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Assisted Voluntary Return and Reintegration (AVRR)

IOM provides assistance to eligible migrants that would like to return to their home countries but lack the means to do so. If you choose to return home, you may qualify for the “Voluntary Return Support and Reintegration Assistance for Bali Process Member States” project and be provided with assistance in traveling to and making a fresh start in your home country. A voluntary return offers the opportunity to return home with support, in safety, dignity and anonymity.

You may be eligible for assistance if you are a migrant in any of the following countries: Afghanistan, Australia, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, China, DPR Korea, Fiji, France (New Caledonia), Hong Kong SAR, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Japan, Jordan, Kiribati, Lao PDR, Macau SAR, Malaysia, Maldives, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nauru, Nepal, New Zealand, Pakistan, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Samoa, Singapore, Solomon Islands, Sri Lanka, Syria, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Tonga, Turkey, Vanuatu, Viet Nam, USA, or UAE.

IF YOU QUALIFY, YOU COULD BE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE:



Pre-departure counselling: IOM will determine a mutually beneficial time for a pre-departure interview with you and you will have as many repeat interviews as required by IOM or by you.



Individual counselling: IOM can organize individual counselling sessions with you on matters such as the situation in your home country, livelihood, and strategies for reintegration.



Paid flight to your country and onward domestic transportation.



Airport assistance at departure, in transit and at arrival airports.



Help and funds in **acquiring travel documentation** to return to your home country as a regular passenger.



Reintegration assistance delivered in the form of a cash grant which can be used to support your return.

HOW TO APPLY?

- Apply in person at the IOM office in the country you are in. If you are in Thailand, the IOM office address is **18th Floor, Rajanakarn Building, 3 South Sathorn Road, Bangkok 10120.**
- Contact the AVRR representative at the IOM office in the country you are in for more information on how to apply, or to set up an AVRR eligibility interview. If you are in Thailand, you may email iomthavrr@iom.int or call **+66 2 343 9300.**

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ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Your participation in the AVRR project is **strictly voluntary**.

You **may be eligible** for return support and reintegration assistance if:

- You are a migrant in an **irregular situation**, meaning that you do not have the necessary authorization or documents required under the country of residence's immigration regulations.
- You have been identified as a **victim of trafficking**.
- You have been **intercepted** by national authorities while seeking to transit irregularly to another destination and have not registered or made an application for asylum with UNHCR or competent national authorities and have not raised any claims for protection and wish to voluntarily return to your country of origin.
- You are a **refugee** – you are recognized to be in need of international protection on the basis of a fair and inclusive procedure, and are willing to voluntarily repatriate to your country of origin in accordance with UNHCR established principles and procedures.
- You are an **asylum seeker** – you have applied for refugee status but your claim has not been definitively evaluated and you decide to voluntarily return to your country of origin in accordance with UNHCR established principles and procedures. You are also eligible for assistance if your application for asylum has been rejected and formally closed in accordance with national or UNHCR established procedures for file closure.

You **will not be eligible** for return support and reintegration assistance if one of the following applies:

- You have been served with a deportation order mandating your forced removal from the country you are in.
- You are serving a prison sentence for a criminal offence or are a known smuggler or trafficker.
- You are eligible to receive assistance under another AVRR project, or UNHCR programme for the facilitated voluntary repatriation of refugees, in a Bali Process Member State.
- You have already benefited from this AVRR project.

APPLICATION PROCESS

**First Stage: Preliminary Review**

You, IOM or the referring agency/entity will conduct a preliminary assessment using a basic check list to determine whether you are likely to be eligible for the programme.

**Second Stage: Interview**

The IOM mission in the country you are in will schedule an interview with you to formally determine your eligibility. If you wish to enroll, the AVRR Application Form and Voluntary Declaration Form will be provided to you for completion.

**Third Stage: Final Approval**

Following the interview, the interviewer will make a recommendation to the Project Manager about your eligibility. The Project Manager will then determine if the application can go forward, or in case of doubt, will refer the your case to the AVRR Committee for final approval.