

## Information about the research project "Return with StarthilfePlus" in English



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### Information about the research initiative "Returning with StarthilfePlus"

The Research Centre of the Federal Office for Migration and Refugees (FOMR) together with the International Organization for Migration (IOM) are conducting a survey on voluntary return with the StarthilfePlus program.

The research team would like to send you an online questionnaire six months after your return to your destination country. This questionnaire covers whether it was important for your decision to return to receive support from StarthilfePlus, what your situation is in your return country and to what extent the financial support helps you to settle in and whether you still need help. If necessary, surveys can also be conducted by telephone or in person at an IOM office.

Your answers are used exclusively for scientific purposes. The analysis is intended to help improve the federal program StarthilfePlus and therefore better serve the needs of people returning to their countries of origin.

The participation in this study is of course **voluntary**. Personal data such as your name or telephone number will be requested and used only by IOM for the linking of data and administrative purposes, but will be deleted prior to analysis of your survey. After collecting the surveys, the information contained in the questionnaires will be shared with the Research Centre in FOMR to jointly analyze the information (your name, e-mail address or telephone number will not be shared). All **personal data will be treated as strictly confidential**; in the processing of your data, IOM will act in accordance with its Data Protection Principles, and the Research Centre of the Federal Office for Migration and Refugees will act in accordance with the Federal Data Protection Act of Germany. Kindly note that **no individual cases** will be studied in this research and your name or identity will not appear in the published results of the study.

For your participation you will receive an expense allowance in the form of a mobile phone credit of 15 euros (in local currency). The amount will be transferred to your mobile phone electronically by the IOM service provider *engageSPARK* a few days after you have taken part in the survey. Apart from that, you will not have any advantages or disadvantages from participating, or not.

If you would like to take part in the survey, please inform your return counsellor when applying for StarthilfePlus in Germany or the IOM employee at the time you receive the second instalment in your country of return. The staff will collect your email address and telephone number so that the research team can contact you. Alternatively, you can also register for the survey using the internet link below. We will then contact you about 6 months after your departure from Germany and send you the questionnaire.

<http://germany.communityresponsemap.org/survey>

Since we depend on your participation to carry out the study and improve the program, we hope that you will share your experiences with us - Thank you in advance for your participation.