

BRIEFING NOTE

REINTEGRATION IN PAKISTAN



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THE PURPOSE

The purpose of this briefing note is to present the current situation of the country of return and clarify the reintegration procedure for the better support of the Pakistani nationals who are returning voluntarily to the country of return.

DESCRIPTION

The programme “Assisted Voluntary Return including Reintegration measures” (AVRR) aims to enable the orderly, humane and cost-effective return and reintegration of migrants who are unable or unwilling to remain in host countries and who wish to return voluntarily to their countries of origin.

AVRR programme is a core activity of IOM and has provided vital assistance to tens of thousands of migrants returning home every year, for the last four decades. The decision of returning back home is 100% voluntary and based on migrant’s request. A voluntary decision encompasses two elements, freedom of choice and an informed decision which requires the availability of enough accurate and objective information upon which to base the decision. The programme is funded 75% by the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund of the European Union (AMIF) and 25% by the Hellenic Ministry of Interior.

What is reintegration?

According to IOM's definition, reintegration can be defined as the re-inclusion or re-incorporation of a person into a group or process, for example, of a migrant into the society of his or her country of origin or habitual residence. Reintegration is thus a process that enables the returnee to participate again in the social, cultural, economic and political life of his or her country of origin.



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Who can participate in AVRR?

AVRR programmes are addressed to third - country nationals who do not have the appropriate documentation to stay in Greece, or they do not desire to stay in Greece, to asylum seekers who have resigned from their request for international protection and to asylum seekers whom their application has been rejected. Special care is provided to vulnerable migrants, such as victims of trafficking, unaccompanied minors, single-parent families and individuals with medical needs etc.

Beneficiaries of AVRR are informed by specialized personnel and cultural mediators, in order to follow personalized reintegration plans, based on their needs. AVRR programmes are implemented in cooperation with IOM offices, located in origin countries and benefit the returnees, the local societies and the reception countries.



Pakistani Citizenship

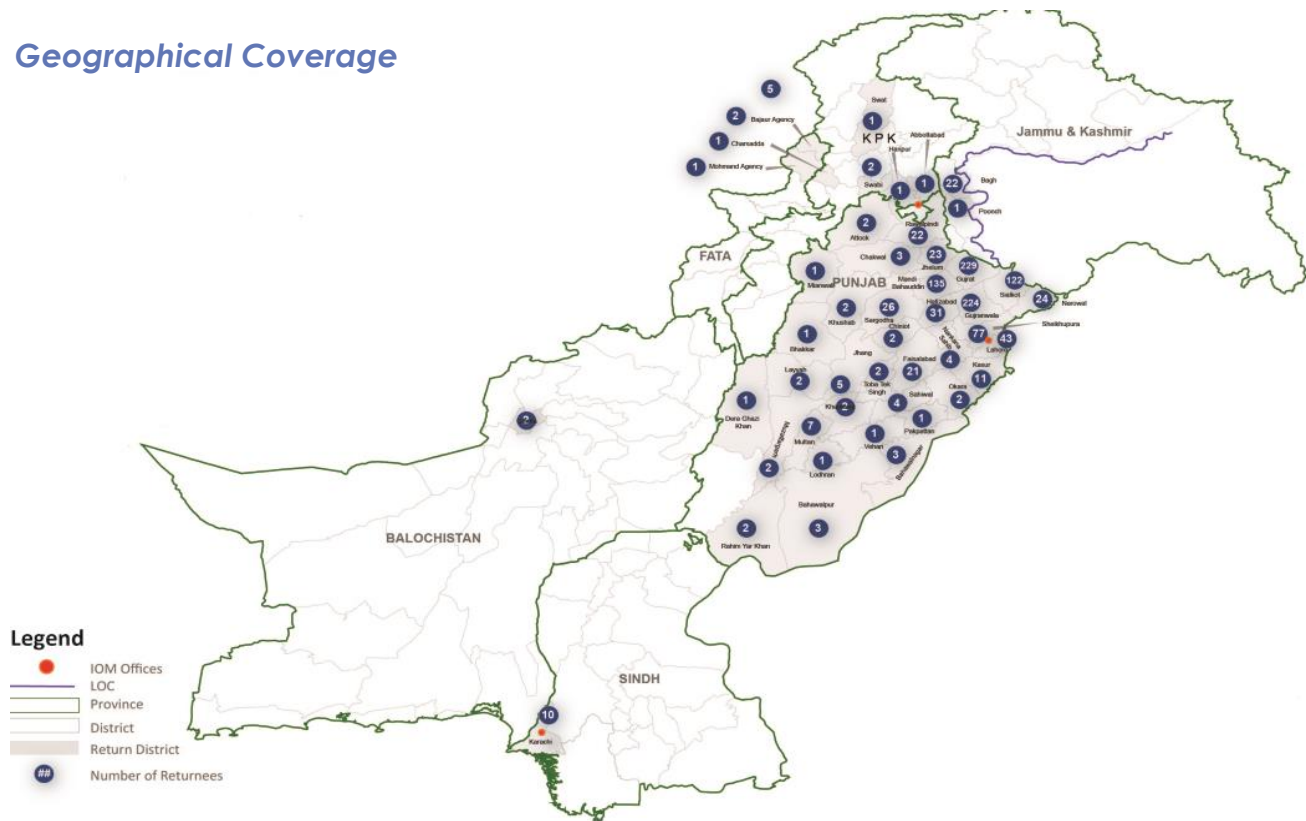
(A) The national of Countries other than Commonwealth after they have resided in Pakistan for a period of five years under the Naturalization Act, 1926. I.e. 12 months continuous stay preceding to the date of application and four years aggregate stay during the 7 years preceding to the said twelve months.

(B) Foreign ladies married to Pakistani nationals.

(C) Minor children (below 21 years of age) of Pak ladies married to foreigners.

(D) Children born to Pakistani mother and foreign national father after 18.04.2000 are to be treated automatically as citizens of Pakistan.

Geographical Coverage



REINTEGRATION POSSIBILITIES

IOM Pakistan is consistent towards tailoring advice to returnees according to their individual needs & meeting their best potential. The initial focus remains on providing telephonic / face-to-face counselling. This counselling allows the returnee to brainstorm their plans and discuss further on how those can be converted into reliable and stable economic activities capable of generating a decent income.

The assistance IOM can provide depends upon what is available in the area of return and the reintegration assistance can cover:

Setting up of small businesses solely or in partnership. The most profitable based on previous experiences seem to be:

- Dairy Farming
- Clothing/garments business
- Mobile repair and sale outlets.
- Grocery shops.
- Electrical goods store - Repair centers
- Auto workshops



MEDICAL CARE

There are various professional bodies established in Pakistan to look after the medical resources & needs. A high number of NGOs and Government bodies are involved in providing health services under their various projects. Such services may include the following:

- Psycho-social support
- Medical camps
- Shelters
- Medical aid
- Field / air ambulance services
- Reproductive health counselling
- Blood bank
- Free dispensaries

EMPLOYMENT

On the basis of the estimated population of 177, 276 million, the total labour force is estimated at 53.78 million putting Pakistan at the 10th spot in the world.

The agriculture sector absorbs 41 percent of the total workforce, the industry absorbs 21, 2% and the service sector 37, 8%. About 7, 4% were estimated to be unemployed.

HOUSING

1. The National Housing Authority (NHA) was setup on August 13, 1987 under a Resolution with the primary objective of preparing short and long terms plans and policy guidelines and mobilizing financial resources for development of housing sector particularly for low income groups. (Contact Info: Tel# +92 51 926 1134)

2. To cater for the housing need of Overseas Pakistanis and to provide them residential facilities, Overseas Pakistanis Foundation (OPF) has planned and established a number of housing schemes in different cities of the country. The plots created in these schemes are sold to Overseas Pakistanis in OPF housing schemes located at the prime locations in the cities of Islamabad, Lahore, Gujrat, Peshawar, Dadu, Larkana and Mirpur (AJK). (Contact Info: +92 51 921 9126, +92 51 920 3267, <http://www.opf.org.pk>)



Pakistan Bait-ul-Mal (PBM) is a social welfare organisation dedicated to combating the effects of poverty. Edhi Foundation is the largest welfare organization in Pakistan.

<http://www.edhifoundation.com/edhi-foundation-services.asp>

| STRUCTURE OF SCHOOL SYSTEM | | | |
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| TYPE OF SCHOOL | LENGTH OF PROGRAMME | AGE LEVEL | CERTIFICATE/DIPLOMA AWARDED |
| Primary School | 5 years | from 5 to 10 | |
| Middle School | 3 years | from 10 to 13 | |
| Secondary School | 2 years | from 13 to 15 | Secondary School Certificate |
| Technical Secondary | 2 years | from 15 to 17 | Secondary School Certificate (in Technical Subjects) |
| Higher Secondary (Intermediate Colleges) | 2 years | from 15 to 17 | Intermediate Certificate or Higher Secondary School Certificate |
| University | At the university you may be enrolled as a regular student but as well as a private student: you study on your own but you take the same exams. In the latter case the fees are much less. | | |

Education/vocational support: Under this component IOM may assist through paying school/college tuition fees, possible expanses for books etc. upon provision of proper invoices by the returnees. For the usual AVRR projects IOM usually pays directly to schools or vendors for such expanses. Additionally, IOM may check the available vocational trainings as per the requirement of the returnee.



ACQUISITION OF ESSENTIAL DOCUMENTS REQUIRED BY RETURNEES

Pakistan Origin Card (POC) - A person shall be an eligible for Pakistan Origin Card if he/she is a foreigner; and he/she had been a citizen of Pakistan at any time during his/her life.



National Identity Card for Overseas Pakistanis (NICOP) - Pakistani workers/emigrants and citizens /residents abroad and Pakistanis holding dual nationality who have got themselves registered under the National Database and Registration Authority (NADRA) Ordinance.



Children Registration Certificate - for every Pakistani child less than 18 years of age. The certificate includes the information about minor's name & registration number, parent's name and CNIC (Computerized National Identity Card) numbers, date of birth, place of birth and gender.

The Assisted Voluntary Return and Reintegration programme from Greece offers a durable and dignified solution to the plight of those stranded amidst the current migration crisis. Majority of the cases from Pakistan end up in Greece as the country has been looked upon as very promising in terms of economic opportunities. The beautiful tales narrated by those that have been to Greece themselves (regular/irregular) still remain the main source of information for those who are ready to take up the risk of a difficult journey to reach Greece only to find out that reality has a very different face. This situation makes these misguided migrants not only devastated but also vulnerable to further exploitation. Therefore, the AVRR programme provides them with a solution specific to their problem ranging from business activity to further education or material assistance upon return. The programme not only offers reintegration support but also a boost to the self-esteem of these migrants who have been shattered during the process of chasing their dreams while being misguided. IOM Pakistan has been working in very close coordination with the mission in Greece for a successful implementation of the project over the years with its team of professionals working closely with the returning migrants. The majority utilizes the grant to initiate or restart a business activity for quicker returns. IOM Pakistan team works with the returning migrants during this process of integration to ensure maximum deliverables and attaining the objective of the project.

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