



IOM AND MIGRANT ASSISTANCE

With an ever-growing number of people – one in seven – on the move for a multitude of reasons, a worrisome number find themselves in precarious situations in need of assistance and protection. Reasons for the predicaments are manifold: be it migrants wishing to voluntarily return to and reintegrate in their country of origin but lacking the means to do so, or vulnerable individuals, victims of trafficking or unaccompanied migrant children. Assisting migrants is, however, often a challenging and complex process. Essential to its success is cooperation and participation of a multitude of stakeholders, including the migrants, countries of transit and origin, civil society and local communities.

Dignified and humane assistance to migrants in need is a cornerstone of IOM's work. To ensure the most inclusive and encompassing approach, IOM's Migrant Assistance Division (MAD) focuses its work on the following two thematic clusters:

- assisted voluntary return and reintegration (AVRR); and
- assistance to vulnerable migrants, such as victims of -trafficking, exploited and stranded migrants or unaccompanied migrant children.

Our results are obtained via three main categories of activities: (i) direct assistance, (ii) building capacities and (iii) information-sharing and awareness-raising.

As the leading inter-governmental organization in the field of migration, IOM is increasingly called upon by States to assist to migrants in need. Integral to IOM's migration management, almost 330,000 migrants have benefited from its AVRR programmes since 2000, while IOM provided its expertise on more than 46,000 occasions during the last ten years on issues relating to counter-trafficking and assistance to vulnerable migrants, including unaccompanied migrant children.



OUR OBJECTIVE

DEDICATED TO IMPROVING AND DEVELOPING GLOBAL, REGIONAL AND COUNTRY LEVEL RESPONSES TO PROTECT AND ASSIST MIGRANTS IN NEED INCLUDING THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN TRAFFICKED, EXPLOITED AND ABUSED



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Areas of expertise

IOM's Migrant Assistance Division covers a manifold and diverse array of issue-areas that often intersect and overlap. Our work can, however, be categorized into the following areas:

Assisted voluntary return and reintegration (AVRR)

Through our AVRR programmes, we aim at orderly and humane return and reintegration of migrants who are unable or unwilling to remain in host countries and wish to return voluntarily to their countries of origin.

Reintegration assistance

Reintegration assistance is vital to facilitate sustainable returns by addressing factors that originally compelled individuals to emigrate by irregular means.

Building on our experience and world-wide network of offices and partners, we assist migrants to make **informed decisions** and provide services to States to promote **stronger dialogue and cooperation** on migration management issues among destination, transit and origin countries, thus facilitating the sustainability of returns.

GAF: IOM's Global Assistance Fund

IOM's Global Assistance Fund (GAF) is an emergency support mechanism that provides case-specific assistance to men, women, and children who have been trafficked across international borders, and who are not eligible for assistance through comparable regional or national-level projects.

Human trafficking: IOM's response

We operate from the outset that trafficking in persons needs to be approached within the overall context of managing migration. Our broad range of activities is implemented in partnership with governmental institutions, NGOs and international organizations. The approach is based on three principles that govern all our counter-trafficking activities:

- Respect for human rights;
- Physical, mental and social well-being of the individual and his or her community; and
- Sustainability through institutional capacity-building of governments and civil society.

THIS PUBLIC RELATIONS SET will guide you through the activities carried out by IOM within the framework of its Migrant Assistance Division:

-  Programme Overview
-  Assisted Voluntary Return and Reintegration
-  Reintegration Assistance
-  Human Trafficking: IOM's Response
-  GAF: IOM's Global Assistance Fund
-  IOM Publications: Focus on Trafficking

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OVER 140 MEMBER STATES

MORE THAN 440 FIELD LOCATIONS

MORE THAN 7,300 STAFF WORKING ON OVER 2,900 ACTIVE PROJECTS

MORE THAN USD 1.3 BILLION EXPENDITURE IN 2011