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# An integrated approach to reintegration

## **Key Messages**

- Return migration takes place in a number of ways and under different conditions, which can create challenges and opportunities for the reintegration process.
- Sustainable reintegration is achieved when returnees have reached levels of economic self-sufficiency, social stability, and psychosocial well-being that make their further migration decisions a matter of choice, rather than necessity.
- IOM's integrated approach to reintegration recognizes that the complex process of reintegration requires a holistic and a needs-based response at the individual, community and structural levels.
- Returnees, their families and their communities should be supported to drive and take ownership of the reintegration process, through active participation and empowerment.
- Reintegration programmes should be developed, implemented and adapted using continuous assessment and learning to understand the wider environment and build on existing initiatives, programmes or services.
- Establishing strong partnerships with key stakeholders results in more efficient and sustainable reintegration processes.

## **Introduction**

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## **Target audience**

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Programme managers/ developers

Case managers/other staff

Service providers

Local Government

National government

Implementing partners

Donors

M&E Officers