

# Reintegration of Returned Children (Albania)



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# Principles of Assessment



- Should be based on specific needs of each case (individualized care)
- Keep in consideration unaccompanied minors are the most vulnerable
- Respect and protect child rights
- Informed consent
- Confidentiality and privacy
- Participatory decision making
- Best interest of the child
- Security Assessment

# The Principle



- The return in the country of origin – the best interest of the child
- The assistance for the assisted return is provided when the minor agrees with the counseling of his/her legal custodian
- The assessment shows there is no risk for the child to be back

# Transnational Cooperation



- *Insure a proper, constant and fast information flow between institutions, organizations, parties of the country of destination and return*

# Assessment and Reintegration



## Two Types of Assessment Plans

- Individual Assessment – is focused on the factors related directly on the case
- Environment Assessment - is focused on the independent factors of the environment (social-economic situation; the infrastructure of the structures involved in the reintegration process)

# Assessment and Reintegration



- Realistic presentation of the situation and possible options
- The first need assessment should be done from the destination country
- The reintegration plan should be done in the country of destination

# Reintegration Plan – case example



- Roma, Italy – Tirana, Albania
- Actors involved – IOM in Rome, IOM in Albania, State Social Service;
- Child was found in Italy alone and declared he has been pushed from his parents to search for a better life;
- IOM Al contacted SSS and SSS in Fier made a social economic and risk assessment;
- IOM It/SS made a need assessment

# Reintegration Plan – case example



- The family first doesn't want him back home, but regional SSS arranged an agreement with them
- IOM Italy supported the child with a grant of reintegration
- He has been returned after Italian SS and Albanian SS elaborated together a reintegration plan
- The boy has been supported to return back school and with extra classes not to lose the year
- The father found a sustainable job after vocational training



# Issues - Concerns



- Administrative Invisibility (birth registration...)
- Discrimination due to minority status
- Language issues
- Relationships left in the host country
- Difficulty to access the labor market
- Poverty
- Family dynamics
- Availability of recreational activities
- Cultural shock
- Sustainability of follow up



Thank you for your attention.