

The International Organization for Migration assists migrants worldwide. In the Netherlands IOM's activities include helping migrants who wish to leave the Netherlands voluntarily, in cooperation with IOM missions in over 150 countries.

Victims of Trafficking

Reaching Out to:

Victims of human trafficking often have specific requests about their voluntary return to countries of origin. Due to their vulnerable position, the involvement of police and counselling organizations and fear of reprisals, the return of victims of trafficking requires careful preparation.

IOM assists the return of victims of trafficking from non-Western countries and Member States that joined the EU from 1 May 2014¹.

Definition of Human Trafficking

In the Netherlands, human trafficking encompasses forcibly recruiting, transporting, moving, accommodating or sheltering another person with the intention of exploitation.

(National Rapporteur on Trafficking in Human Beings)

Assistance Offered by IOM to Victims of Trafficking:

IOM in the Netherlands can offer the below assistance to victims of trafficking who return voluntarily, in cooperation with IOM in the country of origin.

- Advice and information about return during one of our counselling hours or at the shelter.
- Assistance in obtaining a travel document.
- IOM arranges and pays for travel.
- Assistance at Schiphol airport with a fast check in procedure.
- Arrival assistance at the airport in the country of origin and onward transportation to the final destination.
- Additional accompaniment during travel for unaccompanied minor children.
- Support in case of medical problems.
- Contacting family in the country of origin.
- Assistance with finding appropriate accommodation.
- Reintegration assistance in the country of origin.

Financial Support:

Victims of trafficking can be eligible for a cash benefit plus in kind reintegration support after their return which they can use to pay for an education or goods to start a small business.

1 Bulgaria, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Croatia, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia.



Cash Amount

- Victims of trafficking with an asylum background from outside of the EU are entitled to a cash amount of € 1,950 or € 2,250 depending on their current legal status in the Netherlands.
- Victims of trafficking without an asylum background or originating from an EU Member State are entitled to a cash amount of € 200 or € 500 depending on their current legal status in the Netherlands.

In kind Amount

- Victims of trafficking from outside the EU are entitled to an in kind amount of € 1,500.
- Victims of trafficking from EU Member States are entitled to an in kind amount of € 500.

Higher cash and in kind amounts may be available for unaccompanied minors originating from outside the EU, depending on their current legal status in the Netherlands.

Agreement:

All returnees receive a letter with the agreements made about the support they will receive from IOM the Netherlands after their return. The address and contact person of the IOM in the country of origin to assist with the implementation of the in kind support are also mentioned in this letter.

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For general information about IOM and human trafficking:

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ETF: Return, not necessarily a step backward