IOM, with financial assistance of the European Union, developed the Reintegration and Development Assistance in Afghanistan (RADA) project to support sustainable reintegration of returnees within their communities of return. RADA is implemented in eight provinces of high return (Baghlan, Balkh, Herat, Kabul, Kandahar, Kunar, Laghman and Nangarhar) with an integrated approach to the economic, social and psychosocial aspects of reintegration at both the individual and community levels. At the structural level, technical assistance supports national and sub-national Afghan government authorities to strengthen their capacity to plan, manage and facilitate reintegration.

The project runs for 4 years, from 2017 to 2021, with a budget of EUR 30 million to achieve the following results:

**1. Sustainable reintegration:** Returnees and communities in areas of high return in Afghanistan share an enabling environment for sustainable reintegration in which returnees reach a level of economic self-sufficiency, social stability within their community, and psychosocial well-being that enables them to cope with (re)migration drivers.

**Activities include:** integrated community development projects, support to businesses, start-ups and Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET).

**2. Capacity strengthening:** The Ministry of Refugees and Repatriation (MoRR) and its departments at the provincial level, has strengthened capacities to plan, coordinate and facilitate the provision of comprehensive reintegration assistance.

**Activities include:** technical assistance, peer-to-peer capacity building and the establishment of referral mechanisms and structures such as Reintegration Information Centres (RIC) at the provincial level.

**3. Reception Assistance:** Persons who are returned to Afghanistan under the Joint Way Forward framework and additional arrangements on non-voluntary returns, are provided with immediate assistance at the airport in Kabul, Afghanistan.

**Activities include:** medical and psychosocial screening and referral; plus a one-time cash payment to meet immediate needs post arrival (accommodation, food, and transportation costs).

**4. Knowledge development:** Comprehensive data collection, trend monitoring and research contributes to an evidence base on return, reintegration and development policy and practice in Afghanistan.

**Activities include:** data collection and analysis to monitor results, impact and contextual trends, publications and roundtables contribute to policy discussions at national and international level.