

VOLUNTARY RETURN AND REINTEGRATION ASSISTANCE FROM THE NETHERLANDS

Assisted Voluntary Return and Reintegration (AVRR) assistance is offered free of charge to migrants in need of return support. This can include for example (ex-)asylum seekers, migrants with a pending residence permit procedure, migrants holding a temporary residence permit on asylum grounds, migrants in an irregular situation and stranded migrants unable to travel onwards to their final destination. Migrants in (administrative) detention may also qualify for AVRR assistance.

Many migrants can benefit from AVRR assistance. However, migrants with the nationality, a valid residence permit (except holders of a temporary asylum permit) or visa of an EU/EEA member state, European microstate or a country in the top-35 highest incomes, are excluded. Please check the following link to the IOM website for the complete list of excluded countries: iom-nederland.nl/excluded. Unaccompanied minor children and victims of trafficking can receive AVRR assistance, irrespective their nationality. Migrants who are excluded may be able to receive AVRR assistance on exceptional basis when they are in a vulnerable situation. This will be assessed case-by-case.

When can migrants make use of our support?

- The migrant requesting IOM assistance wants to return voluntarily
- The migrant had the intention to settle in the Netherlands for a longer period of time
- The migrant or the legal guarantee for stay in the Netherlands or in a resettlement country lack the financial means to pay for the return
- The Government of the Netherlands does not have any objections to the departure
- The migrant has not received voluntary return assistance provided by IOM or the Dutch government in the past five years
- A valid travel document is available or can be requested from the relevant authorities
- The application for return is not done under false pretenses and the migrant cooperates with IOM to prepare the departure
- The return can logistically and safely be organized by IOM
- If applicable, the migrant agrees with the termination of pending residence permit procedures or the withdrawal of his/her (temporary asylum) permit when departing from the Netherlands



What kind of assistance can we provide?

- Information and counselling about voluntary return in the migrant's own language
- Logistic support to help prepare the journey, including the flight ticket
- Advice and, if needed, assistance with obtaining a travel document, including the reimbursement of related costs
- Assistance during the departure and, if necessary, during transits and upon arrival
- A financial allowance to cover immediate expenses during the journey and directly after arrival, including transport costs to the final destination
- Additional support for unaccompanied minor children, victims of trafficking and migrants with health needs
- Reintegration support for eligible nationalities. Please check the following link to the IOM website for the complete list of eligible nationalities: iom-nederland.nl/avrr-countrylist

How to get in touch with us?

IOM offers consultation sessions at various locations in the Netherlands, for example at COA reception centres, immigration detention centres and civil society organizations. IOM can also visit migrants upon request at other locations if it is difficult for them to travel, for example in an emergency shelter or a medical facility. In addition, virtual information and counselling sessions are possible.

For more information or an appointment with an IOM counsellor
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