

IOM GLOBAL ASSISTANCE FUND

for the Protection and Reintegration of Trafficked Persons

The Global Assistance Fund provides assistance in countries of destination, transit and origin which can include **safe accommodation, medical care, psychosocial support, legal assistance, assistance with retrieving lost or stolen travel documents and career counseling.**

GAF also offers the option of **assisted voluntary return** in cases in which the beneficiary expresses a wish to return to his or her home country as well as **reintegration assistance**, which may consist of post-arrival reception assistance, educational support either for the beneficiary or for his or her children, skills training, small business grants to support income-generating activities.

Geographical Coverage

GAF is available to stranded trafficked persons worldwide, excluding Australia, Canada, Europe, Japan, New Zealand, and the United States of America.

How to Access GAF

Trafficked persons in need of protection can apply directly to **IOM's Migration Management Services Department in Geneva, Switzerland at iomglobalassistance@iom.int, the nearest IOM country office, or by way of referral from an IOM partner**, including identified intergovernmental agencies, government ministries and embassies, and non governmental and civil society organizations.

**For more information, please contact:
iomglobalassistance@iom.int**

IOM's Global Assistance Fund (GAF) is an **emergency support mechanism** that provides case-specific assistance to men, women, and children who have been **trafficked across international borders, and who are not eligible for assistance through comparable regional or national-level projects.**

Funded by the U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration (PRM), GAF has provided direct assistance to more than **650 victims of trafficking** since its inception in 2000 and **serves an increasingly diverse range of beneficiaries every year.** In 2007, these included Filipinos who were trafficked to West Africa, Colombians who were trafficked to Southeast Asia, and Southeast Asians who were trafficked to Central America and the Caribbean.

