	0
Transit Centre		Cash for Transportation (\$ 25-\$50)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Transit Center		Food Package	222	1245	118	140	182	173
Transit Center		Medical Services	50	108	22	37	22	27
Transit Center		OPV Vaccination for children (>10 years)	0	33	0	0	23	10
WHO	Transit Center	OPV Vaccination for children (<10 years)	0	18	0	7	11	0
WHO	Transit Center	IPV Vaccination for children (<10 years)	0	218	0	0	113	105
	Transit Center	Measle Vaccination for children (<10 years)	0	129	0	0	66	63
	Transit Center	Hygiene Kits	75	397	81	90	113	113
	Transit Center	Family Kit	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Transit Center	Hygiene Awareness Training	165	899	175	220	259	245
	Transit Center	Child Friendly Space	0	251	0	0	135	116
UNICEF	Transit Center	Nutrition services for children 6-59 months, and pregnant women and lactating mothers	60	113	0	54	59	0
UNICEF	Transit Center	Vitamin A 12-59 months	60	111	0	54	57	0
UNICEF	Transit Center	Albendazol 24-59 months	0	0	0	0	0	0
UNFPA	Transit Center	Dignity kits	39	216	37	50	69	60
AADA/ UNFPA	Zero Point	Medical Services	0	435	169	128	86	52
AADA/ UNFPA	Zero Point	OPV Vaccination for children (<10 years)	0	453	0	0	0	0
AADA/ UNFPA	Zero Point	OPV Vaccination for children (>10 years)	0	0	0	0	0	0
AADA/ UNFPA	Zero Point	IPV Vaccination for children (<10 years)	0	226	0	0	115	111
AADA/ UNFPA	Zero Point	Measle Vaccination for children (<10 years)	0	244	0	0	129	115
AADA/ UNFPA	Zero Point	HIV/AIDS Awareness	0	464	162	84	136	82
AADA/ UNICEF	Zero Point	Nutrition services for children (6-59 months), pregnant women and lactating mothers	0	286	0	64	114	108
DDG/ DRC	Transit Center	Mine Risk Education	76	736	135	192	226	183

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