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2,705 BENEFICIARIES RECEIVED REINTEGRATION ASSISTANCE IN KIND
623 BENEFICIARIES RECEIVED REINTEGRATION ASSISTANCE IN CASH
 in **28** COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN

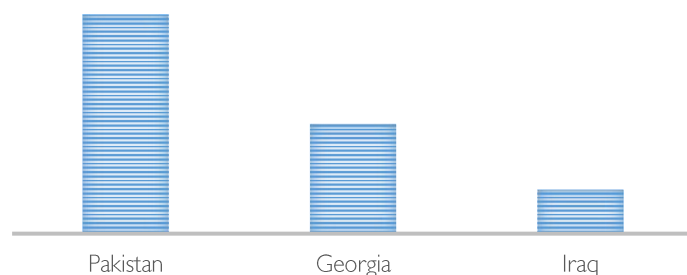
TYPES OF ASSISTANCE IN KIND



In August 2018, 84 returnees (66 male and 18 female) were benefited from reintegration assistance in kind. They vast majority of them were nationals of Iraq, Pakistan and Georgia.

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

TOP COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN



2,215 MALE

490 FEMALE

1,744 VULNERABLE CASES

6,163 referrals by registration unit

5,575 reintegration counselling interviews

2,781 approved reintegration plans in Country of Origin

Hassan Bilal from Pakistan

“My name is Hassan Bilal and I arrived in Greece two years ago from Pakistan. I did not study in Pakistan but I had 15 years of working experience in the electronic domain before migrating to Greece. However, that was not the first time I left my country to seek a better future. After working in an electronic workshop for 7 years in Pakistan, I decided to set up my own business; a small electronic repair workshop. I had a decent job, a sufficient income but I wanted to enhance my working skills. Thus, two years later I went to Saudi Arabia, where I worked in the same domain in order to enhance my electrical skills. Then I returned to Pakistan and I decided it was the time to go abroad, hoping for a better future and a higher income. I ended up in Greece...In Greece, it was very difficult to find a good job and I worked at the agricultural sector; I did not earn the money that I thought I would earn and I could neither find a job in my sector nor enhance my skills and knowledge.

Thus, I requested to use IOMs’ assistance in order to return to my country and set up my own small business: a small electronic workshop in the area of Lahore. My current daily income is 1,000-2,000 PKR and I pay 4,000 PKR per month rent for the shop. I am very satisfied with my small workshop as I have gained a very good reputation in the area, due to my good electronic skills. Apparently, my business is doing relatively well, as there are no similar shops in the area. My aim is to expand my business space as soon as my customers are gradually increasing. I am very happy with IOM, I will never forget this assistance. You helped me to start a new life.”

