



Afghan returnees received assistance at Nangarhar Transit Center © IOM

Highlights

175,491 total returns from Iran and Pakistan since 01 Jan 2019

166,230 total returns from Iran since 01 Jan 2019

9,261 total returns from Pakistan since 01 Jan 2019

8,978 undocumented Afghans returned from Iran

732 undocumented Afghans returned from Pakistan

7% of returnees from Iran (639 individuals) assisted

44% of returnees from Pakistan (192 individuals) assisted

Return from Iran

According to the Border Monitoring Team of the Directorate of Refugees and Repatriation (DoRR), a total of **8,978** undocumented Afghans spontaneously returned or were deported from Iran through the Milak (Nimroz) and Herat (Islam Qala) border crossings between 04 to 11 May 2019, **30%** less than in the previous week (12,779). **3,611** returned voluntarily, **5,367** were deported. This brings the total number of undocumented returnees from Iran since 01 January 2019 to 175,491. IOM provided post-arrival humanitarian assistance to 636 (7%) undocumented Afghans deported from Iran at its Transit Centers in Nimroz and Herat, including 87 Unaccompanied Migrant Children, 46 Medical Cases, 70 members of Single Parent Families, 14 Physically Disabled, 59 Special Cases, 21 Unaccompanied Elderly, 26 Drug Addicted, 45 members of a Poor Family, 3 Single Females and 264 members of Deported Families.

Protection Assistance for Returnees

The Protection Unit completed case management assessment for 70 PSN cases in Ghor, Sare Pul, Kandahar, Hirat, Balkh, Kunduz and Takhar, including 21 Unaccompanied Migrant Children, 13 Female-headed Households, 13 Special Cases, 11 Medical Cases, 8 Single Females and 4 People with Disability.

Situation Overview

In 2019, IOM is projecting a return of over 570,000 returnees from Iran linked to ongoing economic challenges and a minimum of 50,000 returns from Pakistan, a figure that has already been endorsed by the Governments of Pakistan and Afghanistan. The remaining undocumented and Afghan Citizenship Card holding caseloads of more than 1,000,000 people may also face deportation from Pakistan in 2019.

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Return from Pakistan

According to the Border Monitoring Team of the Directorate of Refugees and Repatriation (DoRR), a total of **432** undocumented Afghans spontaneously returned or were deported from Pakistan through the Turkham (Nangarhar) and Spin Boldak (Kandahar) border crossings from 05-11 May 2019. Of the total returnees, 295 were spontaneous returnees and 137 were deported undocumented Afghans. This number marks an **52% decrease** compared to the previous week (905). The total number of undocumented Afghan returnees from Pakistan since 01 January 2019 is now 9,261. IOM provided post-arrival assistance to **44%** of undocumented Afghan returnees from Pakistan (192 individuals).

Number of Undocumented Returnees in 2019 (Turkham, Spin Boldak, Islam Qala and Milak)

Date	Spontaneous Returnee				Total Spon	Deportees				Total De-portee	Overall Return
	Turkham	Spin Boldak	Herat	Nimroz		Turkham	Spin Boldak	Herat	Nimroz		
Jan - Feb 2019	415	1,641	15,913	11,080	29,049	198	413	13,077	18,414	32,102	61,151
01-30 Mar 2019	545	1,118	7,515	9,005	18,183	231	287	6,568	13,560	20,646	38,829
31 Mar - 27 Apr 19	533	1,878	11,877	10,291	24,579	435	230	6,877	20,296	27,838	52,417
28 Apr - 04 May 19	297	511	1,558	3,231	5,597	97	0	2,280	5,710	8,087	13,684
05-11 May 19	53	242	1,652	1,959	3,906	74	63	2,003	3,364	5,504	9,410
Total	1,843	5,390	38,515	35,566	81,314	1,035	993	30,805	61,344	94,177	175,491

Number of Assisted PSNs by IOM in 2019 (Turkham, Spin Boldak, Islam Qala and Milak)

Date	Spontaneous Returnee				Total As-sisted Spon	Deportees				Total As-sisted Dep	Total As-sisted
	Turkham	Spin Boldak	Herat	Nimroz		Turkham	Spin Boldak	Herat	Nimroz		
Jan - Feb 2019	415	1,537	58	282	2,292	29	280	2,312	1,944	4,565	6,857
01- 30 Mar 2019	545	1,053	40	601	2,239	81	263	1,080	1,004	2,428	4,667
31 Mar - 27 Apr 19	590	1,715	116	354	2,775	57	264	1,536	980	2,837	5,612
28 Apr - 04 May	297	423	36	37	793	0	0	281	115	396	1,189
05-11 May 19	53	139	25	32	249	0	0	383	196	579	828
Total	1,900	4,867	275	1,306	8,348	167	807	5,592	4,239	10,805	19,153

Type of Assisted PSNs by IOM (Turkham, Spin Boldak, Islam Qala and Milak)

PSNs Assisted 05-11 May 2019	Persons							Total
	From Iran			From Pakistan				
	Herat	Nimroz	Sub-Total	Turkham	Spin Boldak	Sub-Total		
Poor Family (PF)	13	32	45	50	87	137	182	
Unaccompanied Migrant Children	51	36	87	0	0	0	87	
Single Parents Family (SP)	70	0	70	3	52	55	125	
Special Cases (SC)	35	24	59	0	0	0	59	
Medical Case (MC)	22	24	46	0	0	0	46	
Physically Disabled (PD)	13	1	14	0	0	0	14	
Unaccompanied Elderly (UE)	17	4	21	0	0	0	21	
Drug Addicted (DA)	26	0	26	0	0	0	26	
Single Female (SF)	3	0	3	0	0	0	3	
Mentally Ill (MI)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Chronically ill (CI)	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	
Deported Families	157	107	264	0	0	0	264	
Total PSNs	408	228	636	53	139	192	828	

IOM Afghanistan has assisted a total of 19,153 undocumented Afghans returning from Iran and Pakistan since 01 January 2019, thanks to the dedication of our staff and the generosity of our donors.

