

Return and Reintegration A development perspective Rabat Process Yaoundé

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Global Compact on Migration

The Global Compact for Safe, Orderly, and Regular Migration (GCM)13 lays out the commitment to safe and dignified returns, flowing from obligations under human rights law.



The EU Migration and Asylum PACT (2020)

INTPA's key role:

- Strengthening cooperation with and capacity of partner countries
- Strengthen links between reintegration programmes and other relevant development initiatives in partner countries
- Voluntary return and reintegration of migrants stranded in other countries,



EU Strategy on voluntary return and reintegration (April 2021)

This Strategy **promotes voluntary return** and reintegration as an integral part of a common EU system for returns.

It aims to address fragmentation in approaches and make the return and reintegration process sustainable.

Promotes **coordination** between all stakeholders involved in return and reintegration



What is sustainable reintegration and why is it important?

Adresses needs of the most vulnerable

Economic, social and psychosocial reintegration in the community

Contribution to local development

Capacity building of receiving communities, the private sector and local stakeholders.

Local ownership of the process.



What are the main challenges?

Individual Structural

Debt Lack of capacity

Poor Health Fragmentation

Long absence Coordination

Vulnerable Lack of funding

Stigma



Referral mechanisms

- -Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs)
- pre-departure and post-arrival linkages, with a focus on planning and eligibility guidelines.
- Multi-dimensional programming, with an emphasis on monitoring (also long-term)
- referral systems are the cornerstone of any case management. Referrals thus are an integral part of returnees' reintegration plans.

Sub-Saharan Africa

2021

- All SSA: continuation of SSA -EU-IOM Joint Initiative 113M EUR (INTPA)
- Senegal Agropoles d'avenir et l'intégration des chaînes de valeur dans les systèmes alimentaires 20M EUR (INTPA)
- **Senegal**: Appui à la reprise économique post-Covid, en particulier pour la jeunesse 70M EUR (INTPA)
- EU Support to innovation and jobs for youth in **Nigeria** (INN-JOBS) -55M EUR (INTPA)
- Niger : Nexus Trois Frontières 50M EUR (INTPA)
- **Niger** Education, formation, emploi -50 M EUR (INTPA)

- **Niger** Contrat relatif à la résilience et construction de l'Etat (SRBC) 195 EUR . (INTPA)
- Burkina Faso- Appui à la stabilisation de l'Axe Ouaga-Kaya-Dori-Djibo - Renforcement sécuritaire social et économique – 50M EUR. (INTPA)
- Integrated support to education in **South Sudan** in a context of people's displacements and returns 38 M EUR. (INTPA)
- **Ivory Coast** Renforcement des compétences pour un meilleur accès au marché de l'emploi ivoirien- 15M EUR (INTPA)



Sub-Saharan Africa

2022

- All SSA: Migrant Protection, assisted voluntary Return and sustainable Reintegration (MPRR) in Sub-Saharan Africa 170 M EUR (INTPA)
- EU **Ghana** Pact for Skills 17 M EUR (INTPA)
- BREACH- Boosting Resilience and Adaptation to Climate Change in **Somalia** 35 M EUR. (INTPA)
- Support to civil society in Cameroon and to its contribution to peace and stability in conflict regions via women's empowerment and social cohesion 17 M EUR. (INTPA)
- Central African Republic : Programme d'appui au secteur de l'éducation 30 M EUR. (INTPA)
- EU Regional project to provide durable solutions for the **Burundian** refugee crisis in the **Great Lakes** Region 40 M EUR. (INTPA)

- Cameroon Mitigating needs of crisis affected people in the South West and North West regions in Cameroon in light of the general impact of COVID-19 2.5M EUR (FPI)
- **Djibouti** : Gouvernance pour le développement 4 M EUR. (INTPA)
- East Africa: Better Migration Management" Phase III
 40 M EUR. (INTPA)
- Support to the **Gambian** Security Sector Reform process for improved Security, Migration and Border management 6 M EUR. (INTPA)
- A Ghanaian- ATUU European migration project 6 M EUR (INTPA)
- Control of territory, stability of border areas and migration management in **Mauritania** 10.5 M EUR. (INTPA)
- Senegal Internal Security 15 M EUR. (INTPA)





MIGRANT PROTECTION, ASSISTED VOLUNTARY RETURN AND SUSTAINABLE REINTEGRATION (MPRR)

Indicative budget: €170 M EUR

Coverage: Sub-Saharan African countries of origin, transit and destination in the Atlantic/Western and Central Mediterranean routes

Specific Objectives:

SO 1: Vulnerable and stranded migrants in relevant Sub-Saharan transit countries, benefit from needs-based and specialized protection, including assistance to voluntary return to their countries of origin.

SO 2: Returning migrants are supported in their reintegration process through individual reintegration support in countries of origin in Sub-Saharan Africa.



Additional examples

Nigeria - EU Support to innovation and jobs for youth in Nigeria (INN-JOBS) - 55M EUR + two additional upcoming actions

Senegal- 60M EUR contract (BS), specific objective on migration management and reintegration of returnees

Ghana – two initiatives: one on skills development and one migration management



Synergy important

Frontex- JRS
EUMS return and reintegration programmes
Return and Reintegration Facility
World Bank, FAO and other partners

Conclusions

 Returnees, although often vulnerable, should be considered as part of an overall comprehensive approach, targeting also the most vulnerable in the Cols (potential migrants) Actors responsible for return and individual reintegration are not always the best to ensure a key link to the overall development agenda of a country e.g. Data/Statistics, economic/rural development.

 Upcoming development actions should to the extent possible consider and incorporate the needs of returnees in order to facilitate referrals





Thank you!