

## How to apply?

If you wish to apply for AVRR, please contact IOM Malta and IOM staff will explain to you the procedures, will help you fill in the necessary forms and will guide you through the process.



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Are you thinking about returning  
to your country of origin?  
Do you wish to discuss your reintegration options  
in your country of origin?  
Do you know someone who is in need of assistance  
to return to his/her country of origin?

Contact us – we may be of help:

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25% Beneficiary Funds  
Sustainable Management of Migration Flows







## IOM in brief

Established in 1951, the International Organization for Migration (IOM) is the world's leading intergovernmental organization in the field of migration and works closely with governmental, intergovernmental and non-governmental partners. With 155 member states and over 470 field offices in more than 100 countries, IOM is committed to the principle that humane and orderly migration benefits migrants and society.

As an intergovernmental organization, IOM acts 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 uphold the human dignity and well-being of migrants.

The IOM Mission in Malta was established in 2007 and since then has been actively supporting the Government of Malta in migration management and assisting migrants in Malta who often find themselves in difficult situations.

## What is AVRR?

Assisted Voluntary Return and Reintegration (AVRR) is a core activity of IOM, offering an option of safe and dignified return to the country of origin for unsuccessful asylum-seekers and other migrants who seek, or need, to return home but lack the means to do so. Since 1979, more than 1.2 million persons worldwide have been assisted under IOM's AVRR programmes.

In Malta, the AVRR programme is funded by the European Return Fund (RF) and implemented by IOM, in cooperation with the Ministry for Home Affairs and National Security, since 2009. To date, over 200 persons have been assisted to return from Malta, mostly to sub-Saharan African countries.

## Main **preconditions** for all IOM's AVRR activities:

- **Voluntariness** - return decision has to be based on free will and made in the absence of any physical, psychological or material pressure.
- **Informed decision** - return decision has to be based on sufficient and accurate information.

*Meetings with IOM are private and confidential.*

## Who can benefit from AVRR in Malta?

- Individuals (non-EU nationals) who have not yet received a final negative decision in relation to their request for international protection in Malta;
- Individuals (non-EU nationals) enjoying a form of international protection in Malta;
- Individuals (non-EU nationals) who do not or no longer fulfill the conditions for entry and/or stay in Malta.

Do you need assistance  
to return home?



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We make every effort to help you  
in all the stages of your return process

All the costs related to your return  
are covered by the project

IOM assists you with your reintegration  
in your country of origin

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## What assistance can be received?

### In Malta:

- Information and individualized counselling on AVRR, including country-of-origin information
- Specialized assistance and referral services to vulnerable individuals (e.g. persons with health problems)
- Facilitating travel documentation
- Travel arrangements (including escorts, if required)
- Pre-departure assistance and cash allowance



### In transit:

- Assistance with travel in transit (including assistance with escort in transit, if required)



### In countries of origin:

- Assistance through immigration and customs on arrival at the airport
- Post-arrival reception arrangements, including information and referral to local partners, if necessary
- Onward travel to the final destination
- Post-return counselling and provision of reintegration assistance

## What does reintegration assistance cover?

**In-kind reintegration assistance** is provided in order to help returnees in creating sustainable living conditions in their country of origin. It **consists of** support towards one or more of the following:

- Small business start-up or development;
- Vocational training or education;
- Job placement/on-the-job training;
- Medical assistance and other tailor-made assistance to persons with special needs.