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Return Assistance for victims of human trafficking and cabaret dancers in an exploitative situation

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



 Return Assistance

Internet:
www.sem.admin.ch
www.switzerland.iom.int



 Return Assistance

The Swiss Confederation's return assistance

Under the Federal Act on Foreign Nationals (FNA), certain groups of foreign nationals are entitled to receive support for voluntary assisted return and reintegration in their country of origin (or to a third country). This return assistance service is offered by the State Secretariat for Migration (SEM) to two specific groups and is implemented in cooperation with the International Organization for Migration (IOM).

Who can apply for return assistance?

Return assistance is available to persons in the following categories who do not have any means of their own (Art. 60 (2) (b) FNA):

- Victims and witnesses of human trafficking
- Cabaret dancers (male or female) who have been exploited in Switzerland.

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, or of forced labour or sexual exploitation in the case of cabaret dancers.

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 rehabilitation and reintegration possibilities in the country of origin
- Organization of the return journey in cooperation with the relevant canton and swissREPAT/IOM
- Financial start-up assistance of CHF 1,000 per adult
- An additional assistance in kind of CHF 5,000 for a reintegration project (e.g. accommodation, business start-up, professional training)
- Medical return assistance (e.g. medications, referral to a rehabilitation programme for victims of human trafficking)
- Follow-up support by IOM or its partner organization upon return

Additional information

- The cantonal return counselling office forwards return assistance applications to the SEM. It also informs the cantonal migration authorities of the application.
- The FNA does not provide any legal basis for the travel expenses to be paid by the SEM. The return counselling office therefore clarifies the financing of the return journey.
- The IOM office in the returnee's country of origin organizes the provision of return assistance and monitors the reintegration process on behalf of the SEM.

The FOM also supports various projects to fight human trafficking in victims' countries of origin. These projects are selected in cooperation with the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC).