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Highlights

674,112 total returns from Iran and Pakistan since 01 Jan 2018

646,188 total returns from Iran since 01 Jan 2018

27,924 total returns from Pakistan since 01 Jan 2018

15,905 undocumented Afghans returned from Iran

549 undocumented Afghans returned from Pakistan

4% of returnees from Iran (592 individuals) assisted

93% of returnees from Pakistan (512 individuals) assisted

Return from Iran

A total of **15,905** undocumented Afghans spontaneously returned or were deported from Iran through the Milak (Nimroz) and Herat (Islam Qala) border crossings between 21-27 October 2018, **7% more** than in the previous week. This brings the total number of undocumented returnees from Iran since 01 January 2018 to 646,188.

IOM provided post-arrival humanitarian assistance to **592 (4%)** undocumented Afghans deported from Iran at its Transit Centers in Nimroz and Herat, including 107 Unaccompanied Migrant Children (UMC), 41 Medical Cases (MC), 63 members of Single Parent Families (SP), 1 Single Females (SF), 7 Physically Disabled (PD), 34 Special Cases (SC), 35 member of Poor Families (PF), 3 Drug Addicted (DA) and 7 Unaccompanied Elderly (UE).

Geneva Ministerial Conference

Four side events as part of the Ministerial conference have been confirmed for November 27, one of them being a side event on return and reintegration titled *People on the Move*. The EU, the World Bank Group, UNICEF, UNHCR and IOM are jointly supporting the Government of Afghanistan with this event.

The *People on the Move* side event will focus on the achievements made to address migration and forced displacement, challenges faced and finding sustainable solutions for Afghan refugees, returnees and internally displaced Afghans in Afghanistan. The event will include a high-level panel discussion and a photo exhibition. More information can be found [here](#), and the specific agenda for the Ministerial conference and side events can be found [here](#).

Situation Overview

Since 01 January 2018, IOM is responding to the return of over 60,000 undocumented Afghans from Pakistan and Iran. Undocumented returns from Iran in particular are seeing a massive increase of more than 200,000 to over 460,000 total between January-July 2018 versus 187,000 during the same time period in 2017, largely driven by recent political and economic issues in Iran including massive currency devaluation. As Afghans primarily work in the informal economy in Iran the demand for this type of work is drastically reduced. Further as all Afghans typically send home their earnings in the form of monthly remittances, the Afghan economy itself, already evident in the drought affected provinces of Herat, Badghis and Ghor, is suffering direct and immediate effects.

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Return from Pakistan

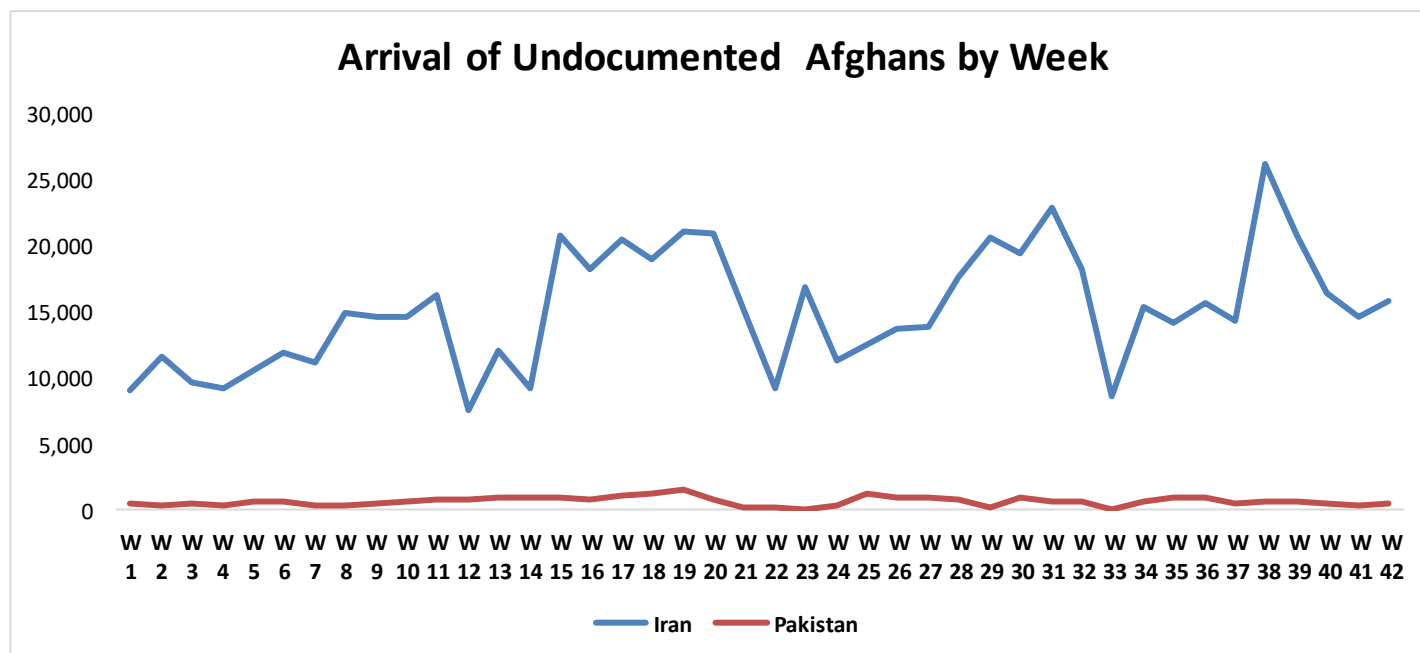
A total of **549** undocumented Afghans spontaneously returned or were deported from Pakistan through the Turkham (Nangarhar) and Spin Boldak (Kandahar) border crossings from 21-27 October 2018, according to the Border Monitoring Team of the Directorate of Refugees and Repatriation (DoRR). Of the total returnees, 536 were spontaneous returnees and 13 were deported. This number marks an **46% increase** compared to the previous week (297). The total number of undocumented Afghan returnees from Pakistan since 01 January 2018 is now 27,924. IOM provided post-arrival assistance to **93%** of undocumented Afghan returnees from Pakistan (512 individuals).

Number of Undocumented Returnees 2018 (Turkham, Spin Boldak, Islam Qala and Milak)

Date	Spontaneous Returnees				Deportees				Total Pakistan	Total Iran	Grand Total
	Turkham	Spin Boldak	Herat	Nimroz	Turkham	Spin Boldak	Herat	Nimroz			
Jan - August 18	10,853	10,186	169,339	55,389	1086	524	113,182	165,991	22,649	503,901	526,550
01 - 29 Sep	1,373	1,547	29,059	10,980	221	43	18,023	16,300	3,184	74,362	77,546
30 Sep - 06 Oct	370	323	8,809	3,679	13	0	4,378	3,999	706	20,865	21,571
07 - 13 Oct	232	301	5,678	2,931	0	6	3,301	4,516	539	16,426	16,965
14 - 20 Oct	95	140	4,634	2,965	62	0	2,828	4,302	297	14,729	15,026
21 - 27 Oct	259	277	5,617	2,637	0	13	4,091	3,560	549	15,905	16,454
Total	13,182	12,774	223,136	78,581	1,382	586	145,803	198,668	27,924	646,188	674,112

IOM Assisted Undocumented Afghans 2018 (Turkham, Spin Boldak, Islam Qala and Milak)

Date	Spontaneous Returnees				Deportees				Total Pakistan	Total Iran	Grand Total
	Turkham	Spin Boldak	Herat	Nimroz	Turkham	Spin Boldak	Herat	Nimroz			
Jan - August 18	10,339	8,378	469	1,128	257	43	8,080	9,500	19,017	19,177	38,194
01 - 29 Sep	1,168	1,492	37	57	0	0	821	965	2,660	1,880	4,540
30 Sep - 06 Oct	368	304	2	6	0	0	87	194	672	289	961
07 - 13 Oct	232	228	5	8	0	0	167	176	460	356	816
14 - 20 Oct	95	79	9	6	0	0	63	236	174	314	488
21-27 Oct	259	253	11	30	0	0	327	224	512	592	1,104
Total	12,461	10,734	533	1,235	257	43	9,545	11,295	23,495	22,608	46,103



IOM Afghanistan has assisted 46,103 undocumented Afghans returning from Iran and Pakistan since 01 January 2018, thanks to the dedication of our staff and the generosity of our donors.

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