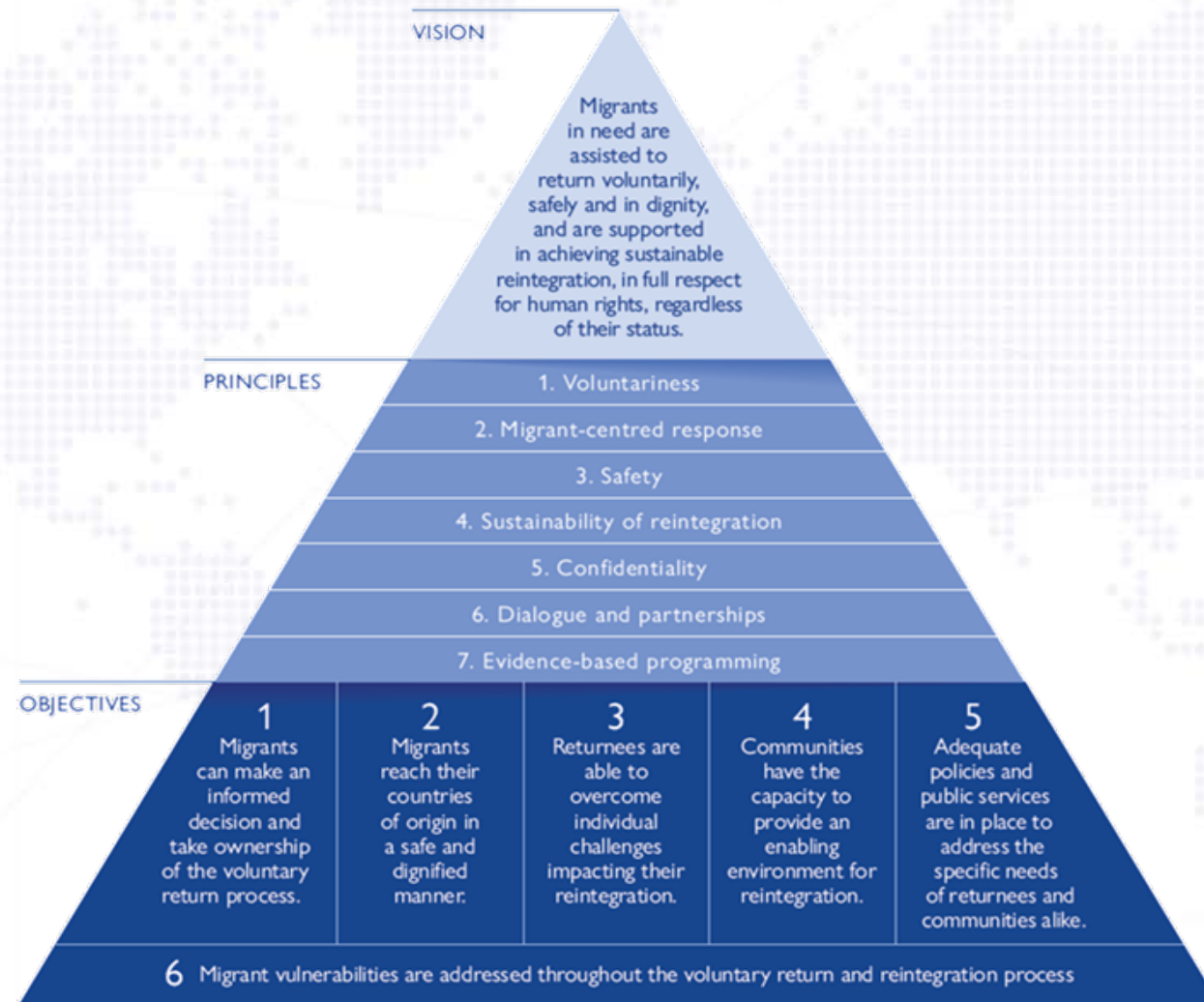


# Assisted Voluntary Return and Reintegration (AVRR)

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# AVRR - IOM Framework



# The Integrated Approach to Reintegration

- ❑ Individual, community and structural levels
- ❑ Economic, social and psychosocial dimensions
- ❑ Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning



# RESTART II – Reintegration Assistance for Voluntary Returnees to Afghanistan and Iran

**Project donors:** Austrian Federal Ministry of the Interior (Moi) / National AMIF programme (European Commission)

**Project duration:** 01.01.2017 – 31.12.2019

**Target numbers:** 490 returnees

## Project measures:

- Pre-departure information sessions
- Reception assistance
- Organisation of transportation (to final destination)
- Temporary accommodation
- Counselling after return
- Reintegration assistance in cash and in-kind
- Medical assistance if needed



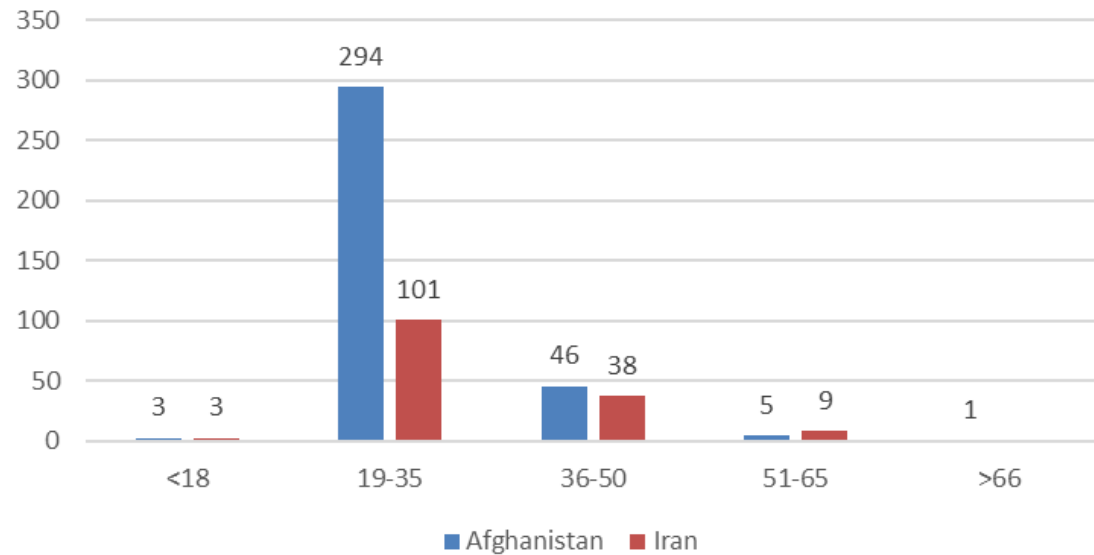
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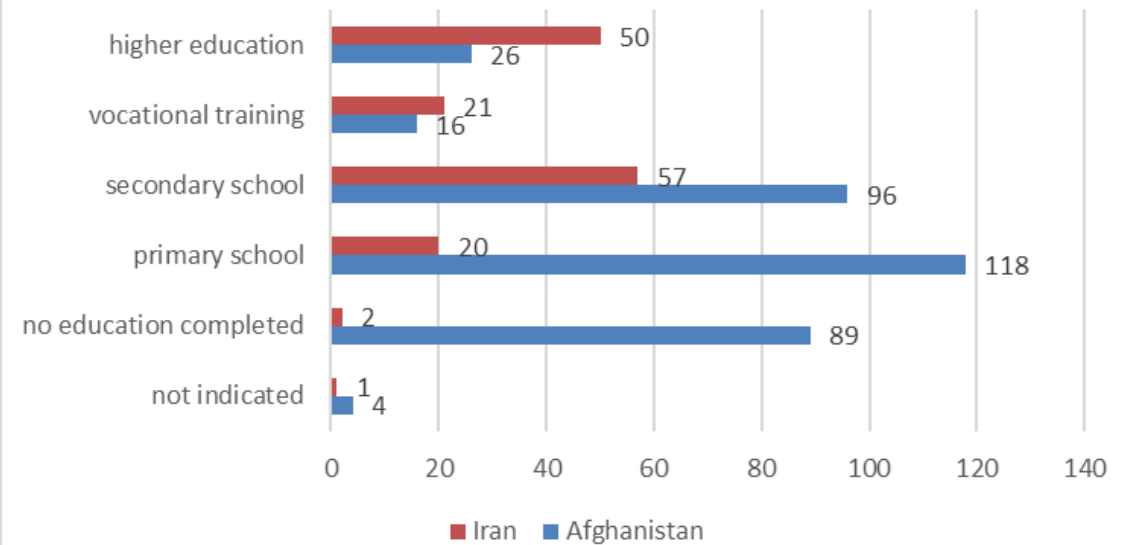
Returnee from Austria in his stationary store set up with RESTART II support in Mazar-e-Sharif @ IOM2018

# RESTART II – Statistical Data

### Age Category per Country of Origin



### Education per Country of Origin



# Experiences and findings I

- 500 RESTART II participants (349 AF, 151 IR)
- Nearly 80% in age category between 19 and 35 years (AF:84%, IR:67%)
- Education
  - One third has completed secondary education (31%)
  - nearly one third primary school (28%)
  - 18% no education completed
  - 15% have completed higher education
  - Differences between country of origin
  - 71% of iranian beneficiaries have completed secondary school or higher, only two participants haven't completed any formal education
  - 35% of afghan beneficiaries have completed secondary school or higher, 26% haven't completed any formal education

# Experiences and findings II

- Income generating activity as top priority
- Only one project participant has invested at least a part of the in-kind reintegration grant in education (English language course)
- 404 business plans approved
- In AF majority (85%) invested in retail (grocery store, clothes shop, etc.)
- In IR (63%) majority invested in service (taxi driving, restaurants, etc.)
- Business partnership in 68% of all businesses (AF:74%, IR: 51%)
- in-kind assistance not sufficient to set up own business
- partnership as „learning model“
  
- One day Business Trainings organized in AF
- 39 beneficiaries in AF plus 32 relatives, friends or business partners participated in 8 trainings, organized in Kabul and Herat
- willingness to gain new skills
- conducive setting needed

# RADA– Reintegration and Development Assistance in Afghanistan

**Project donor:** European Union

Implemented in close coordination with the Government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, international and national NGOs and UN agencies



**Project duration:** 2017 – 2022

**Envisaged results:**

- Sustainable reintegration
- Capacity strengthening
- Reception Assistance
- Knowledge development



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

# Experiences and findings III

- First batch of TVET activity successfully completed in November 2019
  - total of 230 project participants (224 successfully completed nine months vocational training)
  - provinces (Nangarhar, Laghman, Kunar, Herat, Kandahar)
  - learning skills (solar panel repair, mobile repair, child bedding tailoring, dress making tailoring, curtain making, embroidery, tailoring suits, tailoring male)
  - Post graduation support (essential business training + in-kind support for self-employment)
  - Financial allowance during training participation
  - Cultural sensitivities
- Second batch of TVET activity started in December 2019
  - 270 new trainees
  - Provinces: Nangarhar (80 females and 110 males), Laghman (30 females and 30 males) and Kunar (20 females)
  - They will be trained for nine months and will learn curtain making, dress making, leather shoe making, tailoring, mobile repairing and solar panel repairing skills



# Thank you for your attention!

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