



Highlights

442,690 total returns from Iran and Pakistan since 01 Jan 2018

422,831 total returns from Iran since 01 Jan 2018

19,859 total returns from Pakistan since 01 Jan 2018

20,618 undocumented Afghans returned from Iran

137 undocumented Afghans returned from Pakistan

3% of returnees from Iran (633 individuals) assisted

95% of returnees from Pakistan (130 individuals) assisted

Return from Iran

A total of **20,618** undocumented Afghans spontaneously returned or were deported from Iran through the Milak (Nimroz) and Herat (Islam Qala) border crossings between 22—28 July 2018, **17% more** than in the previous week. This brings the total number of undocumented returnees from Iran since 01 January 2018 to 422,831.

Due current funding gaps, IOM was only able to provide post-arrival humanitarian assistance to **633 (3%)** undocumented Afghans deported from Iran at its Transit Centers in Nimroz and Herat, including 27 Un-accompanied Migrant Children (UMC), 46 Medical Cases (MC), 94 members of Single Parent Families (SP) 4 Single Females (SF), 6 Physical Disabled (PD), 8 Unaccompanied Elderly (UE), 64 Special Case (SC), 77 member of poor family (PF) and 1 Chronically Ill.

Iranian Currency in Free Fall

The devaluation of the Iranian Rial is now at an all-time record low of 1 USD=120,000 IRR, compared with 1 USD = 40,000 IRR in 2017. This, amongst other factors, has caused the Iranian economy to slow down rapidly. As Afghans in Iran primarily work in the informal economy, the demand for this type of work is drastically reduced. Further, as all Afghans typically send home the main parts of their earnings in the form of monthly remittances, the Afghan economy itself will suffer direct and immediate effects. Less money coming from working males who are instead returning home to few jobs combined with an ongoing drought and resource competition with other returnees will put additional pressures on Afghan families.

Situation Overview

Since 01 January 2018, IOM is responding to the return of over 442,000 undocumented Afghans from Pakistan and Iran. Undocumented returns from Iran in particular are seeing a massive increase of more than 200,000 in 2018 to over 402,000 total versus 187,000 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 **137** undocumented Afghans spontaneously returned or were deported from Pakistan through the Turkham (Nangarhar) and Spin Boldak (Kandahar) border crossings from 22 –28 July 2018, according to the Border Monitoring Team of the Directorate of Refugees and Repatriation (DoRR). Of the total returnees, 129 were spontaneous returnees and 8 were deported. This number marks a **83% decrease** compared to the previous week (848). The total number of undocumented Afghan returnees from Pakistan since 01 January 2018 is now 19,859. IOM provided post-arrival assistance to **95%** of undocumented Afghan returnees from Pakistan (130 individuals).

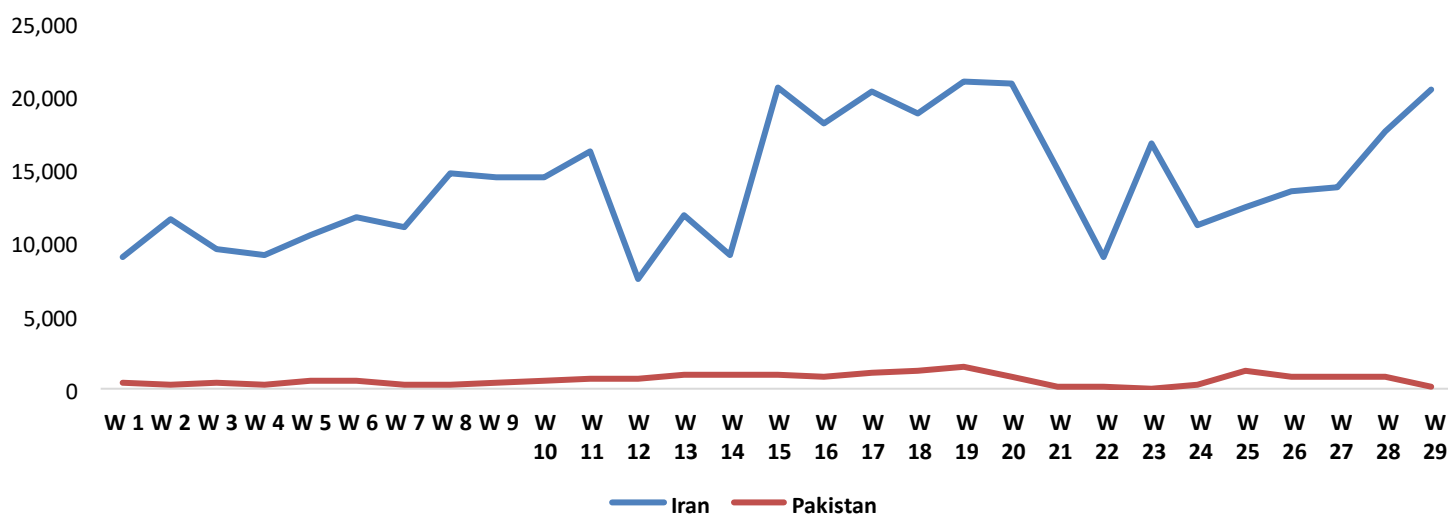
Number of Undocumented Returnees 2018 (Turkham, Spin Boldak, Islam Qala and Milak)

Date	Spontaneous Returnees				Deportees				Total Pakistan	Total Iran	Grand Total
	Turkham	Spin Boldak	Herat	Nimroz	Turkham	Spin Boldak	Herat	Nimroz			
Jan - June 18	8,355	7,613	113,434	38,115	560	479	75,597	129,740	17,007	356,886	373,893
01 - 07 July	473	420	4,495	1,641	48	0	2,604	4,949	941	13,689	14,630
08 - 14 July	489	376	4,382	1,674	60	1	3,923	3,967	926	13,946	14,872
15 - 21 July	297	480	5,934	2,119	71	0	5,158	4,481	848	17,692	18,540
22 - 28 July	92	37	7,570	2,131	8	0	5,093	5,824	137	20,618	20,755
Total	9,706	8,926	135,815	45,680	747	480	92,375	148,961	19,859	422,831	442,690

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 - June 18	8,339	7,147	428	638	162	43	5,902	8,258	15,691	15,226	30,917
01 - 07 July	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	0	0	15	15
08 - 14 July	464	0	0	3	11	0	83	36	475	122	597
15 - 21 July	297	75	5	0	14	0	318	45	386	368	754
22 - 28 July	92	37	4	120	1	0	239	270	130	633	763
Total	9,192	7,259	437	761	188	43	6,557	8,609	16,682	16,364	33,046

Arrival of Undocumented Afghans by Week



IOM Afghanistan has assisted 33,046 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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