



Assisted Voluntary Return and Reintegration (AVRR) from Malta

Some Useful Information for Unaccompanied Migrant Children in Malta



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About IOM

The International Organization for Migration (IOM) has offices all over the world. IOM protects and supports people on the move. IOM can also help young people like you who may be thinking about going back home.

What if I am thinking about going back home?

Girls and boys like you arrive in Malta for different reasons. In the reception centre where you live, social workers are there to look after you and protect you. They can explain to you your situation in Malta and see what would work best for you in the future.



For this, your social worker will make sure that:

- There is a person (legal guardian) who will make decisions together with you in Malta and in your home country. In your home country, this person can be someone in your family or someone who can take care of you.



- Your family will be contacted, to see if they can welcome you and take care of you.



- What you think and what you want is taken into account.



- If you wish to go back home and if this is the best solution for you, the social worker can contact IOM.



- IOM will meet you and your social worker, answer your questions about going back home and discuss with you the support that you need.



How can IOM help me?

- IOM may be asked to find your family or get in touch and speak with your family, **to know more about you, and the situation back home**. This can help understand the best options for you.



- If going back home is the best solution for you and if you wish to do so, IOM will contact the Maltese Ministry for Home Affairs, National Security and Law Enforcement. The Ministry will confirm **if IOM can help you go back home safely and respond to your needs before and after return**.



- IOM will then **arrange your trip** (by helping get your travel documents, buying flight tickets), will help you start planning for the future, and will assist you every step, until you reach home. If you are younger than 15, somebody from IOM will travel with you.



- **In your home country**, IOM, together with your family or someone who can take care of you, will meet you at the airport.



- This is a **new beginning** for you. IOM will help you find your way. For example, you could go back to school, or start learning something new and useful for the future.



Remember

- Return is **VOLUNTARY**. Your views are very important. You can decide, at any time, that you no longer want to return.
- IOM will not be able to help you return to your country if there is a danger for your life, health or family.
- IOM's assistance is free. Meetings with IOM are private and confidential. If needed, an interpreter will help us speak with you.
- In your home country, IOM cannot give you cash, but will pay for what you need and what you agreed to do.