



Interview with the head of a household who recently returned with his family from Pakistan at Turkham Transit Centre © A Sharafat / IOM Afghanistan

Highlights

62,408 total returns from Iran and Pakistan since 01 Jan 2019

59,712 total returns from Iran since 01 Jan 2019

2,696 total returns from Pakistan since 01 Jan 2019

7,354 undocumented Afghans returned from Iran

499 undocumented Afghans returned from Pakistan

9% of returnees from Iran (667 individuals) assisted

97% of returnees from Pakistan (486 individuals) assisted

Return from Iran

According to the Border Monitoring Team of the Directorate of Refugees and Repatriation (DoRR), a total of **7,354** undocumented Afghans spontaneously returned or were deported from Iran through the Milak (Nimroz) and Herat (Islam Qala) border crossings between 24 Feb—02 Mar 2019, **17% more** than in the previous week (6,283). **2,930** returned voluntarily, **4,424** were deported. This brings the total number of undocumented returnees from Iran since 01 January 2019 to 59,712. IOM provided post-arrival humanitarian assistance to **667 (9%)** undocumented Afghans deported from Iran at its Transit Centers in Nimroz and Herat, including 87 Unaccompanied Migrant Children, 104 Medical Cases, 51 members of Single Parent Families, 5 Physically Disabled, 97 Special Cases, 7 Unaccompanied Elderly, 10 Drug Addicted, 44 members of a Poor Family and 2 Single Females.

Protection Assistance for Returnees

The protection unit assessed a total of 126 PSN cases in Ghor, Faryab, Herat, Takhar, Balkh, Sare Pul, Kunduz, Kandahar, Nimroz and Kabul provinces. Of the total assessed cases, 60 were unaccompanied migrant children, 23 female heads of households, 19 medical cases, 6 Special cases, 6 Single Females, 4 Physically Disabled, 5 Elderly at risk, 1 Drug Addict and 1 Victim of Human Rights Violation. During this period, 180 Unaccompanied Migrant Children, 35 Female Headed household, 93 Medical Cases, 25 Special cases, 9 Elderlies at risk, 6 physical disabled, 4 Single Females, 4 Drug Addicts and 2 Deported Families were assisted in Takhar, Ghor, Sare Pul, Faryab, Kunduz, Kabul Balkh and Nimroz 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.

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Return from Pakistan

According to the Border Monitoring Team of the Directorate of Refugees and Repatriation (DoRR), a total of **499** undocumented Afghans spontaneously returned or were deported from Pakistan through the Turkham (Nangarhar) and Spin Boldak (Kandahar) border crossings from 24 Feb—02 Mar 2019. Of the total returnees, 479 were spontaneous returnees and 20 were deported undocumented Afghans. This number marks an **174% increase** compared to the previous week (182). The total number of undocumented Afghan returnees from Pakistan since 01 January 2019 is now 2,696. IOM provided post-arrival assistance to **97%** of undocumented Afghan returnees from Pakistan (486 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-19	215	829	10,100	6,188	17,332	108	139	8,329	9,796	18,372	35,704
01 - 09 Feb 19	84	179	1,061	1,542	2,866	39	103	1,730	2,244	4,116	6,982
10 - 16 Feb 19	41	139	1,315	841	2,336	18	121	1,194	1,735	3,068	5,404
17 - 23 Feb 19	44	74	2,066	1,295	3,479	14	50	945	1,977	2,986	6,465
24 Feb - 2 Mar 19	59	420	1,371	1,559	3,409	20	0	1,290	3,134	4,444	7,853
Total	443	1,641	15,913	11,425	29,422	199	413	13,488	18,886	32,986	62,408

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-19	215	743	38	116	1,112	0	79	1,565	893	2,537	3,649
01 - 09 Feb 19	84	173	3	39	299	17	86	135	208	446	745
10 - 16 Feb 19	41	134	11	49	235	4	115	123	199	441	676
17 - 23 Feb 19	44	67	2	15	128	2	0	348	363	713	841
24 Feb - 2 Mar 19	59	420	4	73	556	7	0	241	349	597	1,153
Total	443	1,537	58	292	2,330	30	280	2,412	2,012	4,734	7,064

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

PSNs Assisted 24 Feb - 02 Mar 2019	Persons						Total
	From Iran			From Pakistan			
	Herat	Nimroz	Sub-Total	Turkham	Spin Boldak	Sub-Total	
Poor Family (PF)	0	44	44	40	354	394	438
Unaccompanied Migrant Children	29	58	87	3	0	3	90
Single Parents Family (SP)	22	29	51	19	66	85	136
Special Cases (SC)	28	69	97	4	0	4	101
Medical Case (MC)	56	48	104	0	0	0	104
Physically Disabled (PD)	3	2	5	0	0	0	5
Unaccompanied Elderly (UE)	5	2	7	0	0	0	7
Drug Addicted (DA)	9	1	10	0	0	0	10
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	91	169	260	0	0	0	260
Total PSNs	245	422	667	66	420	486	1,153

IOM Afghanistan has assisted a total of 7,064 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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