

Annual report 2010





IOM The Hague is a project driven organization. The Chief of Mission is responsible for IOM's general policy and day to day continuity, based on outlines formulated by IOM's head office in Geneva.

IOM's projects are hosted by three departments: Assisted Voluntary Return (AVR), Migration and Development en Movements and Facilitated Migration. The Resources Department is responsible for supporting the organization. Bureau Chief of Mission has a coordinating role and implements general management, policy and project development and communications.

IOM is committed to work proactively on a range of projects commissioned by subsidizers, aimed at the benefit of migrants supported by IOM.

Editorial Note

IOM The Hague's annual reports on 2010 contains an overview of activities and results achieved per department and a preview for 2011.

Preface

A migrant returning to the country of origin is a very common and natural fact. It is often the time that the person has achieved the reason for movement in the first place – like the attainment of financial or educational goals. Mission successfully accomplished, will contribute to a warm return home. If the situation in the home country is not in commotion, life can be picked up rather easily.

However, for a considerable number of migrants arriving in the Netherlands the situation is not that obvious and predictable. Their departure from home may relate to push factors like violent conflicts or natural disasters in combination with economic pressures. While these concerns put a strain on the individual migrant, they may not be accepted to grant a refugee status in the country of destination. Then often follows a painstaking period of deliberations and search for alternatives before deciding to return home. Last year, just over 3000 migrants in the Netherlands decided to return home with the assistance of the International Organization for Migration. This assistance is offered through the REAN programme with support from the Kingdom of the Netherlands and some other projects tailored to provide for a humane return with perspective on a future back home.

It is this kind of intervention that brings IOM in the spotlights when evacuating over 150.000 third country nationals (= migrants) stranded at the Libyan borders, bringing them home. Similar to this but with smaller numbers our organization is repatriating thousands of migrants from war-torn Ivory Coast. While migration flows are emerging randomly, they create new management challenges for governments.

It is the faith of these vulnerable migrants and an overall trust in an impartial international organisation with 60 years of experience that makes IOM's work so rewarding. Our workload is growing: the World Migration Report 2010 stresses the inevitable rise in the number of international migrants in a world shaped by demographic changes, growing economic demands and the effects of climate change.

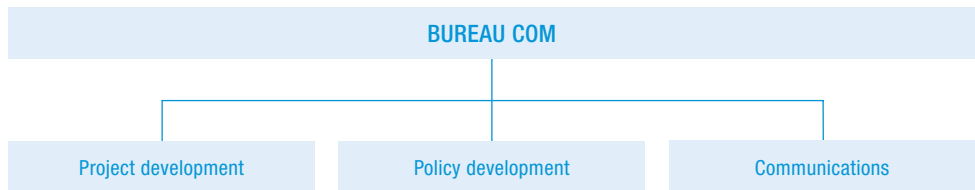
Colleagues often hear stories from migrants being exploited; not only in the sex industry. Increasingly elsewhere in the labour market such as domestic work, health care, agriculture and fisheries, construction and the logistics sector. This annual report covers a revealing essay that gives insight in labour migration, the exploitation of migrants and the passive attitude of consumers regarding products and service. Governments and markets have little or no choice but to invest in these new human resources. After all, there are ample opportunities to receive benefits from the increasing worldwide migration.

I would like to thank the Dutch Government and all our partners for their contribution to the various IOM projects on Assisted Voluntary Returns and Reintegration, on Migration and Development and the Immigrant Assistance projects contributing to valuable options for migrants as well as for countries involved. This annual report contains a brief justification of the projects IOM carries out with enthusiasm and great professionalism. More detailed information can be obtained from our website.

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Chief of Mission
IOM the Netherlands*

Bureau Chief of Mission

Bureau COM comprises communications as well as policy and project development, and is led by the Chief of Mission. The Bureau is responsible for internal and external communications, relationship management and policy development. In cooperation with the other departments, Bureau COM contributes to project development and exploring new areas.



Results 2010

In the past year electronic newsletters have been developed and distributed, containing updates of the activities in the field of voluntary return and migration & development. Flyers, posters and advertisements have been produced for six projects. In the past year the IOM has organized a number of conferences, for which Bureau COM provided advice and assistance in the preparation and development of materials. For the AVR Department, Bureau COM supervised the printing of three reports. At the end of last year the booklet *'Migration & Development stories - Migrant Stories'* was developed together with the Migration & Development Department. The booklet contains stories told by participants about the added value of their temporary deployment in their countries of origin.

IOM in the Netherlands' website is being updated constantly. Communications published four issues of the Migration Info bulletin. Migration Info is an important external communication medium intended to provide a wide target group of external relations and the press with information about IOM's activities and policy. Themes of the 2010 editions: *Sustainable Return, The Exploitation of Migrant Workers, Migration & Health and Migration for the benefit of all.*

Study visits

At the request of our offices in the Republic of Belarus, Estonia and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, five study visits to the Netherlands have been organized for the government officials from these countries. The assistance of Bureau COM consisted of preparation, logistics support and coordination. At the request of IOM Minsk, Bureau COM organized a study visit of government officials from Belarus to promote the exchange of knowledge in the field of prevention and prosecution of human trafficking. The Estonian government wanted to learn more about the experiences with voluntary return, with regard to setting up a structural return policy. The other two study visits from Estonia concerned the reception and voluntary return of unaccompanied minors and crisis management in case of an unexpected influx of migrants. The Ministry of Labour and Social Policy of Macedonia paid a study visit to the Netherlands to learn more about the approach to combating human trafficking.

Press contacts

Bureau COM regularly receives requests from the press to provide background information, to react to certain issues or to be interviewed. During a special meeting of the Dutch Union of Journalists (NVJ), the Dutch press was informed in more detail about the activities of IOM in the Netherlands.

Bureau Chief of Mission

Teaching package

Because of the success of the teaching toolkit *Not Just Numbers*, a project in which IOM and UN Refugee Agency UNHCR worked together, a reprint has been produced. The teaching toolkit supports the efforts of the European Union to improve awareness of the situations in which newcomers find themselves, and to prevent discrimination and prejudice. The toolkit has been distributed widely among Regional Training Centres (ROC's), social science and geography teachers, and various websites.

Refugee Paper

Bureau COM has contributed to a special refugee newspaper, an initiative of UNHCR, as a supplement to the Metro newspaper with a circulation of nearly half a million copies. Eight organizations, including IOM, made editorial contributions.

Twentieth anniversary of IOM in the Netherlands

In 2010 the IOM celebrated its 20th anniversary in the Netherlands. To mark the occasion, a symposium was held at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, combined with a public awareness campaign in the city centre of The Hague, which focused on the exploitation of migrant workers. Policymakers from ministries, politicians, representatives of community-based organizations, policy makers and embassies participated in the symposium *Migration for the Benefit of All*. IOM's Director-General William Lacy Swing was also present. Experts discussed four topical migration subjects: migration & development, the exploitation of migrant workers, voluntary return and 'migration benefits all parties.'

To bring the theme to the attention of youngsters, a competition was held for year 7 pupils to write an essay or to make a drawing or a collage on the subject of a meeting between different cultures. The awarding of prizes for the winners of the competition took place during the symposium. Around the symposium IOM organized the campaign *Buy Responsibly*, aimed at the general public, politics and the media, in which IOM calls worldwide attention to the exploitation of migrant workers. The public awareness campaign (www.buyresponsibly.org) was organized in Geneva, Brussels and Vienna earlier this year.

In the Netherlands the campaign was set up together with Fairfood International, BLinN and CoMensha. IOM placed a large-as-life shopping trolley upside down in a busy shopping street in The Hague. IOM, Fairfood International, BlinN and CoMensha handed out flyers to passers-by with information about the exploitation of migrant workers and human trafficking in the Netherlands. Attention was drawn to the campaign via Facebook and twitter in the week preceding its launch. Each year IOM organizes a reception for all embassy contacts. On 14 December the embassy reception was held at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, after the symposium.

Project Development

Bureau COM has advised and supported the other departments in developing projects in the field of voluntary return and reintegration, temporary return assignments of qualified migrants and social orientation for newcomers. In cooperation with the University of Amsterdam, IOM carried out preliminary research into the exploitation of migrant workers in the Netherlands.

Reporting

Bureau COM provides input for the 4-monthly Directorate-General reports for IOM Geneva. Other information has been provided as well, for instance about return and human trafficking for IOM publications, such as the World Migration Report.

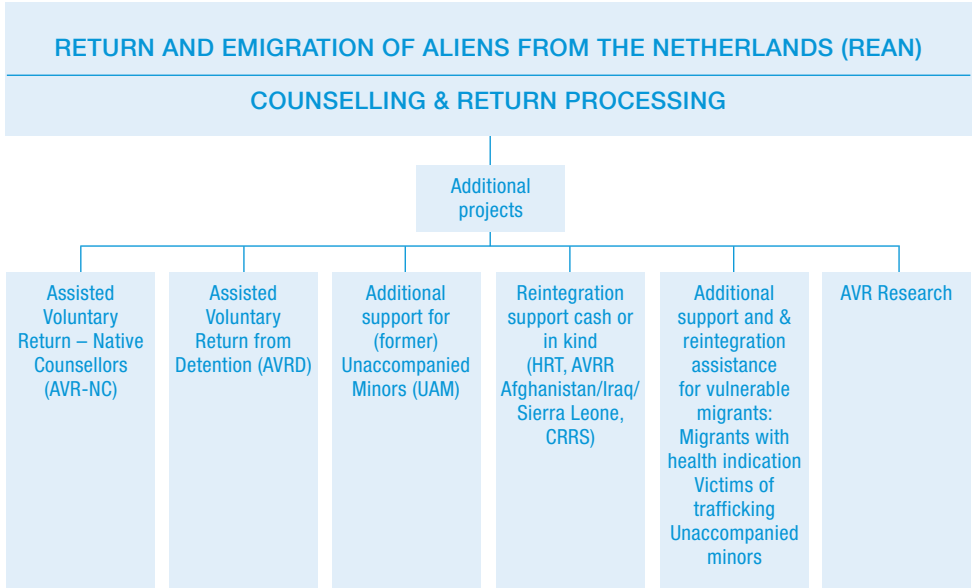
Looking ahead

In 2011 IOM worldwide celebrates its 60th anniversary. Bureau COM is Focal Point for activities in the Netherlands. Sometime in the course of this year Bureau COM will publish a special anniversary edition of the Migration Info bulletin. The frequency of publication and the styling of Migration Info will be evaluated. The possibilities of digital media will be examined. In 2011 Intranet will be deployed more often for structural news services.

IOM will continue to draw attention to the issue of the exploitation of migrant workers in the Netherlands. This will be done in line with the *Buy Responsibly* campaign and the study report on this theme, drawn up in cooperation with the University of Amsterdam. Bureau COM will continue to support and advise the other departments.

Assisted Voluntary Return Department

The Assisted Voluntary Return Department coordinates the voluntary return of migrants to their country of origin: from decision-making and support to obtaining travel documents, offering additional support to vulnerable groups, paying financial contributions and providing reintegration support after their return. In addition to this operational assistance, the department is responsible for reporting, data analysis and examining the possibilities of voluntary return.

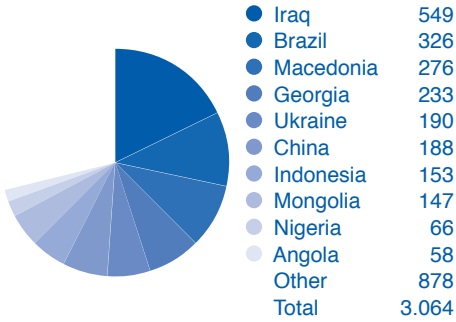


Assisted Voluntary Return Department

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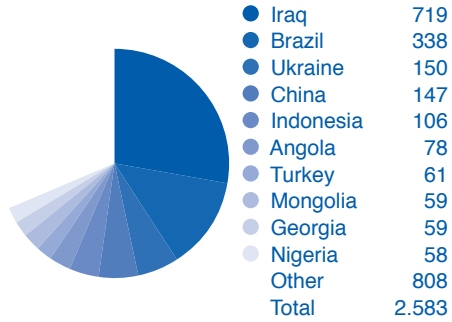
Top 10 countries 2010

69% of total

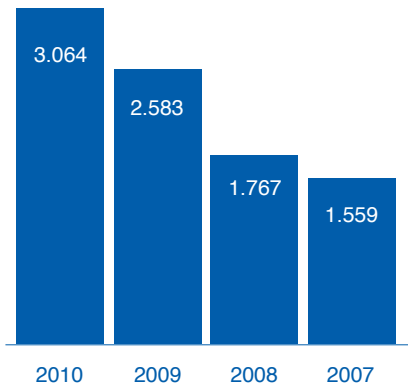


Top 10 countries 2009

72% of total

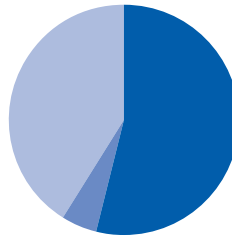


Total number of returned and resettled migrants

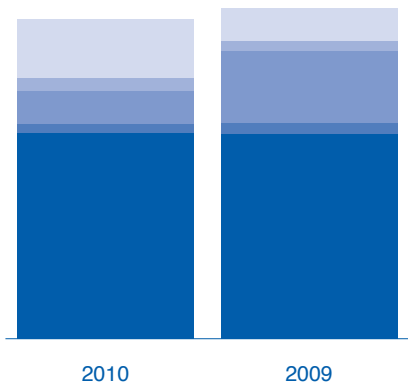


Status of returnees

	2010	2009
Total	3.064	2.583
● Asylum background	54%	51%
● Regular background	5%	6%
● No application for residence permit	41%	43%



Departure of migrants in a vulnerable situation



	2010	2009
● Detention	498	490
● UMAs ¹	16	26
● former UMAs	83	172
● Victims of human trafficking	29	25
● Medical assistance	142	78

¹ UMA = Unaccompanied Minor Asylum Seekers

Assisted Voluntary Return Department

Results 2010

In 2010 IOM assisted in the return of 3,064 persons to their country of origin or helped them to resettle in a third country with guaranteed admission, an increase of 19% compared to 2009. 55% had an asylum background, 5% a regular background and 40% had never applied for a residence permit in the Netherlands. Of this group, 498 migrants were being held in detention at the time of departure, and 16 Unaccompanied Minor Foreign Nationals (AMVs)¹, 83 (ex)-Unaccompanied Minor Asylum Seekers (AMAs)² and 29 victims of human trafficking were assisted in their return. 142 migrants received medical assistance during/after their return. Of this group, 27 migrants, who were indicated as having a chronic condition, received extra support to enable them to earn a living after their return and pay for their own medical care. 1,160 returnees qualified for a reintegration contribution. Via the worldwide network, 180 migrants received reintegration support from local IOM offices after their return. 1,570 migrants received assistance in obtaining travel documents from embassies and consulates, resulting in 1,233 travel documents issued. All-in-all, 85% of the returnees in 2010 departed from the Netherlands within four weeks after the date of application.

More attention was given to actively contacting migrants, especially rejected migrants/migrants who had exhausted all legal remedies, and migrants who had never applied for residence in the Netherlands. The number of initial contacts increased by 18% compared to 2010. The possibility of voluntary return was discussed with 5,584 migrants. Once contacted, more than 50% of the migrants (55%) made use of IOM assistance offered for voluntary departure from the Netherlands.

In 2010 IOM published three study reports: *Leaving the Netherlands*: an historic overview of developments in AVR-policy in the Netherlands in the past 20 years, *Assisted Voluntary Return from the Netherlands*: a study into trends in voluntary return and *Assisted Voluntary Return and Reintegration of Iraqi Nationals from Selected European Countries*: an overview of the various European AVR Iraq programmes and a study into the possibilities of country-specific return programmes at a European level.

¹ AMV = Unaccompanied Minor Foreign National

² AMA = Unaccompanied Minor Asylum Seekers

On 19 and 20 October IOM organized the international conference *Synergy and partnership for AVRR within Europe* in Brussels. The purpose of this international meeting was to identify best practices in the field of voluntary return and to explore the possibilities of improving the synergy and cooperation between the European countries with respect to Iraqi returnees.

In addition to its REAN programme, the AVR Department had additional funds available in 2010 for the projects *AVR-native counselling*, *AVR from detention*, *AVR-Research, Counselling, Return & Reintegration of (ex) UAMs*, *AVR & Reintegration to Iraq and Counselling on Return & Reintegration Services* (CRR1S/IOM contribution to the Platform for Sustainable Return). IOM/AVR is a partner of the Stichting Wereldwijd in the reintegration project 'World tools'.

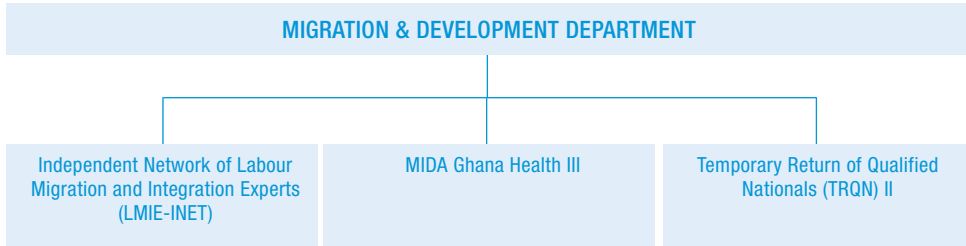
Looking ahead

In 2011 the AVR Department has two focus areas: return & reintegration and European cooperation. Through the implementation of the REAN programme and complementary projects IOM supports vulnerable target groups. Until now this concerned returnees with a medical indication, victims of human trafficking, unaccompanied minors, (former) minor asylum seekers, migrants in detention and undocumented migrants in the cities. In 2011 IOM wants to make an extra effort with regard to families who have exhausted all legal remedies and vulnerable undocumented migrants. By offering additional support to these groups, IOM hopes to remove obstacles for their voluntary return to the country of origin. IOM wants to achieve this by cooperating efficiently with various organisations in the Netherlands and IOM offices in countries of origin.

For 2011, IOM has planned several activities within the framework of European cooperation: a European conference on voluntary return and reintegration to Iraq, working visits of return counsellors within administrative detention to share best practices (project AVRD II) and the exchange of experiences between European IOM offices in the field of medical mediations for the purpose of harmonizing the services. A subsequent project for IRRiCO (*Information on Return and Reintegration in Countries of Origin*), coordinated by the IOM Brussels office, has been planned, whereby the addition of project information to the IRRiCO country information on the website will further enhance the synergy in the AVRR programming by EU member states.

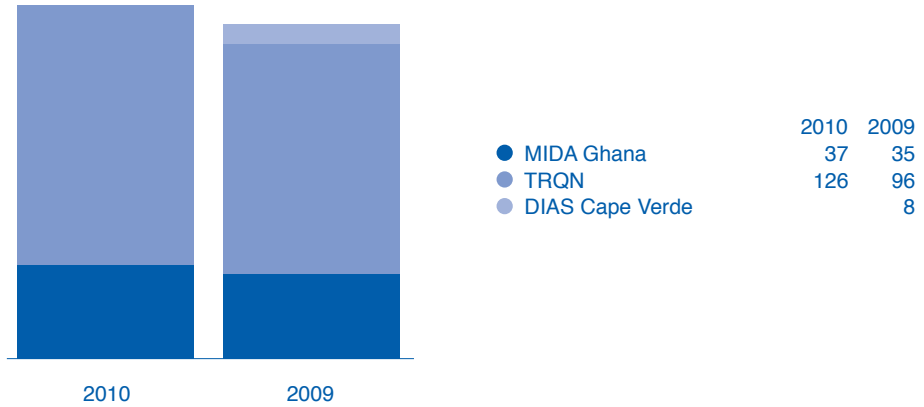
Migration & Development Department

The Migration & Development Department supports the temporary return of higher educated migrants to their countries of origin. The migrants use their knowledge, experience, networks and financial means for building capacity in the countries concerned.

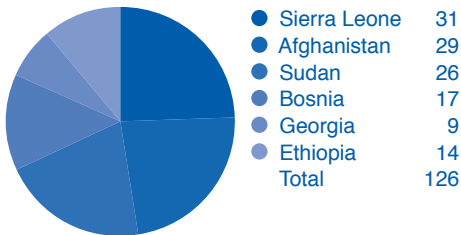


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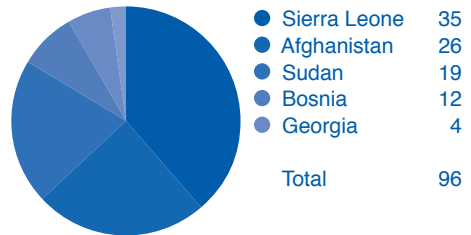
Assignments per project, per year



Assignments TRQN per country 2010



Assignments TRQN per country 2009



Migration & Development Department

Results 2010

The willingness and commitment of the diaspora to participate in the projects aimed at the reconstruction and development of their home countries remains as strong as ever. In 2010 support was given for a total of 37 assignments via the MIDA Ghana Health Project (35 in 2009) and 248 assignments via the TRQN project to their country of origin (96 in 2009).

The successes achieved are also attributable to the excellent cooperation with the countries of origin concerned and the IOM offices there. In some countries, including Bosnia and Sierra Leone, the positive experiences have also led to the development of a migration and development policy. The experiences with the M&D projects have also been included in the publication *Mainstreaming Migration into Development Planning; a Handbook for policy-makers and practitioners* initiated by IOM and further developed by the Global Migration Group (GMG).

Furthermore, IOM NL has strengthened its contacts and cooperation with migrant organizations, both through on-going projects and by supporting new initiatives. At the beginning of 2010 IOM has, for instance, contributed to the establishment of the Platform Indonesian Diaspora in the Netherlands.

At the end of 2010 the Migration & Development Department published a brochure with personal stories and experiences of participants in the temporary return projects. This publication paints a clear picture of the positive contributions that migrants can make to the development and reconstruction of their country of origin.

In the field of labour migration, IOM has carried out the research project *Independent Network of Labour Migration and Integration Experts* (LINET). Labour migration, employment and labour market integration trends and policies in the 27 EU member states were the main subjects of this research project. A researcher of IOM NL identified developments in these areas in the Netherlands.

Looking ahead

Building on the success of temporary assignments remains high on the agenda for IOM. The lasting impact of the transfer of knowledge to institutions in the countries of origin will be given even more attention, and the cooperation with migrant organizations will be further improved. Efforts will be intensified to further enhance the cooperation between (training) institutes in the Netherlands and other European countries, and institutions in the countries of origin.

In these efforts, migrants can often act as mediators and “agents of change”.

The migrants involved in both the MIDA Ghana project and the TRQN project not only come from the Netherlands, but also from other European countries, such as Germany and the United Kingdom. Such a European approach can strengthen the impact of the temporary assignments in the countries of origin. Based on the experience gained, similar initiatives in other countries can be developed.

The project Migration for Development in the Western Balkans (MIDWEB) was approved for financing by the EU at the end of 2010. One of the components of this project concerns temporary and virtual assignments to the six countries of the Western Balkans.

In 2011 the department will change its name to Labour and Facilitated Migration Department.

¹ Migration for Development in Africa

² Temporary Return of Qualified Nationals

Movements and Facilitated Migration Department

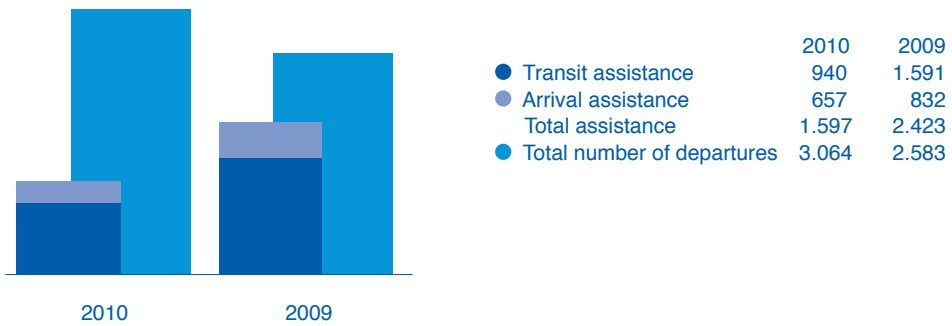
The Movements and Facilitated Migration Department is responsible for all operational preparations for Assisted Voluntary Return and Resettlement movements from the Netherlands and provides assistance to all migrants passing Amsterdam Schiphol Airport upon departure, arrival or in transit. In addition, the department coordinates and carries out the Resettlement to The Netherlands and Family Reunification programmes under which refugees and migrants resettle to the Netherlands, as well as related projects concerning cultural orientation.



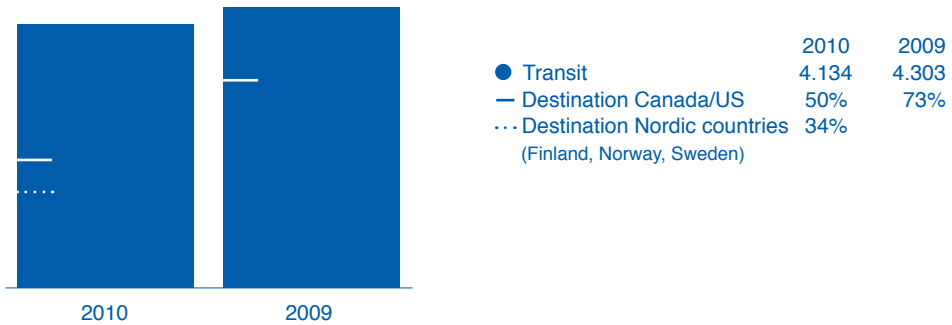
Movements and Facilitated Migration Department

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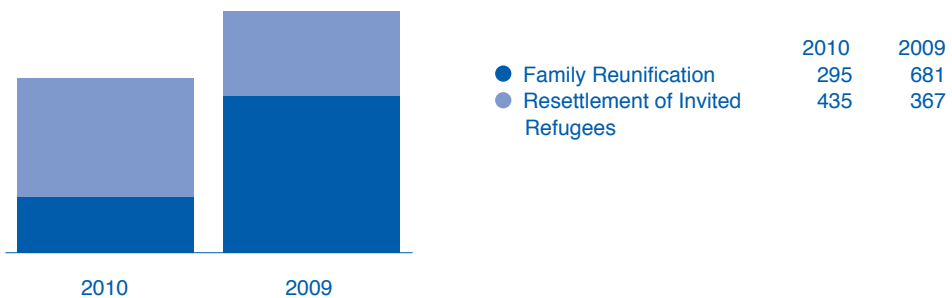
Additional assistance on departure



Transit



Resettlement to the Netherlands



Movements and Facilitated Migration Department

Results 2010

In 2010 a total of 3,064 (2009: 2,583) migrants returned to their country of origin or were resettled to a third country. The Movements Department organized the departures, arranged the flights and coordinated transit or arrival assistance with other IOM missions. Transit assistance was provided by other IOM offices in about 1,200 cases, and 657 migrants were received upon arrival by IOM staff. All migrants departing from the Netherlands were assisted by IOM at Schiphol Airport.

Furthermore, this department supports the Migration and Development Department with flight arrangements for migrants returning to their country of origin on temporary assignments.

At the request of other IOM missions, 4,058 refugees and migrants were assisted in transit at Schiphol Airport. Airport assistance consists of reception upon arrival, assistance through border and immigration formalities, check-in and boarding procedures, as well as any other necessary provisions, such as meals or acute medical care.

Within the framework of Family Reunification, the arrival of 295 migrants to the Netherlands was organized, a substantially lower number than in 2009 (681). There are several causes for the decreasing demand for this service: families are looking for the cheapest way to arrange travel (not always through IOM) and the number of visa admissions for family reunification has dropped significantly as a result of stricter laws and regulations.

Under the Resettlement to The Netherlands program, IOM facilitated the resettlement of 435 refugees (2009: 367), in close cooperation with IOM offices in countries of departure and partner organizations in the Netherlands. Refugees from Iraq (125), Bhutan (107) and Myanmar (46) formed the largest groups.

For refugees invited to the Netherlands on dossier basis (as opposed to group resettlement cases), IOM has developed a project that prepares them for their arrival in the Netherlands through specially trained IOM staff. This *Cultural Orientation Program for Refugees Selected for Resettlement on Dossier Basis* (NLCO) started in 2010 and by the end of the year 81 refugees had received NLCO training.

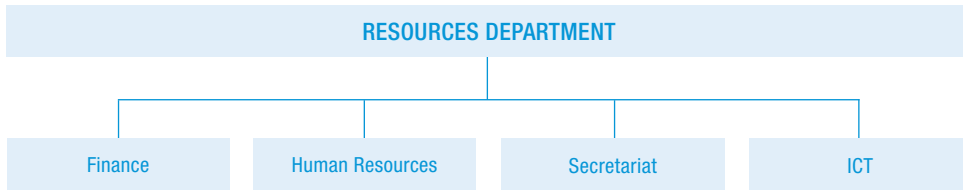
The department also contributed to projects of other IOM missions, such as the CAUAM project, *Best Practices for a Coordinated Approach to Assist Unaccompanied Minor Asylum Seekers and Former UAMs in EUMS* and *Promotion of resettlement in the European Union through practical cooperation by EU Member States and other stakeholders*, a joint initiative of IOM, UNHCR and ICMC.

Looking ahead

In 2011 the Movements and Facilitated Migration Department will continue to provide cultural orientation trainings prior to departure to the Netherlands, so that migrants will be better prepared when they come to the Netherlands and will have a better idea of the country where they are going to live. The NLCO project ends in June 2011 and will be concluded with a conference where best practices will be discussed with IOM staff members from other EU countries and partner organizations. A proposal for a follow-up project is being prepared. A project proposal has also been submitted for Cultural Orientation training courses, aimed specifically at Somali migrants who come to the Netherlands from Ethiopia within the framework of family reunification.

Resources Department

The Resources Department is responsible for the financial management, personnel management, secretarial services and ICT management of the organization.



The Resources Department has tightened up the procurement process. By increasing the number of internal audits, the focus on the supervision of purchase orders, order times and outstanding debts has been sharpened. In addition, suppliers are assessed each year. This is in line with international legislation, which enables us to control costs more efficiently and improve the transparency of our reporting.

In November and December both internal auditors and external auditors from the Indian government have conducted a systematic and independent audit of the internal operating processes of the organization in the Netherlands. The results have been laid down in the audit report. The report clearly shows that our organization has grown and that recommendations from the previous report have been incorporated professionally. The recommendations made will be followed and implemented in 2011.

IOM uses the financial management system PRISM that guarantees a process-based approach to financial project management. A cost-benefit system is used, which registers debts and liabilities in the accounts. IOM applies

the International Public Sector Accounting Standards, and is a leading organization in terms of due care for transparency and legitimacy.

Because of the developments within the organization there was not enough time in 2010 to introduce the quality management system. This system will now be introduced at the end of 2011.

Looking ahead

It is expected that the new quality management system will be implemented at the end of 2011. This system will clarify the tasks, responsibilities and qualifications required for all projects. It will also improve the efficiency within the various departments and improve compliance with the international rules of the organization as well as external requirements. Its purpose is to improve the quality of the products and services of the organization.

Internally, the organization was reminded of the international Staff Regulations and Rules.

Results and Expenditure 2010 in euros

Project Name	Results 2010
REAN Expenditure 2010 Salary costs 2.700.521 Material costs 993.000 Operational costs 2.665.270 Co financing 97.986 Overhead - IOM 443.223 Total Expenditure 6.900.000	3.397 voluntary return facilitation requests; 1.570 mediations for travel document requests from diplomatic missions; 3.064 persons returned voluntarily, including 3.056 to their country of origin.
Assisted Voluntary Return and Reintegration of Iraqi Nationals	1 person returned voluntarily to Iraq.
Return and Reintegration Regulation 2010 (HRT 2010) Period 01.10.2010 - 30.09.2012	1.160 persons returned voluntarily, including 987 adults and 173 children.
Counselling, Return & Reintegration of (ex) Unaccompanied Minor Migrants +	7 AMVs and 31 (ex)AMAs returned under this programme.
Return & Reintegration of Congolese Unaccompanied Minor Asylum Seekers from the Netherlands (REAN plus DRC)	No persons returned in 2010.
Family Reunification Netherlands - Prepaid	295 persons were assisted during travel and on arrival in the Netherlands.
Resettlements to the Netherlands	435 invited refugees were assisted with their travel and on arrival in the Netherlands.
Temporary Return of Qualified Nationals / TRQN II Period July 2008 - June 2011	248 temporary assignments.
MIDA Ghana III Health Project	37 temporary assignments.
Native Counsellors	986 consultations took place with potential returnees; 726 persons returned to their country of origin.
Assisted Voluntary Return with IOM from Detention (AVRD)	1.780 consultations about voluntary return; 498 persons returned voluntarily from detention.
Assessing Assisted Voluntary Return: European Perspective (Research)	Publication of three study reports: 'Leaving the Netherlands', 'Assisted Voluntary Return from the Netherlands' and 'Assisted Voluntary Return and Reintegration of Iraqi Nationals from Selected European Countries'. Presentations were given about the report 'Assisted Voluntary Return from the Netherlands' in Brussels for IOM missions and to government counterparts in the Netherlands.
Cultural Orientation Program (NLCO)	88 invited refugees received cultural orientation; 40 persons followed the basic package and 48 persons followed the extended training package.
Post Arrival CRRS Project	49 persons received a sustainable reintegration grant
REAN UAM III Project	6 AMVs and 13 (ex)AMAs returned under this programme.

Donor	Expenditure 2010	Note
Ministry of Justice	6.900.000	Amount of expenditure reported is based on budget, pending finalization of final financial report
Ministry of Foreign Affairs	245.944	
Ministry of Foreign Affairs	369.649	
Ministry of Justice	214.175	With final financial report submitted to donor
Ministry of Foreign Affairs	41.220	Amount of expenditure reported is from project inception until 2010
Self payer	174.370	
Central Agency for the Reception of Asylum Seekers (COA)	323.943	
Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands (Directorate Consular Affairs and Migration Policy)	896.187	
Embassy of the Netherlands in Ghana	289.635	
European Commission, Ministry of Justice	103.046	
European Commission, Ministry of Justice	284.669	
Ministry of Justice	48.189	With final financial report submitted to donor
Ministry of Justice, European Refugee Fund	96.868	
Stichting Duurzame Terugkeer, Ministry of Justice	187.743	
European Commission, Ministry of Justice	62.364	

Dutch voluntary contributions

Voluntary contributions from the Dutch Ministries of Justice and Foreign Affairs to IOM's international operational budget
(Figures in US Dollars)

Year	2010	2009
Total funding for projects	19.504.636	22.259.785
Global	119.460	1.780.820
Africa	3.602.736	565.229
(Angola, Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), Egypt, Ethiopia, Ghana, Morocco, Nigeria, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Somalia, Sudan and Tanzania)		
Americas	120.000	75.466
(Bolivia, Colombia en Venezuela)		
Asia	2.426.920	4.132.459
(Afghanistan and Indonesia)		
Europe	13.160.309	15.660.069
(Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Czech Republic, Georgia, Kosovo/UNSC 1244, Lithuania and the Netherlands),		
Middle-East	75.211	45.742

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Migration for the benefit of all

Established in 1951, IOM is the leading inter governmental organization in the field of migration and works closely with governmental, inter-governmental and non-governmental partners.

IOM in the Netherlands assists migrants with voluntary return to their country of origin and sustainable reintegration. IOM also arranges the travel of invited refugees and family members that have received authorization to be reunited with their families in the Netherlands. As a third activity, IOM facilitates qualified migrants who reside in the Netherlands to help with the development or reconstruction of their country of origin through temporary return projects.