



Highlights

- 1,100** undocumented Afghans returned from Pakistan
- 5,950** undocumented Afghans returned from Iran
- 5,884** total returns from Pakistan since 1 January 2017
- 30,823** total returns from Iran since 1 January 2017
- 82%** of returnees from Pakistan (906 individuals) assisted
- 3%** of returnees from Iran (177 individuals) assisted

Returns from Pakistan

From 22-28 January 2017, a total of **1,100** undocumented Afghans spontaneously returned or were deported from Pakistan through Torkham border (Nangarhar province) and Spin Boldak border (Kandahar province), according to the Border Monitoring Team of the Directorate of Refugees and Repatriation (DoRR). This is a **30% decrease** in returns from the previous week. Of the total, 1,032 were spontaneous returnees in family groups and 68 were deported individuals. This brings the total number of undocumented Afghan returnees from Pakistan to **5,884** since 1 January 2017.

During the reporting period, IOM assisted **906 (82%)** undocumented Afghan returnees from Pakistan, including 97 unaccompanied migrant children, a significant increase from previous weeks. The support provided includes meals and accommodation at IOM's Transit Centers near the border, household supplies and other Non-Food Items (NFIs) for families, special assistance to Persons with Specific Needs (PSNs), and other assistance from partners as per the adjacent table.

Organization	Type of Assistance	People Assisted
WFP	Food Package	621
WHO	Medical Services	74
UNICEF	Hygiene Kit	239
UNICEF	Family Kit	92
UNICEF	Hygiene Awareness Training for Kit Recipients	239
UNFPA	Dignity Kit	382
AADA	Medical Services	309

Situation Overview

IOM is responding to a substantial increase in the return of undocumented Afghans from Pakistan and Iran. Since 1 January 2016, over 728,000 undocumented Afghans have returned due to diverse push factors, including deteriorating protection space in Pakistan. Many of those returning have lived outside of Afghanistan for decades, and will need support from the government and humanitarian actors both on arrival and as they seek to reintegrate into a country already struggling with widespread conflict and displacement.

While returns have declined in line with seasonal trends during winter, previous surges in returns have been unpredictable and an estimated 1 million undocumented Afghans still remain in Pakistan. IOM is prepared to respond to increased needs and is appealing for additional funding to continue its emergency response programming.

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Returns from Iran

A total of **5,950** undocumented Afghans spontaneously returned or were deported from Iran through Islam Qala (Herat) and Milak (Nimroz) border crossings from 22-28 January, a **28% decrease** compared with the previous week. Out of the total, 3,690 were spontaneous returnees and 2,260 were deportees. This brings the total number of undocumented returnees from Iran since 1 January 2017 to **30,823**.

IOM provided post-arrival humanitarian assistance to **177 (3%)** undocumented Afghans arriving from Iran at its Transit Centers in Herat and Nimroz, including 41 unaccompanied migrant children and 15 persons with drug dependencies.



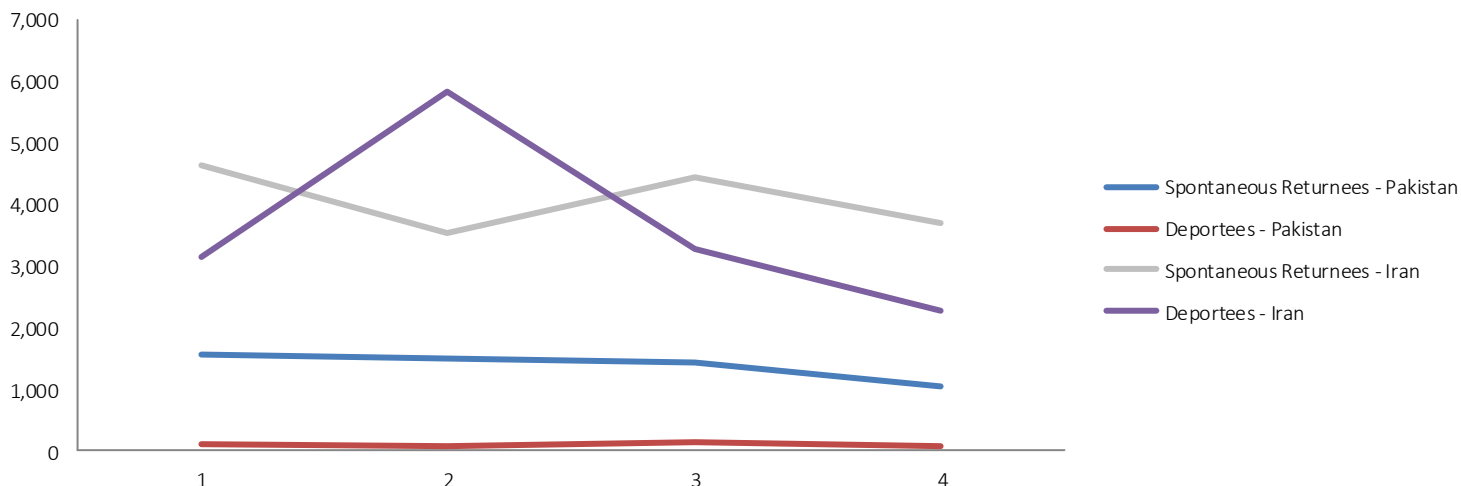
Number of Undocumented Returnees in 2017 (Torkham, Spin Boldak, Islam Qala and Milak)

Date	Spontaneous Returnees				Deportees				Total Pakistan	Total Iran	Grand Total
	Torkham	Spin Boldak	Herat	Nimroz	Torkham	Spin Boldak	Herat	Nimroz			
1-7 Jan	717	836	4,008	625	20	70	1,786	1,347	1,643	7,766	9,409
8-14 Jan	1,008	493	3,114	417	78	0	4,845	1,002	1,579	9,378	10,957
15-21 Jan	854	569	3,771	678	69	70	1,623	1,657	1,562	7,729	9,291
22-28 Jan	699	333	3,095	595	68	0	1,188	1,072	1,100	5,950	7,050
Total	3,278	2,231	13,988	2,315	235	140	9,442	5,078	5,884	30,823	36,707

IOM-Assisted Undocumented Afghans in 2017 (Torkham, Spin Boldak, Islam Qala and Milak)

Date	Spontaneous Returnees				Deportees				Total Pakistan	Total Iran	Grand Total
	Torkham	Spin Boldak	Herat	Nimroz	Torkham	Spin Boldak	Herat	Nimroz			
1-7 Jan	636	779	2	2	5	70	110	85	1,490	199	1,689
8-14 Jan	763	467	5	4	13	0	172	50	1,243	231	1,474
15-21 Jan	682	557	31	20	23	70	148	106	1,332	305	1,637
22-28 Jan	621	258	1	6	27	0	84	86	906	177	1,083
Total	2,702	2,061	39	32	68	140	514	327	4,971	912	5,883

Arrival of Undocumented Afghans by Week, 1-28 January 2017



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