



A returnee family arrives at the Herat Transit Center at night after being deported from Iran. During their journey they were kidnapped by smugglers and held for ransom. © IOM, K. Hayeri 2020

### Highlights

**10,995** total returns from Iran and Pakistan since 01 January 2020

**10,688** total returns from Iran

**307** total returns from Pakistan

**6,641** undocumented Afghans returned from Iran from 5–11 Jan 2020 with **7%** of returnees from Iran (487 individuals) assisted

**148** undocumented Afghans returned from Pakistan from 5 –11 Jan 2020 with **84%** of returnees from Pakistan (124 individuals) assisted.

### Return from Iran

According to the Border Monitoring Team of the Directorate of Refugees and Repatriation (DoRR), a total of **6,641** undocumented Afghans spontaneously returned or were deported from Iran through the Milak (Nimroz) and Herat (Islam Qala) border crossings between 5-11 Jan 2020, a 19% decrease from the previous week (**8,209**). **3,049** persons returned voluntarily and **3,592** were deported. From 1st January 2020, the total number of undocumented returnees from Iran is **10,688** individuals. IOM provided post-arrival humanitarian assistance to **487 (7%)** undocumented Afghans at its Transit Centers, including 107 Unaccompanied Migrant Children, 91 Medical Cases, 21 members of Single Parent Families, 6 Physically Disabled persons, 13 Unaccompanied Elderly persons, 2 Single Females, 88 members of deported families, and 34 persons with substance abuse concerns.

### Protection

The Protection Unit completed case management assessments for 85 PSN cases in Ghor, Balkh, Herat, Kunduz, Kandahar, Takhar, Faryab, Sare Pul and Kabul including, 35 special cases, 17 Unaccompanied Migrant Children, 16 poor families, 10 medical cases, and 7 substance abuse concern cases. In addition, 25 special cases, 12 single females, 5 Unaccompanied Migrant Children and 3 poor families received protection assistance in Kabul.

### Migration Health

A total of 1,913 undocumented Afghans were screened for tuberculosis in IOM Transit Centers. Of the total screened, 31 persons were found to be presumptive TB cases and referred for additional diagnostic/treatment services.

A total of 99 individuals received health services at the Garzargah Transit Center in Herat province.

### Funding Situation Overview

As of 01 January, 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, the Czech Republic and CERF which carry over into 2020. Additional thematic funding was received from ECHO for Protection programming and the Global Fund, DFID and CERF for Migration Health. In 2020, IOM is seeking 15 M USD in new funding to continue its ongoing humanitarian cross border response activities.

### 2019 Monthly Return of Undocumented Af-

Month	Iran	Pakistan	Total
Jan - Apr 2019	149,894	8,322	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	37,389	1,422	38,811
September 2019	45,216	1,724	46,940
October 2019	45,676	1,341	47,017
November 2019	46,026	1,034	47,060
December 2019	39,591	867	40,458
<b>Total</b>	<b>479,902</b>	<b>19,770</b>	<b>499,672</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 **148** undocumented Afghans spontaneously returned from Pakistan between 5—11 Jan 2020, a 38% decrease compared to the previous week 29 Dec— 4 Jan 2020 (240) as the advent of winter weather inclusive of major road closures due to snowfall means that returns from Pakistan will now remain low until Persian New Year in late March. The total number of undocumented Afghan returnees from Pakistan from 1 Jan 2020 is now **307**. IOM provided post-arrival assistance to **124 (84%)** of all undocumented returnees from Pakistan over the past week.

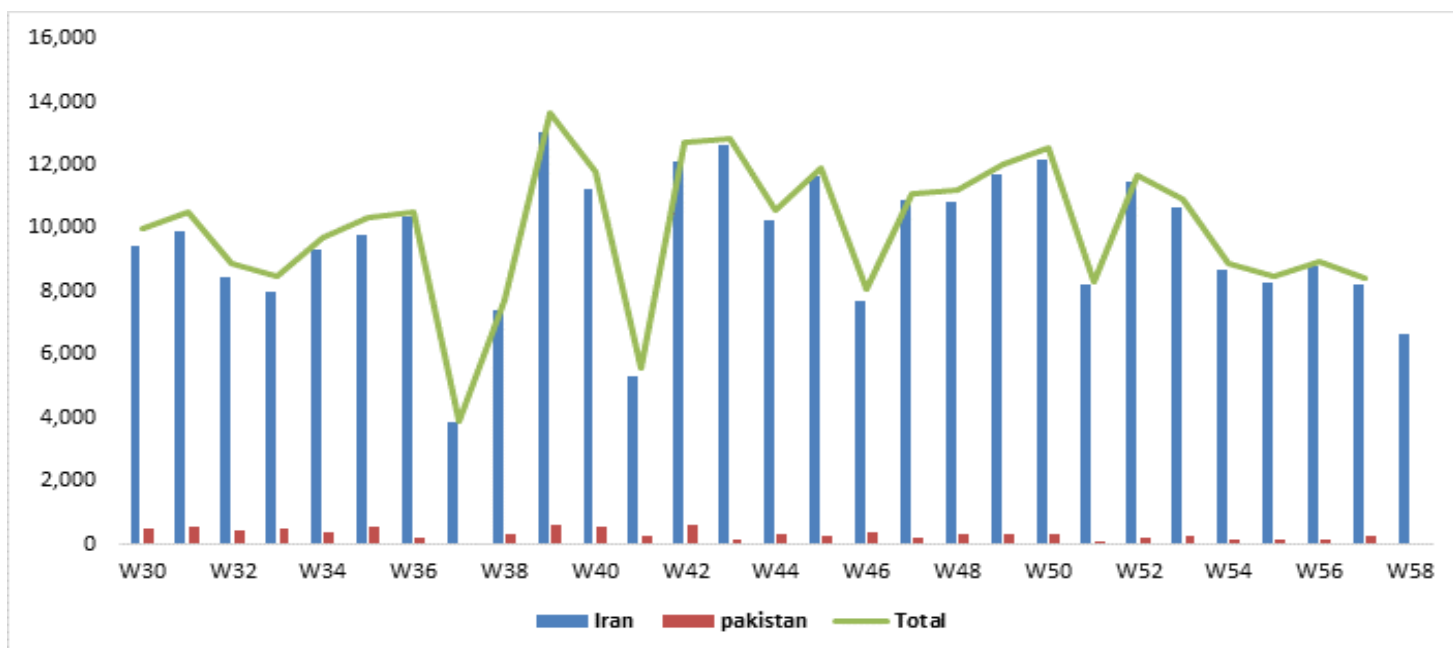
Number of Undocumented Returnees in 2020

Date	Iran				Total Iran	Pakistan				Total Pakistan	Overall Return
	Herat		Nimroz			Turkham		Kandahar			
	Spont	Deport	Spont	Deport		Spont	Deport	Spont	Deport		
1 - 4 Jan 2020	759	881	768	1,639	4,047	46	46	67	0	159	4,206
5 - 11 Jan 2020	1,867	1,309	1,182	2,283	6,641	29	0	119	0	148	6,789
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,626</b>	<b>2,190</b>	<b>1,950</b>	<b>3,922</b>	<b>10,688</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>186</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>307</b>	<b>10,995</b>

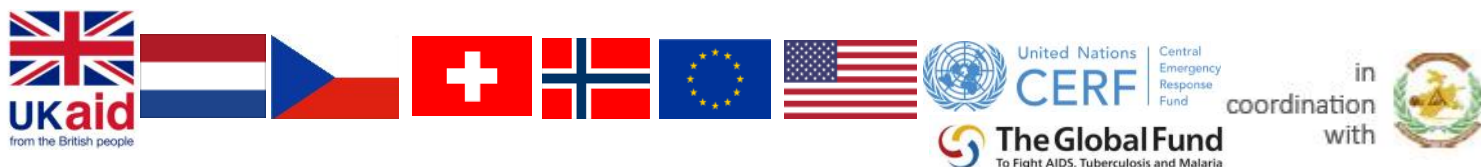
Number of Assisted Returnees in 2020

Date	Iran				Total Iran	Pakistan				Total Pakistan	Overall Assisted
	Herat		Nimroz			Turkham		Kandahar			
	Spont	Deport	Spont	Deport		Spont	Deport	Spont	Deport		
1 - 4 Jan 2020	14	85	0	90	189	46	0	67	0	113	302
5 - 11 Jan 2020	40	236	6	205	487	29	0	95	0	124	611
<b>Total</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>321</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>295</b>	<b>676</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>162</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>237</b>	<b>913</b>

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



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