

STRUCTURE

COUNSELLING PROVIDER

- NGOs: Dutch Council for Refugees (VluchtelingenWerk Nederland), Wereldwijd, ITTA, Solid Road, ROS, Bridge to Better
- IOM
- Case managers of the State Department

COUNSELLING SYSTEM

In the Netherlands pre-departure counselling is offered by many different providers. IOM and the Dutch Council for Refugees are also specialized in reintegration counselling.

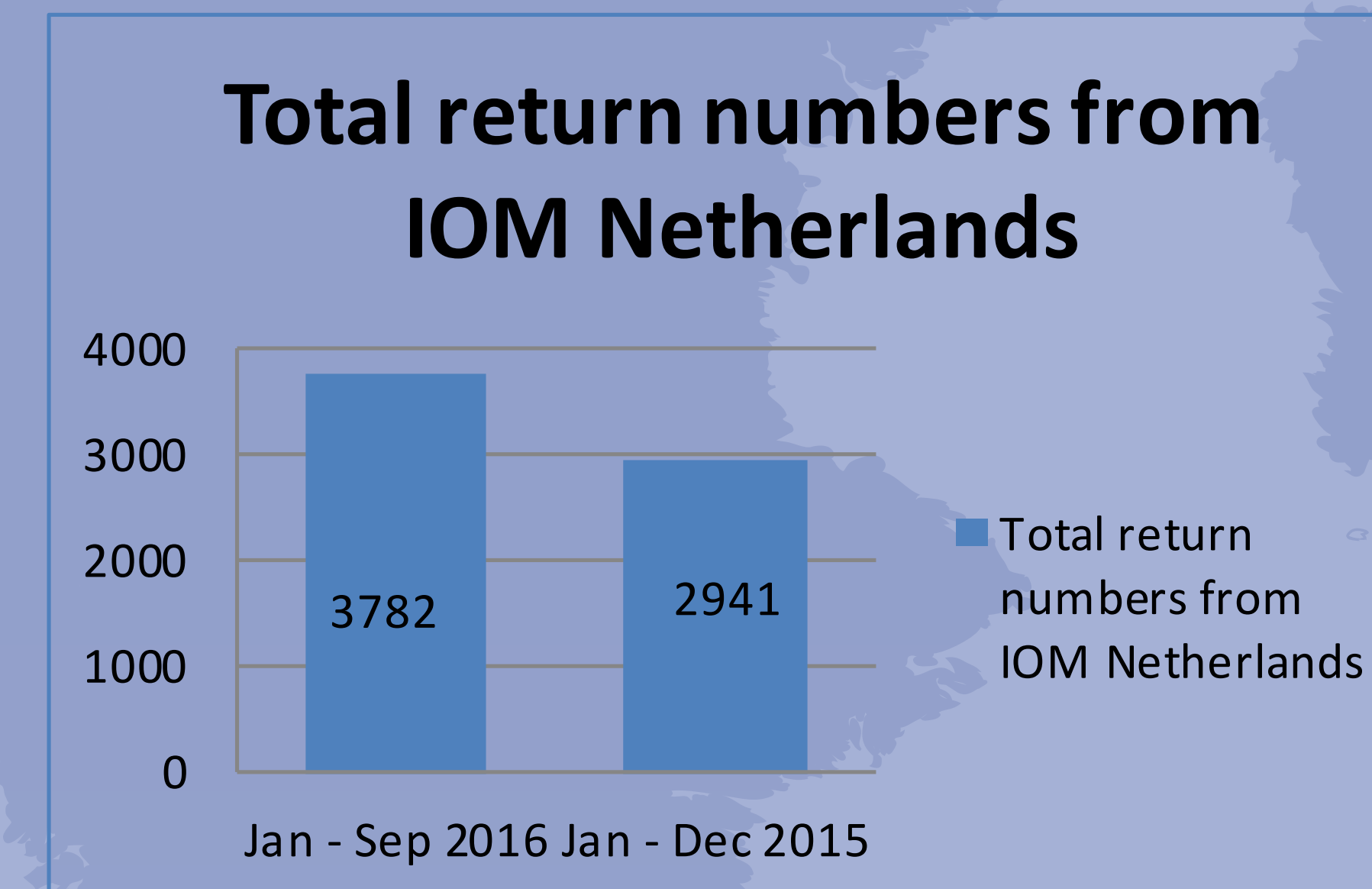
- The pre-departure counselling includes information about AVR and psychological assistance in the decision making process
- Clients can be enrolled in vocational training programs which are offered by separate organizations such as ITTA, Solid Road, Wereldwijd; these organizations continue the AVR counselling after the clients have finished their vocational training
- Work on a business plan or reintegration plan (for in kind assistance = HRT fund)
- The advisors of the Dutch Council for Refugees establish the contact between the returnee and the reintegration partner in the CoR through the ERSO network, IOM or internal institution partnerships
- For the practical departure preparation the returnee needs to visit an IOM office where he/she applies for the flight ticket and the REAN and HRT financial support
- Handing out of flight ticket and cash assistance by IOM staff

REINTEGRATION PROJECTS

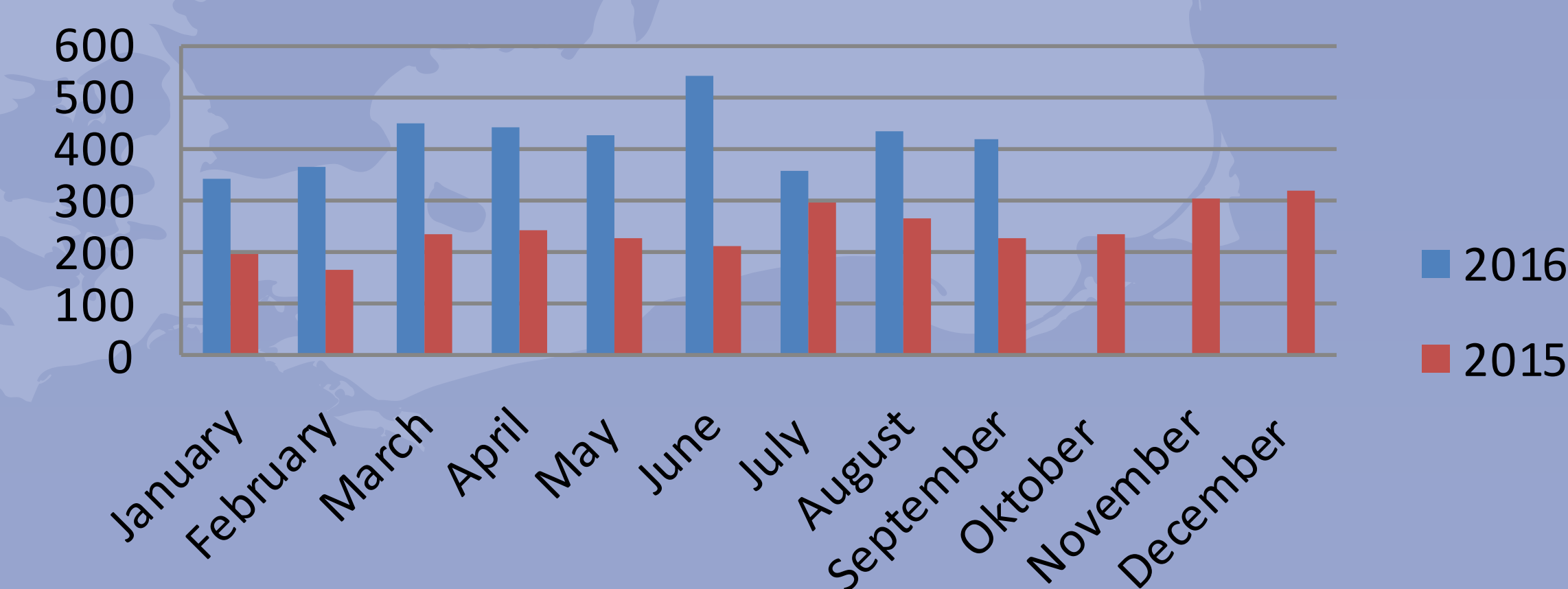
- ERIN: this reintegration program is only available to forced returnees; the ERIN project offers reintegration support in 17 different countries of return
- Other: Several NGOs foster good relations with reintegration organizations or make use of existing networks like the European Reintegration Support Organizations (ERSO)

RETURN FIGURES

RETURN NUMBERS



Voluntary return numbers per month 2015 & 2016



COUNTRIES OF RETURN

	2015		2016	
1.	Mongolia	572	Albania	704
2.	Ukraine	387	Ukraine	503
3.	Albania	206	Iraq	398
4.	Iraq	168	Serbia	364
5.	Kosovo	167	Mongolia	296

Source: IOM Netherlands

COUNTRY SPECIFIC DETAILS

DONORS

- Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Repatriation and Departure Service)
- AMIF
- Own funding of NGOs

HANDLING OF VULNERABLE CASES

- 3000 € financial support for medical care (needs to be applied for at IOM)
- During the counselling of vulnerable clients the findings of the ERSO Sure Manual as well as from the Facing Return Manual are taken into account

SPECIAL FEATURES

- Strong emphasis on training of volunteers who assist the returnees in a similar way to professional counsellors (VluchtelingenWerk offers this training all over the Netherlands) with the goal to provide as much AVR counselling as possible; when the case turns out too difficult, the pre-departure counsellor takes over the case
- Carrot and stick approach: (illegal) migrants / (former) asylum seekers are encouraged to leave voluntarily; strong financial incentives to return voluntarily are given throughout their entire stay (even after a first rejection of the asylum request); at the same time, strict implementation of laws: transfer of rejected asylum seekers after a limited period of time from reception center to freedom-restricting center to detention center
- Since the AMIF funds can be used to support the return of undocumented/irregular migrants financially, several NGOs provide counselling which is especially adapted to this target group

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

The financial assistance includes not only the pocket money of 200 € per adult and 40 € per child (REAN) in cash but also reintegration assistance with a maximum of 1,750 € per adult and 880 € per child (HRT) for (former) asylum seekers. In addition 1500 € specifically assigned to in kind reintegration assistance for

former asylum seekers are provided (SVT/AMIF). In case illegal migrants would like to return voluntarily, the OZV fund offers 1500 € reintegration assistance. 50 % of it needs to be spent prior to the departure, though.

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