

GHANA IMMIGRATION SERVICE MIGRATION INFORMATION CENTRE FOR RETURNEES (MICR)

Category

Government to Government Cooperation
(Gov2Gov)

Timeline

Phase I: March – December 2020
Phase II: January 2021 - June 2022

Country of implementation

Ghana

Project lead

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

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.

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. With this in mind, Germany put forward a proposal for the ERRIN Gov2Gov project in Ghana. During the first phase of the project, a Migration Information Centre for Returnees at the Kotoka International Airport in Accra was set up, with a special focus on building the capacities of the Ghana Immigration Service with regards to reception of returnees. The second phase looks into the capacity-building further, adding on a specific component of bringing together all key reintegration actors active in the country.

The overall objective of the project is to increase the Ghanaian Administration's ownership in coordination of reception of returnees, as well as the quality of reintegration services offered to returning migrants.

MAIN ACTIVITIES

A dedicated Migration Information Centre for Returnees at the Kotoka International Airport in Accra

Set up in Phase I of the project, the Centre serves as a focal point for returning migrants where they can get first advice on further steps and services available to them back home.

Coordination activities with key reintegration actors and 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

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.