



“Afghan returnees receive mine awareness training at Turkham Transit Centre © A Sharafat / IOM Afghanistan”

## Highlights

**105,929** total returns from Iran and Pakistan since 01 Jan 2019

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**5,582** total returns from Pakistan since 01 Jan 2019

**5,215** undocumented Afghans returned from Iran

**734** undocumented Afghans returned from Pakistan

**13%** of returnees from Iran (669 individuals) assisted

**85%** of returnees from Pakistan (621 individuals)

### Return from Iran

According to the Border Monitoring Team of the Directorate of Refugees and Repatriation (DoRR), a total of **5,215** undocumented Afghans spontaneously returned or were deported from Iran through the Milak (Nimroz) and Herat (Islam Qala) border crossings between 31 March to 06 April 2019, **21% less** than in the previous week (6,616). **2,394** returned voluntarily, **2,821** were deported. This brings the total number of undocumented returnees from Iran since 01 January 2019 to 106,296. IOM provided post-arrival humanitarian assistance to **669 (13%)** undocumented Afghans deported from Iran at its Transit Centers in Nimroz and Herat, including 63 Unaccompanied Migrant Children, 57 Medical Cases, 207 members of Single Parent Families, 13 Physically Disabled, 41 Special Cases, 8 Unaccompanied Elderly, 36 Drug Addicted, 10 members of a Poor Family, 2 Single Female and 232 members of deported families.

### Protection Assistance for Returnees

The Protection Unit completed case management assessment for 77 PSN cases in Ghor, Kunduz, Hirat, Balkh, Nangarhar, Kandahar and Kabul, including 25 Unaccompanied Migrant Children, 23 Female-headed Households, 11 Special Cases, 11 Medical Cases, 2 People with Disability, 2 Elderlies at Risk, 2 Single Females and 1 Drug Addict. In addition, 7 Female-headed Households received Protection assistance in Laghman.

## 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 **734** undocumented Afghans spontaneously returned or were deported from Pakistan through the Turkham (Nangarhar) and Spin Boldak (Kandahar) border crossings from 31 March to 06 April 2019. Of the total returnees, 637 were spontaneous returnees and 97 were deported undocumented Afghans. This number marks an **10% increase** compared to the previous week (666). The total number of undocumented Afghan returnees from Pakistan since 01 January 2019 is now 5,582. IOM provided post-arrival assistance to **85%** of undocumented Afghan returnees from Pakistan (734 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 - 16 Mar 19	277	586	4,531	5,707	11,101	81	160	3,766	8,703	12,710	23,811
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
31 Mar - 6 Apr 19	137	500	894	1,500	3,031	97	0	720	2,101	2,918	5,949
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,097</b>	<b>3,259</b>	<b>24,322</b>	<b>21,585</b>	<b>50,263</b>	<b>526</b>	<b>700</b>	<b>20,365</b>	<b>34,075</b>	<b>55,666</b>	<b>105,929</b>

### 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 - 09 Feb 19	277	557	38	315	1,187	52	147	589	638	1,426	2,613
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
31 Mar - 6 Apr 19	137	467	6	201	811	17	0	218	244	479	1,290
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,097</b>	<b>3,057</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>1,084</b>	<b>5,342</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>543</b>	<b>3,610</b>	<b>3,192</b>	<b>7,472</b>	<b>12,814</b>

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

PSNs Assisted 31 Mar to 06 April 2019	Persons							Total
	From Iran			From Pakistan			Total	
	Herat	Nimroz	Sub-Total	Turkham	Spin Boldak	Sub-Total		
Poor Family (PF)	0	10	<b>10</b>	88	387	<b>475</b>	<b>485</b>	
Unaccompanied Migrant Children	26	37	<b>63</b>	0	0	<b>0</b>	<b>63</b>	
Single Parents Family (SP)	16	191	<b>207</b>	49	80	<b>129</b>	<b>336</b>	
Special Cases (SC)	33	8	<b>41</b>	17	0	<b>17</b>	<b>58</b>	
Medical Case (MC)	40	17	<b>57</b>	0	0	<b>0</b>	<b>57</b>	
Physically Disabled (PD)	11	2	<b>13</b>	0	0	<b>0</b>	<b>13</b>	
Unaccompanied Elderly (UE)	4	4	<b>8</b>	0	0	<b>0</b>	<b>8</b>	
Drug Addicted (DA)	36	0	<b>36</b>	0	0	<b>0</b>	<b>36</b>	
Single Female (SF)	1	1	<b>2</b>	0	0	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	
Mentally Ill (MI)	0	0	<b>0</b>	0	0	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	
Chronically ill (CI)	0	0	<b>0</b>	0	0	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	
Deported Families	57	175	<b>232</b>	0	0	<b>0</b>	<b>232</b>	
<b>Total PSNs</b>	<b>224</b>	<b>445</b>	<b>669</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>467</b>	<b>621</b>	<b>1,290</b>	

*IOM Afghanistan has assisted a total of 12,814 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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