



Children from undocumented returnee families at the IOM Reception Center near Spin Boldak border. © IOM 2017

Highlights

- 8,428** undocumented Afghans returned from Pakistan
- 12,851** undocumented Afghans returned from Iran
- 33,026** total returns from Pakistan since 1 January 2017
- 87,843** total returns from Iran since 1 January 2017
- 66%** of returnees from Pakistan (5,600 individuals) assisted
- 4%** of returnees from Iran (477 individuals) assisted

Returns from Pakistan

A total of **8,428** undocumented Afghans spontaneously returned or were deported from Pakistan through Torkham (Nangarhar province) and Spin Boldak (Kandahar province) border crossings from 9-15 April, according to the Border Monitoring Team of the Directorate of Refugees and Repatriation (DoRR). Of the total returnees, 8,322 were spontaneous returnees in family groups and 106 were deported individuals. This is a **27% increase** from the previous week, and brings the total number of undocumented Afghan returnees from Pakistan since 1 January 2017 to **33,026**.

IOM provided post-arrival assistance to **66%** of undocumented Afghan returnees from Pakistan (5,600 individuals), including 693 single parents and 45 special cases. Cash grants for onward transportation totaling \$9,069 were provided to 41 families (221 individuals) at Torkham Transit Center from 9-15 April.

Weekly coordination meetings with returnee response partners have been initiated in Torkham to strengthen reporting and harmonize assistance.

Organization	Type of Assistance	People Assisted
WFP	Food Package	4,356
WHO	Medical Services	275
UNICEF	Hygiene Kit	1,980
UNICEF	Family Kit	2,471
UNICEF	Hygiene Awareness Training for Kit Recipients	1,980
UNFPA	Dignity Kit	1,101
AADA	Medical Services	1,427

See Annex 1 for a detailed breakdown of assistance from partners

Situation Overview

IOM is responding to a substantial increase in the return of undocumented Afghans from Pakistan and Iran. Since 1 January 2017, over 120,000 undocumented Afghans have returned due to diverse push factors, including deteriorating protection space in Pakistan. Most of those returning have lived outside of Afghanistan for decades, and will need support from the government and humanitarian actors both on arrival and as they seek to reintegrate.

As the rate of return is influenced by a number of political, security and other related factors both in Afghanistan and neighboring countries, another surge in returns could occur at any time. IOM estimates that approximately 500,000 undocumented Afghans could return from Pakistan and Iran in 2017, and is working to scale up its support to returnees in coordination with the Government of Afghanistan and other humanitarian partners.

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Returns from Iran

A total of **12,851** undocumented Afghans spontaneously returned or were deported from Iran from 9-15 April, all of them through Milak border in Nimroz province. Islam Qala border remains closed for undocumented returns due damage from flooding in February. Out of the total spontaneous returnees, 299 (10%) were in family groups and 2,640 (90%) were individuals. Similarly, out of the total deportees, 759 (8%) were in family groups whereas 9,153 (92%) were individuals. This brings the total number of undocumented returnees from Iran since 1 January 2017 to **87,843**.

IOM provided post-arrival humanitarian assistance to **477 (4%)** undocumented Afghans deported from Iran at its Transit Center in Nimroz, including 27 unaccompanied migrant children, 14 unaccompanied elderly, 13 medical cases and 13 special cases.

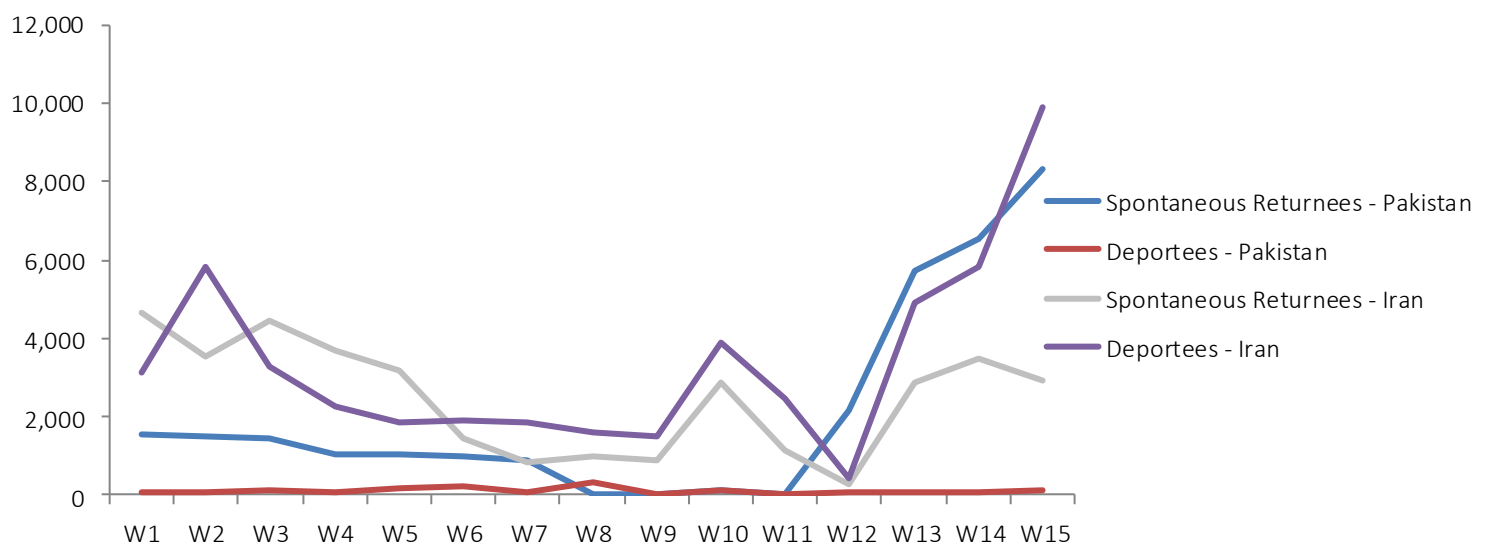
Number of Undocumented Returnees in 2017 (Torkham, Spin Boldak, Islam Qala and Milak)

Date	Spontaneous Returnees				Deportees				Total Pakistan	Total Iran	Grand Total
	Torkham	Spin Boldak	Herat	Nimroz	Torkham	Spin Boldak	Herat	Nimroz			
Jan 17	3,605	2,294	15,918	2,555	273	226	9,986	5,599	6,398	34,058	40,456
Feb 17	1,961	595	1,154	3,522	485	168	256	6,553	3,209	11,485	14,694
1-25 Mar	862	1,428	3	4,753	232	20	33	7,540	2,542	12,329	14,871
26 Mar-1 Apr	2,874	2,853	0	2,879	94	0	0	4,926	5,821	7,805	13,626
2-8 Apr	3,783	2,761	0	3,508	84	0	0	5,807	6,628	9,315	15,943
9-15 Apr	5,534	2,788	0	2,939	61	45	0	9,912	8,428	12,851	21,279
Total	18,619	12,719	17,075	20,156	1,229	459	10,275	40,337	33,026	87,843	120,869

IOM-Assisted Undocumented Afghans in 2017 (Torkham, Spin Boldak, Islam Qala and Milak)

Date	Spontaneous Returnees				Deportees				Total Pakistan	Total Iran	Grand Total
	Torkham	Spin Boldak	Herat	Nimroz	Torkham	Spin Boldak	Herat	Nimroz			
Jan 17	3,022	2,109	53	32	74	213	582	418	5,418	1,085	6,503
Feb 17	1,829	359	26	76	63	115	23	885	2,366	1,010	3,376
1-25 Mar	852	1,176	3	38	105	0	20	701	2,133	762	2,895
26 Mar-1 Apr	2,789	1,408	0	28	10	0	0	244	4,207	272	4,479
2-8 Apr	3,640	1,343	0	16	18	0	0	388	5,001	404	5,405
9-15 Apr	4,356	1,199	0	1	9	36	0	476	5,600	477	6,077
Total	16,488	7,594	82	191	279	364	625	3,112	24,725	4,010	28,735

Arrival of Undocumented Afghans by Week, 1 Jan-15 April 2017



Annex 1: Detailed Breakdown of Assistance Provided by Partners at Torkham BCP, 9-15 April 2017

Organization	Location	Type of Assistance	Families Assisted	Total Individuals Assisted	Males	Females	Boys	Girls
WFP	Transit Center	Food Package	702	4,356	757	833	1,421	1,345
WHO	Transit Center	Medical services	132	275	21	96	82	76
	Transit Center	OPV vaccination for children (<10 years)	-	31	-	-	-	-
	Transit Center	IPV vaccination for children (<10 years)	-	266	-	-	124	142
	Transit Center	Measles vaccination for children (<10 years)	-	346	-	-	162	184
UNICEF	Transit Center	Hygiene kits	317	1,980	335	372	664	609
UNICEF	Transit Center	Family kits	397	2,471	425	472	819	755
UNICEF	Transit Center	Hygiene awareness training	317	1,980	335	372	664	609
UNICEF	Transit Center	Child Friendly Space	-	1,308	-	-	659	649
UNICEF	Transit Center	Nutrition services for children (6-59 months), pregnant women and lactating mothers	-	1,176	-	-	-	-
UNFPA	Transit Center	Dignity kits	175	1,101	196	219	350	336
AADA	Zero Point	Medical services	-	1,427	410	466	211	340
	Zero Point	OPV vaccination for children (<10 years)	-	2,100	-	-	-	-
	Zero Point	IPV vaccination for children (<10 years)	-	448	-	-	228	220
	Zero Point	Measles vaccination for children (<10 years)	-	430	-	-	218	212
	Zero Point	HIV/AIDS awareness	-	1,851	391	311	611	538
UNMAS/DDG	Transit Center	Mine Risk Education	-	7,702	1,286	1,121	3,037	2,258

Annex 2: Breakdown of Assistance Provided at all Border Crossings, 9-15 April 2017

Categories	Torkham	Spin Boldak	Islam Qala	Milak	Total
Non-Food Item (NFI) Kits	702	171	0	90	963
Family Winter Kits	0	171	0	0	171
Medical Care	275	109	0	0	384
Tuberculosis Screening	4,365	1,235	0	320	5,920
Overnight Accommodation	33	405	0	450	888
Total	5,375	2,091	0	860	8,326

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