



RETURNEE FROM EUROPE IN THEIR TEXTILE FACTORY SET UP WITH IOM SUPPORT IN HERAT, AFGHANISTAN © IOM 2018/E.SCHWOERER



Funded by the European Union (EU), RADA is implemented in close coordination with several partners including line ministries of the Government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan (GoIRA), international and national non-governmental organizations and UN agencies.

IOM considers reintegration to be sustainable when returnees have reached levels of economic self-sufficiency, social stability within their communities, and psychosocial well-being that allow them to cope with (re)migration drivers. Having achieved sustainable reintegration, returnees are able to make further migration decisions a matter of choice, rather than necessity.

IOM developed the Reintegration Assistance and Development for Afghanistan (RADA) project to support sustainable reintegration of returnees within their communities of return. Implemented in eight provinces of high return (Baghlan, Balkh, Kabul, Herat, Nangarhar, Kandahar, Kunar and Laghman), reintegration assistance is provided at the individual and community level. RADA’s technical assistance component supports relevant Afghan government bodies at the national and sub-national level to strengthen their capacity to plan, manage and facilitate comprehensive reintegration assistance. Activities include:



1. Community Development: Through community development projects including productive infrastructure, RADA provides short and long-term job opportunities for returnees and their host communities and fosters local economic development.



2. Small and Medium Enterprises (SME): Through start-up and business development support for new and existing SMEs, RADA provides employment for returnees and their host communities.



3. Technical & Vocational Education and Training (TVET): Through the provision of skills training and TVET, RADA fosters employability of returnees and host communities.



4. Post-Arrival Reception Assistance (PARA): Through the provision of immediate post-arrival reception assistance including medical and psycho-social screening and referral, temporary accommodation and onward transportation assistance, RADA contributes to safe and dignified returns to Afghanistan.



5. Technical Assistance and Capacity Building: Through the provision of technical assistance and peer-to-peer capacity building, the establishment of coordination and referral structures including Reintegration Information Centres (RIC) in key provinces, RADA contributes to strengthened national capacities to coordinate, plan and manage reintegration assistance.