

STRUCTURE

COUNSELLING PROVIDER

- Danish Red Cross
- Danish Refugee Council

COUNSELLING SYSTEM

RETURN COUNSELLING

- The Danish Red Cross and the Danish Refugee Council offer return counselling to (former) asylum seekers
- Return counselling consists of legal counselling for rejected asylum seekers during which the implications of a rejection, legal options and the possibility of AVR are explained
- The psychosocial aspect of return counselling, mainly offered in asylum centers, also includes group counselling about expectations after return, reestablishment of lost family connections (tracing of relatives) and profiling of personal competences in order to broaden the perspectives after return
- The returnee receives the flight ticket through IOM or the police. The police also provides economical support for voluntary returnees at the departure.

REPATRIATION COUNSELLING

- Repatriation Counselling, provided by the Danish Refugee Council only, is aimed at refugees and migrants with a residence permit (in the office, through the phone, through skype)
- The clients receive information on the repatriation support and help in the decision making process
- The practical departure (plane ticket, paper work, etc.) is organized by the clients themselves and the municipalities pay for the expenses
- The repatriation support is disbursed through the municipalities

SUPPORT IN THE COUNTRY OF RETURN

- Only for (former) a sylum seekers: Psychosocial support offered by local Red Cross /Red Crescent partners after return: Russia, Serbia, Kosovo
- Planned Reintegration Program: Iraq, Afghanistan and Somalia

RETURN FIGURES

RETURN NUMBERS

	Voluntary return numbers of (former) asylum seekers	Voluntary return numbers of refugees and migrants with residence permit	Total
2013	219	393	612
2014	110	320	430
2015	243	323	566
2016 (Jan – Sep)	453	251	704

COUNTRIES OF RETURN

	Countries of return of (former) asylum seekers 2015	Countries of return of refugees and migrants with residence permit 2015
1.	Russia (59)	Turkey (75)
2.	Armenia (26)	Bosnia and Herzegovina (59)
3.	Georgia (20)	Serbia (20)
4.	Afghanistan (18)	Thailand (15)
5.	Ukraine (18)	Colombia (14)

Source: IOM Denmark (former asylum seekers) and Danish Refugee Council (returnees with residence permit))

COUNTRY SPECIFIC DETAILS

DONORS

- Danish Immigration Service → voluntary return
- Danish Ministry of Immigration, Integration and Housing towards repatriation → repatriation

HANDLING OF VULNERABLE CASES (FOR REPATRIATION ONLY)

- Travel escort from family members or repatriation counsellors is paid by the Danish State
- Returnees aged above 55 years with a longer length of stay than 5 years in Denmark and with a residence permit have the option to receive a monthly subsidy up to 4500 DKK for 5 years or up to 3600 DKK as a lifetime monthly benefit

SPECIAL FEATURES REGARDING REPATRIATION

- Right to regret: the returnee (only returnees with refugee status) may decide within the first year after his/her return to cancel his decision and move back to Denmark (10 % of the cases)
- Continuation of social benefits during exploratory "Go and See" visit in country of return

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

FOR (FORMER) ASYLUM SEEKERS

The travel assistance can range per person between 100 € and 500 € depending on the state regulations each year and the country of origin. An additional reintegration assistance is offered by the Danish Immigration Service in regular cycles (not constantly) to rejected asylum seekers. This support can amount to 4000 € (30.000 DKK).

FOR MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES WITH RESIDENCE PERMIT

The repatriation support includes the travel expenses, the transport of personal belongings, the help with re-establishment in the country of return (17400 € = 129.430 DKK per adult or 5300 € = 39.473 DKK for children; disbursement in two installments), for certain nationalities also the support for a business start-up (2000 € = 14.984 DKK) and the coverage of health insurance for a year and of vaccination costs as well as of relevant health care related issues.

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Return

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