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## Assisted Voluntary Return and Reintegration (AVRR)

# FACT SHEET

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### Background

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Assisted Voluntary Return and Reintegration (AVRR) is an indispensable part of a comprehensive approach to migration management aiming at orderly and humane return and reintegration of migrants who are unable or unwilling to remain in host countries and wish to return voluntarily to their countries of origin. The successful implementation of AVRR programmes requires the cooperation and participation of a broad range of actors, including the migrants, civil society and the governments in both host countries and countries of origin. The partnerships created by IOM and a diverse range of national and international stakeholders are essential for the effective implementation of AVRRs - from the pre – return to the reintegration stages.

### Project Description

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Assisted Voluntary Return and Reintegration (AVRR) is one of the core support activities provided by IOM to migrants and Member States and is likely to increase in the years to come, in both volumes and complexity. Top 10 host countries in 2015 represented 85% of the total, with Germany representing more than half of the total. It is worth mentioning that the AMIF (Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund) gap has impacted the number of returns from EU Member States in 2015. IOM works to strengthen cooperation with its UN partners in the area of human trafficking as a member of the Inter-agency Coordination group against Trafficking in Person (ICAT). AVRR includes the administrative, logistical and financial support provided to migrants unable or unwilling to remain in the host country who volunteer to return to their countries of origin and, where possible, are supported with reintegration measures.

The purpose of this project is to facilitate the voluntary return of irregular migrants stranded in Bosnia and Herzegovina to their respective countries of origin. The project will assist migrants to return to their home countries in a safe and dignified manner. Furthermore, as BiH continues to develop its capacities in migration management, this project will incorporate new activities to that end. In order to strengthen the BiH Government ownership over the irregular migration management, as well as to ensure continuous funding of the AVRR activities, the project will set up a Steering Board composed of the Ministry of Security, SDC and eventually other AVRR donors, with IOM acting as a secretary of the Steering Board.

The overall objective of the project is to strengthen the return mechanism and support voluntary return of irregular migrants stranded in BiH, thereby contributing to the prevention of onward irregular migration, and to support and enhance the capacities of the BiH Government over the process of irregular migration management in general.