

# LINKING REINTEGRATION AND DEVELOPMENT PILOT INITIATIVES

## Category

Working Group on Reintegration & Development

## Timeline

September 2020 - April 2021 (*tentative*)

## Countries of implementation

Bangladesh and Nigeria

## Project lead

Danish Ministry of Migration and Integration

ERRIN is working on linking its reintegration services with existing development programmes. This way, returning migrants can count on more support, whilst their reintegration journey is made more sustainable.

## ABOUT THE PROJECT

ERRIN will set up a **referral mechanism** - a network of partners - working at the **intersection of reintegration assistance**, provided by our field partners, and **existing development programmes**. In short, we are looking to identify development aid actors that could provide ERRIN beneficiaries with further support after they have received their reintegration assistance.

The precise workflows related to the referral process will be defined by all actors involved. Following individual cases and stories of return, **the pilot activities will test how to best develop such joint cooperation**. This will allow us to identify best practices and possible limitations, and gather elements to lay ground for a future multi-stakeholder project linking reintegration to development. The outcomes of the pilot initiatives, implemented in different contexts of Nigeria and Bangladesh, will be integrated into a set of recommendations on strengthening practical and operational links between reintegration programmes and wider development aid.

## MAIN ACTIVITIES

Set up an operational **referral workflow** that systematically refers eligible migrants to development programmes that can complement the generic reintegration service provided by ERRIN service partners.

Ensure a continuous **mapping and update** of Development Aid services that can complement to the recurrent ERRIN reintegration services.

Elaboration of tailor made **communication material** and **counselling tools**.

Evaluation of the lessons learned from the pilot activities; development of an “Operational Framework” with practical recommendations and best practices.

## 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 “Linking Reintegration to Development”

### *Pilot Initiatives*

Beyond the core activity of facilitating post-arrival support to returnees, ERRIN offers a hub for collaboration on issues of mutual interest. One key topic is that of improving linkages between reintegration support and existing development programmes, to ensure sustainability of returnees journey back home.



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