

ABOUT ERRIN

Facilitating a joint approach to the return and reintegration of migrants

The **European Return and Reintegration Network (ERRIN)** is a consortium of 15 partner countries which facilitates the return and reintegration of migrants who cannot, or no longer wish to, remain in Europe. ERRIN caters for a wide range of needs, providing counselling, referral, and reintegration assistance for persons returning to their country of origin.

Under the programme, Caritas International Belgium (CIB) is the contracted service provider for The Gambia. CIB works with Catholic Development Office (Caritas Gambia) as local service delivery partner to assist returnees, both voluntary and non-voluntary, with the first steps of their reintegration once back home.

ERRIN is funded through the European Union Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund (AMIF), with co-financing from participating national agencies.

Find out more: www.returnnetwork.eu

ERRIN PARTNER COUNTRIES

European Partner Institutions

Austria	Federal Ministry of Interior
Belgium	Federal Agency for the Reception of Asylum Seekers / Federal Immigration Office
Denmark	Ministry of Immigration and Integration
Finland	Finnish Immigration Service
France	Ministry of Interior - Office for Immigration and Integration
Germany	Federal Ministry of Interior, Building and Community - Federal Office for Migration and Refugees
Greece	Ministry of Interior and Administrative Reconstruction
Luxembourg	Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs
Malta	Ministry for Home Affairs and National Security
Netherlands	Ministry of Justice and Security - Repatriation and Departure Service
Norway	Norwegian Directorate of Immigration
Spain	Ministry of Labour, Migrations and Social Security - Department of Migration
Sweden	Swedish Migration Agency
Switzerland	State Secretariat for Migration
United Kingdom	Home Office

CONTACT US

The reintegration assistance is provided in all regions of The Gambia for returnees under the ERRIN programme. Your first contact will be with the Caritas Gambia office in Serrekunda. They will assess your initial needs and determine when and where the first meeting will take place. This can be in Serrekunda or in your area.

Catholic Development Office / Caritas Gambia

We are here to help you!

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ERRIN REINTEGRATION PROGRAMME FOR RETURNING MIGRANTS



ARE YOU ELIGIBLE FOR SUPPORT?

If you are a national of The Gambia and want or have to return from an ERRIN partner country (listed overleaf), you may be eligible to benefit from the programme.

Returnees can be both voluntary and non-voluntary of all ages and profiles.

- Asylum seekers
- Refused asylum seekers
- Regular and irregular migrants
- Unaccompanied minors
- Other vulnerable persons

Eligibility is determined by the responsible authorities in the partner country. Reintegration assistance will be provided only upon a positive verification check by those authorities.

HOW CAN YOU APPLY?

You can apply through the ERRIN contact in one of the ERRIN partner countries. You can find out more information from your social worker or counsellor.

Your reintegration services are only activated after the approval of the ERRIN partner country.

WHAT ASSISTANCE CAN BE PROVIDED?

As a returnee under the ERRIN programme you may be eligible for a number of return and reintegration services provided through Caritas Gambia to help you get started once back in your home country.

The services are delivered in-kind (unless otherwise stated) and can vary depending on where you are coming from, your profile, and whether you have specific needs.

PROCEDURE TO FOLLOW

Before departure

If your application has been approved by the authorities in the ERRIN partner country you can request information from Caritas Gambia to help make the necessary arrangements.

When you arrive

Caritas Gambia can provide you with basic assistance after arrival in The Gambia.

- ✈ Airport pick-up or reception at place of arrival
- 🧳 In-country onward travel assistance
- 🏠 Temporary accommodation (max 7 days)
- 🩺 Referrals for urgent medical care
- 👐 Other basic essentials

Reintegration services

Caritas Gambia will work with you to develop a tailored reintegration plan that takes into account your situation and needs, within the available grant amount available. Services may include:

- 🏥 Social, legal and medical support
- 🏠 Longer-term housing support
- 🎓 Schooling and language training
- 🔍 Job placement assistance
- 👨🔧 Technical and vocational training
- 💼 Business start-up assistance
- 🤝 Bespoke assistance (for vulnerable groups)

ABOUT

The Catholic Development Office (CaDO) – or Caritas Gambia – was established in 2001. With its main office in Serrekunda, CaDO implements projects across the country through seven sub-offices and 22 parishes. Its primary activities revolve around health, HIV / AIDS care and support, malaria prevention, water and sanitation, emergency relief, and peace building. CaDO seeks to maximise community capacity building by encouraging local initiatives, in particular those focused on vulnerable groups, including women, youth and children.

Caritas International Belgium (CIB) is a non-governmental organisation and works in close cooperation with Caritas Gambia to provide assistance to returnees from the different ERRIN partner countries. CIB has been implementing the national government programme as service provider worldwide in the field of voluntary return since 2007.