



Despite ongoing conflict in all regions of the country, deportation figures from Iran have reached a new weekly total of more than 21,000. On 11 August, multiple European countries announced a suspension of deportations to Afghanistan given the rapidly deteriorating security environment. IOM cross border assistance in Herat and Kandahar is presently suspended. @IOM/July 2021.

2021 Highlights

708,950 total returns from Iran and Pakistan since 01 January 2021

701,972 total returns from Iran in 2021. Over the past week **29,481** undocumented Afghans returned from Iran with **2%** or **652** individuals assisted (**382** men and **270** women)

6,978 total returns from Pakistan in 2021. Over the past week **44** undocumented Afghans returned from Pakistan with **100%** or **44** individuals assisted (**23** men and **21** women)

Funding Needs Against a [funding request](#) of USD 29.7 million in 2021, IOM has only received **5%** of its requirement.

Migration Health

In 2021, 207,640 patients have been served by IOM's Migration Health Unit in Nimroz, Herat, Kandahar and Nangarhar provinces with basic health care- outpatient consultations, maternal, child and neo-natal health care, reproductive health, family planning and COVID-19 response. Programming is supported by WHO, Germany, CERF, US BPRM and the Afghanistan Humanitarian Fund.

During the past week a total of 2,717 patients were served by IOM's 7 mobile health teams, inclusive of 1,666 outpatient consultations, health education sessions for 2,717 persons and psychosocial counselling sessions for 69 patients.

Under the Global Fund multi-country TB grant in partnership with UNDP, a total of 7,148 undocumented Afghans were screened for tuberculosis at the Zero Point Reception Centers in Herat, Nimroz, Kandahar and Nangarhar. Of the total screened, 94 presumptive TB cases were identified and 1 were detected cases.

Protection

IOM's Protection programme has supported 2,090 undocumented returnee households (2,794 women, 2,615 men, 4,319 girls and 4,892 boys) comprising at least one Person with Specific Needs (PSN) in 2021 through provision of timely information, facilitating safe and dignified access to services, and provision of one-off assistance including cash to mitigate identified protection risks and avoid resorting to negative coping mechanisms when referral pathways are exhausted.

With screening staff operating at the Herat and Nimroz borders and case workers in 11 provinces of return, the Protection team caseload this week included case management assessments for 23 new PSN households (27 women, 32 men, 56 girls, 38 boys) in Sar-e-Pul, Kabul, Badakhshan, Faryab, Takhar, Ghor, and Herat. These cases included 9 persons with serious medical conditions, 8 children at risk, and 4 older persons at risk and case management assessments were conducted for all 23 cases.

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Return from Iran and Pakistan

29,481 Afghans returned from Iran through the Nimroz (Milak) and Herat (Islam Qala) borders between 30 July-05 Aug 2021. 8,317 persons returned voluntarily and 21,164 were deported— the highest ever one week deportation figure. Since 01 January 2021, the total number of undocumented returnees from Iran is 701,972 individuals. Recent fighting has seen a temporary suspension of assistance at Islam Qala since end of July 2021.

6,978 undocumented Afghans have returned from Pakistan since 01 January 2021. Over the past week 44 undocumented Afghans returned from Pakistan through the Torkham (40 returnees and 4 deportees). Recent fighting has seen a temporary suspension of assistance at Spin Boldak since 05 July 2021.

Total Number of Undocumented Returnees in 2021

Date	Iran				Total Iran	Pakistan				Total Pakistan	Overall Return
	Herat		Nimroz			Torkham		Kandahar			
	Spont	Deport	Spont	Deport		Spont	Deport	Spont	Deport		
1 Jan -30 June	211,821	148,993	65,713	174,627	601,154	1,022	276	5,237	250	6,785	607,939
01-22 July	14,965	14,625	6,563	14,752	50,905	114	0	16	0	130	51,035
23-29 July	7,266	4,823	1,521	6,822	20,432	19	0	0	0	19	20,451
30 July-05 Aug	4,868	9,159	3,449	12,005	29,481	40	4	0	0	44	29,525
Total	238,920	177,600	77,246	208,206	701,972	1,195	280	5,253	250	6,978	708,950

Total Number of Assisted Returnees in 2021

Date	Iran				Total Iran	Pakistan				Total Pakistan	Overall Assisted
	Herat		Nimroz			Torkham		Kandahar			
	Spont	Deport	Spont	Deport		Spont	Deport	Spont	Deport		
1 Jan -30 June	1,581	10,351	878	12,419	25,229	1,019	244	5,093	210	6,566	31,795
01-22 July	99	1,310	82	1,182	2,673	114	0	16	0	130	2,803
23-29 July	16	480	11	158	665	19	0	0	0	19	684
30 July-05 Aug	0	0	20	632	652	40	4	0	0	44	696
Total	1,696	12,141	991	14,391	29,219	1,192	248	5,109	210	6,759	35,978

Return of Undocumented Afghans from Iran - 2019 - 2021



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