

Founded 72 years ago in 1951, IOM is the leading inter-governmental organization in the field of migration. With 175 member states and presence in over 100 countries, IOM is committed to the principle that humane and orderly migration benefits migrants and society. The Organization works with its partners in the international community to assist in meeting the operational challenges of migration, advance understanding of migration issues, encourage social and economic development through migration and to uphold the well-being and human rights of all migrants.

LABOUR MOBILITY AND SOCIAL INCLUSION (LMI)/RESETTLEMENT

The LMI/Resettlement unit aims to maximize the positive impacts of migration for migrants, their families and society in countries of origin and destination. This includes assisting migrants travelling to the Netherlands, as well as their integration into new communities; strengthening links between migration and development (particularly through diaspora engagement and development initiatives); and enhancing partnerships and cooperation between countries of origin and destination.

The unit directly contributes to the following Sustainable Development Goals:



FAMILY REUNIFICATION ASSISTANCE

For migrants who have obtained resettlement status and are eligible for family reunification, travelling to the Netherlands can be very challenging due to medical conditions, administrative requirements, missing documents, or in cases involving unaccompanied minors. IOM the Netherlands assists families that are eligible for family reunification by assessing the needs of individual family members, assisting with logistical arrangements, and facilitating a safe journey to the Netherlands.

DNA SAMPLE COLLECTION FOR FAMILY REUNIFICATION

Since May 2021, IOM the Netherlands assists the Immigration and Naturalisation Service (IND) with DNA sample collection to verify family relations within the context of family reunification. We currently assist with DNA sampling in Ethiopia, Iran, Lebanon, Sudan, Turkey, and individual locations for ad-hoc requests. After receiving a request from the IND, IOM colleagues abroad contact family members for a DNA sampling appointment at one of the Medical Health Assessment Centers (MHAC). Since the start of the project, we have been able to assist over 3000 family members.



RESETTLEMENT TO THE NETHERLANDS

For over twenty years, IOM has played a vital role in refugee resettlement to the Netherlands. IOM facilitates the selection and cultural orientation missions of the Dutch government and arranges the safe travel of refugees to the Netherlands. Our assistance is offered in close cooperation with the IND, the Central Agency for the Reception of Asylum Seekers (COA), UNHCR and Embassies in countries of departure. We also support ad-hoc relocation requests by the Dutch government. Special consideration is given to refugees with medical problems and women and children at risk.



ASSISTANCE WITH THE TRANSFER OF AFGHAN NATIONALS

Since August 2021, we have been contributing to the safe transfer of Afghan nationals considered 'at risk' to the Netherlands. While most persons are assisted from Pakistan, we also provide assistance from other countries. We work closely together with the Dutch Embassy to ensure accommodation, transportation, medical support and safe arrival in the Netherlands.

MOVING THE MIDDLE



The Moving the Middle project aims for a deeper understanding of the most effective ways of promoting more open and positive attitudes towards migrants in the Netherlands. The project targets a large segment of the Dutch population, *the Movable Middle*, which is largely overlooked in the migration debate due to their ambivalent or confused attitudes towards migration. With the support of a Migrant Ambassador Advisory Board, the project conducts research to gain insights into the characteristics and motivations of the Movable Middle. This research is accompanied by the implementation of a large-scale campaign and the hosting of local intercultural events to bring different social groups together. This is done to gain more knowledge of effective communication about migration and attempt to bring more nuance to the migration debate by targeting this segment with new messaging around migration.

LEARN

The project LEARN intends to promote labour market inclusion and to create equal opportunities for newcomers (referred to as permit holders) to the Dutch labour market. Together with the Ministry of Social Affairs and Employment (SZW), LEARN aims to establish a "Learning Network", consisting of employers, educators, municipalities, and permit holders. The aim of the Learning Network is to facilitate knowledge exchange and share good practices. LEARN brings the Learning Network together to discuss ways to improve and scale up work-study programmes for permit holders so that their access to the labour market is improved. The project also provides practical and policy recommendations to enhance the Netherlands' capacity for sustainable labour market inclusion initiatives. The project is funded by the European Union.



SAMEN

The SAMEN project aims to prevent and combat sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV) experienced by migrant communities in the Netherlands. Together with Dokters van de Wereld, IOM promotes access to healthcare, culturally sensitive support to survivors, and knowledge sharing to tackle SGBV. The project is implemented in six cities in the Netherlands: Amsterdam, Arnhem, The Hague, Nijmegen, Rotterdam and Utrecht. The project is funded by the European Commission, the Ministry of Education, Culture and Science, and Rotterdam Municipality.

INCLUD-EU

Includ-EU is a regional project which aims to improve the integration of third-country nationals (TCNs) in Europe. The project is implemented in six countries: Greece, Italy, the Netherlands, Romania, Slovenia, and Spain. In the Netherlands, IOM is working with the municipality of Tilburg to exchange expertise of local and regional authorities in the region Hart van Brabant. Project activities entail supporting the development and implementation of the regional Refugee Advisory Board. The Refugee Advisory Board is set up by the municipality of Tilburg and provides advice and feedback on current and prospective integration policies and initiatives. The project is funded by the European Commission and is implemented in partnership with the Assembly of European Regions (AER).



CONTACT

Family Reunification Assistance: Rfamily@iom.int, T +31 887 46 44 44 (Mo-Fri :13:30-16:30)

Includ-EU: skluivers@iom.int

SAMEN: svhullenaar@iom.int@iom.int

Resettlement to the Netherlands: NLResettlement@iom.int

Moving the Middle: skluivers@iom.int

Assistance Transfer of Afghan Nationals: iomnltransfer@iom.int

LEARN: sgongrijp@iom.int