

ASSISTED VOLUNTARY RETURN AND REINTEGRATION AT A GLANCE 2015

The IOM's Migrant Assistance Division has launched its latest publication: Assisted Voluntary Return and Reintegration at a Glance 2015. This report gives a broad overview of IOM's AVRR trends, developments and related activities in 2014 with a breakdown of summary statistics on a regional and country level. Some points of information found in the report include:

In 2014, IOM provided AVRR assistance to 43,786 returnees, from 70 host countries to 170 countries of origin.

While most of total AVRR beneficiaries (85%) returned from the European Economic Area, MENA region saw an increase of 20% in voluntary returns as compared to 2013, which is an indication of the region as a major transit point for migrants trying to reach Europe and other host regions.

Most of the top countries of origin saw declines in returning migrants in 2014, with the exception of Serbia, Georgia, Ethiopia and Bosnia and Herzegovina which saw increases of 16%, 62%, 197% and 62% in returnees respectively.

In 2014, nearly a third (32%) of assisted returnees were female. While nearly a fourth (23%) of assisted returnees were children. Moreover, of the total AVRR caseload for 2014, 4% received specialized assistance based on their vulnerability as trafficked persons, unaccompanied migrant child or migrant with health related needs.

AVRR at a Glance 2015 also includes a section which outlines the approach IOM takes in assisting returns for vulnerable groups among migrants. Following the recent release of "Reintegration – Effective Approaches", the report also highlights the methods used in the field to ensure returnees' efficient and successful reintegration into their societies of origin. The publication is available for download on the internet.



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REGIONAL PROGRAMMES ADDRESSING VULNERABLE MIGRANTS

In May 2015, MAD and IOM Washington DC organized a stock-taking exercise with the Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migrants (PRM) on 8 regional programmes addressing vulnerable migrants in specific geographical areas (North Africa, Horn of Africa/Gulf of Aden/Yemen, Central Asia, the Great Mekong Subregion, Mesoamerica, the Dominican Republic/Hispaniola, Southern Africa, China/Northern Mekong Region). All PRM regional programmes contain four pillars: (1) Building government capacity to identify protection concerns and implement humane migration management practices; (2) Providing direct assistance to vulnerable migrants; (3) Supporting regional dialogues on migration; and (4) Promoting cooperation with UNHCR. Through these long-standing, comprehensive programs, IOM has been able to acquire significant experience in the management of regional mixed migration flows and the exercise was geared towards creating interregional strategies and collaboration.



LABOUR MIGRATION ACADEMY

The International Training Centre of the ILO (ITC-ILO) in Turin organized a global training activity on international labour migration reviews and analyses key issues, strategies, policies and tools for better governance of international labour migration on a yearly basis, linking migration and development, and promoting the protection of rights of migrant workers and their families. The academy provides a broad overview of the different challenges and opportunities related to international labour migration, but also gives the opportunity to participants to tailor-made the reinforcement of their capacities according to their specific needs. Over 90 participants from 33 countries took part at the 2015 session of the Labour Migration Academy (LMA). Laurence Hart trained 32 participants on issues related to identification of victims of trafficking and main differences between smuggling and trafficking.

