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Reintegration efforts in Afghanistan continue

IOM Helsinki is pleased to inform you that the IOM programme for “Return, Reception and Reintegration of Afghan Nationals to Afghanistan” (RANA), has been extended till end of April 2007.

The objective of RANA, running since 1 June 2003, is to provide arrival and post-arrival assistance to Afghan migrants returning to Afghanistan from one of the EU 15 member states.

Afghan returnees from the Nordic EU countries therefore continue to be eligible for RANA assistance until April 2007.

RANA assistance is offered to returnees in two phases:

Phase 1: Reception

- Meeting returnees upon arrival to Kabul Airport
- Help with immigration and customs procedures
- Provision of basic medical treatment
- Information on mine-awareness and security
- Information on available assistance and early counselling on reintegration possibilities
- Onward transportation to final destination
- Temporary accommodation in Kabul, if requested

Phase 2: Reintegration

- Provision of training – vocational or educational
- Employment by referrals through IOM’s extensive job vacancy database
- On-the-job training
- Self-employment/small business start-up
 - ➔ Counselling sessions, business plan preparation, business equipment purchase (no cash grants are paid to returnees), monitoring of established business by IOM in Afghanistan

Especially the latter option, small business start-up, has been a great success amongst Afghan returnees, also from the Nordic countries.

For a personal account of RANA possibilities, please see the three success stories of Afghan returnees published on the [IOM Helsinki website](#):

For Assisted Voluntary Returns to Afghanistan from the Nordic countries, IOM Helsinki will make the travel arrangements and coordinate possible reintegration assistance and reporting with the IOM mission in Kabul.

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AVR application forms

Application forms for Assisted Voluntary Return can be downloaded from the AVR form page on the IOM Helsinki website (www.iom.fi).

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- Return and Reintegration to the Western Balkans (Aug-06)
- New brochure: "Return and Reintegration to Kosovo (Jun-06)
- IOM Reintegration Assistance for Returnees to Moldova (May-06)
- Assistance to Returnees at the IOM Chisinau Rehabilitation Centre (Feb-06)
- IOM services for assisted voluntary returns to Sri Lanka (Dec-05/Jan-06)

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