



# VOLUNTARY RETURN AND REINTEGRATION ASSISTANCE TO UNACCOMPANIED AND AGED-OUT MINOR ASYLUM SEEKERS AND IRREGULAR MIGRANTS

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## SUMMARY

The “Return and Reintegration Assistance to UAMs<sup>1</sup> and AOMs<sup>2</sup> living in Norway” project will facilitate return with reintegration support for Unaccompanied Minor Asylum seekers and Aged-out Minors of all nationalities accepted under the Voluntary Assisted Return Programme (VARP) to their countries of origin. The UAMs and AOMs to be assisted in the framework of this project will be asylum seekers and irregular migrants.

The project aims to offer comprehensive package of categorized reintegration support to facilitate a sustainable reinsertion after arrival in the home country amounting to 35 000 NOK (equivalent to 6,260 USD in April rate). Their support will be based on whether they were a UAM or AOM at the time of departure.

<sup>1</sup> UAMs refer to minors under the age of 18 and this age is set by the Norwegian Directorate of Immigration.

<sup>2</sup> AOMs refer to individuals who were under the age of 18 when they arrived in Norway and can be up to the age of 23 when applying for this support upon return home. This will be verified by the Norwegian Directorate of Immigration.

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## REINTEGRATION SUPPORT

The reintegration support can be used to cover the following activities:

### 1. Accommodation (NOK 5.000)

This amount 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.

### 2. Education, Vocational Training, Business start-up and Employment (NOK 25.000)

- **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.

This support may be used to support the family based on advice and planning with the IOM mission or referral agency.

### 3. Medical Aid (NOK 1.000)

Purchase of medicines, specialized medical treatment, hospitalization, psychological counselling or physiotherapy. It will require a precise description of medical needs from a physician.

### 4. Subsistence Allowance (NOK 4.000)

For UAMs this is an in-kind allowance that can be used for food, clothes, and hygienic products, replace lost documents or obtain national ID cards. For AOMs, they will have the choice of using this as a one time cash-grant or converting it to in-kind support to supplement the support for business, employment or training.

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