



WHO polio vaccination team vaccine children of undocumented Afghans at Turkham Zero Point © A Sharafat / IOM Afghanistan

Highlights

92,698 total returns from Iran and Pakistan since 01 Jan 2019

88,516 total returns from Iran since 01 Jan 2019

4,182 total returns from Pakistan since 01 Jan 2019

7,325 undocumented Afghans returned from Iran

411 undocumented Afghans returned from Pakistan

6% of returnees from Iran (459 individuals) assisted

75% of returnees from Pakistan (307 individuals) assisted

Return from Iran

According to the Border Monitoring Team of the Directorate of Refugees and Repatriation (DoRR), a total of **7,325** undocumented Afghans spontaneously returned or were deported from Iran through the Milak (Nimroz) and Herat (Islam Qala) border crossings between 17—23 Mar 2019, **38% less** than in the previous week (11,822). **3,248** returned voluntarily, **4,077** were deported. This brings the total number of undocumented returnees from Iran since 01 January 2019 to 88,516. IOM provided post-arrival humanitarian assistance to **459 (6%)** undocumented Afghans deported from Iran at its Transit Centers in Nimroz and Herat, including 53 Unaccompanied Migrant Children, 12 Medical Cases, 153 members of Single Parent Families, 12 Physically Disabled, 51 Special Cases, 5 Unaccompanied Elderly, 11 Drug Addicted, 3 members of a Poor Family and 157 members of Deported Families.

Protection Assistance for Returnees

The protection unit assessed a total of 107 PSN cases in Badakhshan, Ghor, Kunduz, Jawzjan, Kandahar, Nimroz, Laghman, Balkh and Kabul provinces. Among those assessed were 31 unaccompanied migrant children, 27 female heads of households, 21 medical cases, 20 Special cases, 2 victims of human rights violations and 1 person with disability. Additionally, 8 Unaccompanied Migrant Children and 1 female headed household received protection assistance in Faryab province.

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 **411** undocumented Afghans spontaneously returned or were deported from Pakistan through the Turkham (Nangarhar) and Spin Boldak (Kandahar) border crossings from 17—23 Mar 2019. Of the total returnees, 298 were spontaneous returnees and 113 were deported undocumented Afghans. This number marks an **5% decrease** compared to the previous week (433). The total number of undocumented Afghan returnees from Pakistan since 01 January 2019 is now 4,182. IOM provided post-arrival assistance to **75%** of undocumented Afghan returnees from Pakistan (307 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 - 02 Feb 19	28	0	0	345	373	1	0	411	472	884	1,257
03 - 09 Mar 19	143	329	1,973	2,160	4,605	19	151	2,000	3,524	5,694	10,299
10 - 16 Mar 19	106	257	2,558	3,202	6,123	61	9	1,355	4,707	6,132	12,255
17 - 23 Mar 19	132	166	1,405	1,843	3,546	87	26	869	3,208	4,190	7,736
Total	824	2,393	21,849	18,630	43,696	366	599	17,712	30,325	49,002	92,698

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 - 02 Feb 19	28	0	0	10	38	1	0	100	68	169	207
03 - 09 Mar 19	143	322	7	127	599	7	147	301	265	720	1,319
10 - 16 Mar 19	106	235	31	178	550	44	0	188	305	537	1,087
17 - 23 Mar 19	132	154	2	133	421	6	15	98	226	345	766
Total	824	2,248	98	730	3,900	87	442	2,999	2,808	6,336	10,236

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

PSNs Assisted 17—23 Mar 2019	Persons							Total
	From Iran			From Pakistan			Total	
	Herat	Nimroz	Sub-Total	Turkham	Spin Boldak	Sub-Total		
Poor Family (PF)	0	3	3	74	124	198	201	
Unaccompanied Migrant Children	5	48	53	0	3	3	56	
Single Parents Family (SP)	23	130	153	58	30	88	241	
Special Cases (SC)	4	47	51	6	12	18	69	
Medical Case (MC)	5	7	12	0	0	0	12	
Physically Disabled (PD)	10	2	12	0	0	0	12	
Unaccompanied Elderly (UE)	3	2	5	0	0	0	5	
Drug Addicted (DA)	11	0	11	0	0	0	11	
Single Female (SF)	2	0	2	0	0	0	2	
Mentally Ill (MI)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Chronically ill (CI)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Deported Families	37	120	157	0	0	0	157	
Total PSNs	100	359	459	138	169	307	766	

IOM Afghanistan has assisted a total of 10,236 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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