



An Afghan family returning from Pakistan at Torkham border crossing in Nangarhar  
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## Highlights

**777,670** total returns from Iran and Pakistan since 01 Jan 2018

**746,151** total returns from Iran since 01 Jan 2018

**31,519** total returns from Pakistan since 01 Jan 2018

**10,874** undocumented Afghans returned from Iran

**496** undocumented Afghans returned from Pakistan

**7%** of returnees from Iran (710 individuals) assisted

**89%** of returnees from Pakistan (441 individuals) assisted

### Return from Iran

A total of **10,874** undocumented Afghans spontaneously returned or were deported from Iran through the Milak (Nimroz) and Herat (Islam Qala) border crossings between 09 - 15 Dec 2018, **20% less** than in the previous week (13,644). This brings the total number of undocumented returnees from Iran since 01 January 2018 to 746,151.

IOM provided post-arrival humanitarian assistance to **710 (7%)** undocumented Afghans deported from Iran at its Transit Centers in Nimroz and Herat, including 108 Unaccompanied Migrant Children (UMC), 111 Medical Cases (MC), 13 members of Single Parent Families (SP), 8 Physically Disabled (PD), 113 Special Cases (SC), 24 Unaccompanied Elderly (UE), 8 Drug Addicted (DA) and 2 Chronically Ill (CI).

### Protection Assistance for Returnees

The protection unit assessed a total of 97 PSN cases in Herat, Faryab, Kandahar, Sare Pul, Nimroz, Kunduz, Kunar, Takhar, Laghman and Balkh provinces. Of the total assessed cases, 43 were unaccompanied migrant children (UMC), 37 female head of households (FHH) 11 medical cases (MC), 5 single females (SF) and 1 poor family.

Furthermore, 36 cases were assisted (10 female head of households, 15 Unaccompanied Migrant Children, 7 Medical Cases, 3 single females and 1 poor family) in Ghor, Nangarhar and Herat provinces).

The assistance included food, non-food items and dignity kits.

## Situation Overview

Since 01 January 2018, IOM is responding to the return of over 770,000 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 **496** undocumented Afghans spontaneously returned or were deported from Pakistan through the Turkham (Nangarhar) and Spin Boldak (Kandahar) border crossings from 09 to 15 December 2018, according to the Border Monitoring Team of the Directorate of Refugees and Repatriation (DoRR). Of the total returnees, 454 were spontaneous returnees and 42 were deported. This number marks an **50% increase** compared to the previous week (331). The total number of undocumented Afghan returnees from Pakistan since 01 January 2018 is now 31,519. IOM provided post-arrival assistance to **89%** of undocumented Afghan returnees from Pakistan (441 individuals).

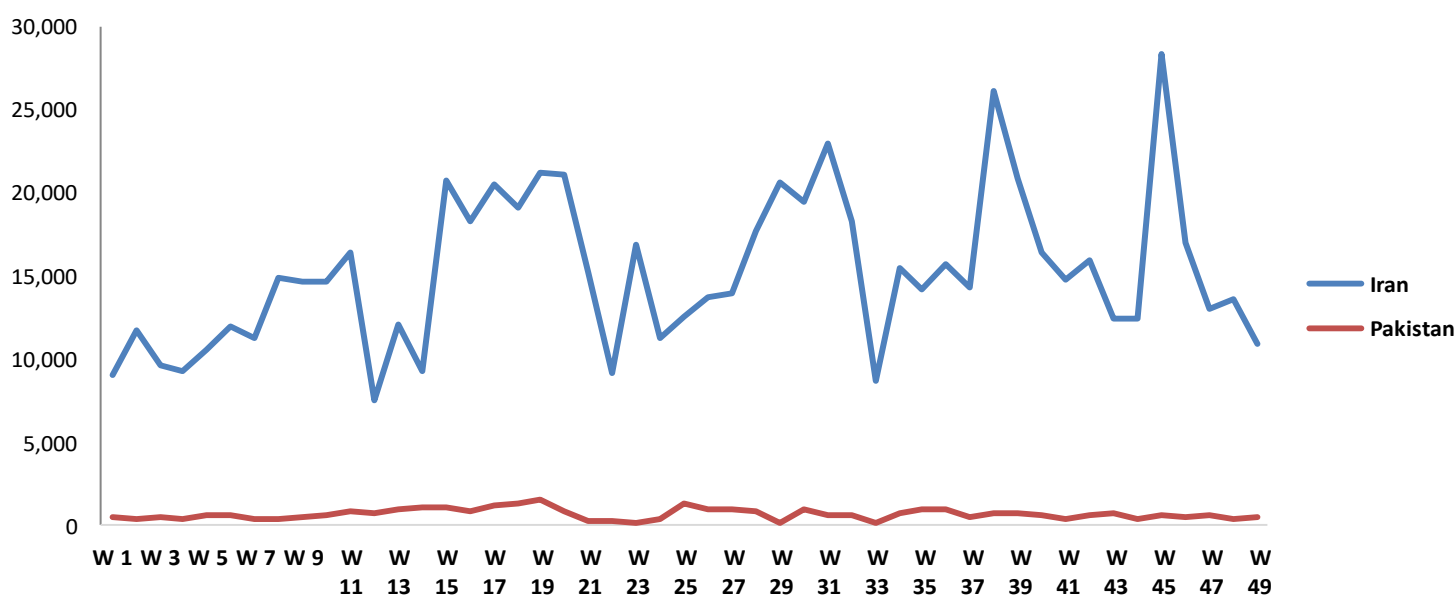
**Number of Undocumented Returnees 2018 (Turkham, Spin Boldak, Islam Qala and Milak)**

Date	Spontaneous Returnees				Deportees				Total Pakistan	Total Iran	Grand Total
	Turkham	Spin Boldak	Herat	Nimroz	Turkham	Spin Boldak	Herat	Nimroz			
Jan - Oct 18	13,295	13,086	218,356	80,708	1396	591	147,007	201,317	28,368	647,388	675,756
01 - 24 Nov	582	977	16,658	10,646	89	59	7,448	26,528	1,707	61,280	62,987
25 Nov - 01 Dec	184	419	3,143	2,616	10	4	2,235	4,971	617	12,965	13,582
02 - 08 Dec	87	183	4,811	2,292	26	35	2,310	4,231	331	13,644	13,975
09 - 15 Dec	131	323	3,741	1,717	42	0	1,867	3,549	496	10,874	11,370
<b>Total</b>	<b>14,279</b>	<b>14,988</b>	<b>246,709</b>	<b>97,979</b>	<b>1,563</b>	<b>689</b>	<b>160,867</b>	<b>240,596</b>	<b>31,519</b>	<b>746,151</b>	<b>777,670</b>

**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 - Oct 18	12,574	10,966	548	1,247	257	43	9,719	11,519	23,840	23,033	46,873
01 - 24 Nov	567	871	28	0	0	7	780	832	1,445	1,640	3,085
25 Nov - 01 Dec	184	337	20	0	0	29	338	459	550	817	1,367
02 - 08 Dec	87	172	4	0	0	28	227	392	287	623	910
09 - 15 Dec	131	310	4	0	0	0	245	461	441	710	1,151
<b>Total</b>	<b>13,543</b>	<b>12,656</b>	<b>604</b>	<b>1,247</b>	<b>257</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>11,309</b>	<b>13,663</b>	<b>26,563</b>	<b>26,823</b>	<b>53,386</b>

**Arrival of Undocumented Afghans by Week**



*IOM Afghanistan has assisted 53,386 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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