



After returning from Iran, Afghan returnee children use the child friendly space in Nimroz© K. Hayeri, IOM 2020

## Highlights

**504,977** total returns from Iran and Pakistan since 01 Jan 2019

**485,096** total returns from Iran

**19,881** total returns from Pakistan

**8,209** undocumented Afghans returned from Iran during 29 Dec – 4 Jan 2020 with **10%** of returnees from Iran (7,81 individuals) assisted

**240** undocumented Afghans returned from Pakistan during 29 Dec – 4 Jan 2020 with **100%** of returnees from Pakistan (240 individuals) assisted.

### Return from Iran

According to the Border Monitoring Team of the Directorate of Refugees and Repatriation (DoRR), a total of **8,209** undocumented Afghans spontaneously returned or were deported from Iran through the Milak (Nimroz) and Herat (Islam Qala) border crossings between 29 Dec—4 Jan 2020, a 7% decrease from the previous week (**8,801**). **3,345** persons returned voluntarily and **4,864** were deported. This brings the total number of undocumented returnees from Iran to **504,975** from 1 Jan 2019—4 Jan 2020. IOM provided post-arrival humanitarian assistance to **7,81 (10%)** undocumented Afghans at its Transit Centers, including 165 Unaccompanied Migrant Children, 36 Medical Cases, 13 members of Single Parent Families, 6 Physically Disabled persons, 15 Unaccompanied Elderly persons, 2 Single Females, 110 members of deported families, 6 persons with substance abuse concerns, 428 members of Poor Families.

### IOM Thematic Support

#### Protection

The Protection Unit completed case management assessments for 37 PSN cases in Kunduz, Takhar, Sare Pul and Faryab. Including, 11 special cases, 13 unaccompanied migrant children, 8 female headed households, and 5 medical cases.

#### Migration Health

A total of 3,096 undocumented Afghans were screened for tuberculosis in IOM Transit Centers. Of the total screened, 41 persons were found to be presumptive TB cases and referred for additional diagnostic/treatment services.

A total of 76 individuals received health services at the Garzargah Transit Center in Herat province.

## Situation Overview

As of 31 December, IOM's Cross Border Return Programme has received funding contributions in 2019 from the Governments of the United Kingdom, the Netherlands, Switzerland, Norway's Ministry of Justice and Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Canada, the Czech Republic and CERF. Additional thematic funding has been received from ECHO for Protection programming and the Global Fund for Migration Health. In 2020, IOM is seeking 15 M USD in new funding to continue its ongoing humanitarian cross border response activities.

### Monthly Return of Undocumented Afghans

Month	Iran	Pakistan	Total
Jan - Apr 2019	149,894	8,324	158,216
May 2019	39,886	1,488	41,374
June 2019	35,277	1,440	36,717
July 2019	40,947	2,132	43,079
August 2019	37,942	1,411	39,353
September 2019	45,216	1,724	46,940
October 2019	45,676	1,341	47,017
November 2019	45,576	1,041	46,617
1 Dec 2019 - 4 Jan 2020	44,682	980	45,662
<b>Total</b>	<b>485,096</b>	<b>19,881</b>	<b>504,975</b>

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Return from Pakistan

According to the Border Monitoring Team of the Directorate of Refugees and Repatriation (DoRR), a total of **191** undocumented Afghans spontaneously returned and **49** were deported from Pakistan between 29 Dec— 4 Jan 2020, a 28% increase compared to the previous week 22—28 Dec 2019 (173) as the advent of the winter season means that returns from Pakistan will now remain low until March/April. The total number of undocumented Afghan returnees from Pakistan from 1 Jan 2019—4 Jan 2020 is now **19,881**. IOM provided post-arrival assistance to **240 (100%)** undocumented returnees.

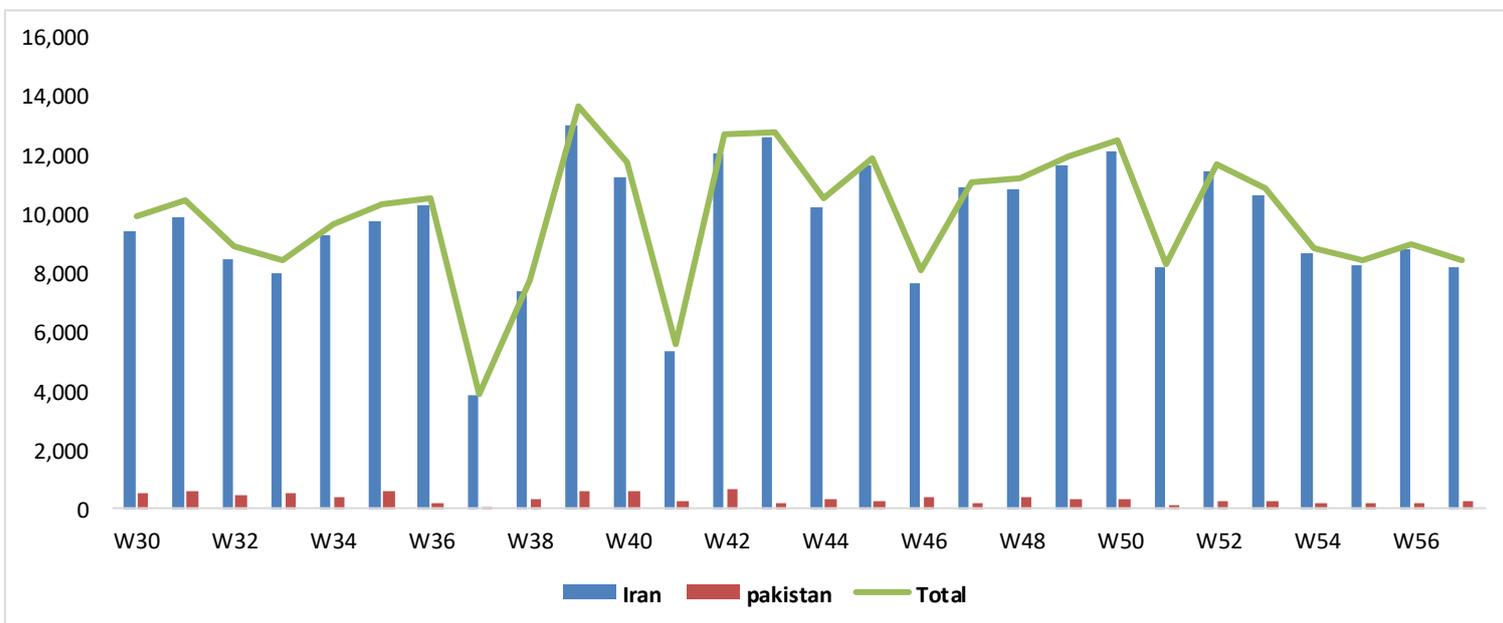
Number of Undocumented Returnees in 2019 —2020

Date	Iran				Total Iran	Pakistan				Total Pakistan	Overall Return
	Herat		Nimroz			Turkham		Kandahar			
	Spont	Deport	Spont	Deport		Spont	Deport	Spont	Deport		
Jan - Nov 2019	105,766	81,728	85,792	167,128	440,414	4,418	1,273	11,902	1,308	18,901	459,315
01 - 07 Dec 2019	3,963	1,644	1,209	3,843	10,659	30	7	204	0	241	10,900
08 - 14 Dec 2019	2,507	1,598	1,282	3,330	8,717	22	0	138	0	160	8,877
15 - 28 Dec 2019	4,924	3,265	2,616	6,292	17,097	53	20	266	0	339	17,436
29 Dec - 4 Jan 2020	1,916	1,485	1,429	3,379	8,209	49	0	191	0	240	8,449
<b>Total</b>	<b>119,076</b>	<b>89,720</b>	<b>92,328</b>	<b>183,972</b>	<b>485,096</b>	<b>4,572</b>	<b>1,300</b>	<b>12,701</b>	<b>1,308</b>	<b>19,881</b>	<b>504,977</b>

Number of Assisted Returnees in 2019 —2020

Date	Iran				Total Iran	Pakistan				Total Pakistan	Overall Assisted
	Herat		Nimroz			Turkham		Kandahar			
	Spont	Deport	Spont	Deport		Spont	Deport	Spont	Deport		
Jan - Nov 2019	2,044	14,105	2,338	9,133	27,620	4,418	157	10,735	702	16,012	43,632
01 - 07 Dec 2019	63	1,125	38	315	1,541	30	5	167	0	202	1,743
08 - 14 Dec 2019	57	1,065	42	460	1,624	22	0	105	0	127	1,751
15 - 28 Dec 2019	75	2,603	78	700	3,456	53	14	209	0	276	3,732
29 Dec - 4 Jan 2020	25	524	13	219	781	49	0	201	0	250	1,031
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,264</b>	<b>19,422</b>	<b>2,509</b>	<b>10,827</b>	<b>35,022</b>	<b>4,572</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>11,417</b>	<b>702</b>	<b>16,867</b>	<b>51,889</b>

Return of Undocumented Afghans from Iran and Pakistan—Weekly Trends for 2019—2020



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