



From 04-06 October, IOM is facilitating the annual Directorate for Returnees and Repatriation (DoRR) Directors meeting. Participants came from all 34 provinces and opening remarks were provided by the Minister for Refugees, H.E. Noor Rahman Akhlaqi and the IOM Chief of Mission, Stuart Simpson. @ IOM, October 2020

Highlights

602,850 total returns from Iran and Pakistan since 01 January 2020

597,717 total returns from Iran

5,133 total returns from Pakistan

Over the past week **25,917** undocumented Afghans returned from Iran with **5%** of returnees from Iran (**1,411** individuals) assisted

Over the past week **132** undocumented Afghans returned from Pakistan with **92%** of returnees from Pakistan (**122** individuals) assisted

Return from Iran

According to the Border Monitoring Team of the Directorate of Refugees and Repatriation (DoRR), a total of **25,917** Afghans returned from Iran through the Nimroz (Milak) and Herat (Islam Qala) borders between 27 Sep—03 Oct 2020, a **3%** decrease from the previous week (**26,801**). **12,341** persons returned voluntarily and **13,576** were deported. Since 01 January 2020, the total number of undocumented returnees from Iran is **597,717** individuals. IOM provided post-arrival humanitarian assistance to **1,411 (5%)** of all undocumented Afghans at the IOM Transit Centers in Herat and Nimroz during the past week.

Coronavirus Update

IOM is actively supporting the Ministry of Public Health (MoPH) and WHO in addressing preparedness and emergency coordination actions through its Cross Border Return, Migration Health and Displacement Tracking Matrix (DTM) Units.

IOM support is primarily focused across 4 of WHO's Global Response Pillars include 1. Coordination; 2. Risk Communication and Community Engagement; 3. Surveillance/DTM; and 4. Points of Entry. Activities include training for frontline health workers, deployment of staffing to areas of need including placement in health facilities, secondment of staff to cross border surveillance, material support of PPE and other equipment, ambulance based referral services, distribution of MOPH-WHO IEC materials and community level awareness raising and sensitization efforts through health education sessions including within Displacement Tracking Matrix focus group discussions in 11,768 settlements across 34 provinces. For more information please refer to <https://afghanistan.iom.int/IOM-COVID-19-Response>

IOM Thematic Support

Migration Health:

During the past week, IOM's 7 Mobile Health Teams provided **12,404** patients in need with basic health services. This brings the total number of patients served to **372,529** in 2020. Over 200 health staff are presently deployed to support the Ministry of Public Health's Response efforts in 5 provinces. Over **500** community health workers have been trained on COVID awareness and personal protective measures in Nimroz, Helmand, Herat, Kandahar and Nangarhar.

Under Migration Health's Global Fund multi-country TB grant, a total of **13,792** undocumented Afghans were screened for tuberculosis in IOM Transit Centers over the past week. Of the total screened, **3,884** persons were screened during OPD consultations, **276** suspects were identified, all **276** were tested and **7** persons were confirmed as positive TB cases.

Protection:

The Protection unit completed case management assessment for 86 PSN cases in Nimroz, Faryab, Takhar, Kunduz, Sar-i-Pul, Ghor, Kabul, and Nangarhar including 40 individuals with specific situations, 12 persons with serious medical conditions, 10 children at risk, 8 women at risk, 7 persons with disability, 5 unaccompanied migrant children, and 4 single parents. In addition, COVID-19 protection monitoring assessments were conducted for 109 cases all of whom received information related to COVID-19 prevention and awareness.

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Return from Pakistan

According to the Directorate of Refugees, **5,133** undocumented Afghans have returned from Pakistan since 01 January 2020. Over the past week **132** undocumented Afghans returned from Pakistan through Torkham (**33** returnees and **32** deportees) and Spin Boldak (**67** returnees) borders. The Afghan frontier with Pakistan at Spin Boldak officially opened on 21 August and the border with Torkham on 29 September. Some level of COVID-19 restrictions remain in place and full border functionality is anticipated to resume during the month of October with a revised visa regime in place for Afghans traveling to Pakistan.

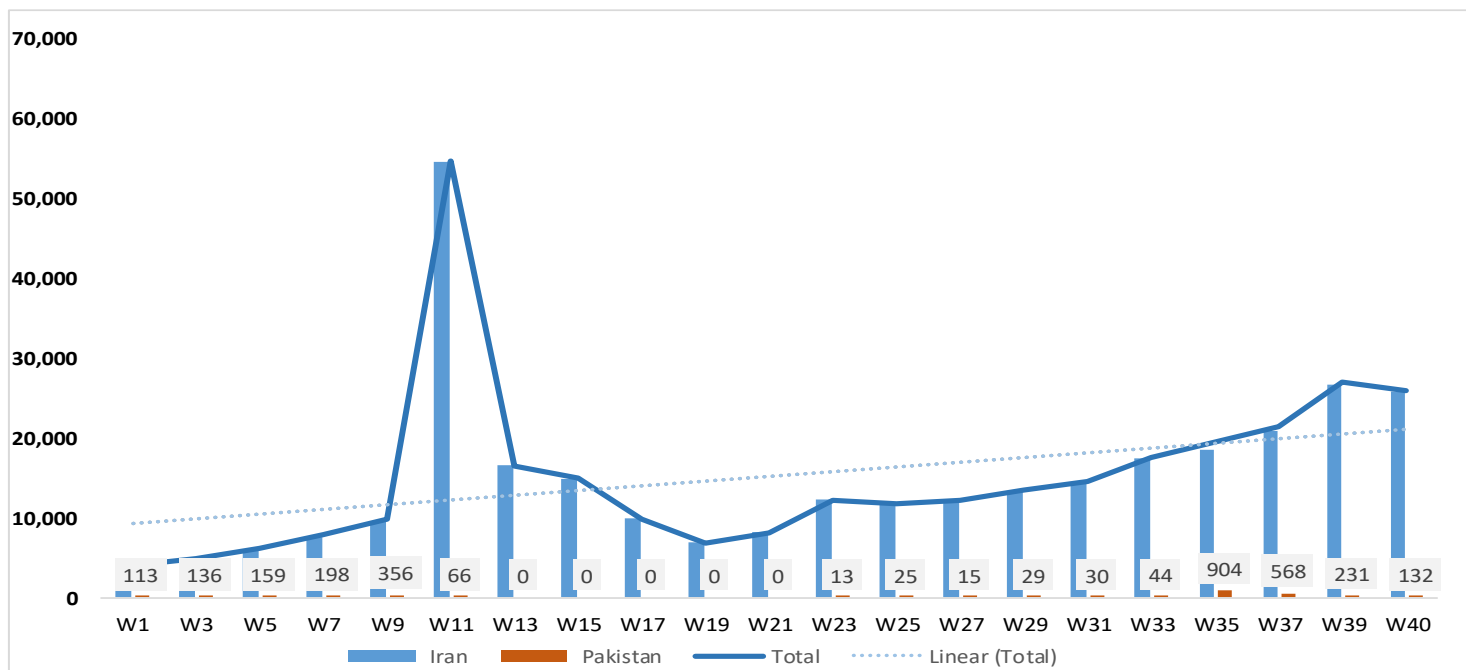
Total Number of Undocumented Returnees in 2020

| Date | Iran | | | | Total Iran | Pakistan | | | | Total Pakistan | Overall Return |
|----------------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|------------|------------|--------------|------------|----------------|----------------|
| | Herat | | Nimroz | | | Torkham | | Kandahar | | | |
| | Spont | Deport | Spont | Deport | | Spont | Deport | Spont | Deport | | |
| 01 Jan - 31 Aug 2020 | 235,524 | 56,271 | 85,773 | 109,418 | 486,986 | 630 | 115 | 2,330 | 29 | 3,104 | 490,090 |
| 01-19 Sep 2020 | 22,011 | 13,414 | 6,624 | 15,964 | 58,013 | 13 | 43 | 1,505 | 105 | 1,666 | 59,679 |
| 20-26 Sep 2020 | 11,079 | 6,372 | 2,138 | 7,212 | 26,801 | 6 | 0 | 147 | 78 | 231 | 27,032 |
| 27 Sep-03 Oct 2020 | 9,415 | 8,127 | 2,926 | 5,449 | 25,917 | 33 | 32 | 67 | 0 | 132 | 26,049 |
| Total | 278,029 | 84,184 | 97,461 | 138,043 | 597,717 | 682 | 190 | 4,049 | 212 | 5,133 | 602,850 |

Total Number of Assisted Returnees in 2020

| Date | Iran | | | | Total Iran | Pakistan | | | | Total Pakistan | Overall Assisted |
|----------------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|------------|------------|--------------|-----------|----------------|------------------|
| | Herat | | Nimroz | | | Torkham | | Kandahar | | | |
| | Spont | Deport | Spont | Deport | | Spont | Deport | Spont | Deport | | |
| 01 Jan - 31 Aug 2020 | 14,226 | 11,038 | 9,036 | 24,147 | 58,447 | 630 | 77 | 1,939 | 24 | 2,670 | 61,117 |
| 01-19 Sep 2020 | 564 | 1,544 | 101 | 1,699 | 3,908 | 13 | 14 | 1,387 | 27 | 1,441 | 5,349 |
| 20-26 Sep 2020 | 158 | 539 | 21 | 618 | 1,336 | 6 | 0 | 147 | 0 | 153 | 1,489 |
| 27 Sep-03 Oct 2020 | 132 | 539 | 8 | 732 | 1,411 | 33 | 31 | 58 | 0 | 122 | 1,533 |
| Total | 15,080 | 13,660 | 9,166 | 27,196 | 65,102 | 682 | 122 | 3,531 | 51 | 4,386 | 69,488 |

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



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