

What is the International Organization for Migration (IOM)?

IOM is the leading international organization for migration. One of the ways we help migrants is by assisting those who want to return voluntarily to their country of origin. This service is called Assisted Voluntary Return (AVR).

What can IOM offer?

IOM's Assisted Voluntary Return service helps individuals to return to their country of origin in a safe and dignified manner. If you want to return to your home country IOM can help you by:

- ➔ Providing you with relevant information prior to your departure;
- ➔ Organizing all your travel to your home country;
- ➔ Assisting you in transit and upon arrival;
- ➔ If available in your country, you will be referred to reintegration assistance.

Who can apply?

- ➔ A migrant wishing to return home to his/her country of origin;
- ➔ The Finnish authorities will decide if IOM can arrange your travel and whether you are entitled to some financial support.

How does Assisted Voluntary Return work?

If you want to return home:

1. You should obtain an **IOM Assisted Voluntary Return form** from your social worker, the police, or download at: <http://www.iom.fi/avr/forms>



The image shows a sample of the IOM Assisted Voluntary Return form. It is a multi-section document with fields for personal data, family information, and legal status. The title is 'ASSISTED VOLUNTARY RETURN' and 'VARAENTONEN PALUU (AVR)'. It includes a logo for 'IOM Finland General' and a date 'Issued on November 2004'.

2. A social worker or the Police can help you fill in the form. Complete the form and send it with a copy of your travel document to IOM Helsinki by fax, e-mail or surface mail.

3. IOM can also assist you in getting a travel document if you do not have one;

4. IOM will find the most suitable travel date and then make the necessary travel arrangements;

5. On the agreed travel date, IOM staff will meet you at the airport and assist you with check-in;

6. IOM staff will assist you throughout your journey.



Who can I contact for further information?

- ➔ Social workers at reception centres and in municipalities
- ➔ Local police
- ➔ IOM Helsinki

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- ➔ IOM Helsinki web pages
 - ➔ <http://www.iom.fi>
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