



IOM's mobile health teams continue to provide basic health services inclusive of child and maternal care within displacement areas across Kandahar province. Unfortunately, without new funding receipts, half of IOM's field level health teams will close in June 2021. ©IOM, April 2021.

Return from Iran

According to the Border Monitoring Team of the Directorate of Refugees and Repatriation (DoRR), a total of **26,492** Afghans returned from Iran through the Nimroz (Milak) and Herat (Islam Qala) borders between 16-22 April 2021. **11,460** persons returned voluntarily and **15,032** were deported. This represents a **17%** decrease in the total number of returns from the previous week. Since 01 January 2021, the total number of undocumented returnees from Iran is **341,086** individuals. IOM provided post-arrival humanitarian assistance to **737 (3%)** undocumented Afghans at the IOM Transit Centers in Herat and Nimroz during the past week.

Cross Border Response Funding Needs 2021

Against a funding request of **USD 29.7M** in 2021 to serve an estimated return caseload of **654,000 Afghan migrants**—a figure which is likely to be exceeded given present return trends—**IOM has only received 5% of its requirement.** Without additional support humanitarian operations at border level transit centers face suspension in July with week on week assistance levels already extremely constrained despite humanitarian needs.

COVID-19 Programming Update

IOM is actively supporting the Ministry of Public Health (MoPH) and WHO in provision of [COVID-19 response interventions](#). On 25 March, IOM launched its new 2021 global COVID-19 appeal—the Strategic Response and Recovery Plan. IOM Afghanistan is seeking 17m USD in 2021 to continue response efforts. More information is available [here](#). Activities include training for frontline health workers, deployment of staff to areas of need including health facilities and cross border surveillance, material support of PPE/equipment, ambulance based referral services and community level awareness raising efforts including within Displacement Tracking Matrix focus group discussions in over 12,600 settlements across 34 provinces.

2021 Highlights

345,366 total returns from Iran and Pakistan since 01 January 2021

341,086 total returns from Iran in 2021

4,280 total returns from Pakistan in 2021

Over the past week **26,492** undocumented Afghans returned from Iran with **3%** of returnees from Iran (**737** individuals) assisted

Over the past week **85** undocumented Afghans returned from Pakistan with **99%** of returnees from Pakistan (**84** individuals) assisted

IOM Thematic Support

Migration Health:

In 2021, **156,028** 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 DG ECHO, and CERF.

During the past week a total of **3,848** patients were served by IOM's 7 mobile health teams, inclusive of **3,422** outpatient consultations, health education sessions for **3,848** persons and psychosocial counselling sessions for **788** patients.

Under the Global Fund multi-country TB grant in partnership with UNDP, a total of **10,032** undocumented Afghans were screened for tuberculosis at the Zero Point Reception Centres in Herat, Nimroz, Kandahar and Nangarhar. Of the total screened, **311** presumptive TB cases were identified and **3** persons were confirmed positive.

Protection:

IOM's Protection programme has supported 1,150 undocumented returnee households with 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 assistance including cash to mitigate identified protection risks and avoid resorting to negative coping mechanisms when referral pathways are exhausted.

With screening staff at the Herat and Nimroz border points and case workers in 12 provinces of return, the Protection team caseload this week included case management assessments for 97 new PSN households in Nimroz, Kunduz, Takhar, Balkh, Nangarhar, Ghor, Herat, Sar-e-Pul, Kabul, Faryab, and Badakhshan. These cases included 21 children at risk, 10 persons with disabilities, 9 women at risk, 8 persons with serious medical conditions, 6 single parents, and 2 separated or unaccompanied children. 499 PSN individuals (and their households) were identified at Milak and Islam Qala border points by Protection screeners in coordination with DoRR. 17 undocumented returnee households (40 individuals) received Post-arrival assistance (e.g. mobile phones, family tracing, and transportation) and 24 PSN cases received cash assistance. Case management assessments were conducted for 97 cases.

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Return from Pakistan

According to the Directorate of Refugees and Repatriation (DoRR), **4,280** undocumented Afghans have returned from Pakistan since 01 January 2021. Over the past week **85** undocumented Afghans returned from Pakistan through the Torkham (**18** returnees and **19** deportees) and Spin Boldak (**48** returnees) borders.

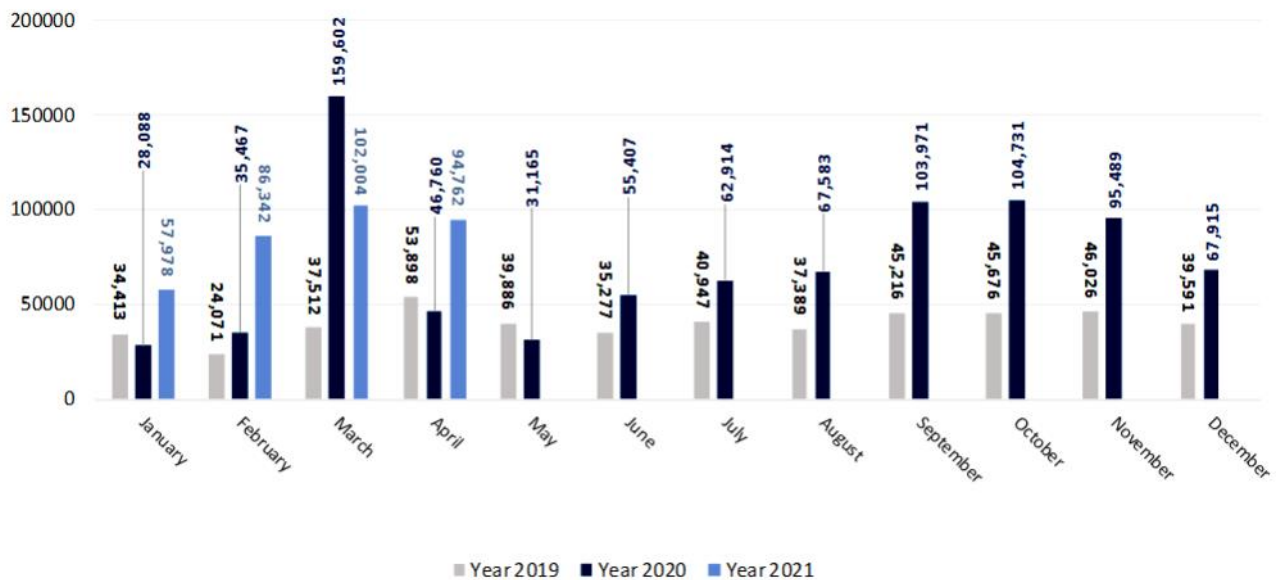
Total Number of Undocumented Returnees in 2021

Date	Iran				Total Iran	Pakistan				Total Pakistan	Overall Return
	Herat		Nimroz			Torkham		Kandahar			
	Spont	Deport	Spont	Deport		Spont	Deport	Spont	Deport		
1 Jan-31 March	76,857	60,246	32,859	76,362	246,324	1663	132	1320	165	3280	249,604
01-08 April	10,532	7,295	4,702	13,908	36,437	88	5	484	0	577	37,014
09-15 April	11,149	6,034	2,798	11,852	31,833	70	10	199	59	338	32,171
16-22 April	9,723	7,082	1,737	7,950	26,492	18	19	48	0	85	26,577
Total	108,261	80,657	42,096	110,072	341,086	1,839	166	2,051	224	4,280	345,366

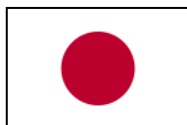
Total Number of Assisted Returnees in 2021

Date	Iran				Total Iran	Pakistan				Total Pakistan	Overall Assisted
	Herat		Nimroz			Torkham		Kandahar			
	Spont	Deport	Spont	Deport		Spont	Deport	Spont	Deport		
1 Jan-31 March	902	4,849	638	7,250	13,639	247	160	2606	99	3112	16,751
01-08 April	130	714	40	942	1,826	88	5	471	0	564	2,390
09-15 April	83	597	5	559	1,244	60	10	199	58	327	1,571
16-22 April	38	397	11	291	737	18	18	48	0	84	821
Total	1,153	6,557	694	9,042	17,446	413	193	3,324	157	4,087	21,533

Return of Undocumented Afghans from Iran - 2019 - 2021



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