



## **EU-IOM**

Joint Initiative for  
Migrant Protection  
and Reintegration



# Reintegration for migrants returning to The Gambia



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## ABOUT REINTEGRATION ASSISTANCE



If you are assisted by IOM to return to your country of origin in the framework of the EU-IOM Joint Initiative for Migrant Protection and Reintegration, below are some information on the reintegration assistance process, step by step. Please read them carefully.

The Gambia



## UPON YOUR ARRIVAL

### ■ RETURNS VIA CHARTER FROM LIBYA

Once you have landed at Banjul International Airport, you will be screened by GID (Gambian Immigration Department) and registered by IOM. If you agree, you will then be transported for a temporary accommodation (1 night) by bus to a designated transit center, the FIFA GOAL PROJECT Hotel which is 20 minutes away from the airport. Refreshment will be given upon boarding the bus.

Upon arrival at the transit centre you will be provided with a hygiene kit and a meal. The following day, you will be given breakfast, then IOM will deliver an orientation session about reintegration support and conduct arrival questionnaires.

Health services are available at the center if needed

Before leaving the center, you will receive pocket money (the equivalent of 65 euros in Dalasi) to cover transportation and meal costs until your final destination.



## ■ OTHER RETURNS

By commercial flight: Once you have landed at International airport of Banjul, IOM will be there to welcome and assist you. You will be screened by GID (Gambian Immigration Department) and registered by IOM. If you haven't received pocket money before departure, you will then receive pocket money (the equivalent of 65 euros in Dalasi) to cover transportation and meal costs until your final destination.

By bus: Once you have reached the bus station, GID facilitate your entry and transportation will be provided to IOM office. At the IOM office in Banjul you will have a meeting where you will be registered and will receive your pocket money (65 euros in Dalasis) to cover transportation and meal costs until your final destination.

The pocket money is the only money that you will receive in cash within this project.

Once you arrive in the Gambia, you will be expected to provide a reliable phone number through which IOM can reach you. Even if you have a personal functional number, you will be required to provide a second contact (either number of a relative or a close friend). It is important that you inform us in case you change phone number.





## AFTER ARRIVAL

### ■ COUNSELLING

IOM will schedule a counselling session to discuss your needs and the opportunities available for your reintegration in the Gambia. If you are accommodated at the transit center, you will be provided with an appointment card on the second day of arrival. Returnees not accommodated at the transit center will be provided the appointment card at IOM office.

IOM will inform you about upcoming group information sessions to be conducted with IOM's partners.

The counselling session aims at discussing and planning your reintegration in the Gambia. You will discuss with IOM about your competences/skills, your needs and your opportunities for reintegration. Based on this, as well as on IOM's and its partners' resources and on the assistance you may have already received, you will define a reintegration plan together with IOM. More than one counselling session is often needed. IOM may also coordinate with local authorities to support your reintegration process.



## REINTEGRATION ASSISTANCE

Based on your needs, on your competences, on the assistance you may have already received as well as on IOM's and its partners' resources, one or more of the following services can be provided to you. They can be provided either by IOM and its partners or through referral to existing programmes and services available in the Gambia:

- Short training in business management, financial literacy or other areas of interest (provided by our partners);
- Medical assistance (provided by Ministry of Health)
- Psychological and social support;
- Support to pursue education or enroll in vocational training;
- Links to existing employment opportunities and support for job insertion;
- Support to set up or strengthen a small business, including in the fields of agriculture, poultry, beekeeping, animal fattening, horticultural & fruits production, waste disposal and hall block production and distribution, satellite and solar installation, etc.



## IOM PROVIDES SPECIAL ASSISTANCE

*If you would like to set up or strengthen a small business, IOM strongly encourages you to consider “collective projects” with other returnees or “community-based” projects with residents of your village or town.*

Some of these services are subject to a selection procedure, and collective and community-based projects will be prioritized. IOM will provide you more information on this procedure during the counselling session(s).

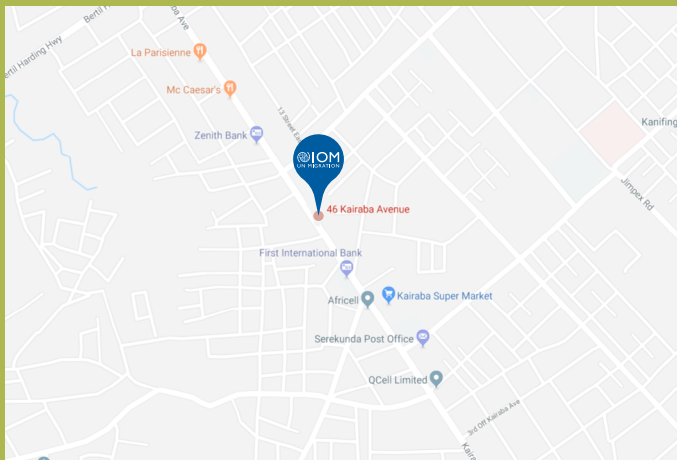
Special assistance will be provided to people who need medical and psychological support, victims of trafficking, gender-based violence cases, vulnerable children and unaccompanied and separated children. Access to this type of assistance will be discussed during the counselling session(s).

IOM will also clarify which supporting documents are required for each type of assistance



## IOM'S PARTNERS AND SERVICE PROVIDERS

- Ministry of Interior: in charge of immigration procedures at the airport upon arrival
  - Ministry of Health: offers medical services both at airport and at the reception center
  - Gambian Red Cross: offers first aid services to the returnees upon arrival at the airport
  - EMPASS poultry: is engaged in poultry farming and offers on-the- job training in poultry production
  - EMPRETEC: offers soft skills training, entrepreneurial training and Business Advisory Service (BDS) to returnees
- NYSS: provides technical and vocational training for returnees
  - YEP: provides funds/mini grants for gainful employment of youth
  - Sterling Consortium: offers skills training in areas such as satellite installation, CCTV installation, plumbing etc.
  - Other partners and services providers may be identified throughout the project



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