

GHANA IMMIGRATION SERVICE MIGRATION INFORMATION CENTRE FOR RETURNEES (MICR)

Category

Government to Government Cooperation

Timeline

March – December 2020

Countries of implementation

Ghana

Project lead

BAMF

The project strives to improve the collaboration on all processes related to return and reintegration between the Government of Ghana and the EU Member States. It is implemented by the German Federal Office for Migration and Refugees (BAMF), in cooperation with the Ministry for Children, Family, Refugees and Integration of the State of North Rhine-Westphalia.

ABOUT THE PROJECT

The Government of Ghana has repeatedly called for **more ownership in the migration management cycle, especially with regards to returns from Europe**. The Ghana Immigration Service (GIS) has signalled a need for strengthening the capacities of the national administration to assist returnees arriving at the Kotoka International Airport in Accra. With this in mind, Germany has put forward a proposal to work on **ERRIN Gov2Gov project in Ghana**. The first phase of the project aims at enhancing skills and knowledge of GIS officials, with a special focus on the reception of returnees right upon their arrival in Ghana. The overall objective is to increase the Ghanaian Administration's ownership in coordination of reception of returnees, as well as the reintegration services offered to returning migrants.

MAIN ACTIVITIES

Setting up a dedicated Migration Information Centre for Returnees at the Kotoka International Airport in Accra

The Centre will serve as a focal point for returning migrants where they can get first advice on further steps and services available to them back home.

Creation of a referral mechanism for the returnees

Right upon arrival, returnees will be informed about existing reintegration programmes and respective national services they can turn to for support.

Organisation of training sessions for GIS/MICR officers in Ghana and Europe

ERRIN will facilitate capacity building on subjects ranging from asylum procedures in the EU, to management of return and reception of returnees, and counselling techniques, including conflict prevention.

ABOUT ERRIN

The European Return and Reintegration Network (ERRIN) is a joint initiative of 15 EU Member States and Schengen countries, the European Border and Coast Guard Agency and the European Commission. The International Centre for Migration Policy Development supports the programme as an implementing partner. ERRIN enhances European cooperation to improve both the return process, and the quality of support offered to migrants.

ABOUT ERRIN GOV2GOV INITIATIVE

Through a range of Government to Government initiatives, ERRIN works to empower partner governments and give them more ownership in coordinating local reintegration processes of returning migrants.