



IOM International Organization for Migration

Additional Humanitarian Assistance for Returnees to Zimbabwe

To help meet the challenges resulting from the socio-economic situation in Zimbabwe IOM has been providing additional humanitarian assistance to people who wish to return to home under IOM's Voluntary Assisted Return and Reintegration Programme (VARRP) - since February 2009. This additional assistance will be available for anyone who applies for a voluntary return under the VARRP **by 31st December 2009**.

The Reintegration Assistance package is enhanced to include an increase in both the pre-departure relocation grant and the in-kind business assistance:

Relocation grant – increased from £500 to **£1000**. This is given in sterling, in cash at the UK airport before departure. If returnees choose to convert the money into US Dollars there will be time before the flight to do so.

In-kind business set-up grant –increased from a total of £2000 to a total of **£3000**. Following detailed discussions about a chosen reintegration activity with IOM Zimbabwe, £2500-worth of assistance will be available initially to obtain supplies and equipment for setting up a small business. After 6 months a review will be carried out by IOM and an additional £500-worth of in-kind assistance will be available for further investment.

If the request is made in advance in the UK, IOM Officers can meet returnees at the airport in Harare to assist them to travel within Zimbabwe. The IOM office in Zimbabwe will make every effort to offer up-to-date information and practical advice on cholera prevention and reintegration activities. By providing two basic commodities baskets they will also do their best to help everyone to settle in at home.

UPDATE:

*29 October 2009: Please note that the Additional Humanitarian Assistance for Returnees to Zimbabwe will now offer greater flexibility to returnees who can receive £1000 of their £3000 business set up grant in either **cash or in-kind** payments.*

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