



The deportation rate of Afghans returning from neighboring countries, in comparison to the total of undocumented returns, reached 85%. IOM is providing post arrival assistance to these vulnerable returnees at reception and transit centers @IOM/Sep 2021.

2021 Highlights

866,889 total returns from Iran and Pakistan since 01 January 2021

858,956 total returns from Iran in 2021. Over the past week **33,893** undocumented Afghans returned from Iran with **4%** assisted (892 Men and 655 women).

7,933 total returns from Pakistan in 2021. Over the past week **475** undocumented Afghans returned from Pakistan with **42 %** assisted (113 Men and 87 women)

Migration Health

In 2021, 214,802 patients have been served by IOM's Migration Health Unit in Nimroz, Herat, Kandahar and Nangarhar provinces with basic health care, including outpatient consultations, maternal, child and neo-natal health care, reproductive health, family planning and COVID-19 response. Programming is supported by WHO, Germany, CERF, US BPRM and the Afghanistan Humanitarian Fund.

During the past week a total of 2,188 patients were served by IOM's 7 mobile health teams, inclusive of 1,627 outpatient consultations, health education sessions for 2,188 persons and psychosocial counselling sessions for 110 patients.

Under the Global Fund multi-country TB grant in partnership with UNDP, a total of 4,193 undocumented Afghans were screened for tuberculosis at the Zero Point Reception Centers in Herat, Nimroz, Kandahar and Nangarhar. Of the total screened, 131 presumptive TB cases were identified.

Protection

IOM's Protection Programme has supported 2,121 undocumented returnee households (2,836 women, 2,658 men, 4,396 girls and 4,978 boys) comprising of 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. This assistance includes cash to mitigate identified protection risks and avoid resorting to negative coping mechanisms when referral pathways are exhausted. With screening staff operating at both Herat and Nimroz border points as well as case workers operating across 11 provinces of return, the Protection team caseload this week included post-arrival assistance for 15 new PSN households (10 women, 16 men, 6 girls, 9 boys) in Herat and Nimroz. These cases included 6 women at risk, 5 single parents, 5 persons with serious medical conditions, 1 child at risk, and 1 older person at risk. 440 PSN individuals (and their households) were identified at Milak and Islam Qala border points by Protection screeners. 15 undocumented returnee households (10 women, 6 men, 6 girls, 9 boys) received Post-arrival support services (e.g. mobile phones, family tracing, and transportation).

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Return from Iran and Pakistan

33,893 Afghans returned from Iran through the Nimroz (Milak) and Herat (Islam Qala) borders between 03-09 Sep 2021. 5,158 persons returned voluntarily, and 28,735 were deported. Since 01 January 2021, the total number of undocumented returnees from Iran is 858,956 individuals.

475 undocumented Afghans returned from Pakistan through the Nangarhar (Turkham) and Kandahar (Spin Boldak) border crossing points between 03-09 Sep 2021. 245 persons returned voluntarily, and 230 were deported. Since 01 January 2021, the total number of undocumented Afghan returnees from Pakistan is 7,933 individuals.

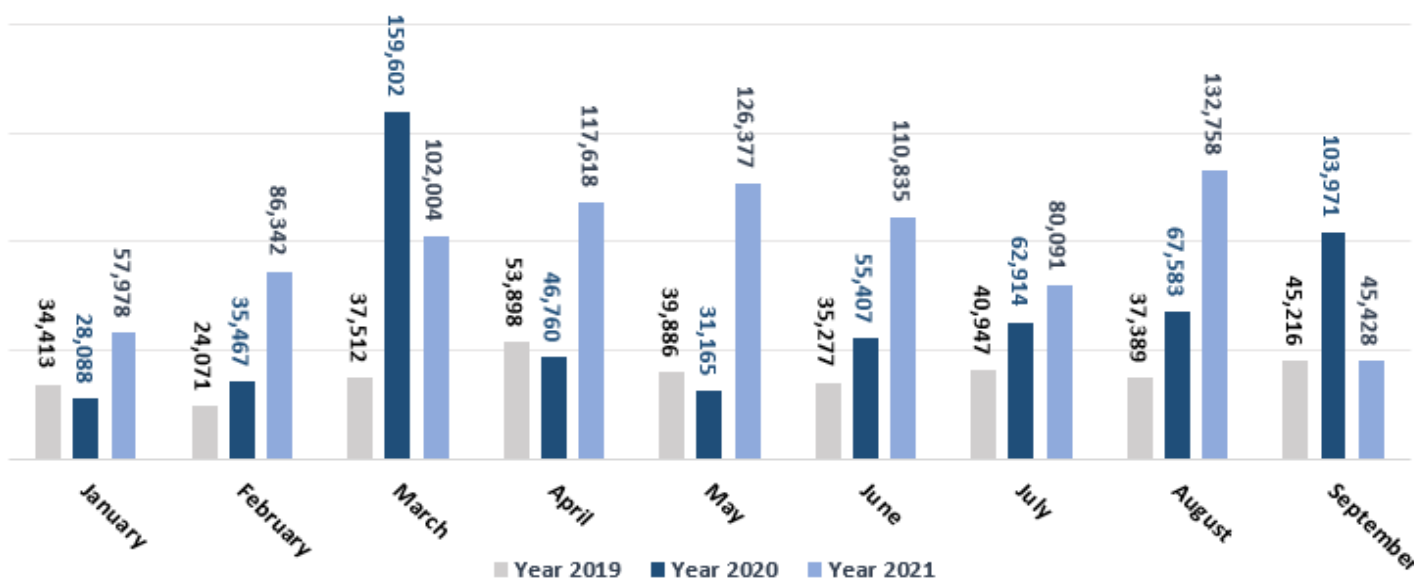
Total Number of Undocumented Returnees in 2021

Date	Iran				Total Iran	Pakistan				Total Pakistan	Overall Return
	Herat		Nimroz			Turkham		Kandahar			
	Spont	Deport	Spont	Deport		Spont	Deport	Spont	Deport		
01 Jan - 31 July	236,657	171,246	74,790	198,552	681,245	1170	276	5,539	250	6,949	688,194
01-26 Aug	19,067	43,672	6,861	39,318	108,918	80	4	0	0	84	109,002
27 Aug- 02 Sep	1,508	13,103	3,848	16,441	34,900	0	0	139	0	139	35,039
03-09 Sep	2,958	7,233	2,200	21,502	33,893	17	0	228	230	475	34,368
Total	259,380	232,724	87,699	275,813	858,956	1,267	280	5,906	480	7,933	866,889

Total Number of Assisted Returnees in 2021

Date	Iran				Total Iran	Pakistan				Total Pakistan	Overall Assisted
	Herat		Nimroz			Turkham		Kandahar			
	Spont	Deport	Spont	Deport		Spont	Deport	Spont	Deport		
1 Jan - 31 July	1,696	12,141	971	13,834	28,642	1,167	244	5109	210	6,730	35,372
01-26 Aug	0	0	20	1,588	1,608	74	4	0	0	78	1,686
27 Aug- 02 Sep	0	0	2	1,282	1,284	0	0	0	0	0	1,284
03-09 Sep	4	172	7	1,364	1,547	17	0	183	0	200	1,747
Total	1,700	12,313	1,000	18,069	33,081	1,258	248	5,292	210	7,008	40,089

Return of Undocumented Afghans from Iran - 2019 - 2021



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