

GUINEA

About EU Reintegration Programme

The EU Reintegration Programme ensures for the provision of reintegration assistance to returnees departing on a voluntary or non-voluntary basis from Member States and Schengen Associated Countries to their countries of origin. At the same time, it contributes to an effective return policy in the European Union, ensuring that returns are done in a dignified and humane manner. To implement this assistance, Frontex has concluded a partnership **CARITAS International Belgium** who cooperates with *The Catholic Organisation for Human Promotion-OCPH CARITAS GUINEA* in GUINEA to assure the deliverance of high level of support.



About OCPH CARITAS GUINEA

Caritas International Belgium has been collaborating with Caritas Guinea since 2022, to accompany Guinean returnees from Belgium. It has been working in reintegration since 1989, after the Liberia and Sierra Leone refugees' presences in Guinea during the civil wars in both countries, the most important aspect for Caritas Guinea has always been the active engagement of the returnee. OCPH Caritas Guinea's main office is located in Conakry, but it operates in the 3 dioceses outside the capital as well with several social workers providing psycho-social assistance. They also have experience accompanying returnees from many other European countries within the ERSO-framework. OCPH Caritas Guinea was created in 1986 by the Episcopal Conference of Guinea and is member of the international network of Caritas confederation. It is a local catholic NGO aimed at improving human development through contributing to the improvement of the living conditions of poor and vulnerable populations in Guinea. The organisation was recognized by the Guinean Government in 1993 as an NGO specialised in the financing of start-ups and micro-enterprises, support for migrants with productive projects and the strengthening of entrepreneurial and managerial capacities. From 2019 to 2021, with funds from the Bishops Conference of Italy, OCPH Caritas Guinea implemented a project to counter irregular migration in Guinea. Over 300 migrants returned and were reintegrated through income-generating activities.

Range of available services of the EU Reintegration Programme



Post-Arrival assistance

- Airport pick-up or reception at place of arrival
- Temporary accommodation
- In-country travel assistance
- Special assistance for vulnerable people after arrival
- Referral for urgent medical care
- Cash assistance



Post-Return assistance

- Business start-up assistance
- Long-term housing support
- Social, legal and medical support
- Job placement assistance
- Schooling and language training
- Technical and vocational training
- Cash assistance

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