



Deportees from Iran after disembarkation in Islam Qala outside of the NRC constructed Reception Center where they will be registered by the Afghan government and referred to IOM for assistance before being transported to Herat city. © IOM, K. Hayeri 2020

Highlights

15,993 total returns from Iran and Pakistan since 01 January 2020

15,550 total returns from Iran

443 total returns from Pakistan

4,862 undocumented Afghans returned from Iran with **9%** of returnees from Iran (438 individuals) assisted

136 undocumented Afghans returned from Pakistan with **94%** of returnees from Pakistan (128 individuals) assisted.

Return from Iran

According to the Border Monitoring Team of the Directorate of Refugees and Repatriation (DoRR), a total of **4,862** undocumented Afghans spontaneously returned or were deported from Iran through the Milak (Nimroz) and Herat (Islam Qala) border crossings between 12-18 Jan 2020, a 27% decrease from the previous week (**6,641**). **1,913** persons returned voluntarily and **2,949** were deported. Since 01 January 2020, the total number of undocumented returnees from Iran is **15,550** individuals. IOM provided post-arrival humanitarian assistance to **438 (9%)** undocumented Afghans at its Transit Centers, including 53 Unaccompanied Migrant Children, 58 Medical Cases, 2 members of Single Parent Families, 5 Physically Disabled persons, 10 Unaccompanied Elderly persons, 1 Single Female, 134 members of deported families, and 25 persons with substance abuse concerns.

Protection

The Protection Unit completed case management assessments for 103 PSN cases in Ghor, Balkh, Herat, Kunduz, Takhar, Faryab, Sare Pul, Samangan and Kabul provinces including, 36 special cases, 35 Unaccompanied Migrant Children, 16 female headed households, 10 medical cases, and 6 poor families. In addition, 5 female headed household received protection assistance in Kabul.

Migration Health

A total of 1,913 undocumented Afghans were screened for tuberculosis in IOM Transit Centers. Of the total screened, 31 persons were found to be presumptive TB cases and referred for additional diagnostic/treatment services.

A total of 99 individuals received health services at the Garzargah Transit Center in Herat province.

Funding Situation Overview

As of 18 January, IOM's Cross Border Return Programme received funding contributions in 2019 from the Governments of the United Kingdom, the United States, the Netherlands, Switzerland, Norway's Ministry of Justice, the Czech Republic and CERF which carry over into 2020. Additional thematic funding was received from ECHO and the Netherlands 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 **127** undocumented Afghans spontaneously returned and 9 were deported from Pakistan between 12–18 Jan 2020, a 8% decrease compared to the previous week (148) as winter weather inclusive of major road closures between Quetta and Chaman due to snowfall means that returns from Pakistan will now remain low until Persian New Year in late March. The total number of undocumented Afghan returnees from Pakistan since 01 Jan 2020 is now **443**. IOM provided post-arrival assistance to **128 (94%)** undocumented returnees from Pakistan over the past week.

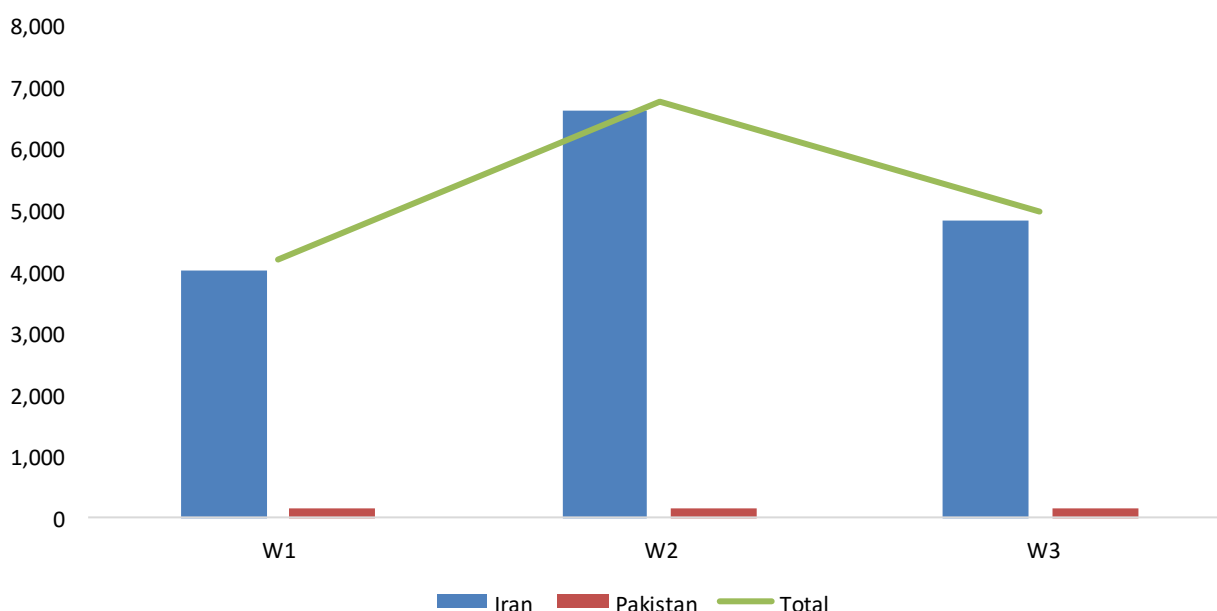
Number of Undocumented Returnees in 2020

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	46	67	0	159	4,206
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
Total	3,526	2,859	2,963	6,202	15,550	141	55	247	0	443	15,993

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
Total	58	510	6	540	1,114	141	8	216	0	365	1,479

Return of Undocumented Afghans from Iran and Pakistan—Weekly Trends 2020



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