



Undocumented returnee families receive Food and Non-Food Items at IOM's Kandahar Transit Center. In 2019, IOM has assisted more than 8,500 returnees in Kandahar © IOM 2019

Highlights

305,070 total returns from Iran and Pakistan since 01 Jan 2019

290,881 total returns from Iran

14,189 total returns from Pakistan

7,414 undocumented Afghans returned from Iran with **8%** of returnees from Iran (584 individuals) assisted

340 undocumented Afghans returned from Pakistan with **87%** of returnees from Pakistan (296 individuals) assisted.

Return from Iran

According to the Border Monitoring Team of the Directorate of Refugees and Repatriation (DoRR), a total of **7,414** undocumented Afghans spontaneously returned or were deported from Iran through the Milak (Nimroz) and Herat (Islam Qala) border crossings between 18-24 August 2019, **91%** more than the previous week (**3,879**). **2,707** returned voluntarily, **4,710** were deported. This brings the total number of undocumented returnees from Iran to **305,070** in 2019. IOM provided post-arrival humanitarian assistance to 584 (**8%**) undocumented Afghans deported from Iran at its Transit Centers in Nimroz and Herat, including 103 Unaccompanied Migrant Children, 36 Medical Cases, 27 members of Single Parent Families, 13 Physically Disabled persons, 12 Unaccompanied Elderly, 2 Single Females, 268 members of deported families, and 7 persons with substance abuse concerns.

IOM Thematic Support to Undocumented Returnees

Protection: 89 case management assessments for were completed in Balkh, Kandahar, Kabul, Sar-e Pul, Nangarhar, Kunduz, Herat, Ghor and Nimroz provinces including 42 special cases, 19 Unaccompanied Migrant Children, 15 female-headed households, 10 single females and 3 elderly at risk. In addition, 8 female-headed households, 7 special cases and 4 unaccompanied migrant children received protection assistance in Nangarhar and Laghman.

Migration Health: Mid-Term Review related project activities for the Global Fund multi-country grant on TB in Afghan migrant populations continues with a series of workshops in Kabul inclusive of programme partners including IOM, WHO, UNDP, the National TB Programme and the Ministry of Public Health.

Situation Overview

As of late August, IOM's Cross Border Return Programme is only 26% funded against its Humanitarian Response Plan request of 12.8M USD with 3.3M received from the Governments of Switzerland, Norway, Canada, and the Czech Republic. Additional thematic funding has been received from ECHO for Protection programming and the Global Fund for Migration Health. However, as a result of the funding gaps **on 30 September, cross border post arrival assistance operations will be suspended in Kandahar and Nimroz provinces.**

Monthly Return of Undocumented Afghans

Month	Iran	Pakistan	Total
January 2019	34,413	1,291	35,704
February 2019	24,071	1,376	25,447
March 2019	37,512	2,202	39,714
April 2019	53,898	3,453	57,351
May-19	39,886	1,488	41,374
Jun-19	35,277	1,440	36,717
Jul-19	40,947	2,132	43,079
Aug-19	24,877	807	25,684
Total	290,881	14,189	305,070

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Return from Pakistan

According to the Border Monitoring Team of the Directorate of Refugees and Repatriation (DoRR), a total of **340** undocumented Afghans spontaneously returned from Pakistan through the Turkham and Spin Boldak border crossings between 18-24 August 2019. This number marks almost a ten fold increase compared to the previous week (35). The total number of undocumented Afghan returnees from Pakistan since 01 January 2019 is now **14,189**. IOM provided post-arrival assistance to **87%** of undocumented returnees from Pakistan.

Number of Undocumented Returnees in 2019

Date	Iran				Total Iran	Pakistan				Total Pakistan	Overall Return
	Herat		Nimroz			Turkham		Kandahar			
	Spont	Deport	Spont	Deport		Spont	Deport	Spont	Deport		
Jan - July 2019	56,912	50,590	58,771	99,731	266,004	2,972	1,222	7,980	1,208	13,382	279,386
01-10 August 2019	5,233	2,301	2,272	3,778	13,584	162	5	265	0	432	14,016
11-17 August 2019	737	1,358	771	1,013	3,879	19	0	16	0	35	3,914
18-24 August 2019	1,262	2,101	1,442	2,609	7,414	122	0	218	0	340	7,754
Total	64,144	56,350	63,256	107,131	290,881	3,275	1,227	8,479	1,208	14,189	305,070

Number of Assisted Returnees in 2019

Date	Iran				Total Iran	Pakistan				Total Pakistan	Overall Assisted
	Herat		Nimroz			Turkham		Kandahar			
	Spont	Deport	Spont	Deport		Spont	Deport	Spont	Deport		
Jan - July 2019	1,000	8,291	2,038	6,655	17,984	2,972	153	7,384	675	11,184	29,168
01-10 August 2019	204	346	90	187	827	162	0	263	0	425	1,252
11-17 August 2019	111	174	7	35	327	19	0	16	0	35	362
18-24 August 2019	46	177	37	324	584	122	0	174	0	296	880
Total	1,361	8,988	2,172	7,201	19,722	3,275	153	7,837	675	11,940	31,662

Type of Assisted PSNs by IOM

PSNs Assisted 18-24 Aug 2019	Persons						Total
	From Iran			From Pakistan			
	Herat	Nimroz	Sub-Total	Turkham	Spin Boldak	Sub-Total	
Poor Family (PF)	29	24	53	101	137	238	291
Unaccompanied Migrant Children	60	43	103	0	0	0	103
Single Parents Family (SP)	14	13	27	21	37	58	85
Special Cases (SC)	21	40	61	0	0	0	61
Medical Case (MC)	11	25	36	0	0	0	36
Physically Disabled (PD)	5	8	13	0	0	0	13
Unaccompanied Elderly (UE)	8	4	12	0	0	0	12
Substance Abuse (DA)	5	2	7	0	0	0	7
Single Female (SF)	2	0	2	0	0	0	2
Mentally Health Concerns (MI)	1	1	2	0	0	0	2
Chronically ill (CI)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Deported Families	67	201	268	0	0	0	268
Total PSNs	223	361	584	122	174	296	880

IOM Afghanistan has assisted a total of 31,662 undocumented Afghans returning from Iran and Pakistan in 2019.

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