



AN AFGHAN FAMILY CROSSING INTO AFGHANISTAN THROUGH TURKHAM BORDER, NANGARHAR PROVINCE © IOM / ANDREW QUILTY

OVERVIEW

IOM and partners provide vulnerable undocumented Afghans returning from Iran and Pakistan with immediate humanitarian post-arrival assistance at the four major border crossings with Pakistan at Torkham and Spin Boldak and with Iran at Islam Qala and Nimroz through a network of IOM constructed and managed reception and transit centers. In partnership with the Ministry of Refugees and Repatriation (MoRR), IOM has supported to develop a registration platform for all returning Afghans—the Afghanistan Information Registration System (ARIS) - which registers documented and undocumented Afghans at the above borders and links them to Reintegration Information Centers and Provincial Reintegration Committees in 17 provinces of high return for provision of reintegration assistance. The CBRR programme closely works with IOM’s DTM, Protection, and Migration Management units.

Since 2015, more than three million Afghans have returned from Iran and Pakistan. Each year, Afghanistan witnesses waves of 100,000s of returning Afghans from Pakistan and Iran. Since 2007, IOM has been the leading UN agency in Afghanistan providing emergency humanitarian post-arrival assistance to undocumented Afghans. CBRR is on the frontline of the emergency response with operations at all four major border

crossing points with Pakistan and Iran: Islam Qala and Milak borders of Herat and Nimroz provinces with Iran, Spin Boldak and Turkham borders of Kandahar and Nangarhar provinces with Pakistan. From 2016-18, IOM has assisted over 230,000 undocumented returnees with life-saving humanitarian assistance.

TECHNICAL CAPACITY BUILDING

CBRR is also strengthening the information management capacity of the Ministry of Refugees and Repatriation (MoRR) through the establishment of the ARIS database and a provincial level referral mechanism, under a 6-year long US Government funded project. This project highlights IOM Afghanistan’s long-term commitment towards ensuring that return and reintegration can sustainably directed by MoRR.

In 2018, IOM was able to assist more than 56,000 undocumented Afghans thanks to the dedication of our staff and the generosity of our donors.

Migration, for the benefit of all.




AN IOM DOCTOR TREATS OMAR MAJEEDI, A 13-YEAR OLD AFGHAN WHO RETURNED ON HIS OWN FROM IRAN © IOM / E SCHWOERER

HUMANITARIAN POST ARRIVAL ASSISTANCE

IOM assistance, funded through the generous contributions of Switzerland, Italy, Japan and Norway, is provided based on assessed vulnerability. In partnership with MoRR, identification, screening and registration of Persons with Specific Needs (PSN) takes place before referrals to IOM are made. IOM assistance provided at reception and transit centers includes meals, overnight accommodation for up to 72 hours, seasonal clothes, medical screening inclusive of polio vaccinations for all children under 5 and provision of essential medicines, TB screening, multi-purpose cash grants for transportation averaging 24-55 USD per person based on final destination and cash for NFIs provided to families with a value of 100 USD. IOM’s assistance package inclusive of cash and soft service delivery amounts to a value of 500 USD for an average size family group of seven persons.