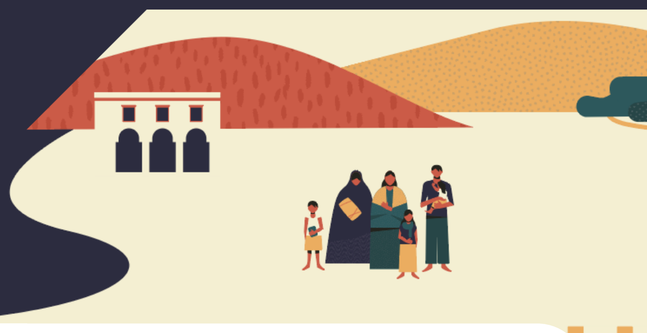
Benin

Voluntary return only



About ERRIN

The European Return and Reintegration Network is an initiative of 16 European states that helps to ensure that people on the move can return home in a dignified and humane manner. ERRIN is working with local organisations on the ground in 40 countries, offering comprehensive assistance for returning migrants. Following the initial aid provided right upon arrival, the reintegration support may involve support for housing, medical treatment, vocational training and educational needs, or setting up a business.

In Benin, we work with the French Office for Immigration and Integration (OFII) and the European Reintegration Support Organisations (ERSO) through Caritas.

About the the French Office for Immigration and Integration (OFII)

The OFII Regional Office in Mali is responsible for reintegration in Benin, supported by its local partner, CESAM. OFII is a French public agency. Part of their work is to assist voluntary returnees. OFII has regional offices covering a wide range of countries, these offices – together with their local partners – take care of persons after their return.

About ERSO – Caritas Benin

The reintegration assistance on the ground is provided by Caritas Benin through Caritas International Belgium (CIB) and the ERSO Network. CIB is a NGO active
in reintegration support since 2007. CIB works in close cooperation with partners in Europe, and large parts of Africa, Asia and Latin America. Caritas International is member of ERSO (European Reintegration Support Organisations). ERSO is a network of non-governmental organisations involved in return counselling and reintegration support. The objective of ERSO is to exchange information, collect expertise and develop best practices in the field of return and reintegration.

Considering going back to Benin supported by ERRIN?

Ask your social worker or counsellor for details. If you have already returned to Benin, contact one of our local partners.

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When you arrive

- Airport pick-up or reception at place of arrival
- In-country onward travel assistance
- Referrals for urgent medical care
- Temporary accommodation (max 10 days)
- Other basic essentials

Reintegration assistance

- Bespoke assistance for vulnerable people
- Business start-up assistance
- Job placement assistance
- Longer-term housing support
- Schooling and language training
- Social, legal and medical support
- Technical and vocational training

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