



Due to recent unstable situation across the country, the flow of migration has increased. Most families and unaccompanied migrant children are trying to escape the country through the Milak border of Nimruz province. ©IOM/Aug 2021.

2021 Highlights

737,039 total returns from Iran and Pakistan since 01 January 2021

730,012 total returns from Iran in 2021. Over the past week **28,040** undocumented Afghans returned from Iran with **0%** assisted. **The operation is temporary suspended at Islam Qala and Milak borders.**

7,027 total returns from Pakistan in 2021. Over the past week **49** undocumented Afghans returned from Pakistan with **100%** or **49** individuals assisted (**23** men and **26** women)

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

Migration Health

In 2021, 209,263 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 WHO, Germany, CERF, US BPRM and the Afghanistan Humanitarian Fund.

During the past week a total of 1,623 patients were served by IOM's 7 mobile health teams, inclusive of 775 outpatient consultations, health education sessions for 1,623 persons and psychosocial counselling sessions for 38 patients.

Under the Global Fund multi-country TB grant in partnership with UNDP, a total of 3,022 undocumented Afghans were screened for tuberculosis at the Zero Point Reception Centers in Herat, Nimroz, Kandahar and Nangarhar. Of the total screened, 33 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 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 resort to negative coping mechanisms when referral pathways are exhausted. The Protection team caseload this week included case management assessments for 31 new PSN households (42 women, 43 men, 77 girls, 86 boys) in Nangarhar, Kabul, Ghor, Balkh, Badakhshan, and Faryab. These cases included 17 children at risk, 8 persons with serious medical conditions, 3 women at risk, 2 persons with disabilities, and 2 older persons at risk.

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Return from Iran and Pakistan

28,040 Afghans returned from Iran through the Nimroz (Milak) and Herat (Islam Qala) borders between 06-12 Aug 2021. 7,311 persons returned voluntarily, and 20,729 were deported. Since 01 January 2021, the total number of undocumented returnees from Iran is 730,012 individuals. Recent fighting has seen a temporary suspension of assistance at Islam Qala since the end of July and Milak borders since 6th of Aug 2021.

7,027 undocumented Afghans have returned from Pakistan since 01 January 2021. Over the past week, 49 undocumented Afghans returned from Pakistan through the Turkham (49 returnees). Recent fighting has seen a temporary suspension of assistance at Spin Boldak since 05 July 2021 and at the Turkham border since 15th Aug 2021.

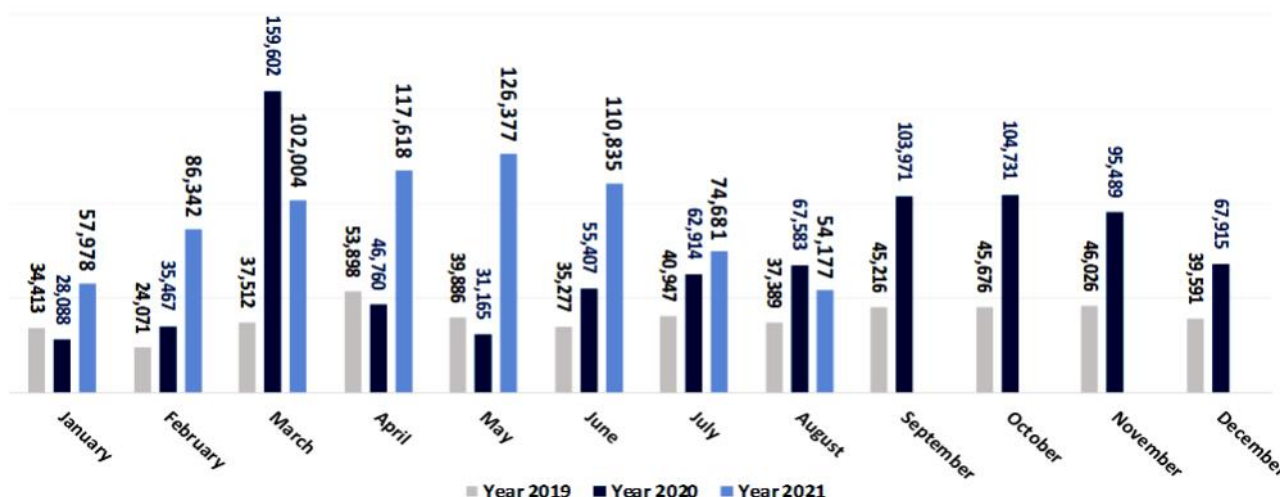
Total Number of Undocumented Returnees in 2021

Date	Iran				Total Iran	Pakistan				Total Pakistan	Overall Return
	Herat		Nimroz			Turkham		Kandahar			
	Spont	Deport	Spont	Deport		Spont	Deport	Spont	Deport		
1 Jan -30 June	211,821	148,993	65,713	174,627	601,154	1022	276	5237	250	6,785	607,939
01-29 July	22,231	19,448	8,084	21,574	71,337	133	0	16	0	149	71,486
30 July-05 Aug	4,868	9,159	3,449	12,005	29,481	40	4	0	0	44	29,525
06-12 Aug	5,793	8,218	1,518	12,511	28,040	49	0	0	0	49	28,089
Total	244,713	185,818	78,764	220,717	730,012	1,244	280	5,253	250	7,027	737,039

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 -30 June	1,581	10,351	878	12,419	25,229	1,019	244	5093	210	6,566	31,795
01-29 July	115	1,790	93	1,340	3,338	133	0	16	0	149	3,487
30 July-05 Aug	0	0	20	632	652	40	4	0	0	44	696
06-12 Aug	0	0	0	0	0	49	0	0	0	49	49
Total	1,696	12,141	991	14,391	29,219	1,241	248	5,109	210	6,808	36,027

Return of Undocumented Afghans from Iran - 2019 - 2021



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