

Return Assistance for victims of human trafficking

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The Swiss Confederation's return assistance

Under the Federal Act on Foreign Nationals and Integration (FNIA), certain groups of foreign nationals are entitled to receive return assistance. This return assistance service is offered by the State Secretariat for Migration (SEM) and is implemented in cooperation with the International Organization for Migration (IOM).

Who can apply for return assistance?

The return assistance is available to victims and witnesses of human trafficking. The objective is to support persons who are without means and who wish to return voluntarily to their country of origin (or to a third country), in their return and reintegration process.

Human trafficking covers a range of acts leading men, women or children into a state of dependency against their will for the purpose of exploitation. This may involve all forms of sexual exploitation, forced labour or the removal of human organs. Victims of human trafficking are generally individuals who have been traded into such an exploitative situation.

In order to qualify for return assistance, there must be clear indications of human trafficking.

Who to turn to

Persons interested in receiving return assistance should contact their cantonal return counselling office to arrange a counselling appointment (see address list overleaf). The counselling is free, confidential, and non-committal.

What sort of assistance does this service offer?

The return counselling office will determine the returnee's specific needs in terms of return and reintegration. The following support is available:

- Clarification by IOM of the rehabilitation and reintegration possibilities in the country of origin;
- Organization of the return journey in cooperation with the relevant canton and swissREPAT/IOM;
- Financial start-up assistance of CHF 1,000 per adult;
- An additional assistance in kind of up to CHF 5,000 for a reintegration project (e.g. accommodation, business start-up, professional training);
- Medical return assistance (e.g. medications, referral to a rehabilitation programme for victims of human trafficking);
- Follow-up support by IOM or its partner organization upon return.

Additional information

- The cantonal return counselling office forwards return assistance applications to the SEM. It also informs the cantonal migration authorities of the application.
- The FNIA does not provide any legal basis for the travel expenses to be paid by the SEM. The return counselling office therefore clarifies the financing of the return journey.
- The IOM office in the returnee's country of origin organizes the provision of return assistance and monitors the reintegration process on behalf of the SEM.

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