Study findings on services and assistance provided to returnees in 13 Municipalities in Albania

Reintegration of returnees and investments for them in Albania

World Vision Albania (WVA) and its partners: National Association Education for Life (SHKEJ) and the Foundation “Spirit of Love”- Diakonia Agapes over the last year have been implementing the “Returnees reintegrate and reinvest within country”- RE-IN-VEST – Programme in Albania funded by the German Government and implemented by GIZ Albania. Within this project, World Vision cooperated with the Albanian Center for Economic Research (ACER) to conduct a study on the “Services and assistance provided to returnees at the local level in 13 municipalities in Albania”. This study provides an independent, evidence-based perspective of the services, assistance and challenges faced by Albanian returnees.

1,434 individuals returned in 13 Municipalities in Albania have been included in the RE-IN-VEST project. 107 were women and 83 men participated in this study. Among them, 120 returnees live in urban areas while 70 live in rural areas.

Returnee profile

31.6% have returned voluntarily, while 60.5% have returned independently

75% of the returnees are married, showing that family reasons were their main driver to emigrate

75% belong to the age group 26 - 45 years old

56.8% have 8 to 9 years of formal education and 5.3% of the returnees have high school vocational education

+70% of the returnees have big families (4,5,6 members).
Main needs of returnees in Albania

- 98.8% of the returnees need support to secure shelter for their family upon return in the country of origin.
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Main reasons to emigrate again

- 33.2% Safer future for their children
- 36.8% Better employment opportunities abroad
- 50% Unemployment
- 57.9% of the returnees in the country do not exclude the possibility of emigrating again.

Note: This infographic provides a graphical representation of the study conducted by World Vision in cooperation with ACER, the Albanian Center for Economic Research on services and assistance provided to returnees at the local level in 13 Albanian Municipalities.