



A poor family, recent undocumented returnees from Pakistan, at IOM's Turkham Transit Centre © IOM / N Sadat

Highlights

53,868 total returns from Iran and Pakistan since 01 Jan 2019

51,673 total returns from Iran since 01 Jan 2019

2,195 total returns from Pakistan since 01 Jan 2019

6,283 undocumented Afghans returned from Iran

182 undocumented Afghans returned from Pakistan

12% of returnees from Iran (728 individuals) assisted

62% of returnees from Pakistan (113 individuals)

Return from Iran

According to the Border Monitoring Team of the Directorate of Refugees and Repatriation (DoRR), a total of **6,283** undocumented Afghans spontaneously returned or were deported from Iran through the Milak (Nimroz) and Herat (Islam Qala) border crossings between 17—23 Feb 2019, **24% more** than in the previous week (5,085). **3,011** returned voluntarily, **3,272** were deported. This brings the total number of undocumented returnees from Iran since 01 January 2018 to 51,673. IOM provided post-arrival humanitarian assistance to **728 (12%)** undocumented Afghans deported from Iran at its Transit Centers in Nimroz and Herat, including 104 Unaccompanied Migrant Children, 157 Medical Cases, 35 members of Single Parent Families, 7 Physically Disabled, 82 Special Cases, 13 Unaccompanied Elderly, 34 Drug Addicted, 4 members of a Poor Family, 3 Single Females, 1 Mentally Ill and 1 Chronically Ill.

Protection Assistance for Returnees

The protection unit assessed a total of 96 PSN cases in Herat, Kunduz, Sare Pul, Ghor, Kandahar, Faryab, Kabul, Takhar, Balkh, Nimroz and Samangan provinces. Of the total assessed cases, 34 were unaccompanied migrant children (UMC), 22 female heads of households (FHH), 14 medical cases (MC), 14 Special cases (SC), 6 Single Females, 1 Physical Disabled (PD), 4 Elderly at risk and 1 Drug Addicts.

During the reporting period, 81 Unaccompanied Migrant Children, 54 Female Headed household, 1 Single Female, 11 Medical Cases were assisted in Nimroz, Baghlan, Faryab and Kunduz provinces.

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.

Summary information regarding inflows of undocumented Afghan returnees presented in this report is provided by the Border Monitoring Team of the Directorate of Refugees and Repatriation (DoRR). Through this report, IOM's Cross-border Return and Reintegration (CBRR) programme receives, summarizes and presents this information from DoRR. Through IOM's return and protection assistance activities, CBRR collects and reports, herein, information regarding assistance delivered to returning Afghans.

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Return from Pakistan

According to the Border Monitoring Team of the Directorate of Refugees and Repatriation (DoRR), a total of **182** undocumented Afghans spontaneously returned or were deported from Pakistan through the Turkham (Nangarhar) and Spin Boldak (Kandahar) border crossings from 17—23 Feb 2019, according to the Border Monitoring Team of the Directorate of Refugees and Repatriation (DoRR). Of the total returnees, 118 were spontaneous returnees and 64 were deported undocumented Afghans. This number marks an **43% decrease** compared to the previous week (319). The total number of undocumented Afghan returnees from Pakistan since 01 January 2019 is now 2,195. IOM provided post-arrival assistance to **62%** of undocumented Afghan returnees from Pakistan (113 individuals).

Number of Undocumented Returnees vs. Assisted by IOM in 2019 (Turkham, Spin Boldak, Islam Qala and Milak)

Date	Return of Undocumented Afghan				Total Return	Assisted Returnee by IOM				Total Assisted	% Assisted
	Turkham	Spin Boldak	Herat	Nimroz		Turkham	Spin Boldak	Herat	Nimroz		
01 - 05 Jan 2019	40	385	3,267	2,454	6,146	40	317	81	145	583	9%
06 - 12 Jan 2019	100	105	4,056	3,734	7,995	49	105	220	199	573	7%
13 - 19 Jan 2019	75	245	4,389	3,086	7,795	54	205	260	217	736	9%
20 - 26 Jan 2019	41	175	4,074	2,989	7,279	22	150	238	249	659	9%
27 Jan - 02 Feb 19	111	56	3,292	3,577	7,036	89	45	217	225	576	8%
03 - 09 Feb 2019	79	282	2,136	3,251	5,748	62	259	108	211	640	11%
10 - 16 Feb 2019	59	260	2,509	2,576	5,404	45	249	134	248	676	13%
17 - 23 Feb 2019	58	124	3,011	3,272	6,465	46	67	350	378	841	13%
Total	563	1,632	26,734	24,939	53,868	407	1,397	1,608	1,872	5,284	10%

PSNs Assisted by IOM 2018 (Turkham, Spin Boldak, Islam Qala and Milak)

PSNs Assisted 17 - 23 Feb 2019	Persons						Total
	From Iran			From Pakistan			
	Islam Qala	Milak	Sub-Total	Torkham	Spin Boldak	Sub-Total	
Poor Family (PF)	0	4	4	33	60	93	97
Unaccompanied Migrant Children	39	65	104	0	0	0	104
Single Parents Family (SP)	24	11	35	11	7	18	53
Special Cases (SC)	48	34	82	2	0	2	84
Medical Case (MC)	118	39	157	0	0	0	157
Physically Disabled (PD)	1	6	7	0	0	0	7
Unaccompanied Elderly (UE)	10	3	13	0	0	0	13
Drug Addicted (DA)	33	1	34	0	0	0	34
Single Female (SF)	2	1	3	0	0	0	3
Mentally Ill (MI)	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
Chronically ill (CI)	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
A: Total PSNs	277	164	441	46	67	113	554
B: Deported Families	73	214	287	0	0	0	287
Total (A&B)	350	378	728	46	67	113	841

IOM Afghanistan has assisted a total of 5,284 undocumented Afghans returning from Iran and Pakistan since 01 January 2019, thanks to the dedication of our staff and the generosity of our donors.

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