**RETURN OF UNDOCUMENTED AFGHANS**

**WEEKLY SITUATION REPORT**

**25 JUNE – 01 JULY 2021**

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**Migration Health**

In 2021, 193,590 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 3,880 patients were served by IOM’s 7 mobile health teams, inclusive of 2,564 outpatient consultations, health education sessions for 3,880 persons and psychosocial counselling sessions for 102 patients.

Under the Global Fund multi-country TB grant in partnership with UNDP, a total of 9,254 undocumented Afghans were screened for tuberculosis at the Zero Point Reception Centers in Herat, Nimroz, Kandahar and Nangarhar. Of the total screened, 208 presumptive TB cases were identified.

**Protection**

IOM’s Protection programme has supported supported 1,828 undocumented returnee households (2,417 women, 2,289 men, 3,755 girls and 4,277 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 40 new PSN households (49 women, 46 men, 83 girls, 100 boys) in Nimroz, Nangarhar, Ghor, Herat, Balkh, Sar-e-Pul, Takhar, and Badakhshan. These cases included 15 children at risk, 14 women at risk, 9 persons with serious medical conditions, 5 older persons at risk, 4 persons with disabilities, and 1 single parent. 128 PSN individuals (and their households) were identified at Milak and Islam Qala border points by Protection screeners in coordination with DoRR. 32 undocumented returnee households ((12 women, 29 men, 18 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 40 cases.

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According to the Border Monitoring Team of the Directorate of Refugees and Repatriation (DoRR), 19,927 Afghans returned from Iran through the Nimroz (Milak) and Herat (Islam Qala) borders between 25 June - 01 July 2021. 7,564 persons returned voluntarily and 12,363 were deported. Since 01 January 2021, the total number of undocumented returnees from Iran is 604,176 individuals - a 67% increase over the same period in 2020.

Return from Pakistan

6,824 undocumented Afghans have returned from Pakistan since 01 January 2021. Over the past week 301 undocumented Afghans returned from Pakistan through the Torkham (88 returnees & 2 deportees) and Spin Boldak (211 returnees) borders.

Total Number of Undocumented Returnees in 2021

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<td>29,631</td>
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IOM Afghanistan wishes to express its thanks and appreciation to the below donor partners whose generous support has allowed IOM to assist a total of 31,992 Afghan returnees in 2021.