



Distribution of Cash for Transportation to undocumented Afghans at Turkham Transit Centre © Abdul Qayum Sharafat IOM Afghanistan

Highlights

99,980 total returns from Iran and Pakistan since 01 Jan 2019

95,132 total returns from Iran since 01 Jan 2019

4,848 total returns from Pakistan since 01 Jan 2019

6,616 undocumented Afghans returned from Iran

666 undocumented Afghans returned from Pakistan

10% of returnees from Iran (686 individuals) assisted

90% of returnees from Pakistan (602 individuals)

Return from Iran

According to the Border Monitoring Team of the Directorate of Refugees and Repatriation (DoRR), a total of **6,616** undocumented Afghans spontaneously returned or were deported from Iran through the Milak (Nimroz) and Herat (Islam Qala) border crossings between 24—30 Mar 2019, **10% less** than in the previous week (7,325). **3,034** returned voluntarily, **3,582** were deported. This brings the total number of undocumented returnees from Iran since 01 January 2019 to 95,132. IOM provided post-arrival humanitarian assistance to **686 (10%)** undocumented Afghans deported from Iran at its Transit Centers in Nimroz and Herat, including 74 Unaccompanied Migrant Children, 80 Medical Cases, 156 members of Single Parent Families, 19 Physically Disabled, 53 Special Cases, 22 Unaccompanied Elderly, 66 Drug Addicted, 10 members of a Poor Family, 1 Single Female and 205 members of deported families.

Protection Assistance for Returnees

The protection unit assessed a total of 59 PSN cases in Faryab, Takhar, Balkh, Herat, Kunduz and Kunar provinces. Of the total assessed cases, 30 were unaccompanied migrant children, 6 female heads of households, 9 medical cases, 8 Special cases, 1 Elderly at risk, 3 single females and 1 drug addict.


During this period, 81 female headed households 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 **666** undocumented Afghans spontaneously returned or were deported from Pakistan through the Turkham (Nangarhar) and Spin Boldak (Kandahar) border crossings from 24—30 Mar 2019. Of the total returnees, 502 were spontaneous returnees and 164 were deported undocumented Afghans. This number marks an **62% increase** compared to the previous week (411). The total number of undocumented Afghan returnees from Pakistan since 01 January 2019 is now 4,848. IOM provided post-arrival assistance to **90%** of undocumented Afghan returnees from Pakistan (602 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 - 09 Feb 19	171	329	1,973	2,505	4,978	20	151	2,411	3,996	6,578	11,556
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
24 - 30 Mar 19	136	366	1,579	1,455	3,536	63	101	1,933	1,649	3,746	7,282
Total	960	2,759	23,428	20,085	47,232	429	700	19,645	31,974	52,748	99,980

Number of Assisted PSNs by IOM in 2019 (Turkham, Spin Boldak, Islam Qala and Milak)

Date	Spontaneous Returnee				Total As-sisted	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 - 09 Feb 19	171	322	7	137	637	8	147	401	333	889	1,526
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
24 - 30 Mar 19	136	342	0	153	631	23	101	393	140	657	1,288
Total	960	2,590	98	883	4,531	110	543	3,392	2,948	6,993	11,524

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

PSNs Assisted 24—30 Mar 2019	Persons							Total
	From Iran			From Pakistan			Total	
	Herat	Nimroz	Sub-Total	Turkham	Spin Boldak	Sub-Total		
Poor Family (PF)	0	10	10	87	219	306	316	
Unaccompanied Migrant Children	52	22	74	0	22	22	96	
Single Parents Family (SP)	13	143	156	49	123	172	328	
Special Cases (SC)	31	22	53	23	79	102	155	
Medical Case (MC)	59	21	80	0	0	0	80	
Physically Disabled (PD)	18	1	19	0	0	0	19	
Unaccompanied Elderly (UE)	19	3	22	0	0	0	22	
Drug Addicted (DA)	66	0	66	0	0	0	66	
Single Female (SF)	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	
Mentally Ill (MI)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Chronically ill (CI)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Deported Families	134	71	205	0	0	0	205	
Total PSNs	393	293	686	159	443	602	1,288	

IOM Afghanistan has assisted a total of 11,524 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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