Assisted Voluntary Return and Reintegration (AVRR)

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VISION
Migrants in need are assisted to return voluntarily, safely and in dignity, and are supported in achieving sustainable reintegration, in full respect for human rights, regardless of their status.

PRINCIPLES
1. Voluntariness
2. Migrant-centred response
3. Safety
4. Sustainability of reintegration
5. Confidentiality
6. Dialogue and partnerships
7. Evidence-based programming

OBJECTIVES
1. Migrants can make an informed decision and take ownership of the voluntary return process.
2. Migrants reach their countries of origin in a safe and dignified manner.
3. Returnees are able to overcome individual challenges impacting their reintegration.
4. Communities have the capacity to provide an enabling environment for reintegration.
5. Adequate policies and public services are in place to address the specific needs of returnees and communities alike.
6. Migrant vulnerabilities are addressed throughout the voluntary return and reintegration process.

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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
RESTART II – Statistical Data

**Age Category per Country of Origin**

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**Education per Country of Origin**

- Higher education: [Afghanistan](#) 50, [Iran](#) 26
- Vocational training: [Afghanistan](#) 21, [Iran](#) 16
- Secondary school: [Afghanistan](#) 96, [Iran](#) 57
- Primary school: [Afghanistan](#) 118, [Iran](#) 89
- No education completed: [Afghanistan](#) 1, [Iran](#) 2
- Not indicated: [Afghanistan](#) 14, [Iran](#) 1
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
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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