



Farhad, 3, checks on his little sister Mariam who is just a few months old. During the day, her mother keeps her outside in the sun, wrapped in blankets, for warmth. Their house does not have heating @ Eva Schwoerer, IOM 2017

November Highlights

3,436 undocumented Afghans returned from Pakistan in the month of November 2017

55,114 undocumented Afghans returned from Iran in the month of November 2017

86% of returnees from Pakistan (2,947 individuals) assisted in the month of November 2017

5% of returnees from Iran (2,873 individuals) assisted in the month of November 2017

672 Unaccompanied Migrant Children (UMC) from Iran among those assisted, 2 from Pakistan in the month of November 2017

374 Medical Cases (MC) from Iran among those assisted, 0 from Pakistan in the month of November 2017

Return from Pakistan

A total of **3,436** undocumented Afghans spontaneously returned or were deported from Pakistan through the Turkham (Nangarhar) and Spin Boldak (Kandahar) border crossings during November 2017, according to the Border Monitoring Team of the Directorate of Refugees and Repatriation (DoRR). Of the total returnees, 3,078 were spontaneous returnees and 358 were deported. This number marks a **23% decrease** compared to the previous month (4,694). The total number of undocumented Afghan returnees from Pakistan since 01 January 2017 is now 96,204. IOM provided post-arrival assistance to **86%** of undocumented Afghan returnees from Pakistan (2,947 individuals), including 2,124 individuals in poor families and 761 individuals in single parent families, 57 individuals as special cases (SC) and 2 unaccompanied migrant children (UMC). The assistance provided includes meals, accommodation, basic medical screening, Non-Food Items (NFIs), onward transportation cash grants and referral services, as well as support from partners.

IOM Winter Assistance

With the generous contribution of the Czech Republic, IOM began household level winterization assessments in partnership with the Directorate for Refugees and Repatriation (DoRR) on 06 November for several hundred returnee families from Pakistan in four provinces of high return to identify those families who are most vulnerable to harsh winter conditions. In total, IOM will distribute 510 winter support packages to 510 families (300 in Nangarhar, 100 in Kabul, 50 in Laghman and 60 in Kunar). Each winter package consists of a family sized tent (7 persons) and Tarpaulins, blankets, a gas heater, and 60 USD cash for fuel for 3 months.

Thus far, IOM staff have completed the assessment of 270 pre-identified vulnerable families in Kabul, 50 families in Laghman, and 60 families in Kunar. In Nangarhar, IOM has thus far assessed 180 families and assessments are on-going.

Situation Overview

IOM is responding to a substantial increase in the return of undocumented Afghans from Pakistan and Iran. Since 01 January 2017, over 506,000 undocumented Afghans have returned due to diverse push factors, including deteriorating protection space in Pakistan and Iran. This figure represents a significantly lower rate of return than in previous year. Most of those returning have lived outside of Afghanistan for decades, and will need support from the government and humanitarian actors both on arrival and as they seek to reintegrate. As the rate of return is influenced by a number of political, security and other related factors both in Afghanistan and neighboring countries, another surge in returns could occur at any time. IOM estimates that approximately 553,084 undocumented Afghans could return from Pakistan and Iran in 2017, and is working to scale up its support to returnees in coordination with the Government of Afghanistan and other humanitarian partners.

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Return from Iran

A total of **55,114** undocumented Afghans spontaneously returned or were deported from Iran through the Milak (Nimroz) and Herat (Islam Qala) border crossings during November 2017, **11% less** than in the previous month. Although no official announcement has been made, spontaneous returns and deportations have resumed again through Islam Qala (Herat) since 07 September 2017. Of the total deported undocumented Afghans, 7,911 individuals were deported through Islam Qala (Herat) and 18,027 were deported through Milak (Nimroz). Of those who spontaneously returned, 19,298 returned through Islam Qala (Herat) and 9,878 through Milak (Nimroz). Out of the total deportees, 1,711 individuals (7%) were deported with family members whereas 24,227 (93%) were deported as individuals. This brings the total number of undocumented returnees from Iran since 01 January 2017 to 410,790. IOM provided post-arrival humanitarian assistance to **2,873 (5%)** undocumented Afghans deported from Iran at its Transit Centers in Nimroz and Herat, including 1,145 individuals in Deported Families (DF), 672 Unaccompanied Migrant Children (UMC), 374 Medical Cases (MC), 300 Special Cases (SC), 160 Poor Family (PF), 81 Unaccompanied Elderly (UAE), 82 Physically Disabled (PD), 29 Drug Addicted (DA), 11 Single Females (SF), 12 Chronically Ill (CI), 4 Single Parents (SP) and 3 Mentally Ill (MI).

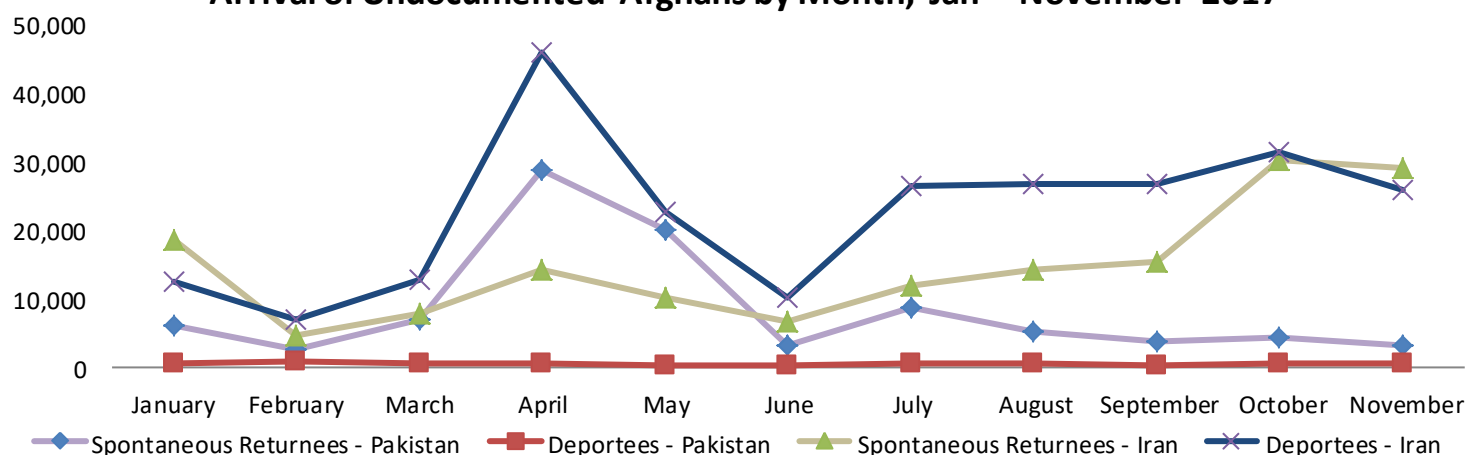
Number of Undocumented Returnees in 2017 (Turkham, Spin Boldak, Islam Qala and Milak)

Date	Spontaneous Returnees				Deportees				Total Pakistan	Total Iran	Grand Total
	Turkham	Spin Boldak	Herat	Nimroz	Turkham	Spin Boldak	Herat	Nimroz			
January - August 17	54,160	26,930	17,175	70,582	2,194	880	7,505	156,501	84,164	251,763	335,927
Sep-17	2,021	1,682	3,740	11,692	86	121	1,256	25,478	3,910	42,166	46,076
Oct-17	2,285	2,096	20,496	9,736	106	207	11,038	20,477	4,694	61,747	66,441
Nov-17	1,364	1,714	19,298	9,878	110	248	7,911	18,027	3,436	55,114	58,550
Total	59,830	32,422	60,709	101,888	2,496	1,456	27,710	220,483	96,204	410,790	506,994

IOM Assisted Undocumented Afghans in 2017 (Turkham, Spin Boldak, Islam Qala and Milak)

Date	Spontaneous Returnees				Deportees				Total Pakistan	Total Iran	Grand Total
	Turkham	Spin Boldak	Herat	Nimroz	Turkham	Spin Boldak	Herat	Nimroz			
January - August 17	51,528	19,335	135	544	480	506	667	9,816	71,849	11,162	83,011
Sep-17	2,005	1,523	38	25	10	41	277	2,512	3,579	2,852	6,431
Oct-17	2,279	1,827	49	36	12	67	1,311	2,627	4,185	4,023	8,208
Nov-17	1,364	1,521	85	95	49	13	679	2,014	2,947	2,873	5,820
Total	57,176	24,206	307	700	551	627	2,934	16,969	82,560	20,910	103,470

Arrival of Undocumented Afghans by Month, Jan - November 2017





Marjan and two of her three sons in front of their family's home in Kabul. Her husband died when her oldest son was just a baby. The family is struggling to cope with Afghanistan's harsh winter conditions as the only breadwinner of the family, her oldest son Ahmad, a fruit juice maker in Kabul's Shahr-e Naw, barely makes enough to cover their food expenses.

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Annex 1: Breakdown of Assistance Provided at all Border Crossings Points (BCP), November 2017

Categories	Turkham	Spin Boldak	Islam Qala	Milak	Total
Non-Food Item (NFI) Kits	267	285	84	196	832
Medical Care	410	192	75	364	1,041
Tuberculosis Screening	1,413	1,534	764	1,559	5,270
Overnight Accommodation	49	436	764	2,045	3,294
Total	2,139	2,447	1,687	4,164	10,437

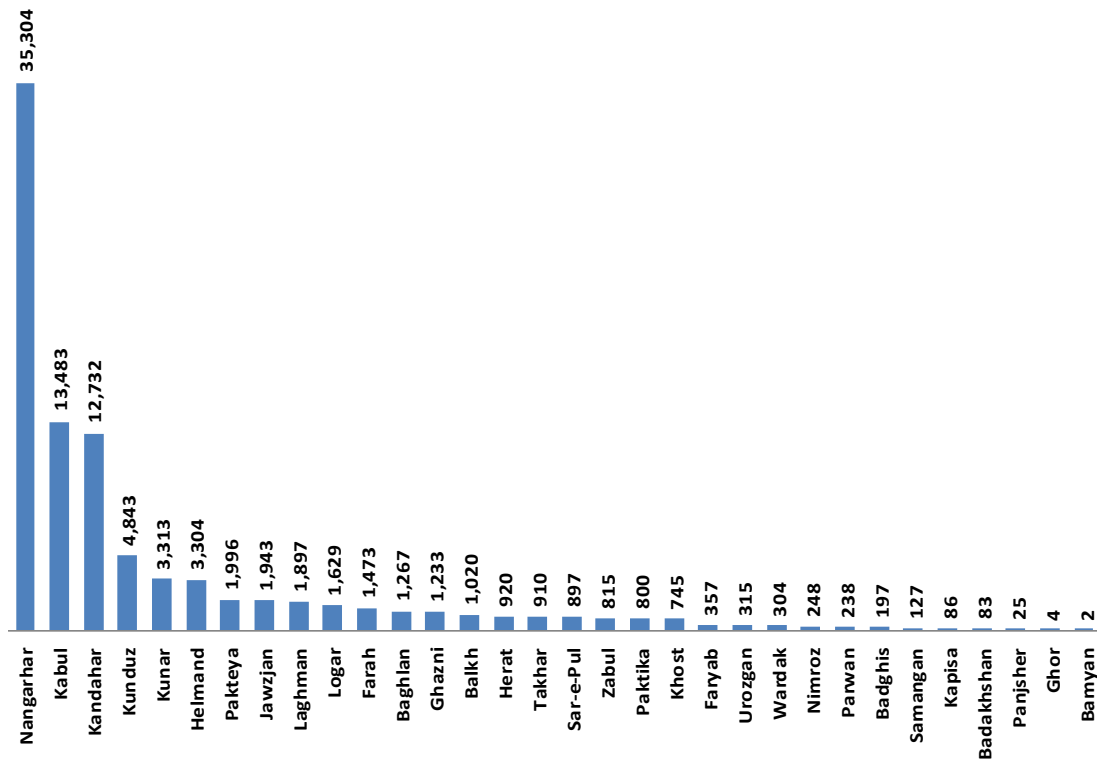
Annex 2: Detailed Breakdown of Assistance Provided by IOM and its Partners at Islam Qala BCP, November 2017

Organization	Location	Type of Assistance	Families Assisted	Total Individual Assisted	Male	Female	Boys	Girls
IOM	Registration Centre	Registration	84	764	287	80	326	71
IOM	Transit Centre	Food Package	84	764	287	80	326	71
IOM	Transit Centre	Transportation	84	764	287	80	326	71
IOM	Transit Centre	Medical Services	30	250	161	29	50	10
IOM	Transit Centre	Referrals	1	0	0	5	235	0
WFP	Transit Center	Food Package	84	0	0	0	0	0
BDN	Transit Centre	Referral Medical case	9	30	10	15	5	0
ICRC	Transit Centre	Medical Services	0	6	6	0	0	0
Herat Regional hospital	Transit Centre	Medical Services	0	4	3	0	1	0
Private clinic	Transit Centre	Medical Services	7	10	4	4	1	1
PRM	Herat Province	Phone call	15	45	25	5	0	0
PRM	Herat Province	Field Visit	0	0	0	0	0	0

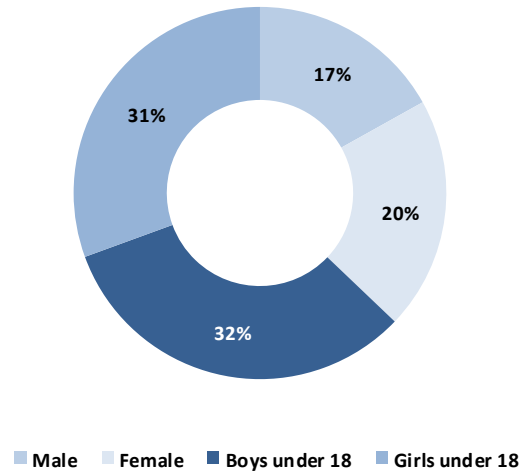
Annex 3: Detailed Breakdown of Assistance Provided by IOM and its Partners at Turkham BCP, November 2017

Organization	Location	Type of Assistance	Families Assisted	Total Individual Assisted	Male	Female	Boys	Girls
IOM	Transit Centre	BSAF Registration	268	1,413	306	303	398	406
IOM	Transit Centre	IOM Beneficiary Card	268	1,413	306	303	398	406
	Transit Centre	Overnight Accommodation	1	49	46	1	2	0
	Transit Centre	Medical Screening	167	410	48	139	108	115
	Transit Centre	TB Screening	268	1,413	306	303	398	406
	Transit Centre	Non Food Item (NFI)	267	1,364	260	302	396	406
	IOM	Transit Centre	Unconditional Cash for NFI	0	0	0	0	0
Transit Centre		Cash for Transportation (\$ 25-\$50)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Transit Center		Food Package	267	1,364	260	302	396	406
Transit Center		Medical Services	167	410	48	139	108	115
Transit Center		OPV Vaccination for children (>10 years)	0	0	0	0	0	0
WHO	Transit Center	OPV Vaccination for children (<10 years)	0	0	0	0	0	0
WHO	Transit Center	IPV Vaccination for children (<10 years)	0	211	0	0	95	116
	Transit Center	Measles Vaccination for children (<10 years)	0	186	0	0	87	99
UNICEF	Transit Center	Hygiene Kits	267	1,364	260	302	396	406
	Transit Center	Family Kit	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Transit Center	Hygiene Awareness Training	267	1,364	260	302	396	406
	Transit Center	Child Friendly Space	0	578	0	0	295	283
UNICEF	Transit Center	Nutrition services for children 6-59 months, and pregnant women and lactating mothers	0	0	0	0	0	0
UNICEF	Transit Center	Vitamin A 12-59 months	0	0	0	0	0	0
UNICEF	Transit Center	Albendazol 24-59 months	0	0	0	0	0	0
UNFPA	Transit Center	Dignity kits	0	0	0	0	0	0
AADA/UNFPA	Zero Point	Medical Services	0	1356	436	358	294	268
AADA/UNFPA	Zero Point	OPV Vaccination for children (<10 years)	0	907	0	0	0	0
AADA/UNFPA	Zero Point	OPV Vaccination for children (>10 years)	0	0	0	0	0	0
AADA/UNFPA	Zero Point	IPV Vaccination for children (<10 years)	0	727	0	0	363	364
AADA/UNFPA	Zero Point	Measles Vaccination for children (<10 years)	0	696	0	0	351	345
AADA/UNFPA	Zero Point	HIV/AIDS Awareness	0	972	537	124	199	112
AADA/UNICEF	Zero Point	Nutrition services for children (6-59 months), pregnant women and lactating mothers	0	961	0	237	366	358
AADA/UNICEF	Zero Point	Vitamin A 12-59 months	0	591	0	0	297	294
AADA/UNICEF	Zero Point	Albendazol 24-59 months	0	451	0	0	234	217
DDG/ DRC	Transit Center	Mine Risk Education	0	949	178	223	265	283

Annex 4: Breakdown of Provinces of Final Destination of Undocumented Afghans from Pakistan Jan—Nov 2017



Annex 5: Gender Breakdown of Undocumented Afghans from Pakistan January—November 2017



We have assisted more than 103,000 undocumented Afghans returning from Iran and Pakistan between 01 January 2017 and 30 November 2017 thanks to the dedication of our staff and the generosity of our donors.

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