

Assisted Voluntary Return and Reintegration Programme Georgia

#### Who Are We?

The International Organization for Migration (IOM) is an intergovernmental organization. Our headquarters are in Geneva, Switzerland, and we have offices in over 150 countries worldwide. IOM is committed to the principle that humane and orderly migration benefits migrants and society.

As a core activity of IOM, Assisted Voluntary Return and Reintegration activities provide vital assistance to thousands of migrants returning home every year. Building on experience and a world-wide network of offices and partners, IOM's AVRR programmes promote international dialogue and cooperation on migration management issues among host countries and countries of origin.



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#### Who can apply for the IOM programme?

IOM helps stranded migrants, rejected asylum seekers and particularly vulnerable migrants residing in Georgia, who want to return permanently to their country of origin but do not have the means and/or travel documents to do so. IOM operates this programme independently from the Georgian Government.

#### What are the benefits of the programme?

When you are assisted by IOM, you travel in the same way as any other passenger. The reasons for your stay in Georgia and your return will remain confidential and will not be shared with anyone in your country of origin. IOM will pay for all your travel and any travel documents that you need.

We will help you to return home only if you wish to do so.

#### Will I have to pay anything?

This is a free and confidential service, and you will not have to pay anything.

#### Please note the following:

IOM treats with priority migrants in a particularly vulnerable situation, such as single mothers with children, unaccompanied minors, victims of trafficking in persons, the elderly and people with particular health issues.

IOM reserves the right to decline assistance to applicants. Not every application for IOM assistance may be approved.



#### How does it work?

IOM will provide you with free and confidential information. You can contact us by phone, by email or drop into our office. You do not have to give us your name when you speak to us for information – you can remain anonymous if you wish.

#### **Application**

Following advice and information, if you wish to return home you fill in the IOM voluntary return application form. For a form:

- Call us on (+ 995.32) 225 22 16 for an appointment.
- Visit our office at 19 Tengiz Abuladze street (from 09.00 to 17.00 hours on working days).

#### **Travel documents and tickets**

If your application is approved, and you do not hold a valid travel document, IOM shall assist, where possible, in obtaining the necessary travel documentation for you. We will then book a ticket for your travel.



#### How long will it take to organize my return travel?

IOM always aims to meet the needs of returnees and provides assistance in an efficient and organized way. On average the timeframe for the return is from 2 to 6 weeks. Each case is different so time frames can vary depending on the level of assistance each person needs.

#### What happens when I arrive in my home country?

If you need assistance from IOM at the airport in your home country, we can arrange this in those countries where IOM has an office. If you need assistance to travel from the airport in your home country to your home, IOM will provide you with tickets.

### Additional help following return home - Reintegration Assistance

Reintegration is a component of the programme designed to help you during the initial stages of resettlement in your home country. You can use it for education, professional training, for setting up a small business, etc. You can apply for this assistance at IOM Georgia where we will provide you with full information. We will work with the local IOM office in your country of return to arrange assistance when you arrive.

Reintegration assistance will be prioritized for those migrants who need it most. IOM Georgia can not guarantee that reintegration assistance will be available for all those who apply for it.

