



*An increasing number of migrants were deported from Iran through the Islam Qala border crossing point in Herat province this week, due to a high level of insecurity and fighting around other border crossing points with Iran. ©IOM/July 2021.*

## 2021 Highlights

**679,425** total returns from Iran and Pakistan since 01 January 2021

**672,491** total returns from Iran in 2021. Over the past week **20,432** undocumented Afghans returned from Iran with **3%** or **665** individuals assisted (**475** men and **190** women)

**6,934** total returns from Pakistan in 2021. Over the past week **19** undocumented Afghans returned from Pakistan with **100%** or **19** individuals assisted (**10** 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.

## Migration Health

In 2021, 203,875 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 2,514 patients were served by IOM's 7 mobile health teams, inclusive of 2,375 outpatient consultations, health education sessions for 2,514 persons and psychosocial counselling sessions for 81 patients.

Under the Global Fund multi-country TB grant in partnership with UNDP, a total of 5,665 undocumented Afghans were screened for tuberculosis at the Zero Point Reception Centers in Herat, Nimroz, Kandahar and Nangarhar. Of the total screened, 165 presumptive TB cases were identified and 1 were detected cases.

## Protection

IOM's Protection programme has supported supported 2,067 undocumented returnee households (2,767 women, 2,583 men, 4,263 girls and 4,854 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 54 new PSN households (85 women, 66 men, 114 girls, 106 boys) in Balkh, Sar-e-Pul, Herat, Ghor, Kabul, Badakhshan, and Nimroz. These cases included 21 persons with serious medical condition, 16 children at risk, 8 women at risk, 5 older persons at risk, 3 single parents. 15 undocumented returnee households (10 women, 15 men, 12 girls, 10 boys) received Post-arrival support services (e.g. provision of mobile phones, family tracing, and transportation) and case management assessments were conducted for all 54 cases.

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**Return from Iran and Pakistan**

According to the Directorate of Refugees and Repatriation (DoRR), **20,432** Afghans returned from Iran through the Nimroz (Milak) and Herat (Islam Qala) borders between 23-29 July 2021. **8,787** persons returned voluntarily and **11,645** were deported. Since 01 January 2021, the total number of undocumented returnees from Iran is **672,491** individuals.

**6,934** undocumented Afghans have returned from Pakistan since 01 January 2021. Over the past week **19** undocumented Afghans returned from Pakistan through the Torkham (**19** returnees). Recent fighting has seen a temporary suspension of assistance at Spin Boldak since 05 July 2021.

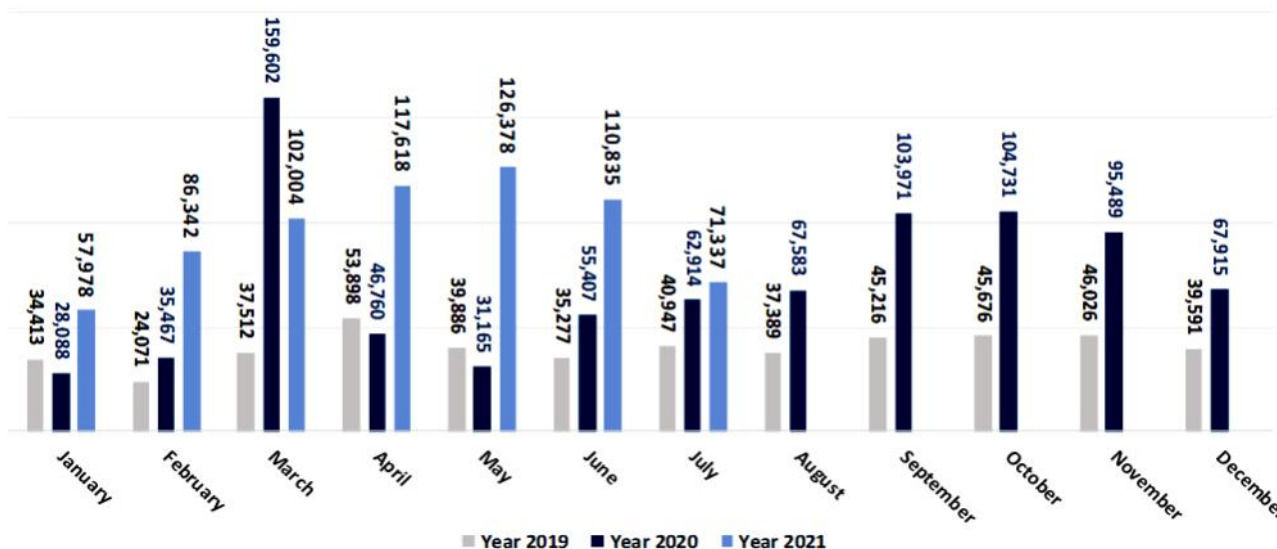
**Total Number of Undocumented Returnees in 2021**

Date	Iran				Total Iran	Pakistan				Total Pakistan	Overall Return
	Herat		Nimroz			Torkham		Kandahar			
	Spont	Deport	Spont	Deport		Spont	Deport	Spont	Deport		
1 Jan -30 June	211,821	148,993	65,713	174,627	601,154	1022	276	5237	250	6,785	607,939
01-08 July	5,564	6,099	2,592	5,723	19,978	45	0	16	0	61	20,039
09-22 July	9,401	8,526	3,971	9,029	30,927	69	0	0	0	69	30,996
23-29 July	7,266	4,823	1,521	6,822	20,432	19	0	0	0	19	20,451
<b>Total</b>	<b>234,052</b>	<b>168,441</b>	<b>73,797</b>	<b>196,201</b>	<b>672,491</b>	<b>1,155</b>	<b>276</b>	<b>5,253</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>6,934</b>	<b>679,425</b>

**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 -30 June	1,581	10,351	878	12,419	25,229	1,019	244	5,093	210	6,566	31,795
01-08 July	30	658	22	364	1,074	45	0	16	0	61	1,135
09-22 July	69	652	60	818	1,599	69	0	0	0	69	1,668
23-29 July	16	480	11	158	665	19	0	0	0	19	684
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,696</b>	<b>12,141</b>	<b>971</b>	<b>13,759</b>	<b>28,567</b>	<b>1,152</b>	<b>244</b>	<b>5,109</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>6,715</b>	<b>35,282</b>

**Return of Undocumented Afghans from Iran - 2019 - 2021**



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