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# IRRICO

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Information on Return & Reintegration In the Countries of Origin (IRRICO)



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## What is the IRRiCO project?

Information on Return and Reintegration in Countries of Origin

IRRiCO aims to gather and consolidate information on countries of origin, which will help social workers and return counsellors in providing migrants considering to return with reliable and up-to-date information on Return and Reintegration possibilities and socio-economic conditions, including housing, health, transport, social security etc.

In this frame, the IRRiCO project will allow:

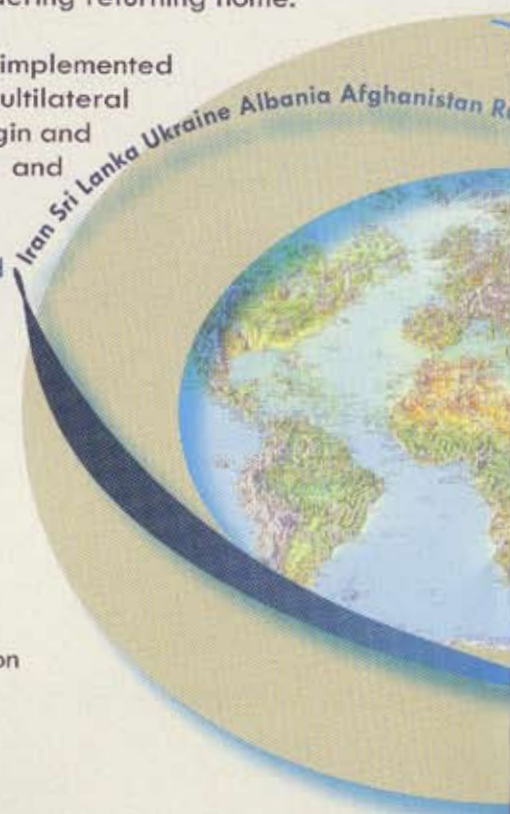
- To create a mechanism through the implementation of which a web-based database would allow for the provision of adequate, neutral and timely information relating to voluntary return and reintegration possibilities of migrants in countries of return.
- To address individual information requests on return and reintegration that would be used by return counsellors and social workers in support of migrants considering returning home.

Based on long years of bilateral experiences, IRRiCO is a project implemented by the International Organization for Migration (IOM) piloting a multilateral approach on return information among IOM missions in countries of origin and their European counterparts in support of Assisted Voluntary Return and Reintegration programmes.

**Geographical Coverage of IRRiCO** in Europe includes the United Kingdom, Belgium, Ireland, the Netherlands, Portugal and Switzerland as well as following Countries of Origin: Afghanistan, Albania, Angola, Cameroon, Guinea, Iran, Nigeria, Russian Federation, Sierra Leone, Sri Lanka, Ukraine, Zimbabwe

## How does the IRRiCO project work?

- The **gathering of information** is carried out by IOM in the selected countries of return in coordination with IOM European missions as well as identified local partners already working within such an environment. In countries of return, IOM missions are working with country return information focal points who collect all data relevant to the purpose of the project.



- The information is collected and consolidated in the form of "**Country Fact Sheets**" for selected countries of origin and "FAQs" on the websites on AVR programmes on several major countries of return as identified.
- Such information is stored and made available through a **web-based databank**.
- **Individual queries**, tailored to potential returnees, can be responded and stored in the databank accessible to IOM participating missions, who can facilitate the provision of information to potential returnees via Return Counsellors and partner agencies assisting voluntary return of irregular migrants and rejected asylum seekers. This can consist of either a confirmation of needs for a specific profession/vocation, or specific social/economic aspects in the country of return.
- **Information sessions** will be held with return counsellors - social workers and migrants' associations in the United Kingdom, Belgium, Ireland, the Netherlands and Portugal to exchange best practices.

## Why IRRiCO?

- Assisted Voluntary Return (AVR) and Reintegration is considered by most governments as the preferred return option, proving to be more humane and cost-effective.
- IOM's long experience in AVR programmes in general, and in many bilateral Return Information Provision projects in particular, shows that reliable and updated information on various aspects of return provided at an earliest possible stage of the return process plays a key role in order to better inform and prepare potential returnees with their eventual return and reintegration and can have a considerable impact on their capacity to reintegrate in the return country, thus facilitating the sustainability of the return process.



*Assisted Voluntary Return (AVR) is one of many migration management services IOM offers to migrants and governments. It aims at orderly, humane and cost-effective 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.*

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*"Orderly and humane migration benefits all."*



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