

STRUCTURE

COUNSELLING PROVIDER

- Cantonal Counsellors
- NGO counsellors: Caritas, Red Cross
- IOM
- AVR is centralized in Switzerland steered by the State Secretariat for Migration (SEM)

COUNSELLING SYSTEM

One-Stop-Shop Assistance

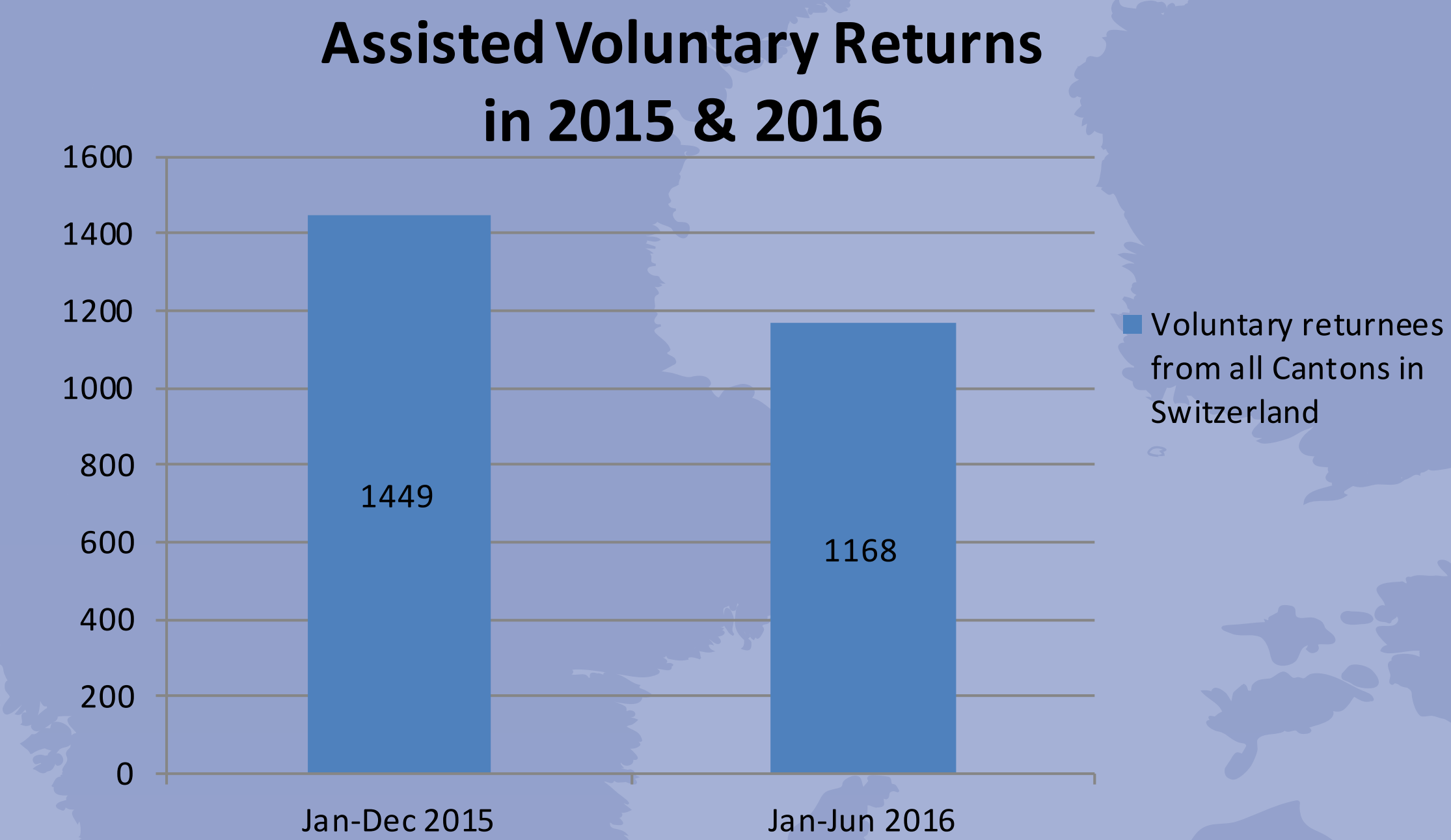
- Initial Counselling
- Assistance with organization of travel documents
- Creation of a business plan
- Return counsellors prepare the concrete departure and reintegration assistance in cooperation with IOM (RIF, SIM, RAS)
- Application for flight ticket and for financial and project assistance (business, housing, education) to SEM
- Counsellor is the hub between returnee and IOM, SEM and the local authorities
- Hand out of financial assistance, travel documents and flight ticket at the airport

REINTEGRATION

- Local IOM staff help implementing the returnees project (adequate use of project assistance) and execute monitoring
- IOM Reintegration Projects in Nigeria and Guinea

RETURN FIGURES

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MAIN COUNTRIES OF RETURN: RETURNEES WITH RETURN ASSISTANCE

	Jan-Dec 2015		Jan-Jun 2016	
1.	Kosovo	207	Iraq	254
2.	Georgia	118	Afghanistan	126
3.	Iraq	106	Senegal	72
4.	Senegal	106	Algeria	50
5.	Ukraine	68	Kosovo	42

Source: SEM

COUNTRY SPECIFIC DETAILS

DONORS

- State Secretariat for Migration (SEM)
- Service Social International (SSI)

HANDLING OF VULNERABLE CASES

- Return counsellors and IOM Bern are in charge
- Usually medical supplies are provided for the first three months after return; in special cases of health issues the medical treatment or surgeries can be paid for even; an IOM travel doctor is also contacted for a second opinion regarding the travel fitness; when needed, flight escort is organized
- In case of elderly returnees family members in CoR are offered the possibility of "Cash for Care"
- Cash for rent for single mothers

SPECIAL FEATURES

- Counselling session upon the rejection of asylum application in several cantons obligatory
- Asylum seekers, who register for voluntary return assistance; need to withdraw their application

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

A returnee who has stayed less than 3 months in Switzerland is entitled to 500 CHF cash allowance, children 250 CHF. In some cases project assistance up to 3000 CHF is possible. With a longer stay in Switzerland the returnee will receive 1000 CHF start-up support and in most cases 3000 CHF reintegration support. In

case of vulnerability up to 2000 CHF can be applied for at the SEM additionally. People returning to the home country who are subject to the Dublin procedure receive 500 CHF financial support. (exchange rate: 1€ ≈ 1 CHF)

Assisted
Voluntary
Return

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