

SUPPORT FOR THE VOLUNTARY INTEGRATION OF AFGHAN NATIONALS IN ALBANIA



This project is designed to support the voluntary integration of Afghan nationals into local communities in Albania, with a particular focus on the municipalities of Tirana and Lezha. The initiative responds to the conducive conditions for integrating Afghan nationals, with the active involvement of NGOs and international organizations. These entities collaborate closely with local government authorities to provide a wide range of essential services, including healthcare, education, and social services, which are crucial for the successful integration of these individuals.

The project will address the critical need for a comprehensive integration program and will focus on important aspects such as legal residency, family reunification, and access to fundamental services. By doing so, the project seeks to enhance the capacity of the Albanian government and civil society organizations to facilitate the smooth integration of Afghan migrants. Specific services offered through the project will include employment assistance, psychosocial counseling, and case management, all aimed at ensuring a holistic approach to migrant support.

This initiative aspires to provide Afghan nationals with the needed tools and services to integrate into Albanian society effectively, while simultaneously strengthening local and national systems for migrant integration. By building the capacity of local authorities and civil society, the project aims to create a sustainable and coordinated framework for the long-term integration of Afghan migrants in Albania.

The Outcomes of this Project are:

- Afghan migrants have access to basic services and have capacities to successfully integrate into local Albanian communities.
- Enhanced capacity of Government and civil society to successfully support legal admission and integration of Afghans in country.

ABOUT THE PROJECT



Project type:

Integration and Social Cohesion



Geographical Coverage:

Albania



Implementing Agency:

IOM Mission in Albania



Beneficiaries:

Afghan nationals in Albania denied a Special Immigration Visa (SIV) to the US, central and local governments, Local communities and civil society



Partners:

Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Interior, Ministry of Health and Social Protection, Albanian State Police, NGOs and service providers (NISMA ARSIS; Plan and Go), Head of communities and religious organizations, Tirana and Lezha Municipalities



Duration:

24 months



Funded by:

US Government - Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration (PRM)

SITUATION ANALYSIS

IOM plays a key role in continuously providing support to Afghan nationals in Albania. Due the presence of multiple active non-governmental and international organizations in the country, favorable conditions exist for voluntary local integration of Afghan nationals in Albania. This process is supported by comprehensive services like case management, education, healthcare, and employment assistance, as well as capacity development for Albanian institutions.