



## This month's focus: Assisted Voluntary Return and Reintegration (AVRR), to and from Egypt

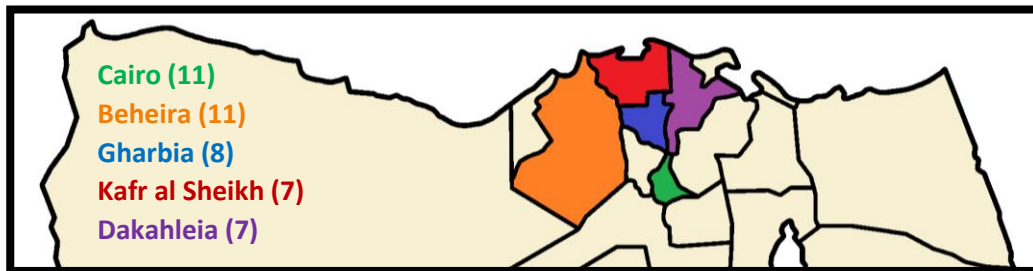
Assisted Voluntary Return and Reintegration (AVRR) **from** Egypt endeavours to provide sustainable options for migrants whose residence in Egypt is no longer viable or personally desirable. Essential to the provision of this service, is voluntariness; IOM will not participate in coercion to return and ensures full consent through one to one interviews with potential applicants

Assisted Voluntary Return and Reintegration (AVRR) **to** Egypt supports Egyptians stranded in Europe, and their subsequent socio-economic reintegration in Egypt. Most of the returnees choose to start-up their own businesses with the reintegration assistance provided (96.8% of returnees in 2016), improving both their own livelihood and that of their community

### 1,700+

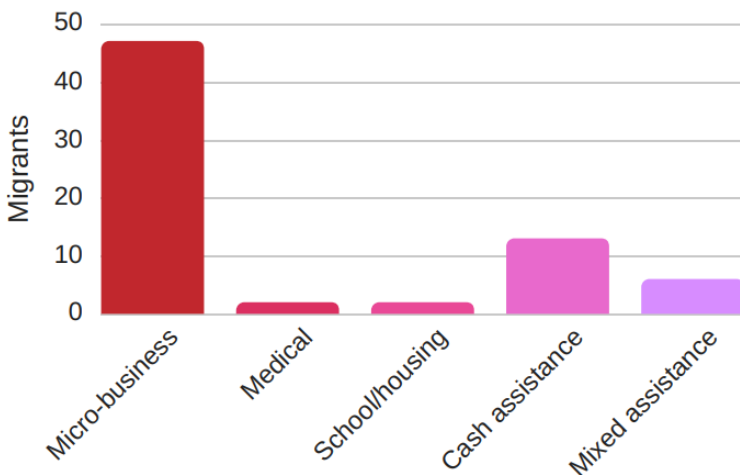
EGYPTIANS RECEIVED VOLUNTARY RETURN AND REINTEGRATION ASSISTANCE

## Governorates of Reintegration Support in 2017



"My wife is thanking God that her husband started earning a decent income and is living with his children." – Returnee who received IOM reintegration support in 2017

## Assisted Voluntary Return and Reintegration (AVRR) Assistance to Egypt



## Top Host Countries of Egyptian Returnees (2017)

Greece, Italy, Belgium



Most common types of micro-businesses:

- Livestock
- Grocery
- Fodder Shop

71 returnees received reintegration in 2017

1,2M EGP in reintegration grants for returnees to Egypt in 2017

97% of reintegrated returnees were men



Afiba left Nigeria and came to Egypt in 2012 for university. Throughout his studies he dreamt of going home to visit his family, but could never make it happen. After finishing his degree, he approached IOM to assist him to return home. Eligible for Assisted Voluntary Return and Reintegration, he returned to Nigeria in April 2017 and was provided with a reintegration grant.

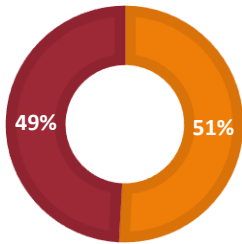
After returning, Afiba wanted to continue his studies and get a Master’s degree, so he decided to use the reintegration grant in a manner that would help to sustain himself and his family financially. He used the reintegration amount to pay for computer engineering training that will allow him to set up a small computer engineering shop.

Afiba is now exploring the opportunity to open the shop in Nigeria.

## Where did our 472 returnees go?

### RETURNING MIGRANTS BY SEX

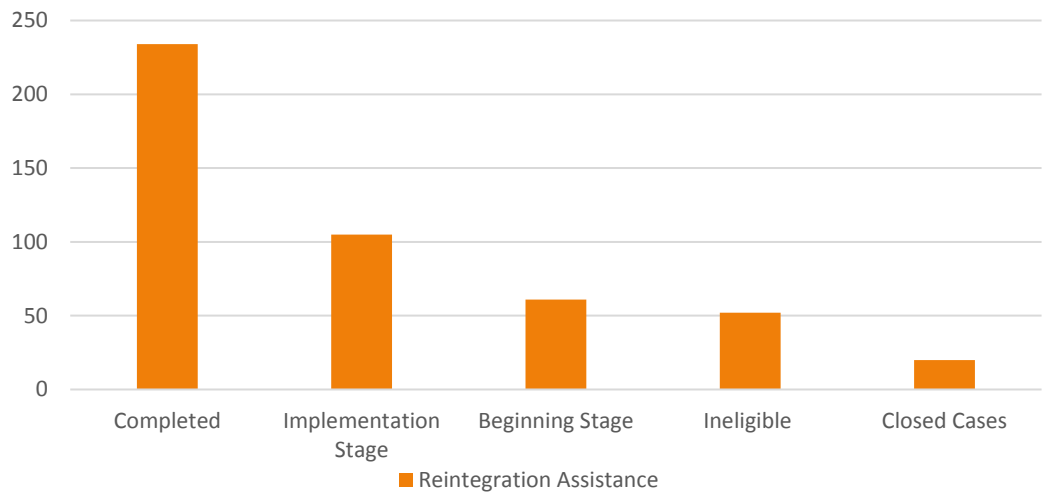
Men (240) Women (232)



4 Victims of Trafficking and 1 Unaccompanied Minor Child supported in their return home



### Reintegration Assistance in 2017



## Further Reading

[IOM Egypt’s AVRR Map](#)

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