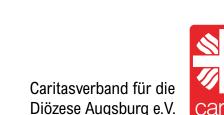
Assisted Voluntary Return

SWEDEN









COUNSELLING PROVIDER

- State counsellors from Swedish Migration Agency
- NGOs: Swedish Red Cross; other NGOs have no structured AVR counselling program but offer AVR upon request

COUNSELLING SYSTEM

One-stop-shop assistance for rejected asylum seekers only:

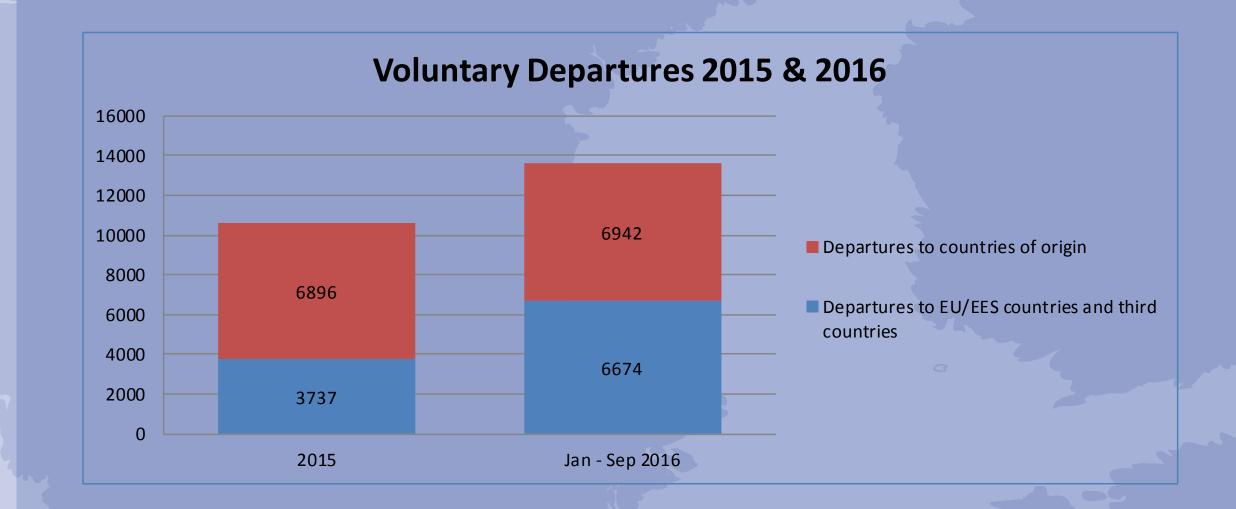
- Legal advice after the rejection of the asylum request
- Information about AVR (providers) and possible reestablishment support
- (only NGOs): Information about the conditions in country of return, psychosocial support and connection with reintegration partner
- Counsellor requests assistance for travel arrangements (flight ticket and travel money if needed) from the Swedish Prison and Probation Service
- Returnee fills out the application for reestablishment support and hands it to the counsellor
- Counsellor enrolls the returnee in a reintegration program (ERIN)
- Counsellor hands out plane ticket and travel money shortly before departure

REINTEGRATION PROJECT

• ERIN: Afghanistan, Iraq, Nigeria, Pakistan, Iran, Russia and Morocco

RETURN FIGURES

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MAIN COUNTRIES OF RETURN

Main Countries of Return		
	2015	2016
1.	Iraq	Iraq
2.	Serbia	Afghanistan
3.	Albania	Albania

Source: Ewa Jonsson, Swedish Red Cross

DONORS

- EU-funding
- Swedish government

HANDLING OF VULNERABLE CASES

- Country-specific information
- More practical assistance during pre-departure preparations (for example provision of wheel chair)

COUNTRY SPECIFIC DETAILS

 Reintegration partner, who will continue to counsel the returnee after return, is briefed thoroughly about the vulnerable condition of the returnee

SPECIAL FEATURES

- European Red Cross Return Initiative (ERCRI)
- Red Cross/Red Crescent Network on Return
- More NGOs are interested in offering more activities to support returnees

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

A fixed amount for travel money does not exist. Depending on the municipality the returnee may receive a little cash. The expenses for the onwards travel after arrival at the main airport in the country of return are usually paid by the municipalities. If a returnee applies for reestablishment support, he/she may receive approximately

3000£ per adult (30.000 SEK) or I500£ per child (I5.000 SEK), only if the country of return is considered to be challenging for the reintegration. The maximum support for a family is around 7500£ (75.000 SEK).