Situation Overview
As of 28 December, IOM’s Cross Border Return Programme has received funding contributions in 2019 from the Governments of the United Kingdom, the Nederlands, Switzerland, Norway’s Ministry of Justice and Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Canada, the Czech Republic and CERF. Additional thematic funding has been received from ECHO for Protection programming and the Global Fund for Migration Health.

Return from Iran
According to the Border Monitoring Team of the Directorate of Refugees and Repatriation (DoRR), a total of 17,097 undocumented Afghans spontaneously returned or were deported from Iran through the Milak (Nimroz) and Herat (Islam Qala) border crossings between 15 – 28 Dec 2019, a 12% decrease from the previous two weeks (19,376). 7,540 persons returned voluntarily and 9,557 were deported. This brings the total number of undocumented returnees from Iran to 476,887 in 2019. IOM provided post-arrival humanitarian assistance to 3,456 (20%) undocumented Afghans at its Transit Centers, including 347 Unaccompanied Migrant Children, 91 Medical Cases, 91 members of Single Parent Families, 12 Physically Disabled persons, 32 Unaccompanied Elderly persons, 9 Single Females, 522 members of deported families, 17 persons with substance abuse concerns, 2 mental health concern cases.

Monthly Return of Undocumented Afghans

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<th>Month</th>
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<td>Jan - Apr 2019</td>
<td>149,894</td>
<td>8,322</td>
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<td>May 2019</td>
<td>39,886</td>
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<td>35,277</td>
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<td>40,947</td>
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<td>37,942</td>
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<td>45,216</td>
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<td>45,676</td>
<td>1,341</td>
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<td>November 2019</td>
<td>45,576</td>
<td>1,041</td>
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<td>36,473</td>
<td>740</td>
<td>37,213</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td>476,887</td>
<td>19,639</td>
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Highlights
496,526 total returns from Iran and Pakistan since 01 Jan 2019
476,887 total returns from Iran
19,639 total returns from Pakistan
17,097 undocumented Afghans returned from Iran during 15 – 28 Dec with 20% of returnees from Iran (3,456 individuals) assisted
339 undocumented Afghans returned from Pakistan during 15 – 28 Dec with 81% of returnees from Pakistan (276 individuals) assisted.

IOM Thematic Support
Protection
The Protection Unit completed case management assessments for 214 PSN cases in Kunduz, Ghor, Nangarhar, Takhar, Balkh, Sare Pul, Kabul, Faryab, Kandahar. These include 49 special cases, 28 poor families, 62 unaccompanied migrant children, 14 deported families, 38 female headed households, 8 persons with disabilities, 1 single female and 14 medical cases. In addition, 13 female headed households, 10 medical cases, and 1 person with disability received protection assistance in Kabul.

Migration Health
A total of 6,618 undocumented Afghans were screened for tuberculosis in IOM Transit Centers. Of the total screened, 73 persons were found to be presumptive TB cases and referred for additional diagnostic/treatment services. A total of 302 individuals received health services at the Garzargah Transit Center in Herat province.

Screening of undocumented Afghans for Presumptive TB cases at Turkham Zero Point under multi-country grant TB project supported by Global fund/UNDP. © IOM 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 319 undocumented Afghans spontaneously returned and 20 were deported from Pakistan between 15—28 December 2019, a 15% decrease compared to the previous two weeks (401) as the advent of the winter season means that returns from Pakistan will now remain low until March/April. The total number of undocumented Afghan returnees from Pakistan in 2019 is now 19,639. IOM provided post-arrival assistance to 276 (81%) undocumented returnees from Pakistan over the past week.

Number of Undocumented Returnees in 2019

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<td>3,963</td>
<td>10,659</td>
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<td>08 - 14 Dec 2019</td>
<td>2,507</td>
<td>8,717</td>
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<td>15 - 28 Dec 2019</td>
<td>4,924</td>
<td>17,097</td>
<td>339 17,436</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>117,160</strong></td>
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Number of Assisted Returnees in 2019

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<td>15 - 28 Dec 2019</td>
<td>75</td>
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<td>276 3,732</td>
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