



Afghan returnee families receive food packages and NFI assistance at Kandahar Transit Centre © A Saburi / IOM Afghanistan”

## Highlights

- 139,103** total returns from Iran and Pakistan since 01 Jan 2019
- 132,078** total returns from Iran since 01 Jan 2019
- 7,025** total returns from Pakistan since 01 Jan 2019
- 13,480** undocumented Afghans returned from Iran
- 655** undocumented Afghans returned from Pakistan
- 3%** of returnees from Iran (410 individuals) assisted
- 79%** of returnees from Pakistan (516 individuals) assisted

### Return from Iran

According to the Border Monitoring Team of the Directorate of Refugees and Repatriation (DoRR), a total of **13,480** undocumented Afghans spontaneously returned or were deported from Iran through the Milak (Nimroz) and Herat (Islam Qala) border crossings between 14-20 April 2019, 26% less than in the previous week (18,251). **5,902** returned voluntarily, **7,578** were deported. This brings the total number of undocumented returnees from Iran since 01 January 2019 to 139,103. IOM provided post-arrival humanitarian assistance to **410 (3%)** undocumented Afghans deported from Iran at its Transit Centers in Nimroz and Herat, including 73 Unaccompanied Migrant Children, 16 Medical Cases, 61 members of Single Parent Families, 26 Physically Disabled, 14 Special Cases, 18 Unaccompanied Elderly, 40 Drug Addicted, 42 members of a Poor Family, 4 Single Female and 113 members of deported families.

### Protection Assistance for Returnees

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The Protection Unit completed case management assessment for 99 PSN cases in Ghor, Takhar, Hirat, Kunduz, Sare Pul, Kandahar, Faryab, Kabul and Nangarhar, including 40 Unaccompanied Migrant Children, 26 Female-headed Households, 14 Special Cases, 14 Medical Cases, 4 People with Disability and 1 Single Female. In addition 7 Female-headed Households received Protection assistance in Kabul.

## 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 **655** undocumented Afghans spontaneously returned or were deported from Pakistan through the Turkham (Nangarhar) and Spin Boldak (Kandahar) border crossings from 14-20 April 2019. Of the total returnees, 523 were spontaneous returnees and 132 were deported undocumented Afghans. This number marks an **17% decrease** compared to the previous week (788). The total number of undocumented Afghan returnees from Pakistan since 01 January 2019 is now 7,025. IOM provided post-arrival assistance to **79%** of undocumented Afghan returnees from Pakistan (516 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 - 6 Apr 19	137	500	894	1,500	3,031	97	0	720	2,101	2,918	5,949
07 - 13 Apr 19	123	403	4,994	3,031	8,551	111	151	2,924	7,302	10,488	19,039
14-20 Apr 2019	66	457	3,033	2,869	6,425	126	6	1,637	5,941	7,710	14,135
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,286</b>	<b>4,119</b>	<b>32,349</b>	<b>27,485</b>	<b>65,239</b>	<b>763</b>	<b>857</b>	<b>24,926</b>	<b>47,318</b>	<b>73,864</b>	<b>139,103</b>

**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 - 6 Apr 19	137	467	6	201	811	17	0	218	244	479	1,290
07 - 13 Apr 19	123	396	45	31	595	20	132	515	232	899	1,494
14-20 Apr 2019	66	448	38	37	589	2	0	224	111	337	926
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,286</b>	<b>3,901</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>1,152</b>	<b>6,526</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>675</b>	<b>4,349</b>	<b>3,535</b>	<b>8,708</b>	<b>15,234</b>

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

PSNs Assisted 14-20 April 2019	Persons							Total
	From Iran			From Pakistan			Total	
	Herat	Nimroz	Sub-Total	Turkham	Spin Boldak	Sub-Total		
Poor Family (PF)	15	27	<b>42</b>	58	300	<b>358</b>	<b>400</b>	
Unaccompanied Migrant Children	44	29	<b>73</b>	0	0	<b>0</b>	<b>73</b>	
Single Parents Family (SP)	51	10	<b>61</b>	8	148	<b>156</b>	<b>217</b>	
Special Cases (SC)	7	7	<b>14</b>	2	0	<b>2</b>	<b>16</b>	
Medical Case (MC)	6	10	<b>16</b>	0	0	<b>0</b>	<b>16</b>	
Physically Disabled (PD)	24	2	<b>26</b>	0	0	<b>0</b>	<b>26</b>	
Unaccompanied Elderly (UE)	11	7	<b>18</b>	0	0	<b>0</b>	<b>18</b>	
Drug Addicted (DA)	40	0	<b>40</b>	0	0	<b>0</b>	<b>40</b>	
Single Female (SF)	3	1	<b>4</b>	0	0	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	
Mentally Ill (MI)	0	1	<b>1</b>	0	0	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	
Chronically ill (CI)	2	0	<b>2</b>	0	0	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	
Deported Families	59	54	<b>113</b>	0	0	<b>0</b>	<b>113</b>	
<b>Total PSNs</b>	<b>262</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>410</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>448</b>	<b>516</b>	<b>926</b>	

*IOM Afghanistan has assisted a total of 15,234 undocumented Afghans returning from Iran and Pakistan since 01 January 2019, thanks to the dedication of our staff and the generosity of our donors.*

