



Returning documented Afghan females receive Mine Risk Education awareness sessions from DRC-DDG at IOM's Spin Boldak Reception Center in Kandahar province. @IOM 2020

Highlights

38,289 total returns from Iran and Pakistan since 01 January 2020

37,438 total returns from Iran

851 total returns from Pakistan

8,373 undocumented Afghans returned from Iran with **14%** of returnees from Iran (**1,165** individuals) assisted

172 undocumented Afghans returned from Pakistan with **70%** of returnees from Pakistan (**121** individuals) assisted

Return from Iran

According to the Border Monitoring Team of the Directorate of Refugees and Repatriation (DoRR), a total of **8,373** undocumented Afghans spontaneously returned or were deported from Iran through the Milak (Nimroz) and Herat (Islam Qala) border crossings between 02-08 Feb 2020, a **36%** decrease from the previous week (**6,150**). **3,745** persons returned voluntarily and **4,628** were deported. Since 01 January 2020, the total number of undocumented returnees from Iran is **37,438** individuals. IOM provided post-arrival humanitarian assistance to **1,165 (14%)** undocumented Afghans at its Transit Centers, including **101** Unaccompanied Migrant Children, **46** Medical Cases, **40** members of Single Parent Families, **13** Physically Disabled persons, **11** Unaccompanied Elderly persons, **320** members of deported families, **1** persons with substance abuse concerns, **3** single female and **609** members of poor families.

IOM Thematic Support

Protection

The Protection Unit completed case management assessments for 129 PSN cases in Ghor, Herat, Balkh, Faryab, Kunduz, Nimroz, Takhar, Sar-e Pul, Kandahar, Kabul, and Ghazni provinces, including 46 special cases, 37 Unaccompanied Migrant Children, 26 poor families, 11 deported families, and 9 female-headed households. In addition, 40 poor families, 17 female-headed households, 8 deported families, and 2 cases with substance abuse concerns received protection assistance in Nangarhar.

Migration Health

A total of **2,873** undocumented Afghans were screened for tuberculosis in IOM Transit Centers. Of the total screened, **932** persons were screened from OPD consultation, **16** persons were identified to be presumptive TB cases, **3** number of presumptive TB cases are tested for sputum and referred for additional diagnostic/treatment services.

Funding Situation Overview

As of February, IOM's Cross Border Return Programme has received funding contributions in 2019 from the Governments of the United Kingdom, the Netherlands, Switzerland, Norway's Ministry of Justice and Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and CERF which carry over into 2020. Additional thematic funding was received from ECHO for Protection programming and the Global Fund, DFID and CERF for Migration Health. In 2020, IOM is seeking 15 M USD in new funding to continue its ongoing humanitarian cross border response activities.

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Return from Pakistan

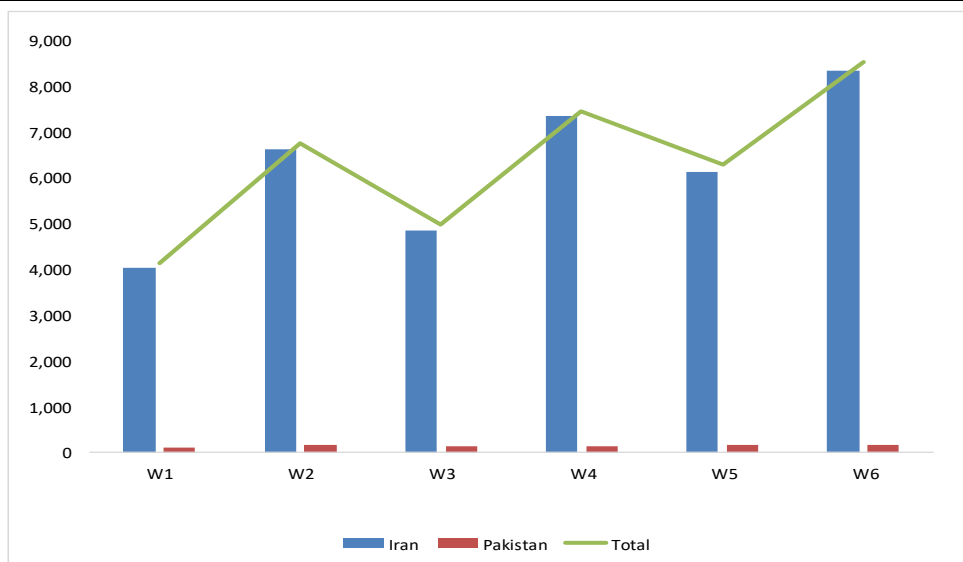
According to the Border Monitoring Team of the Directorate of Refugees and Repatriation (DoRR), a total of **172** undocumented Afghans spontaneously returned from Pakistan between 02-08 Feb 2020, an **8%** increase compared to the previous week 26 Jan– 01 Feb 2020 (**159**). Returns from Pakistan typically remain low until after Persian New Year in late March. The total number of undocumented Afghan returnees from Pakistan from 01 Jan 2020 is now **851**. IOM provided post-arrival assistance to **121 (70%)** of all undocumented returnees from Pakistan over the past week.

Number of Undocumented Returnees in 2020

| Date | Iran | | | | Total Iran | Pakistan | | | | Total Pakistan | Overall Return |
|---------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|------------|-----------|------------|----------|----------------|----------------|
| | Herat | | Nimroz | | | Turkham | | Kandahar | | | |
| | Spont | Deport | Spont | Deport | | Spont | Deport | Spont | Deport | | |
| 01 - 04 Jan 2020 | 759 | 881 | 768 | 1,639 | 4,047 | 46 | 0 | 67 | 0 | 113 | 4,160 |
| 05 - 11 Jan 2020 | 1,867 | 1,309 | 1,182 | 2,283 | 6,641 | 29 | 0 | 119 | 0 | 148 | 6,789 |
| 12 - 18 Jan 2020 | 900 | 669 | 1,013 | 2,280 | 4,862 | 66 | 9 | 61 | 0 | 136 | 4,998 |
| 19 - 25 Jan 2020 | 1,981 | 849 | 1,697 | 2,838 | 7,365 | 37 | 0 | 86 | 0 | 123 | 7,488 |
| 26 Jan- 01 Feb 2020 | 1,594 | 1,176 | 1,308 | 2,072 | 6,150 | 42 | 5 | 112 | 0 | 159 | 6,309 |
| 02-08 Feb 2020 | 2,263 | 1,915 | 1,482 | 2,713 | 8,373 | 41 | 0 | 131 | 0 | 172 | 8,545 |
| Total | 9,364 | 6,799 | 7,450 | 13,825 | 37,438 | 261 | 14 | 576 | 0 | 851 | 38,289 |

Number of Assisted Returnees in 2020

| Date | Iran | | | | Total Iran | Pakistan | | | | Total Pakistan | Overall Assisted |
|---------------------|------------|--------------|-----------|--------------|--------------|------------|-----------|------------|----------|----------------|------------------|
| | Herat | | Nimroz | | | Turkham | | Kandahar | | | |
| | Spont | Deport | Spont | Deport | | Spont | Deport | Spont | Deport | | |
| 01 - 04 Jan 2020 | 14 | 85 | 0 | 90 | 189 | 46 | 0 | 67 | 0 | 113 | 302 |
| 05 - 11 Jan 2020 | 40 | 236 | 6 | 205 | 487 | 29 | 0 | 95 | 0 | 124 | 611 |
| 12 - 18 Jan 2020 | 4 | 189 | 0 | 245 | 438 | 66 | 8 | 54 | 0 | 128 | 566 |
| 19 - 25 Jan 2020 | 61 | 491 | 17 | 387 | 956 | 37 | 0 | 86 | 0 | 123 | 1,079 |
| 26 Jan- 01 Feb 2020 | 62 | 301 | 11 | 210 | 584 | 42 | 5 | 103 | 0 | 150 | 734 |
| 02-08 Feb 2020 | 31 | 761 | 25 | 348 | 1,165 | 41 | 0 | 80 | 0 | 121 | 1,286 |
| Total | 212 | 2,063 | 59 | 1,485 | 3,819 | 261 | 13 | 485 | 0 | 759 | 4,578 |



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