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Return Assistance

for **victims of human trafficking**

and **victims** according to the Victim Support Act **within the prostitution sector**

A return assistance service of the
State Secretariat for Migration in
cooperation with the International
Organization for Migration



The Swiss Confederation's return assistance

Under the Federal Act on Foreign Nationals and Integration (FNIA), certain groups of foreign nationals are entitled to receive federal return assistance. The State Secretariat for Migration (SEM), in cooperation with the International Organization for Migration (IOM), offers specialised return assistance for two of these groups of persons. This assistance is intended to support those who have no means of their own and who wish to return voluntarily to their home country or country of origin (or to a third country) in their return and reintegration.

Who can apply for return assistance?

The service is aimed at the following groups of persons:

► Victims and witnesses of human trafficking.

Human trafficking covers a range of acts leading men, women or children into a state of dependency against their will for the purpose of exploitation. This may involve all forms of sexual exploitation, forced labour or the removal of human organs. Victims of human trafficking are generally individuals who have been traded into such an exploitative situation. In order to qualify for return assistance, there must be clear indications of human trafficking.

► Persons who while engaging in prostitution become victims of a criminal offence within the meaning of the Victim Support Act (VSA) and who wish to leave prostitution.

Any person whose physical, psychological or sexual integrity has been violated by a criminal offence is a victim under the Victim Support Act (Art. 1 para. 1 VSA). In order to qualify for return assistance, there must be clear indications of the criminal offence.

Who to turn to

Persons interested in receiving return assistance should contact their cantonal return counselling office to arrange a counselling appointment (see address list overleaf). The counselling is free, confidential, and non-committal.

What sort of assistance does this service offer?

The return counselling office will determine the returnee's specific needs in terms of return and reintegration. The following support is available:

- Clarification by IOM of the support and reintegration possibilities in the country of origin;
- Organisation of the return journey in cooperation

with the relevant canton and swissREPAT/IOM;

- Financial start-up assistance of CHF 1,000 per adult and CHF 500 per child;
- An additional assistance in kind of up to CHF 5,000 for a reintegration project (e.g. accommodation, business start-up, professional training);
- Medical return assistance (e.g. medication);
- Follow-up support by IOM or its partner organisation upon return.

Additional information

- The cantonal return counselling office forwards return assistance applications to SEM. It also informs the cantonal migration authorities of the application.

- The FNIA does not provide any legal basis for travel expenses to be paid by SEM. The return counselling office therefore clarifies the financing of the return journey.
- The IOM office in the returnee's country of origin organises the provision of return assistance and monitors the reintegration process on behalf of SEM.
- Support by IOM and local services varies, depending on the country or region to which the person returns.



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