



A returnee family's children gets vaccination at Turkham Transit center in Nangarhar©IOM 2019

Return from Iran

According to the Border Monitoring Team of the Directorate of Refugees and Repatriation (DoRR), a total of **3,879** undocumented Afghans spontaneously returned or were deported from Iran through the Milak (Nimroz) and Herat (Islam Qala) border crossings between 11-17 August 2019, **63 %** less than the previous week (**10,347**). **1,508** returned voluntarily, **2,371** were deported. This brings the total number of undocumented returnees from Iran since 01 January 2019 to **283,467**. IOM provided post-arrival humanitarian assistance to 327 (**8%**) undocumented Afghans deported from Iran at its Transit Centers in Nimroz and Herat, including 35 Unaccompanied Migrant Children, 18 Medical Cases, 80 members of Single Parent Families, 6 Physically Disabled persons, 11 Unaccompanied Elderly, 3 Single Females, and 63 members of deported families, 24 persons with substance abuse concerns.

Highlights

297,316 total returns from Iran and Pakistan since 01 Jan 2019

283,467 total returns from Iran

13,849 total returns from Pakistan

3,879 undocumented Afghans returned from Iran with **8%** of returnees from Iran (327 individuals) assisted

35 undocumented Afghans returned from Pakistan with **100%** of returnees from Pakistan (35 individuals) assisted.

IOM Thematic Support to Undocumented Returnees

Protection: 30 PSN assessments were completed in Kunduz, Balkh, Kandahar, Sare Pul and Kabul provinces including 17 special cases, 5 Unaccompanied Migrant Children, 4 female-headed households and 4 medical cases.

Migration Health: During mid-August, IOM's Regional Health Advisor and Migration Health Officer will support a Mid-Term Review exercise with WHO, the National TB Programme, and other health stakeholders inclusive of field travel to Kandahar province.

Situation Overview

As of mid-August, IOM's Cross Border Return Programme is only 26% funded against its Humanitarian Response Plan funding request of 12.8M USD with 3.3M received from the Governments of Switzerland, Norway, Canada, and the Czech Republic. Additional thematic funding has been received from ECHO for Protection programming and the Global Fund for Migration Health. However, as a result of the funding gaps **on 30 September, cross border post arrival assistance operations will be suspended in Kandahar and Nimroz provinces.**

Monthly Return of Undocumented Afghans

Month	Iran	Pakistan	Total
January 2019	34,413	1,291	35,704
February 2019	24,071	1,376	25,447
March 2019	37,512	2,202	39,714
April 2019	53,898	3,453	57,351
May-19	39,886	1,488	41,374
Jun-19	35,277	1,440	36,717
Jul-19	40,947	2,132	43,079
Aug-19	17,463	467	17,930
Total	283,467	13,849	297,316

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Return from Pakistan

According to the Border Monitoring Team of the Directorate of Refugees and Repatriation (DoRR), a total of **35** undocumented Afghans spontaneously returned or were deported from Pakistan through the Turkham (Nangarhar) and Spin Boldak (Kandahar) border crossings from 11-17 August 2019. The low number is the result of Eid religious holidays and related border closures. This number marks a **82%** decrease compared to the previous week (192). The total number of undocumented Afghan returnees from Pakistan since 01 January 2019 is now 13,849. IOM provided post-arrival assistance to **100%** of undocumented returnees from Pakistan (35 individuals).

Number of Undocumented Returnees in 2019 (Herat, Nimroz, Turkham and Spin Boldak)

Date	Iran				Total Iran	Pakistan				Total Pakistan	Overall Return
	Herat		Nimroz			Turkham		Kandahar			
	Spont	Deport	Spont	Deport		Spont	Deport	Spont	Deport		
Jan - June 2019	48,271	42,822	50,295	83,669	225,057	2326	1210	6574	1140	11,250	236,307
01 July - 03 Aug 2019	9,649	8,483	9,118	16,934	44,184	729	12	1563	68	2,372	46,556
04 Aug - 10 Aug 2019	4,225	1,586	1,630	2,906	10,347	79	5	108	0	192	10,539
11 Aug - 17 Aug 2019	737	1,358	771	1,013	3,879	19	0	16	0	35	3,914
Total	62,882	54,249	61,814	104,522	283,467	3,153	1,227	8,261	1,208	13,849	297,316

Number of Assisted PSNs by IOM in 2019 (Herat, Nimroz, Turkham and Spin Boldak)

Date	Iran				Total Iran	Pakistan				Total Pakistan	Overall Assisted
	Herat		Nimroz			Turkham		Kandahar			
	Spont	Deport	Spont	Deport		Spont	Deport	Spont	Deport		
Jan - May 2019	510	6,923	1,874	5,617	14,924	2326	153	6072	675	9,226	24,150
01 July - 03 Aug 2019	537	1,441	189	1,069	3,236	729	0	1475	0	2,204	5,440
04 - 10 Aug 2019	157	273	66	156	652	79	0	100	0	179	831
11 Aug - 17 Aug 2019	111	174	7	35	327	19	0	16	0	35	362
Total	1,315	8,811	2,136	6,877	19,139	3,153	153	7,663	675	11,644	30,783

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

PSNs Assisted 11-17 Aug 2019	Persons						Total
	From Iran			From Pakistan			
	Herat	Nimroz	Sub-Total	Turkham	Spin Boldak	Sub-Total	
Poor Family (PF)	48	3	51	19	16	35	86
Unaccompanied Migrant Children	23	12	35	0	0	0	35
Single Parents Family (SP)	76	4	80	0	0	0	80
Special Cases (SC)	32	4	36	0	0	0	36
Medical Case (MC)	14	4	18	0	0	0	18
Physically Disabled (PD)	5	1	6	0	0	0	6
Unaccompanied Elderly (UE)	9	2	11	0	0	0	11
Drug Addicted (DA)	23	1	24	0	0	0	24
Single Female (SF)	3	0	3	0	0	0	3
Mentally Ill (MI)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chronically ill (CI)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Deported Families	52	11	63	0	0	0	63
Total PSNs	285	42	327	19	16	35	362

IOM Afghanistan has assisted a total of 30,783 undocumented Afghans returning from Iran and Pakistan since 01 January 2019,

