



Afghan returnee families from Pakistan on Turkham border

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## Highlights

**800,124** total returns from Iran and Pakistan since 01 Jan 2018

**767,663** total returns from Iran since 01 Jan 2018

**32,461** total returns from Pakistan since 01 Jan 2018

**10,371** undocumented Afghans returned from Iran

**434** undocumented Afghans returned from Pakistan

**9%** of returnees from Iran (980 individuals) assisted

**86%** of returnees from Pakistan (375 individuals) assisted

## Return from Iran

A total of **10,371** undocumented Afghans spontaneously returned or were deported from Iran through the Milak (Nimroz) and Herat (Islam Qala) border crossings between 23 - 29 Dec 2018, **7% less** than in the previous week (11,141). This brings the total number of undocumented returnees from Iran since 01 January 2018 to 767,663.

IOM provided post-arrival humanitarian assistance to **980 (9%)** undocumented Afghans deported from Iran at its Transit Centers in Nimroz and Herat, including 112 Unaccompanied Migrant Children (UMC), 253 Medical Cases (MC), 11 members of Single Parent Families (SP), 11 Physically Disabled (PD), 297 Special Cases (SC), 18 Unaccompanied Elderly (UE), 8 Drug Addicted (DA), 2 Single Females (SF), 5 members of a Poor Family (PF) and 2 Chronically Ill (CI).

## Protection Assistance for Returnees

The protection unit assessed a total of 96 PSN cases in Herat, Kunduz, Ghor, Sare Pul, Nimroz, Takhar, Faryab, and Balkh provinces. Of the total assessed cases, 46 were unaccompanied migrant children (UMC), 16 female heads of households (FHH) 30 medical cases (MC), 3 Special cases and 1 single female (SF).

Furthermore, 168 cases were assisted (52 female heads of households, 86 unaccompanied migrant children, 22 medical cases, 4 special cases, 2 single females, 1 unaccompanied elderly and 1 single parent in Ghor, Nimroz, Takhar, Sare Pul, Herat and Balkh 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 800,000 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 **434** undocumented Afghans spontaneously returned or were deported from Pakistan through the Turkham (Nangarhar) and Spin Boldak (Kandahar) border crossings from 23 to 29 December 2018, according to the Border Monitoring Team of the Directorate of Refugees and Repatriation (DoRR). Of the total returnees, 303 were spontaneous returnees and 131 were deported. This number marks an **15% decrease** compared to the previous week (508). The total number of undocumented Afghan returnees from Pakistan since 01 January 2018 is now 32,461. IOM provided post-arrival assistance to **86%** of undocumented Afghan returnees from Pakistan (375 individuals).

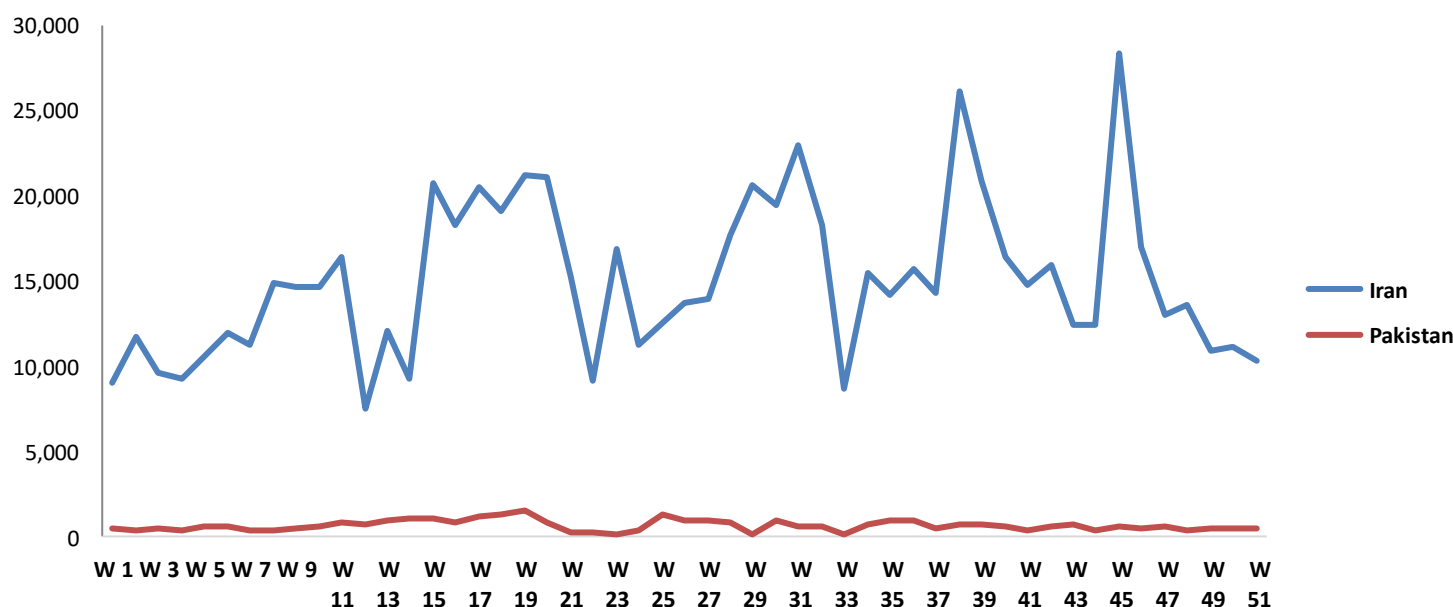
**Number of Undocumented Returnees 2018 (Turkham, Spin Boldak, Islam Qala and Milak)**

Date	Spontaneous Returnees				Deportees				Total Pakistan	Total Iran	Grand Total
	Turkham	Spin Boldak	Herat	Nimroz	Turkham	Spin Boldak	Herat	Nimroz			
Jan - Nov 18	14,022	14,453	238,357	93,516	1495	650	156,201	231,989	30,620	720,063	750,683
01 - 08 Dec	126	212	4,611	2,746	26	39	2,799	5,058	403	15,214	15,617
09 - 15 Dec	131	323	3,741	1,717	42	0	1,867	3,549	496	10,874	11,370
16 - 22 Dec	48	326	3,369	2,218	12	122	1,799	3,755	508	11,141	11,649
23 - 29 Dec	49	254	3,370	1,878	31	100	1,818	3,305	434	10,371	10,805
<b>Total</b>	<b>14,376</b>	<b>15,568</b>	<b>253,448</b>	<b>102,075</b>	<b>1,606</b>	<b>911</b>	<b>164,484</b>	<b>247,656</b>	<b>32,461</b>	<b>767,663</b>	<b>800,124</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 - Nov 18	13,286	12,174	596	1,247	257	50	10,793	12,779	25,767	25,415	51,182
01 - 08 Dec	126	172	4	0	0	57	271	423	355	698	1,053
09 - 15 Dec	131	310	4	0	0	0	245	461	441	710	1,151
16 - 22 Dec	48	326	1	0	0	121	543	369	495	913	1,408
23 - 29 Dec	49	227	1	13	0	99	496	470	375	980	1,355
<b>Total</b>	<b>13,640</b>	<b>13,209</b>	<b>606</b>	<b>1,260</b>	<b>257</b>	<b>327</b>	<b>12,348</b>	<b>14,502</b>	<b>27,433</b>	<b>28,716</b>	<b>56,149</b>

**Arrival of Undocumented Afghans by Week**



*IOM Afghanistan has assisted 56,149 undocumented Afghans returning from Iran and Pakistan since 01 January 2018, thanks to the dedication of our staff and the generosity of our donors.*

