



An Afghan man displaced by drought in a camp in Herat City
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Highlights

657,658 total returns from Iran and Pakistan since 01 Jan 2018

630,283 total returns from Iran since 01 Jan 2018

27,375 total returns from Pakistan since 01 Jan 2018

14,729 undocumented Afghans returned from Iran

297 undocumented Afghans returned from Pakistan

2% of returnees from Iran (314 individuals) assisted

59% of returnees from Pakistan (174 individuals) assisted

Return from Iran

A total of **14,729** undocumented Afghans spontaneously returned or were deported from Iran through the Milak (Nimroz) and Herat (Islam Qala) border crossings between 14 to 20 October 2018. **21% less** than in the previous week. This brings the total number of undocumented returnees from Iran since 01 January 2018 to 630,283.

IOM provided post-arrival humanitarian assistance to **297 (2%)** undocumented Afghans deported from Iran at its Transit Centers in Nimroz and Herat, including 55 Unaccompanied Migrant Children (UMC), 17 Medical Cases (MC), 13 members of Single Parent Families (SP), 6 Special Cases (SC), 11 Poor Families (PF) and 1 Unaccompanied Elderly (UE).

Drought Displacement in the Western Region

The Afghanistan Natural Disaster Management Authority (ANDMA) identified 32,180 families (225,250 individuals) displaced by drought in the Western region between 01 January and 23 October 2018, all of which are in need of humanitarian assistance. Of these, 44% or close to 100,000 individuals are children and youth below the age of 18, and one fifth (19%) are below the age of five. 58% of these displaced left their home districts in Badghis for the provincial capital Qala-e Naw, 37% left their homes in Badghis, Ghor, Sar-e Pul, Daykundi, Bamyán, Farah and Herat province to settle in and around Herat city. The remaining 5% of displaced settled in the provincial capitals of Ghor, Bamyán, Kandahar and Daikundi provinces. More information [here](#).

Situation Overview

Since 01 January 2018, IOM is responding to the return of over 60,000 undocumented Afghans from Pakistan and Iran. Undocumented returns from Iran in particular are seeing a massive increase of more than 200,000 to over 460,000 total between January-July 2018 versus 187,000 during the same time period in 2017, largely driven by recent political and economic issues in Iran including massive currency devaluation. As Afghans primarily work in the informal economy in Iran the demand for this type of work is drastically reduced. Further as all Afghans typically send home their earnings in the form of monthly remittances, the Afghan economy itself, already evident in the drought affected provinces of Herat, Badghis and Ghor, is suffering direct and immediate effects.

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Return from Pakistan

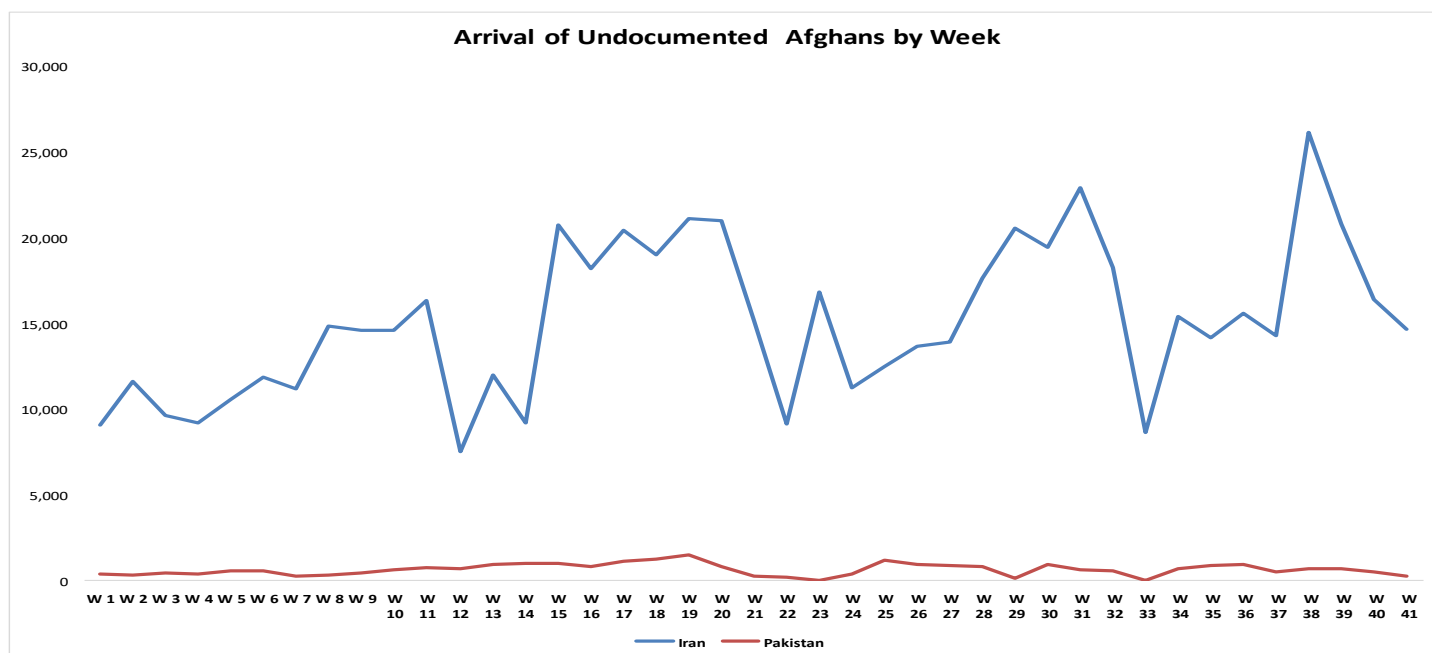
A total of **297** undocumented Afghans spontaneously returned or were deported from Pakistan through the Turkham (Nangarhar) and Spin Boldak (Kandahar) border crossings from 14-20 October 2018, according to the Border Monitoring Team of the Directorate of Refugees and Repatriation (DoRR). Of the total returnees, 235 were spontaneous returnees and 62 were deported. This number marks an **45% decrease** compared to the previous week (539). The total number of undocumented Afghan returnees from Pakistan since 01 January 2018 is now 27,078. IOM provided post-arrival assistance to **59%** of undocumented Afghan returnees from Pakistan (174 individuals).

Number of Undocumented Returnees 2018 (Turkham, Spin Boldak, Islam Qala and Milak)

Date	Spontaneous Returnees				Deportees				Total Pakistan	Total Iran	Grand Total
	Turkham	Spin Boldak	Herat	Nimroz	Turkham	Spin Boldak	Herat	Nimroz			
Jan - August 18	10,853	10,186	169,339	55,389	1086	524	113,182	165,991	22,649	503,901	526,550
01 - 29 Sep	1,373	1,547	29,059	10,980	221	43	18,023	16,300	3,184	74,362	77,546
30 Sep - 06 Oct	370	323	8,809	3,679	13	0	4,378	3,999	706	20,865	21,571
07 - 13 Oct	232	301	5,678	2,931	0	6	3,301	4,516	539	16,426	16,965
14 - 20 Oct	95	140	4,634	2,965	62	0	2,828	4,302	297	14,729	15,026
Total	12,923	12,497	217,519	75,944	1,382	573	141,712	195,108	27,375	630,283	657,658

IOM Assisted Undocumented Afghans 2018 (Turkham, Spin Boldak, Islam Qala and Milak)

Date	Spontaneous Returnees				Deportees				Total Pakistan	Total Iran	Grand Total
	Turkham	Spin Boldak	Herat	Nimroz	Turkham	Spin Boldak	Herat	Nimroz			
Jan - August 18	10,339	8,378	469	1,128	257	43	8,080	9,500	19,017	19,177	38,194
01 - 29 Sep	1,168	1,492	37	57	0	0	821	965	2,660	1,880	4,540
30 Sep - 06 Oct	368	304	2	6	0	0	87	194	672	289	961
07 - 13 Oct	232	228	5	8	0	0	167	176	460	356	816
14 - 20 Oct	95	79	9	6	0	0	63	236	174	314	488
Total	12,202	10,481	522	1,205	257	43	9,218	11,071	22,983	22,016	44,999



IOM Afghanistan has assisted 44,999 undocumented Afghans returning from Iran and Pakistan since 01 January 2018, thanks to the dedication of our staff and the generosity of our donors.

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