



In early July, IOM was pleased to welcome senior staff from the Swiss Development Cooperation Office (SDC) for Afghanistan to IOM transit and health facilities in western Herat province. ©IOM/ July 2021.

2021 Highlights

627,979 total returns from Iran and Pakistan since 01 January 2021

621,133 total returns from Iran in 2021. Over the past week **16,957** undocumented Afghans returned from Iran with **5%** or **916** individuals assisted (**613** men and **303** women)

6,846 total returns from Pakistan in 2021. Over the past week **22** undocumented Afghans returned from Pakistan with **100%** or **22** individuals assisted (**13** men and **9** women)

Funding Needs Against a [funding request](#) of USD 29.7 million in 2021, IOM has only received **5%** of its requirement.

Protection

IOM's Protection programme has supported supported 1,894 undocumented returnee households ((2,506 women, 2,362 men, 3,903 girls and 4,461 boys) comprising at least one Person with Specific Needs (PSN) in 2021 through provision of timely information, facilitating safe and dignified access to services, and provision of one-off assistance including cash to mitigate identified protection risks and avoid resorting to negative coping mechanisms when referral pathways are exhausted.

With screening staff operating at the Herat and Nimroz borders and case workers in 11 provinces of return, the Protection team caseload this week included case management assessments for 66 new PSN households (89 women, 73 men, 148 girls, 184 boys) in Herat, Ghor, Nimroz, Kabul, Takhar, Sar-e-Pul, Faryab, Balkh, Nangarhar, and Badakhshan. These cases included 26 children at risk, 20 women at risk, 20 persons with serious medical conditions, 7 single parents, 5 persons with disabilities, 4 older persons at risk . 133 PSN individuals (and their households) were identified at Milak and Islam Qala border points by Protection screeners in coordination with DoRR. 25 undocumented returnee households (15 women, 16 men, 35 girls, 41 boys) received Post-arrival support services (e.g. provision of mobile phones, family tracing, and transportation) and case management assessments were conducted for all 66 cases.

Migration Health

In 2021, 197,454 patients have been served by IOM's Migration Health Unit in Nimroz, Herat, Kandahar and Nangarhar provinces with basic health care- outpatient consultations, maternal, child and neo-natal health care, reproductive health, family planning and COVID-19 response. Programming is supported by CERF, US BPRM and the Afghanistan Humanitarian Fund.

During the past week a total of 3,864 patients were served by IOM's 7 mobile health teams, inclusive of 2,393 outpatient consultations, health education sessions for 3,863 persons and psychosocial counselling sessions for 195 patients.

Under the Global Fund multi-country TB grant in partnership with UNDP, a total of 9,567 undocumented Afghans were screened for tuberculosis at the Zero Point Reception Centers in Herat, Nimroz, Kandahar and Nangarhar. Of the total screened, 253 presumptive TB cases were identified and 3 were detected cases.

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Return from Iran and Pakistan

According to the Directorate of Refugees and Repatriation (DoRR), **16,957** Afghans returned from Iran through the Nimroz (Milak) and Herat (Islam Qala) borders between 02-08 July 2021. **7,103** persons returned voluntarily and **9,854** were deported. Since 01 January 2021, the total number of undocumented returnees from Iran is **621,133** individuals. Recent fighting has seen a temporary suspension of assistance at Islam Qala.

6,846 undocumented Afghans have returned from Pakistan since 01 January 2021. Over the past week **22** undocumented Afghans returned from Pakistan through the Torkham (**20** returnees and Spin Boldak (**2** returnees) borders. Recent fighting has seen a temporary suspension of assistance at Spin Boldak.

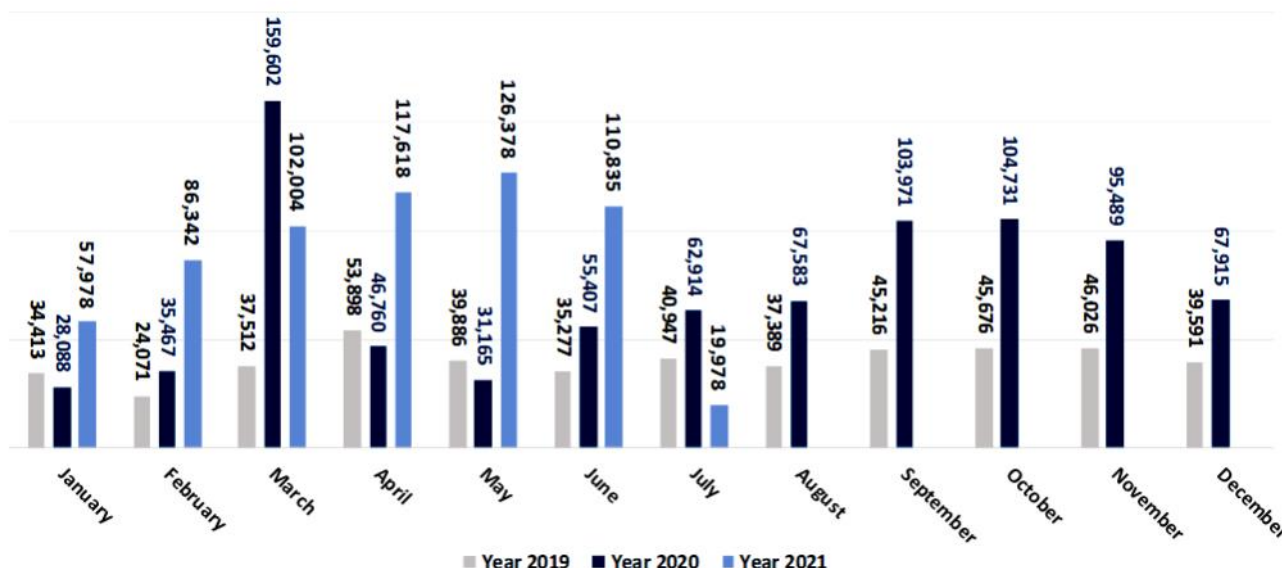
Total Number of Undocumented Returnees in 2021

Date	Iran				Total Iran	Pakistan				Total Pakistan	Overall Return
	Herat		Nimroz			Torkham		Kandahar			
	Spont	Deport	Spont	Deport		Spont	Deport	Spont	Deport		
1 Jan-31 May	164,485	121,893	54,654	149,288	490,320	678	253	4,269	236	5,436	495,756
01-24 June	43,106	21,570	8,778	20,475	93,929	281	21	771	14	1,087	95,016
25 June - 01 July	5,059	7,003	2,505	5,360	19,927	88	2	211	0	301	20,228
02-08 July	4,735	4,626	2,368	5,228	16,957	20	0	2	0	22	16,979
Total	217,385	155,092	68,305	180,351	621,133	1,067	276	5,253	250	6,846	627,979

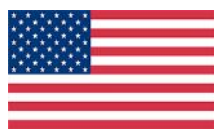
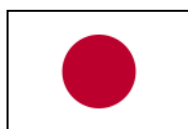
Total Number of Assisted Returnees in 2021

Date	Iran				Total Iran	Pakistan				Total Pakistan	Overall Assisted
	Herat		Nimroz			Torkham		Kandahar			
	Spont	Deport	Spont	Deport		Spont	Deport	Spont	Deport		
1 Jan-31 May	1,294	8,639	784	10,909	21,626	675	221	4,125	209	5,230	26,856
01-24 June	224	1,429	58	1,215	2,926	281	21	771	1	1,074	4,000
25 June - 01 July	67	417	36	315	835	88	2	211	0	301	1,136
02-08 July	26	524	22	344	916	20	0	2	0	22	938
Total	1,611	11,009	900	12,783	26,303	1,064	244	5,109	210	6,627	32,930

Return of Undocumented Afghans from Iran - 2019 - 2021



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