

# RESTART III – Support for the Austrian Return System and the Reintegration of Voluntary Returnees in Afghanistan



The International Organization for Migration (IOM), Country Office for Austria, is implementing the project "RESTART III - Support for the Austrian return system and the reintegration of voluntary returnees in Afghanistan" from 1 January 2020 to 31 December 2022. This project aims at strengthening a comprehensive, uniform and high-quality return counselling structure in Austria as well as providing a tailored assistance for voluntary return and reintegration, primarily for returnees from Austria to Afghanistan.

## SUPPORT FOR THE AUSTRIAN RETURN SYSTEM



In order to be able to take a well-informed decision on whether or not to return, migrants need high quality return counselling that provides them with adequate, objective and up-to-date information. Migrants in vulnerable situations will be given particular attention, taking into account their specific needs and challenges. Within RESTART III, IOM is implementing the following measures to ensure the quality of the return system:

### ENSURING A HIGH-QUALITY RETURN SYSTEM

- **Guidelines on Assisted Voluntary Return and Reintegration (AVRR)** which shall serve as guidance for providing high-quality support to voluntary returnees in Austria;
- **Nation-wide trainings** on all relevant aspects of AVRR;
- **Regular stakeholder meetings** to further strengthen exchange and cooperation;
- **Information material** on AVRR for the interested public;
- **Quarterly newsletter** with updates, background stories and general information on activities in the field of AVRR.

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## ASSISTANCE FOR VOLUNTARY RETURN AND REINTEGRATION



Within the framework of this project, third country nationals can be assisted in their voluntary return and in their sustainable reintegration in the country of return. The project foresees the support of 400 project participants returning to Afghanistan as well as 30 beneficiaries returning to countries, which will be offered on a needs base. Only one person per household is eligible to participate.

### RETURN ASSISTANCE

- **Pre-departure information sessions** prior to the return;
- **Tailored information** for returnees in **vulnerable situations**;
- **Organization of return travel**;
- **Departure assistance** at the Vienna International Airport and assistance at transit airports;
- **Reception assistance** and support with **organization of onward transportation** to final destination as well as **temporary accommodation** in Afghanistan.

### REINTEGRATION ASSISTANCE

- **Post-arrival counselling**;
- **Cash assistance** of EUR 500 per project participant;
- **In-kind reintegration assistance** of EUR 2,800;
- **Needs-based assistance** for returnees in **vulnerable situations**;
- **Business booklets**, referral to **business trainings** and **information events** as well as the **possibility of additional support** for businesses in Afghanistan;
- **Monitoring interviews** with and **visits** to participants.

