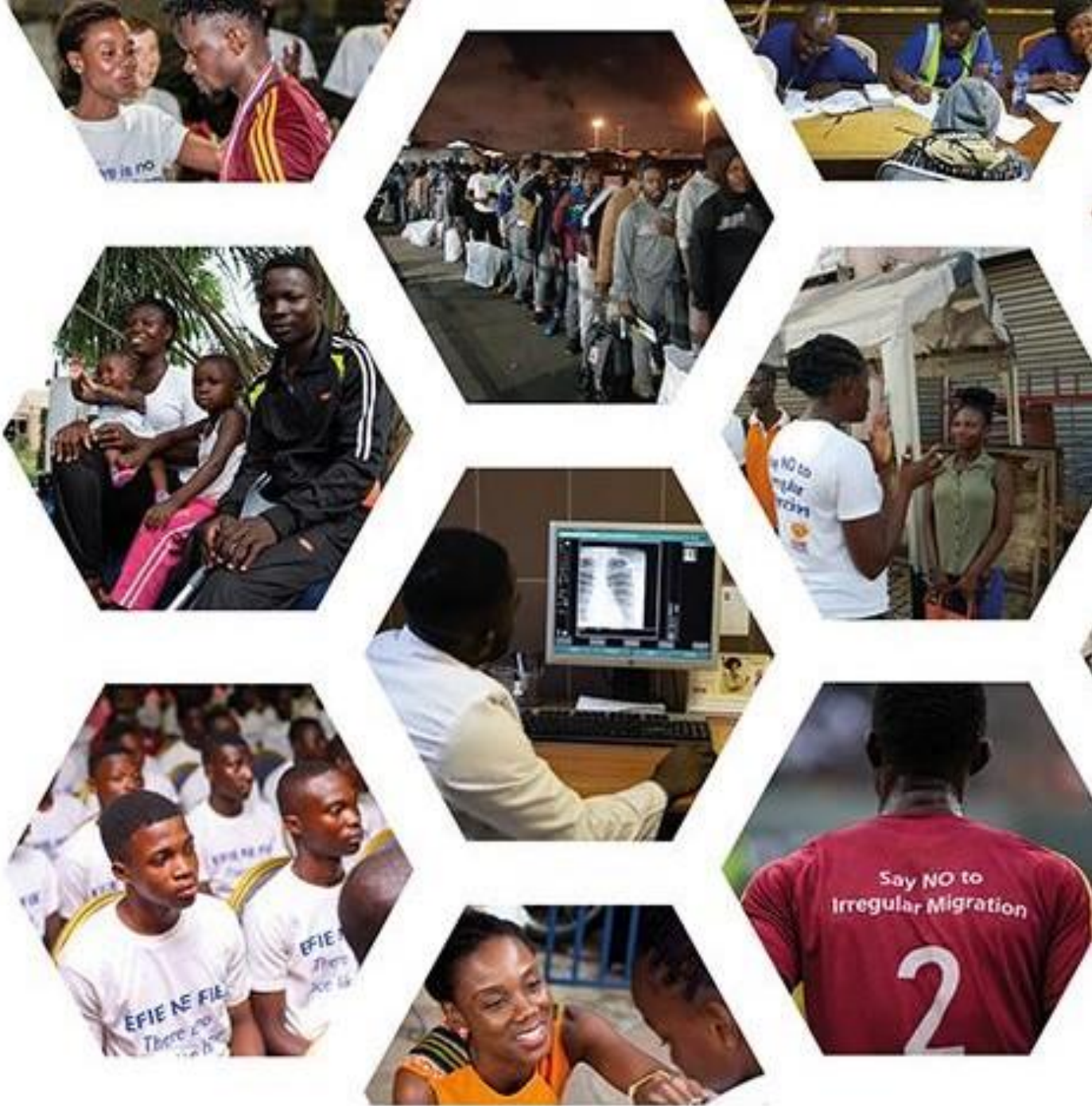


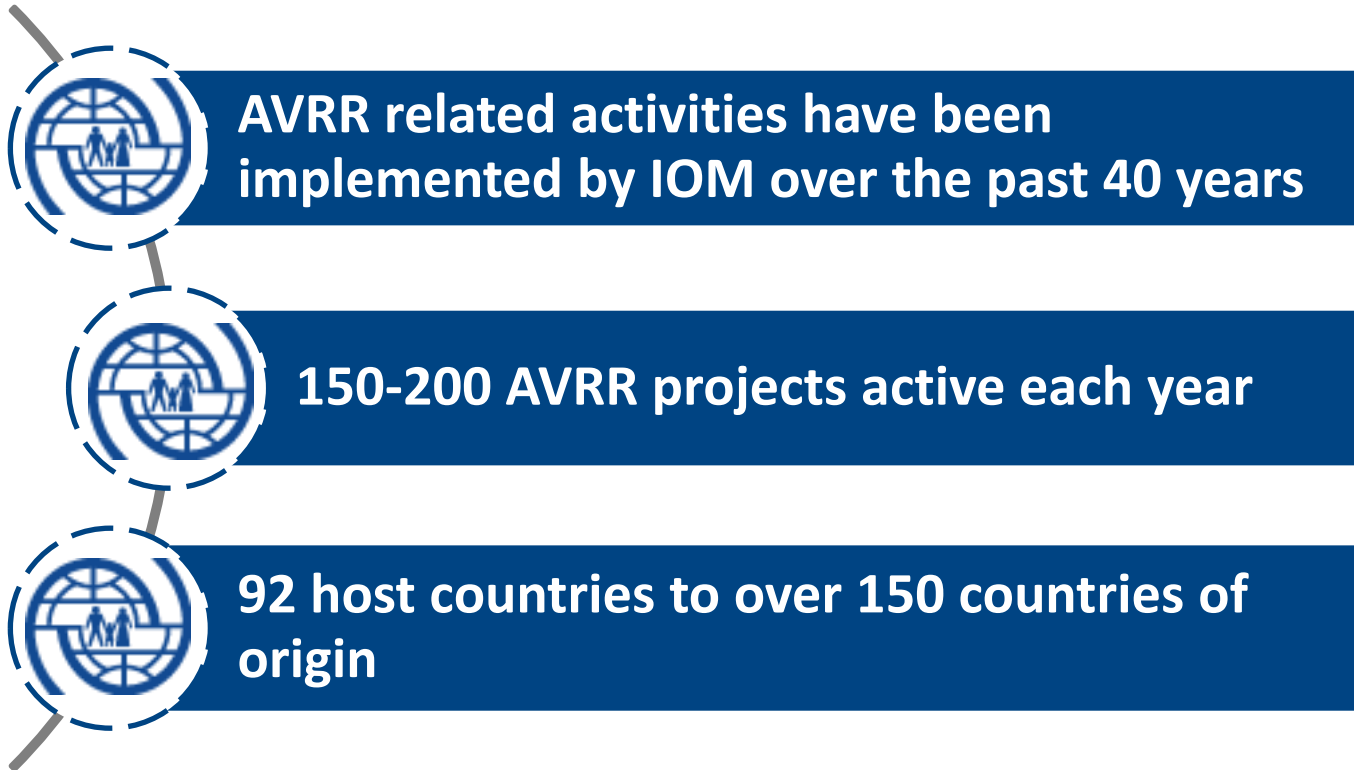
ASSISTED VOLUNTARY RETURN AND REINTEGRATION

IOM Ghana
22 June 2021



AVRR Overview

AVRR relates to the administrative, logistical and financial support, including reintegration assistance, provided to migrants unable or unwilling to remain in the host/transit country, who volunteer to return to their countries of origin.



The three stages of an AVRR Programme

1

Pre-departure assistance



Counselling
and return-related
information, including on
reintegration support
whenever applicable



**Administrative
assistance**
including acquisition of
travel documents



**Purchase of flight
tickets**

2

Travel assistance



Health-related support
for migrants with specific
health needs



Travel assistance
Movement coordination
including support in transit
and escort when needed

3

Post-arrival and reintegration assistance



Reception and inland transport
to the final destination



Referral services
Counselling and referral to local partners if necessary



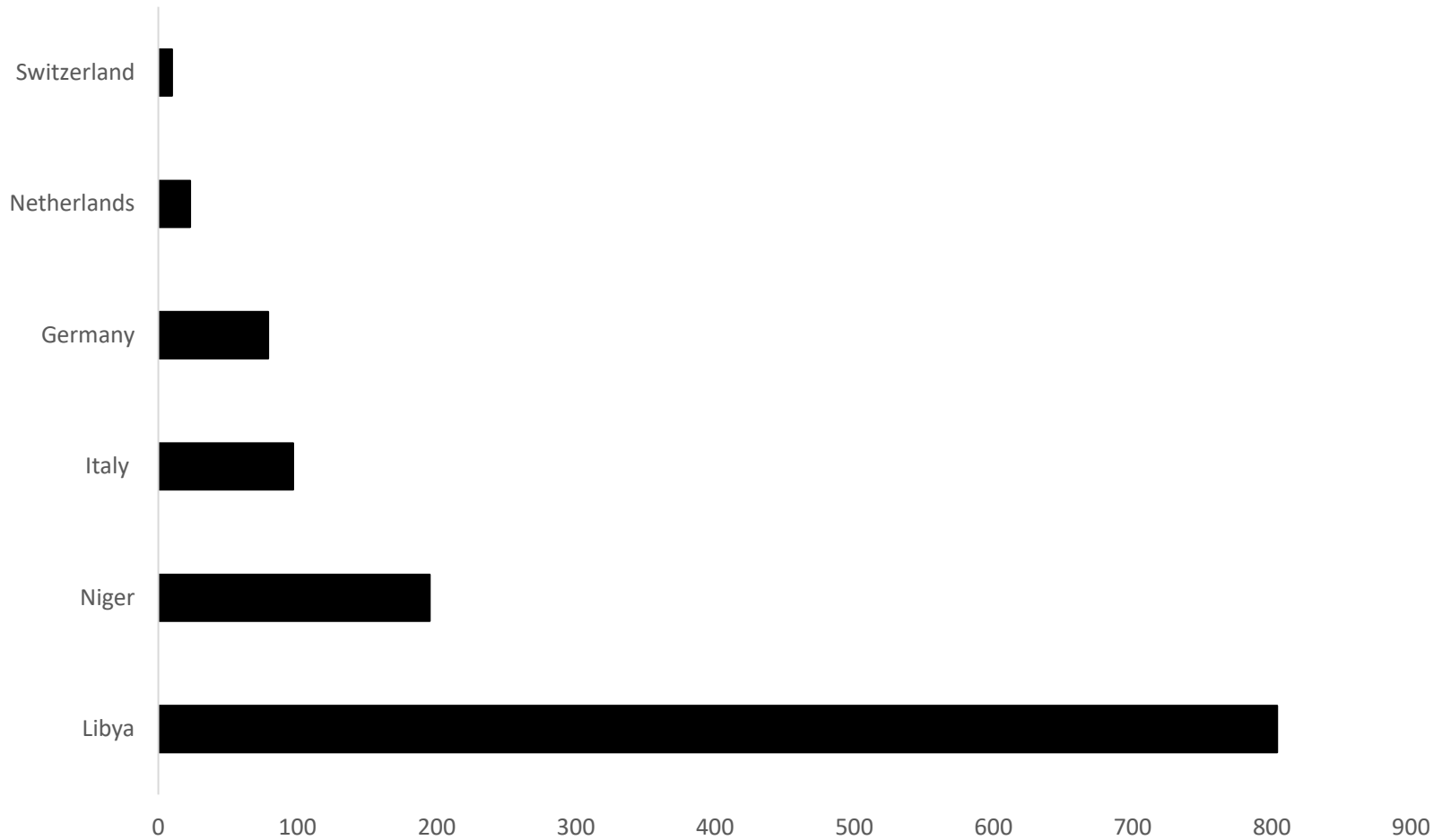
Reintegration assistance
tailored to the returnees' needs



Monitoring and evaluation
of the assistance delivered

- IOM Ghana office has been involved in AVRR since 2002

Top Host Countries





EU-IOM Joint Initiative on Migrant Protection & Reintegration in Ghana

Project Background

- Part of a regional project in Sahel, Lake Chad and Libya covering 14 countries, funded by the EU Emergency Trust Fund for Africa (EUTF)
- Project started on 17 May 2017 – 30 July 2021
- Overall aim: to protect the security, dignity and rights of migrants along the migratory route to Europe and to improve the reintegration of returnees through innovative approaches





Overall Objective

To contribute to strengthening the governance of migration and ensuring the sustainable reintegration of returning migrants in Ghana.

Specific Objective 1

Support Ghana to improve the **reintegration** of returning migrants and to strengthen national structures and capabilities in terms of managing reintegration in a dignified and sustainable manner.

Specific Objective 2

Enable migrants and potential migrants to make informed decisions about their migratory journey and to sensitize communities on migration.

Specific Objective 3

Strengthen migration data and communication on migratory flows, routes and trends, as well as on the needs and vulnerabilities of migrants in the targeted countries, in order to support evidence-based policies and programmes design.



Returns

EU-IOM Joint Initiative Voluntary Humanitarian Return (VHR) from Libya



- Many had been in detention centres, anywhere between a couple of months to 5 years
- Most complained of inhumane conditions in the centres and being mistreated by the authorities
- Many were captured and detained as soon as they crossed into Libya
- Most worked or intended to work as masons
- Many said that they were in Libya for employment
- The majority returned with nothing save for a small backpack or plastic bag with items provided by IOM Libya

Original target for returns: 1,295

(National contract: 695)

(Regional: 600)



1,866 returns (92% men) since the beginning of the project until 22 June 2021

During COVID restrictions, IOM organized 3 charter flights from Libya

- 399 Ghanaian nationals, over 90% men

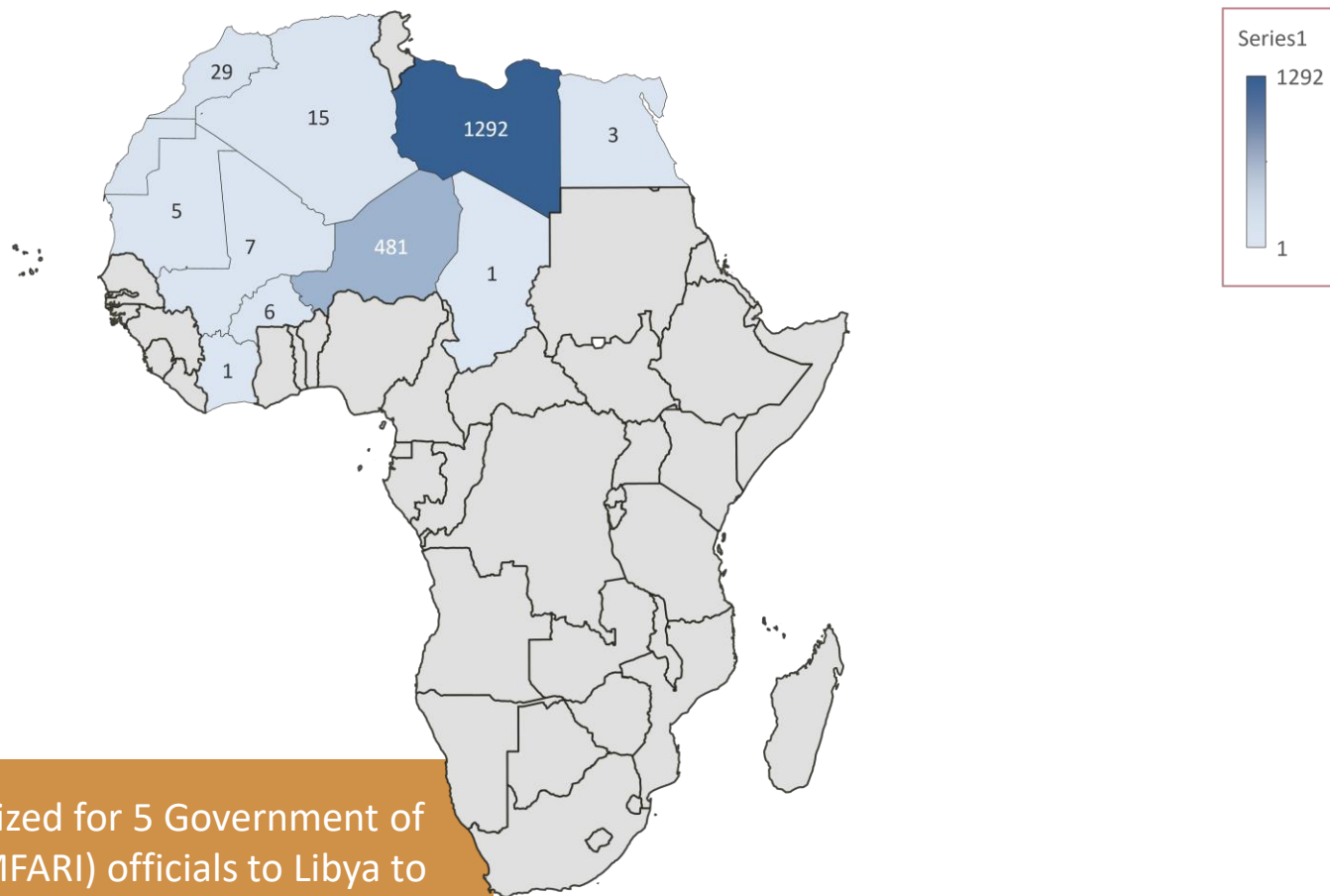
- 20 August 2020

- 24 November 2020

- 30 November 2020

Assistance is provided at the airport in cooperation with all agencies

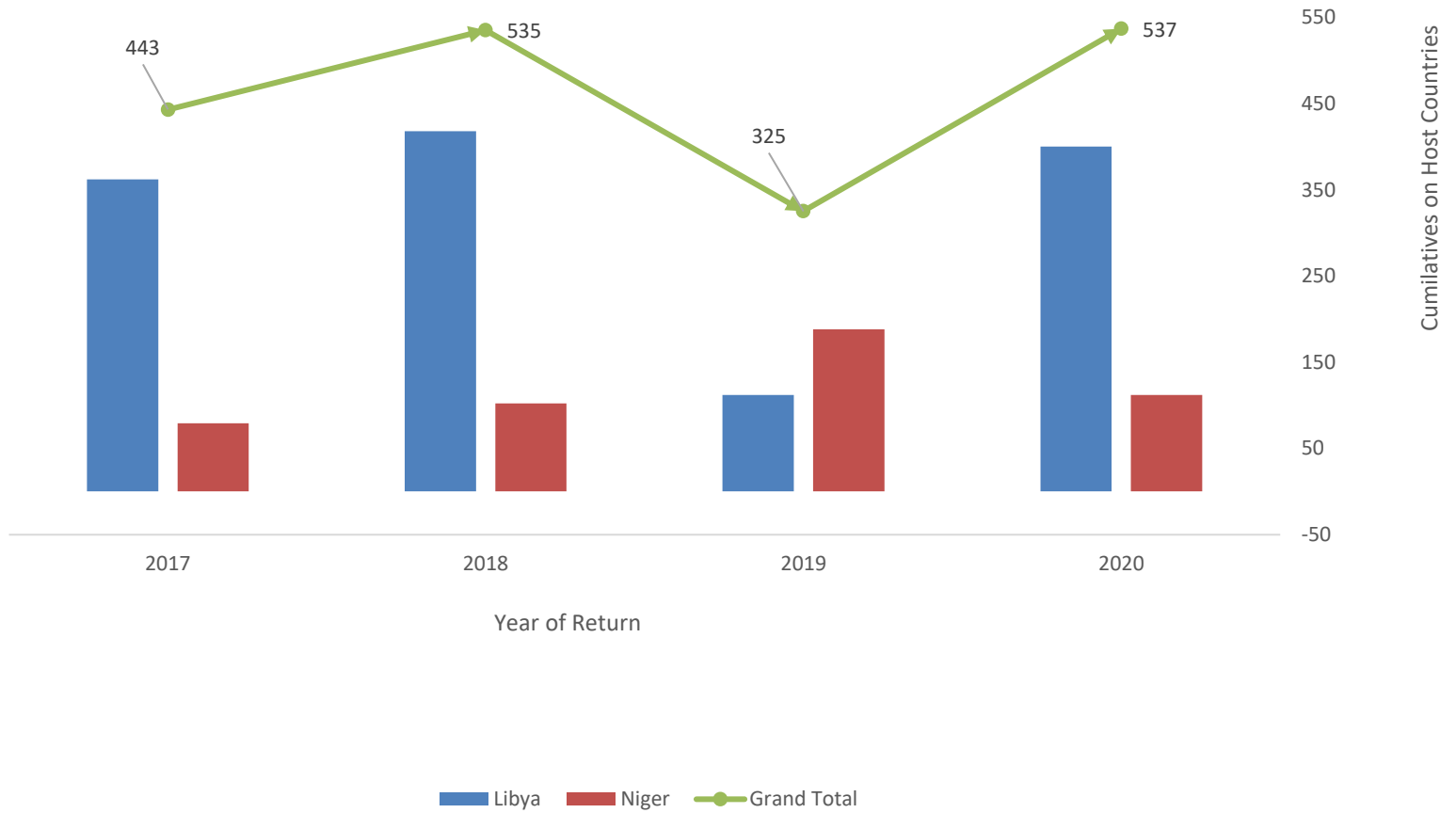
A map showing arrivals by host countries



A consular visit was organized for 5 Government of Ghana (Mol incl GIS and MFARI) officials to Libya to assess the situation on the ground and to provide travel documentation support to facilitate the travel of those who wished to return.



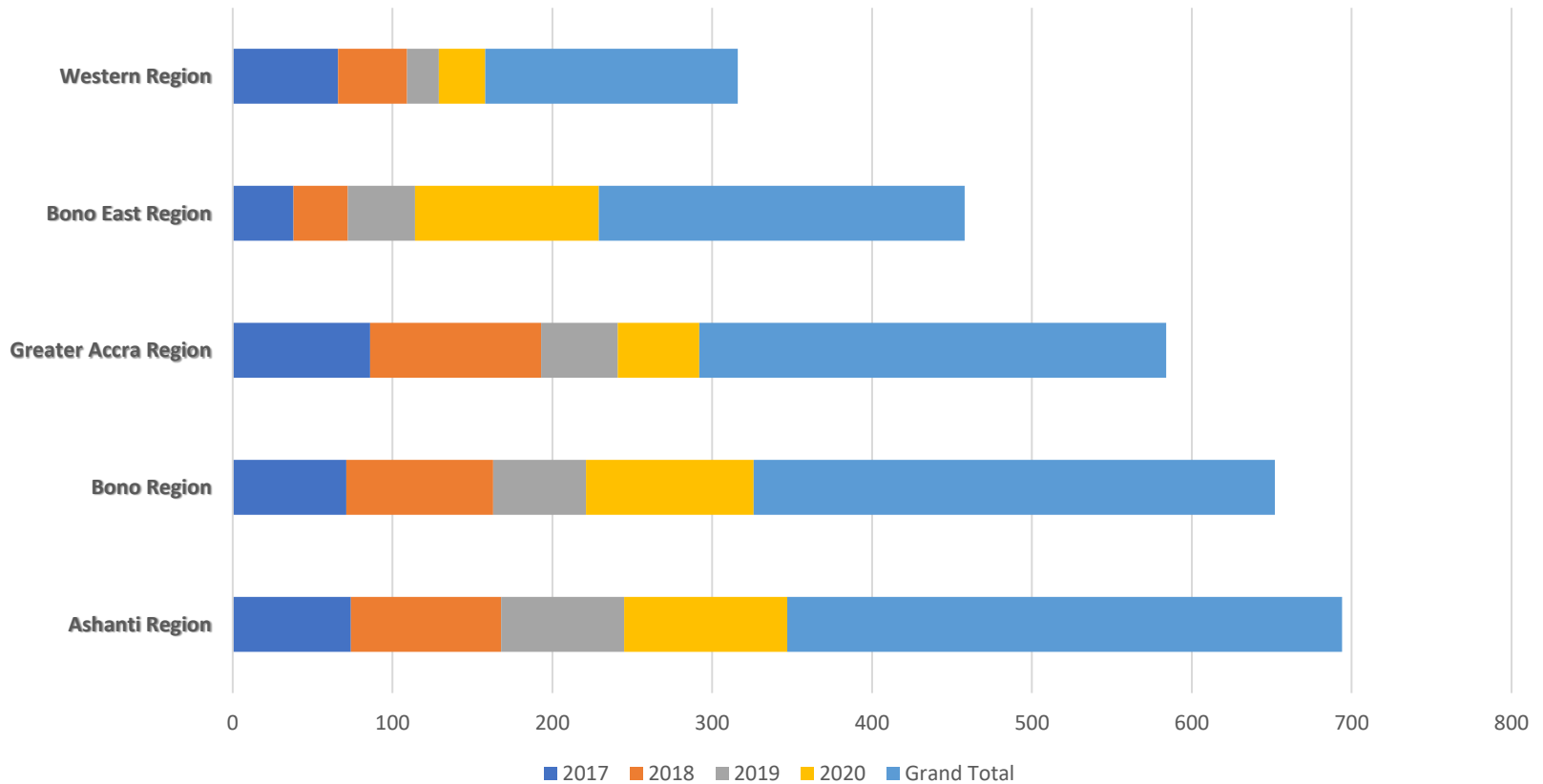
Trend in arrivals: Libya and Niger





No	Country	2017	2018	2019	2020	Grand Total
1.	Ashanti Region	74	94	77	102	347
2.	Bono Region	71	92	58	105	326
3.	Greater Accra Region	86	107	48	51	292
4.	Bono East Region	38	34	42	115	229
5.	Western Region	66	43	20	29	158

Region of Returns

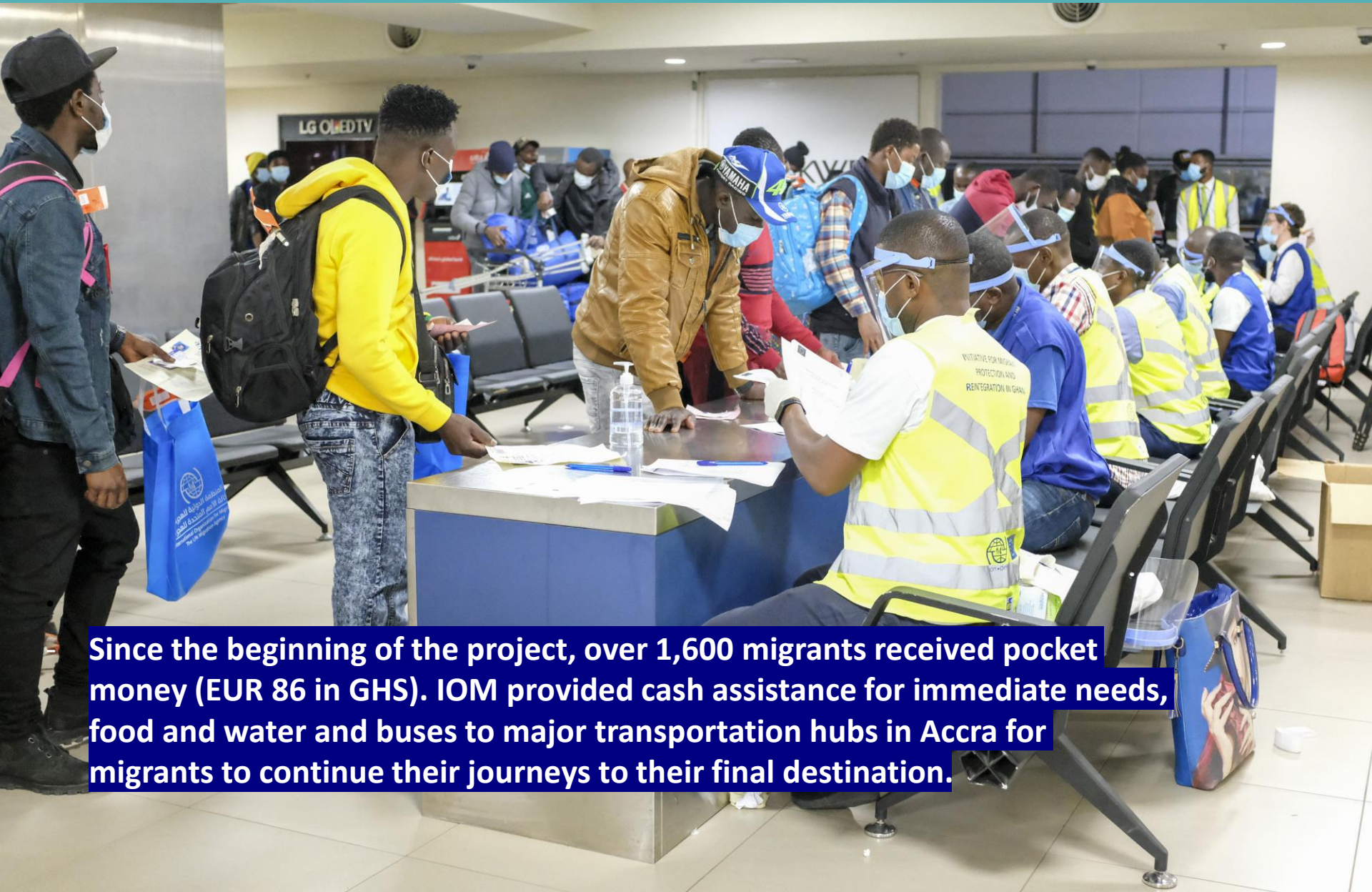




Adults: 1,756 (1,664 males, 92 females)

Minors: 90 (43 males, 47 females)





Since the beginning of the project, over 1,600 migrants received pocket money (EUR 86 in GHS). IOM provided cash assistance for immediate needs, food and water and buses to major transportation hubs in Accra for migrants to continue their journeys to their final destination.

Reception & Post arrival assistance



Airport and
reception
assistance for
1,707 returnees



Vulnerability
screening and
immediate support
for migrants in
situation of
vulnerability



Provision of pocket
money for 1,715
(1,015 men, 700
women) returnees

**For 2020: 542 (506
men, 36 women)**



A total of 115 (97 males, 18 females) with
medical needs

1,760 returnees have been provided
psychosocial counselling

463 migrants (414 men, 49 women) have been
identified as vulnerable (chronic medical
conditions, single family heads, minors and aged).

These cases were provided with medical
support, accommodation and school fees.



Since the beginning of the project, IOM counselled over 1,700 returnees. Most common business ventures include retail trading, auto mechanic shops set-up, farming.

Reintegration Projects



IOM Ghana supports returnees in reintegrating through
Individual
Collective
Community projects



16 November 2020 a hand-over of the Praprabaabida Gari processing factory and cashew nursery in Dormaa East District Assembly





On 22 June 2020, IOM donated PPES to the Government-run Prampram Quarantine Centre, Greater Accra region

The items included: 6,440 nose masks, 460 pieces of soap, 230 bottles of hand sanitizers, 230 mosquito nets and cleaning detergents.



A total of 4,000 nose masks were produced to help contribute to the COVID-19 response and help curb the spread of the virus, while at the same time enable returnees' businesses to cope during this crisis.





Standard Operating Procedures for Reintegration of Returnees in Ghana

September 2020



Dormaa FM

COVID-19



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**NO PLACE
LIKE HOME**

Awareness Raising

A total of 324 Awareness Raising Activities (AWR) have been conducted reaching an estimate of 1M people:



- Information Centres**
- 159 community level sensitizations**
- 20 radio/tv/virtual programs**
- Two trainings for 20 returnee volunteers to act as peer-to-peer educators**
- 12,800 posters and postcards on COVID 19 prevention**

Launch of Graffiti Artwork on COVID-19 Prevention & Safe Migration



#LetsTalkMigration
#AfricaTrustFund



17 JULY 2020
11:30am
ZOOM

Safe Migration Campaign Launch

“NO PLACE LIKE HOME”

Join us for a conversation about the dangers of irregular migration, opportunities in Ghana, and where to find reliable information.





 **We celebrate together**

#WeTogether

#MigrantsDay in Ghana

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and Reintegration



Surviving
The opportunities the p



MONITORING DURING COVID

- Overall, 98% of beneficiaries were satisfied with the travel arrangements, including 51% who were very satisfied
- - 97% of surveyed migrants reported being well-informed by IOM of COVID 19 prevention measures before their departure
- - 88% reported that they were well-informed of the quarantine steps they would have to take upon arrival



Thank
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