



RETURN AND REINTEGRATION SUPPORT FOR VICTIMS OF TRAFFICKING IN NORWAY

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SUMMARY

Since 2007 the International Organization in Norway has implemented a project offering return with reintegration support to victims of trafficking in Norway that wish to repatriate voluntarily to their home countries. The aim is to provide a safe and dignified return with comprehensive follow-up in order to ensure a sustainable reinsertion into the local community after return home and reduce vulnerability to re-trafficking.

The target group is women, men, boys and girls who have been victims of any form of exploitation defined as human trafficking in accordance with the United Nations Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, national standards set by the Coordinating Unit for Victims of Human Trafficking in Norway (KOM) and IOM guidelines.

The reintegration support consists of a small cash grant and a comprehensive in-kind support that is categorized. Dividing the assistance into separate categories aims to assure that all returnees, regardless of their individual housing and/or medical needs are able to benefit from the same level of assistance in the income generating category, which objective is to assure the returnee's sustainable return. Children of victims of trafficking traveling together with the parent from Norway will be eligible for the same reintegration support package as offered the parent.

REINTEGRATION SUPPORT

The reintegration support offered to victims of trafficking returning home under the auspices of IOM Norway is a total of 35 000 NOK broken down in the following categories.

1. Accommodation

If the returnee does not have the possibility to reside with family members, the in-kind support can cover payment of rent, purchase of material for restructuring, restoration or renovation of housing, payment of shelter fees, temporary guesthouse, nursery home or similar. This support will be needs based and can be converted into in-kind support for education, vocational training, Business start-up, employment subsidiary salary or medical aid. The total accommodation support amounts to 5000 NOK.

2. Education, Vocational Training, Business start-up and Employment

This part of the support can be used for a wide range of reintegration activities based on beneficiary's interest and availability. The returnee must choose which reintegration activity is suitable given his or her particular situation. The total amount available for these activities is 25 000 NOK.

- *Educational grant:* This support can cover school and course fees, purchase of material and books for school, personal computer deemed necessary for completion of courses and education. This can also cover transportation fees.
- *Vocational training grant:* This can cover enrolment fees and necessary material for the completion of the training or courses. This can also cover
- *Start up of small business activity:* This can cover costs for renting premises, business registration fee/commerce license, purchase of equipment/goods and transportation means.
- *Employment:* This can be support paid as a monthly employment grant for those who manage to find work independently.

3. Medical Aid

Purchase of medicines, specialized medical treatments, hospitalization, psychological counselling or physiotherapy. It will require a precise description of medical needs from a physician. This support will be needs based and can be converted to the in-kind support for education, vocational training, Business start-up or employment subsidiary salary. The total medical aid amounts to 2000 NOK.



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Other organizations and places where you can get help and more information about the project:

Coordinating Unit for Victims of Human Trafficking (KOM)

Tel: 2336 4100

Email: KOM.pod@politiet.no

Rosa Help

Tel: 2233 1160

Email: mmi@krisesenter.com

Internet: www.rosa-help.no

Pro Sentret

Tel: 2310 0200

Email: prosentret@sby.oslo.kommune.no

Internet: www.prosentret.no

Nadheim

Tel: 2205 2880

Email: firmapost.nadheim@bymisjon.no

Internet: www.bymisjon.no/nadheim

4. Subsistence Allowance

This one time cash grant can be used at the beneficiary's own discretion, either for food, clothes, and hygienic products, replace lost documents or obtain national ID cards. For children, this will be converted to in-kind support and paid based on needs. Adults can choose to use this as a one time cash-grant or converting it to in-kind support to supplement the support for business, employment or training. The total subsistence allowance amounts to 3000 NOK.

The payment of the in-kind support will be based on a reintegration plan the beneficiary will develop together with the local IOM mission and partners upon arrival back home. For parents traveling with children who have been approved to receive the same reintegration grant, a separate plan for the reintegration support must be developed with the local IOM mission to ensure that the support facilitates the parent's long term care for the child.

The in-kind support can under no circumstances be paid in cash. The accommodation and medical support are needs based grants that can be converted into in-kind support for education, vocational training, business and job subsidiary salary. In-kind support or medical support may not be converted to accommodation support, as the reintegration package is intended to stimulate the initiation of income generating activities that in the long-term can sustain and cover accommodation needs outside crisis shelters. For minor victims of trafficking there will be more flexibility in terms of conversion as minors may not have the option of living alone or with family members upon return and therefore other long term accommodation must be arranged.



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