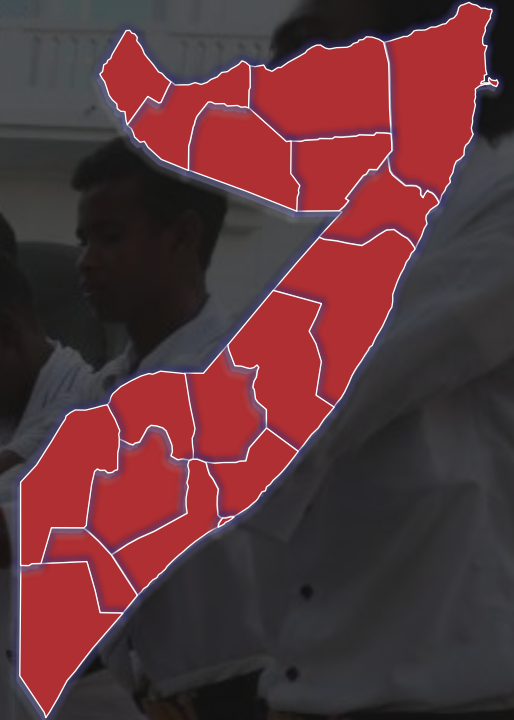


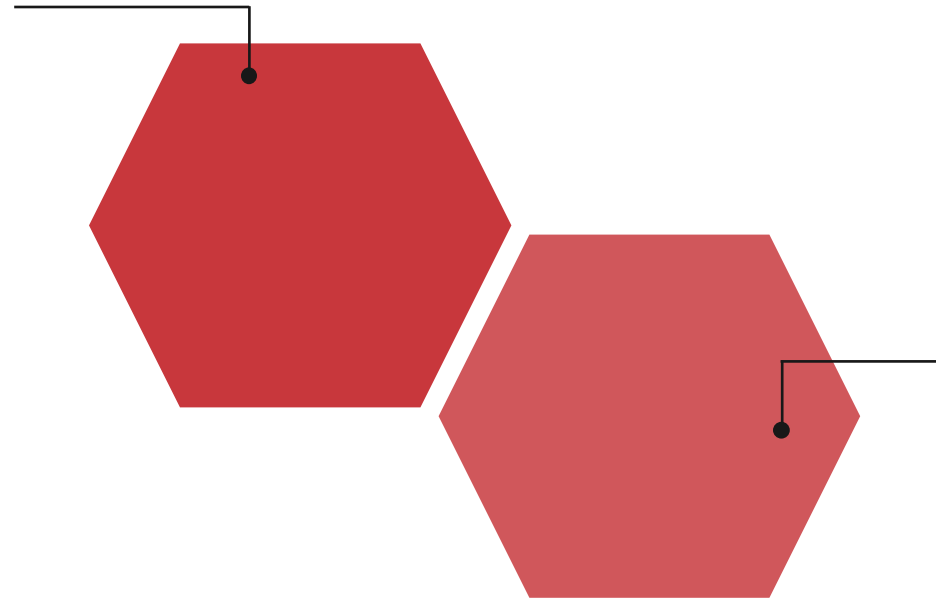


DRC PROGRAM ON THE RETURN & REINTEGRATION OF SOMALI CITIZENS IN SOMALIA



DRC Return & Reintegration Program

The objective of the program is to **provide sustainable reintegration assistance** to individuals who voluntarily decide return to Somalia from Norway and empower them enjoy their rights as citizens of Somalia.



The project is based on the principle of **voluntariness**. **Informed decision making** process is a key prerequisite.



CANDIDATES' PROFILE

Candidates' **Profile**

Somalis in Norway, with or without a residence permit, can apply to join the Return and Reintegration Program.

Persons who **do not Qualify**



Persons who do not have any family-ties in Somalia;



Persons who suffer from serious medical conditions;



Persons who have been found guilty of crimes and have not served their sentence;



Persons deemed likely by DRC to face immediate detention upon arrival in Somalia;



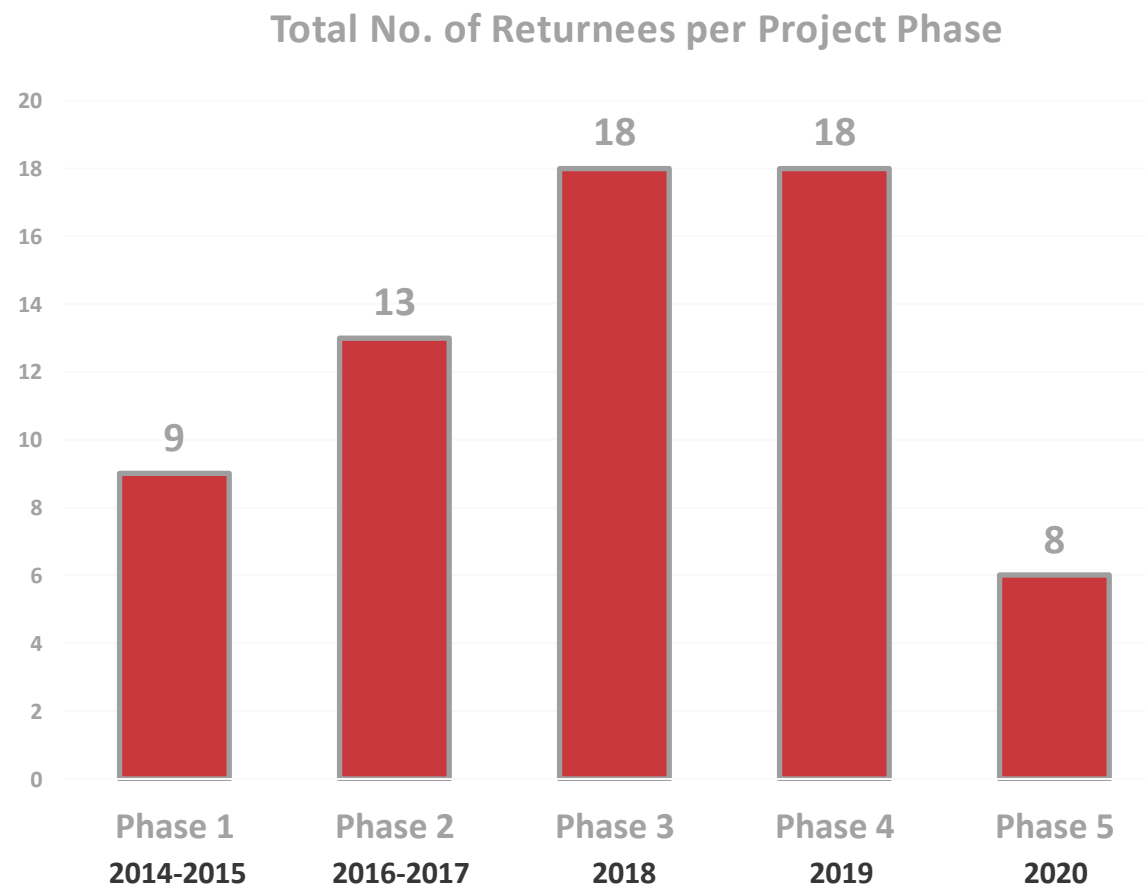
Persons relocating to areas controlled by armed groups;



Persons who committed Human Rights violations of the International Humanitarian Law, in Somalia or abroad.

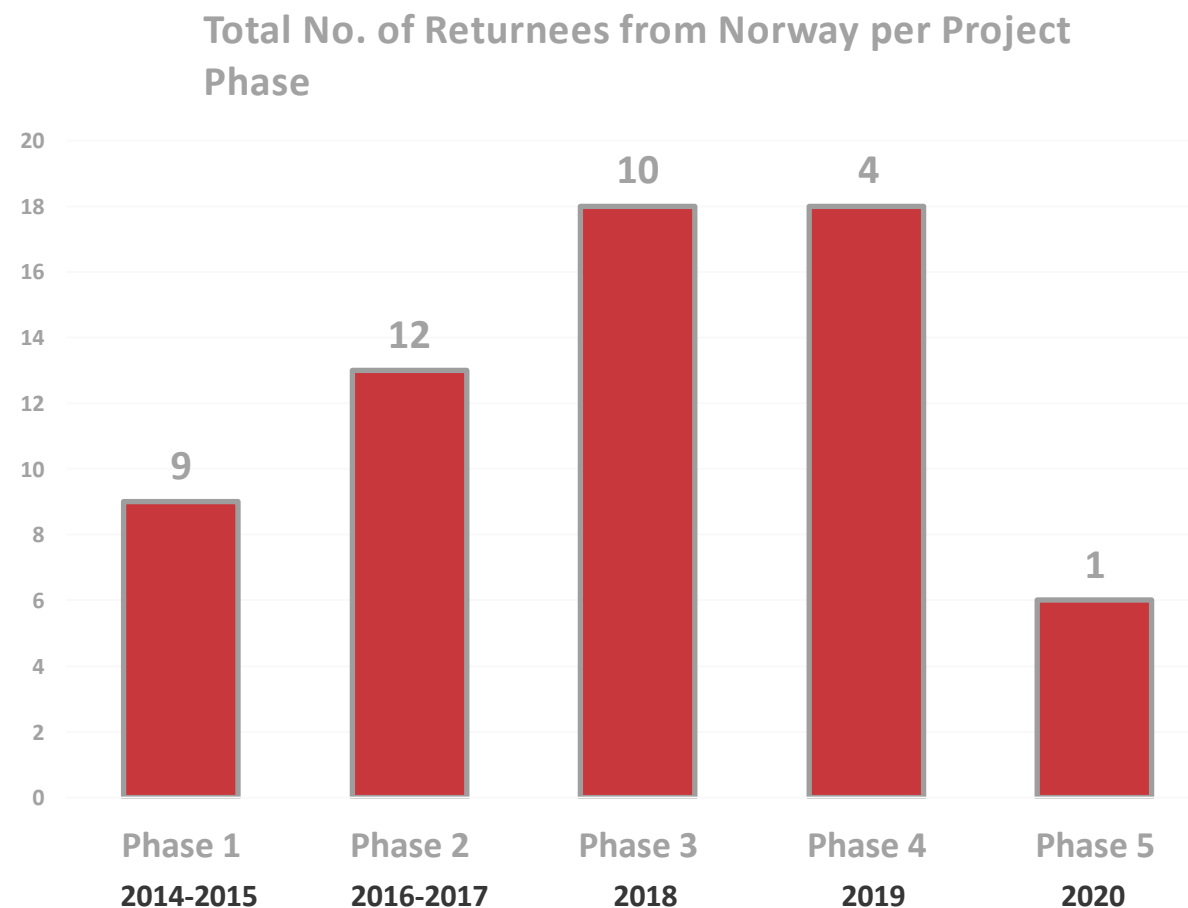
Project Statistics

- Total Returnees Interviewed: 108
- Total Returnees Returned: 66



Returnees from Norway

- Interviewed from Norway: 108
- Returned from Norway: 36

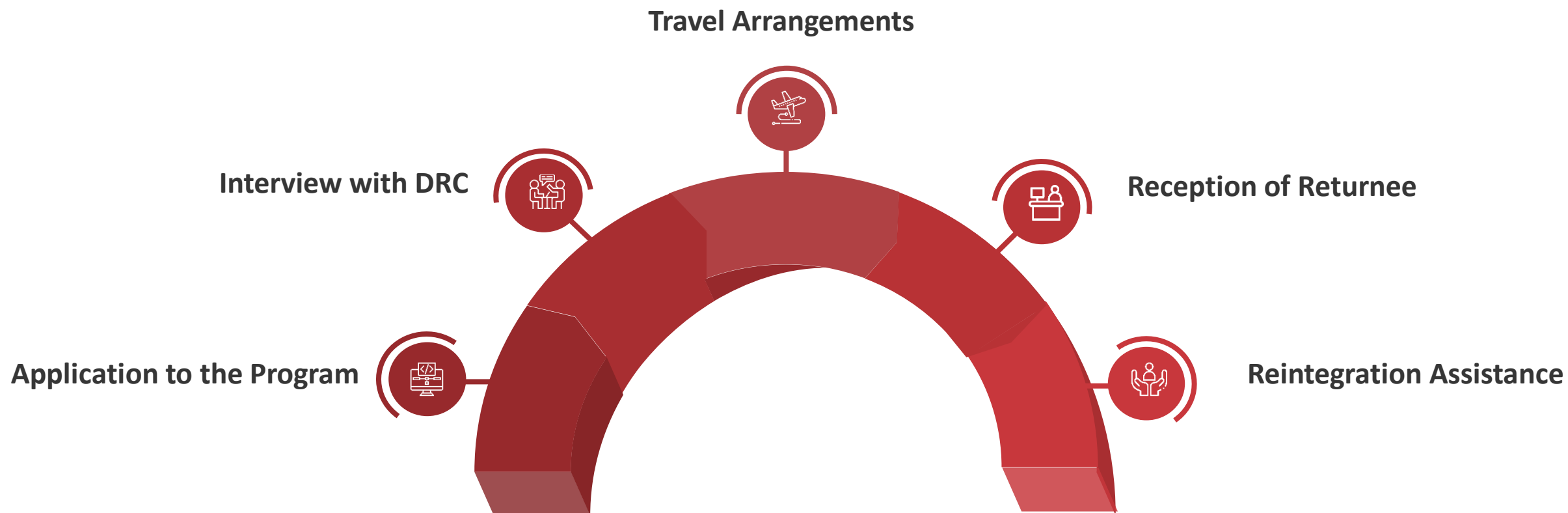


Project **Statistics** Cont'd

- Returned from Norway 36 (14 F, 22 M)
- Rejected from Norway are 14 (7 F, 7 M)
- Average age of returnees from Norway is between 30 to 60 years (2 in every 4)
- Returnees from Norway who received extra support for medical issues: 1 (1 F)



Project Steps - Summary



Pre-Return Arrangements

Candidate selection of target group in Norway



UDI receive applications



DRC screening interviews

DRC Somalia admits candidates



Police arrange transport



UDI (police) send data to DRC Somalia



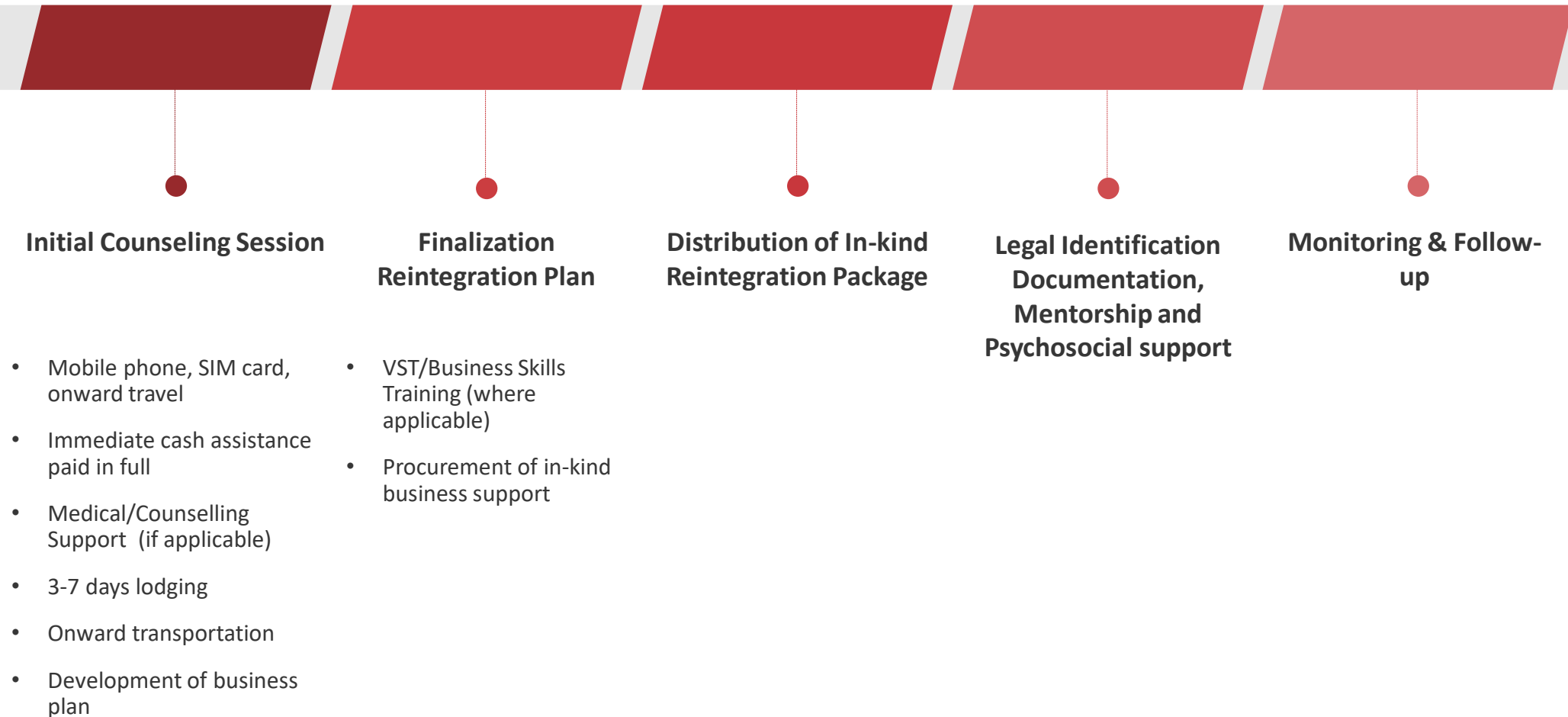
DRC contact family "focal person"

DRC receive returnee at the airport



DRC provides reintegration support

Post Return Arrangements



Small/Medium Enterprises and Vocational Skills Training

SME Training

- Returnees who are interested in establishing a business will be provided with skills training for a period of approximately 1-2 weeks from the project team.
- After having gained adequate training for a specific work profile, self-employment can be realized through a grant of up to 30,000 NOK based on individual business plans which is finalized within two weeks after arrival with the support of DRC project staff.
- Once the returnee decides on his/her business venture, their in-kind support is processed for procurement.

VST Training

- DRC will cooperate with Technical and Vocational Education centers in areas of return to give returnees opportunities to attend and complete vocational courses for a period of 3-6 months. Training opportunities will be selected based on the identified needs of trainees.
- Once training is completed, DRC will actively seek partnerships with the private sector for apprenticeship opportunities and a job placement for the trained returnees.
- A start up grant of up to 30,000 NOK will then be given to the returnee to purchase necessary tools/items which will be used for self-employment.

Reintegration Assistance

- **Immediate Cash Assistance, Mobile Phones + SIM cards:**
 - 15,000.00 NOK for returnees from Norway (applied before deadline to leave Norway)
 - 5,000.00 NOK for returnees from Norway (applied after deadline to leave Norway)
- **Temporary Lodging Facilities:** Up to 7 days
- **Onward Transportation by Air/Road:** Returnees traveling to other regions or within Mogadishu
- **In-Kind Business Support (SME's/VST's):** 30,000.00 NOK (not in cash)
- **Reintegration Assistance for Children:** Same entitlements as adult returnees (immediate cash + in-kind support + medical/counseling referrals). In-kind assistance is used to cover school fees, clothes, furniture etc.
- **Counseling Support**
- **Returnee Legal Identification Documents:** Government ID, licenses, passports, business registration etc.

Reintegration **Assistance** Cont'd

- **Psychosocial Support Groups:** To provide a structured opportunity for psycho-social support, quarterly meetings will be organized in 4 main locations of return prioritizing 2020 returnees.
- **Mentorship and Networking:** Mentorship Training for 2020 returnees, mentors' incentives, Mentorship Support for new arrivals.
- **Returnee Forums:** Networking meetings for returnees facilitated by DRC project staff and returnee mentors.
- **Capacity Building:** National and International staff, returnee mentors, duty-bearers capacity building on Psycho-Social Support, Psychological First Aid, Housing, Land and Property (HLP) rights.
- **Joint Monitoring:** carried out in partnership with the NCRI (National Commission for Refugees and IDPs) in order to verify the implementation and the success of the returnees' reintegration progress.

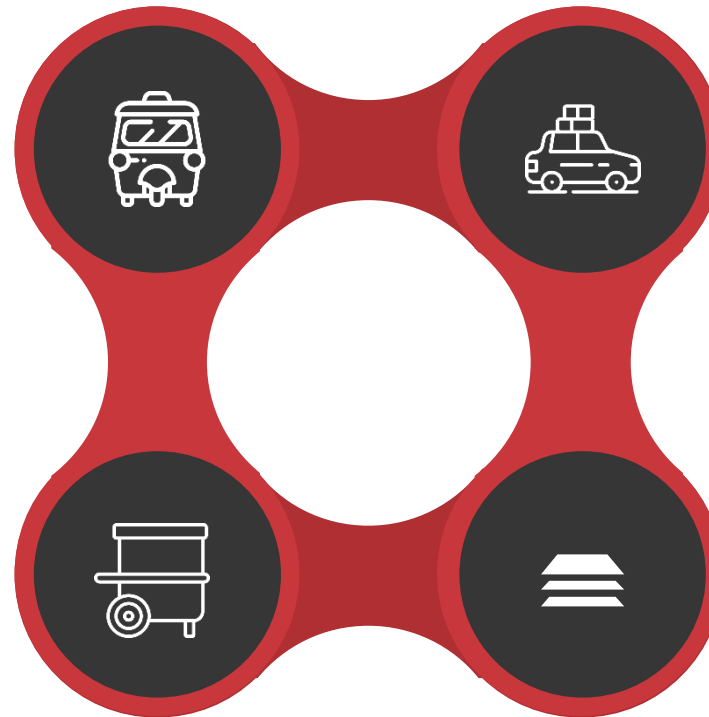
Business Ventures

Tuk-Tuk Business:

29 returnees have chosen this business venture. The tuk-tuk business is profitable and the returnees have reported to earn approximately \$200-500 per month.

Mini Market:

13 returnees have chosen this business venture. This business is profitable and returnees have reported to earn approximately \$500-\$800 per month.



Taxi/Mini Bus Business:

10 returnees have chosen this business venture. Both businesses are profitable and the returnees have reported to earn approximately \$300-\$600 per month.

Other:

The remaining 14 returnees have started businesses such as gold shops, electronics stores, cement shops, gas company, selling food sacks and pharmacies.

Business Ventures



Returnee's Mini Market Business



Returnee Running her Petroleum Business

Social Facilitation

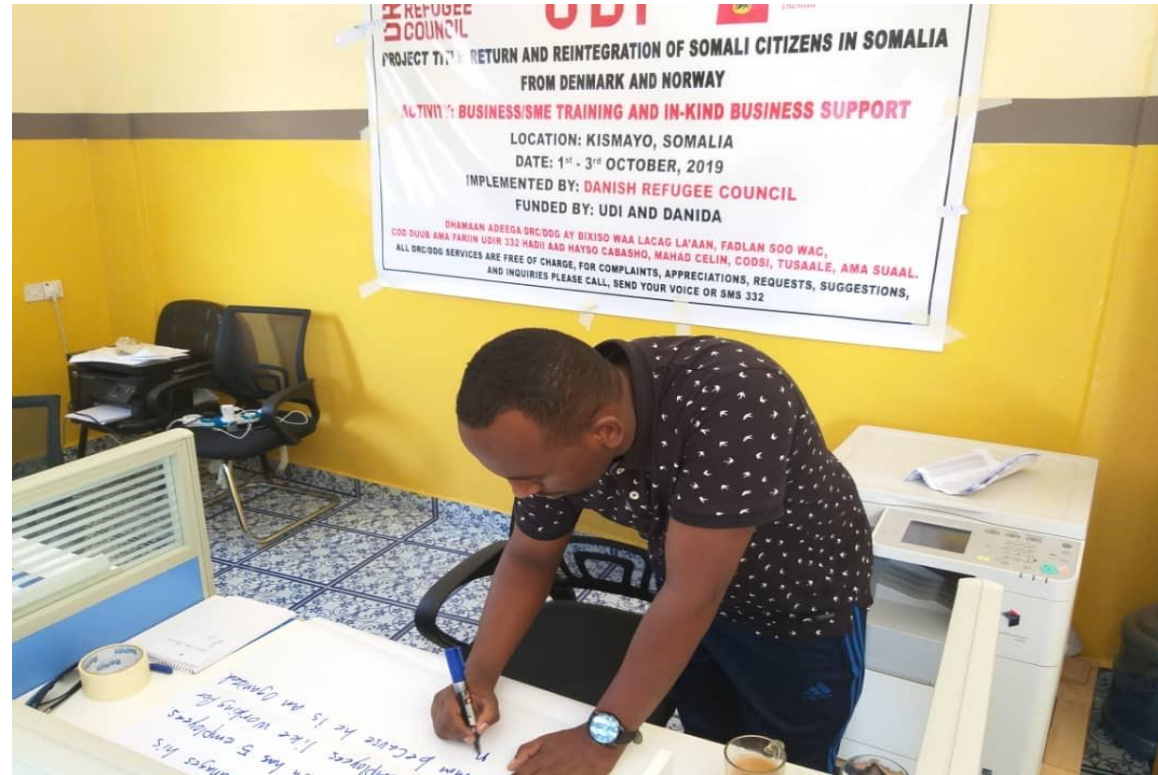


Psychosocial Support Group Meetings for Returnees



Capacity Building for Returnee Mentors

Business Skills Training



Returnee Receiving SME/ Business Skills Training

Evaluation Feedback

1. All returnees said they feel independent and empowered by the support they received.

3. All returnees said Somalia has improved and they feel safe.

5. All returnees are in stable housing and are reunited with family.



2. Some of the beneficiaries expressed concern over the confidentiality of their information and few were suspicious that they are being monitored by Norwegian authorities after receiving their mobile phones.

4. All of the returnees are satisfied with the support they received through the program.