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 in **28** COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN

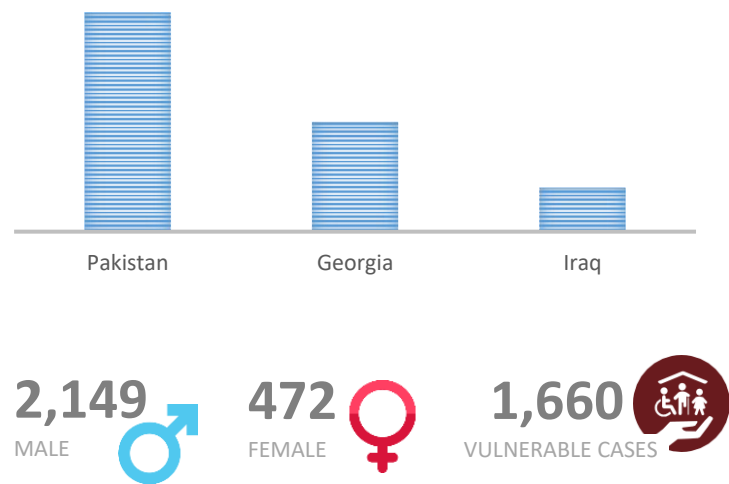
TYPES OF ASSISTANCE IN KIND



In **July 2018**, 83 returnees (65 male and 18 female) were benefited from reintegration assistance in kind. They vast majority of them were nationals of Pakistan, Iraq and Georgia.

The most preferred reintegration activities were: set up of small business and material assistance

TOP COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN



5,868 referrals by registration unit

5,295 reintegration counselling interviews

2,670 approved reintegration plans in Country of Origin

MONITORING VISIT IN PAKISTAN

IOM Mission in Greece conducted a monitoring visit in Pakistan and specifically in the city and wider areas of Lahore district with the aim to evaluate the progress of implemented reintegration plans, of the beneficiaries who were assisted by the IOM AVR Reintegration Programme.



Voices of returnees

Shahiq from Pakistan

My name is Shafiq and I arrived in Greece 18 months ago from Pakistan. I was working for 8 years in a gas agency, however, the low income I was earning in my country made me take the decision to leave for Europe. I ended up in Greece hoping to get a better job in order to provide for my family back to Pakistan.

I took various jobs in agriculture sector as well as seasonal jobs in Greece. The months went by and the income was not sufficient to support my family and myself. I started thinking of my wife and our two children so I decided to apply for AVRR since I was lacking the means to return to them in any other way.

Since I had experience in a gas agency, I requested to use IOM's assistance in order to set up my own Gas Agency business... indeed my wish came true! Now I run my own business in my homeland, where I purchased gas cylinders and air pumps with the IOM reintegration assistance. Currently, I rent the shop I managed to open for 3,000 PKR per month. My income is around EUR 250 per month, which is quite enough to support my family in Pakistan.

I am more than happy that I managed to return to my family through IOM, as being together with my family, is the most important thing for me. Leaving my home was the hardest decision I ever took in my life. IOM helped me to leave behind all the hardships I went through and focus on our future. IOMs' reintegration assistance is such an important support for those who decide to return to their homes and rebuild their lives.



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