

What is the Assisted Voluntary Return and Reintegration programme (AVRR) ?



The **Assisted Voluntary Return and Reintegration (AVRR) programme implemented by the International Organization for Migration (IOM) for more than four decades provides administrative, logistical, and financial support, including reintegration assistance,**

to **migrants** unable or unwilling to remain in the host/transit country and who wish to return voluntarily to their country of origin, but cannot do so on their own. The AVRR programme is based on **seven key principles:**



Who are the AVRR implementation partners in Morocco?

As Morocco is a country of origin, transit and destination, IOM Morocco implements the Assisted Voluntary Return and Reintegration Programme (AVRR) in close collaboration with the **Moroccan Government**, particularly the **Ministry of Interior** and the **diplomatic representations** of countries of origin or reception of assisted migrants. This programme supports the Moroccan Government's migration management strategies. Accordingly, IOM supports the implementation of efficient migration policies in Morocco by, for example, participating in the steering committees and sub-committees of the **National Immigration and Asylum Strategy (SNIA)**, which includes the «return migration» component among the cross-cutting programs.

IOM has also developed an extensive **network of partnerships** with **international organizations** active in Morocco, **NGOs** and specialists in legal, medical or research fields. This network of partners continues to grow thanks to the presence of **migrant orientation points** and IOM consultants in various cities in Morocco (Casablanca, Oujda, Khouribga, El Kelaa des Sraghnaa, etc.).

What are the steps of the AVRR programme from Morocco?

The AVRR programme in Morocco offers the alternative of a **dignified and safe return** to migrants in a vulnerable situation in Morocco and supports them towards a **sustainable reintegration in their countries of origin**.



Reintegration is implemented in collaboration with IOM offices in the countries of origin and their respective partners.

What are the steps of the AVRR programme to Morocco?

The **reintegration of returning Moroccans** is considered sustainable when returning Moroccans reach levels of **economic self-sufficiency, social stability** in their returning community, and **psychosocial well-being** to cope with the levers of (re) migration. Returning migrants who have achieved **sustainable reintegration** are able to make migration decisions by choice rather than necessity.

Les cinq étapes de la procédure de réintégration des marocains de retour



Reintegration support is done through IOM and its partners including reintegration counselors currently based in Casablanca, El Kelaa des Sraghna and Khouribga. Their job is to identify the opportunities as well as the actors providing support related to reintegration in their region and ensuring the referral of Moroccans returnees to the most appropriate structures or programmes to assist them in their reintegration projects.

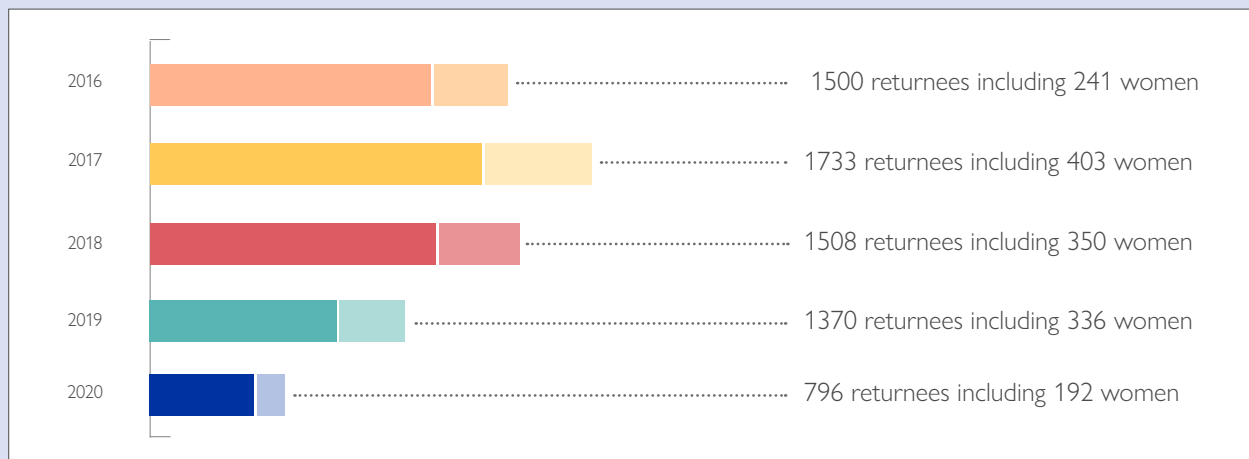
AVVR from Morocco in numbers

Nearly **13,800** migrants in Morocco have benefited from voluntary return since 2005 for returns **to 40 countries** on all continents.

In 2020, **796** migrants (604 men, 192 woman) requested **assisted voluntary return**. Among them; 8 were identified as potential victims of trafficking.

The main return countries (in order of importance) are Côte d'Ivoire, Guinea, and Senegal.

Number of migrant returnees from 2016 to 2020



* The number of assisted returnees depends on the availability of funds, not the number of requests.

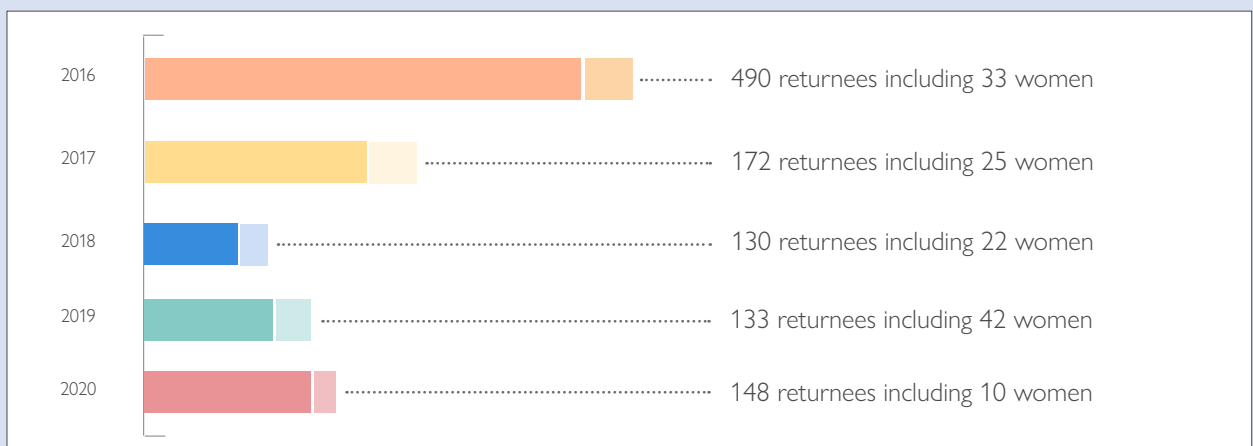
AVRR to Morocco in numbers

More than **1,829 returning Moroccans** received support in their reintegration process.

In 2020, **148 Moroccans have been assisted in their reintegration** (137 men, 10 women, and 1 girl). Among them, **2 have been identified as potential victims of trafficking** and **2 have been assisted for their special medical needs**.

The main host countries of these beneficiaries (in order of importance) were Bosnia and Herzegovina, Greece, and Germany. The beneficiaries mainly settled in the regions of Casablanca-Settat, Marrakech Safi and Beni-Mellal-Khenifra.

Number of Moroccan returnees from 2016 to 2020



Synergies of the AVRR Programme

The Assisted Voluntary Return and Reintegration programme for stranded migrants in Morocco is supported by several donors.

Several other initiatives strengthen the AVRR programme. These include, among others:

“The EU — IOM Joint Initiative for Migrant Protection and Reintegration in North Africa”

Objective: Contribute to strengthening protection systems and sustainable reintegration of migrants in North Africa.

FORAS - Enhancing reintegration opportunities from Morocco

Objective : Complementary to AVRR and EU IOM Joint Initiative, to provide pre-departure assistance in Morocco for sustainable reintegration for the migrants willing to return to their countries of origin.

ORION - Operationalise an integrated approach to reintegration

Objective : Ensuring that the beneficiaries are not isolated after their return and that their economic, social and psychosocial needs are addressed.

Assistance and protection of unaccompanied and separated children

Objective : Assistance and protection of unaccompanied and separated foreign or Moroccan migrant children and support to ministries and state actors involved in child protection.

RDPP NA - Development Pillar to Support the Regional Development and Protection Programme in North Africa

Objective : Improve the resilience of migrant populations by strengthening rights and social cohesion between migrant communities and their host communities.

Fostering Health and Protection to Vulnerable Migrants Transiting through Morocco, Tunisia, Egypt, Libya, Yemen and Sudan

Objective : Support governments in improving access to direct assistance and protecting vulnerable migrants transiting through these countries.

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