



HUMAYOON, 25, RETURNED FROM AUSTRIA AND WAS ABLE TO OPEN HIS OWN MOBILE SALES SHOP UPON HIS RETURN, WITH THE HELP OF IOM © IOM / E SCHWOERER

OVERVIEW

The Assisted Voluntary Return and Reintegration (AVRR) programme provides administrative, logistical, and financial support, including reintegration assistance, to migrants unable or unwilling to remain in host /transit countries and who decide to return to their country of origin. Its key principles are 1. Voluntariness, 2. Migrant-centred response, 3. Safety, 4. Sustainability of reintegration, 5. Confidentiality, 6. Dialogue and partnership and 7. Evidence-based programming.

PREPARATION FOR RETURN

Pre-departure information sessions, medical tests and vaccinations, support with travel documentation, travel arrangements until the country of origin, transit support in airports, special arrangements for vulnerable cases.

RECEPTION ASSISTANCE

- Assistance with facilitating immigration formalities upon arrival
- Medical assessment upon arrival, including basic treatment and referrals
- In-country onward transportation to final destination
- Temporary accommodation for returnees up to two weeks in Kabul
- Information provision and counselling to returnees prior to leaving the airport
- Small cash grant to address the most immediate needs (clothing, communication etc.)

More extensive post arrival counselling services with IOM's trained Reintegration Unit staff

INFORMATION, COUNSELLING AND REFERRALS

IOM provides returnees with information and referrals relevant to their needs, including information on available services and local support activities offered by implementing partners in Afghanistan.

IOM offers returnees a wide range of reintegration options including salary subsidy, self-employment schemes, TVET, household items and house renovation.

REINTEGRATION

Structured reintegration assistance is necessary for sustainable return and reintegration. Following a series of consultations, individually tailored reintegration supports are prepared based on the returnees' needs and preferences. IOM supports and monitors the reintegration process through its Kabul office and eight sub-offices.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

As part of IOM's integrated approach towards effective reintegration, AVRR will also be implementing community development projects in areas of high return. In this way, communities can also benefit from these projects, fostering local growth and development, mitigating tensions associated with the influx of large numbers of returnees therefore prompting social cohesion.

MAIN OBJECTIVES

Migrants can make an informed decision and safely reach their countries of origin. Once in country, they overcome their individual challenges when reintegrating, and their communities have the capacity to provide the necessary environment. Adequate policies and public services are in place to address both the needs of returnees and their communities.

DONORS

Support for AVRR activities is currently provided by the governments of Austria, Germany, Belgium and the United Kingdom, as well as the EU. Additionally, IOM acts upon the request of other European countries to provide reintegration support on ad-hoc basis.