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## Vulnerability in Voluntary Return

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#### **Khamayev family**

- Family with 3 children (9, 7 en 4 years old)
- Country of Origin: Russia (Ingushetia)
- Long time in Belgium
- Children speak very little Russian
- Medical problems





Ady.=Adygea Adz.=Adzjarië N.O.=Noord-Ossetië Z.O.=Zuid-Ossetië

i.=ingoesjetie K.=Kalmukkië N.K.=Nagorno-Karabach N.=Nachitsjevan

#### Stay in Belgium

- Arrival in 2009
- Open Return Centre in Holsbeek
- Signed up for voluntary return on 18/12/2014
- Departure on 05/03/2015



#### **Assistance in Belgium**

- Request travel documents at the Embassy
- Translation of school attendance certificates
- Translation of medical files
- Change Belgian driver's licence
- Contact previous schools/assistants
- Train ticket provided to say goodbye
- Activity books for children
- IOM went on site twice in the framework of the reintegration process



#### **Assistance in Belgium**

- IOM medical file transferred to local partner in advance
- Full medical examination in Belgium + fit to fly
- Assistance at the airport
- IOM present at departure, transit and arrival



### **Assistance in Belgium**





#### **Concerns of the family**

- No housing upon arrival
- Finding a job for the mother
- Daughter's kindergarten registration
- Medical follow-up in Russia (Karabulak)



#### Reintegration

- Through IOM
- National funds: 700 EUR/adult, 350 EUR/child
- Medical budget: 500 EUR/person with medical problems (4x)
- Vulnerable group: 1500 EUR



#### **IOM Moscow**



- Through IOM Moscow
- First counseling session with the family on 11.03.2015
- Continuous contact with the family via telephone
- On-site visit in July 2015
- Contact with medical authorities
- Reimbursement and follow-up of medical costs and microbusiness







"We tried to be realistic from the very beginning. We did not have high expectations about our life upon arrival. The reintegration assistance gave me a chance to start my business. I am trying hard to provide for my family doing what I am doing."



#### Micro-business

- Setting up a taxi business
- Registration
- Purchase of a car (2010 Lada Priora): €5000 (€3950 by IOM)







#### Medical follow-up

- Amount of 4 x 500 EUR
- Reimbursement medical costs
- Neurology and speech therapy for the children
- IOM is looking for an adequate hospital for the father



"We felt lost and could not start over. All the problems and troubles seemed to shower upon us (housing, health, financial). We badly needed someone to talk to, who could give us good advice. We found all this with IOM Moscow staff, who answered all our questions and supported us, helped to set priorities."



#### **Future prospects**

- Family does not want to emigrate anymore
- Keeping the business going and expanding it
- Medical follow-up/ hope of improvement of the father's situation
- Meeting the family's needs



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