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## **HUMANITARIAN RETURN ASSISTANCE FOR MIGRANTS / THIRD COUNTRY NATIONALS AFFECTED BY THE TOHOKU PACIFIC EARTHQUAKE**

With a view to responding to the urgent humanitarian needs of the migrants / third-country-nationals directly affected by the recent earthquake, the tsunami, or the radiation threat, IOM is going to provide humanitarian return assistance for such migrant/third-country-national populations.

- **Assistance available for affected migrants / third-country-nationals**

- Individual consultation with multilingual caseworkers mainly via phone (or in person when necessary/feasible);
- Movement from their current evacuation point to the most appropriate embarkation point (normally the nearest safe/operational airport), by means of cost-reimbursement or in kind (only after access to the evacuation area is permitted for IOM);
- Coordination with the Immigration Bureaus and with the local Embassies/Consulate-Generals for facilitation of legal departure;
- One-way air ticket to their country of origin, in the direct and most cost-effective route; and
- And other logistics/operational assistance as deemed necessary, appropriate and feasible.

- **Eligibility Criteria:**

Beneficiaries of this assistance scheme need to meet *all* of the following conditions;

- a) Was living in the most affected areas (i.e. Aomori, Iwate, Yamagata, Miyagi, Fukushima, Tochigi, Ibaragi, and Chiba) until Friday 11 March 2011, AND was directly affected by the earthquake or the tsunami or the radiation threat. For those from Aomori, Yamagata, Tochigi, and Chiba, consideration on the merit of application will be made on a case-by-case basis.
- b) Having particular vulnerability and/or urgent /impending humanitarian needs to return to the country of origin;
- c) Endorsed and recommended by their Embassy/Consulate General or other helping agency (such as local government, NGO, etc.);
- d) Voluntarily returning (not under the deportation order);
- e) Has no other (financial) means to return to their country of origin; and
- f) Physically fit to travel.

- **How to apply:**

- 1) Please fill in the application form in close consultation with the Embassy/Consulate-General or any other helping agency. When submitting the application form, please attach copies of all available ID documents of the applicant (such as passport, alien registration card, driving license, etc.) as much as possible.
- 2) Please ask the Embassy/Consulate-General or the helping agency to submit the duly

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filled-in application forms together with the available supporting documents to the IOM Office via fax. **FAX: 03-3595-2497**

- 3) After examining the application form submitted, IOM multilingual caseworkers will contact the applicants directly to coordinate all the return logistics.
- *IOM will put priorities to those applications submitted by the Embassies/Consulate-General or helping agencies as the most vulnerable cases, so that the limited resources can reach to the neediest cases in a timely manner.*
  - *IOM cannot guarantee to assist all the submitted cases.*
  - *Priorities will be given to the cases who have already submitted the application form with necessary/available supporting documents.*
  - *Please fill in and submit your application form BEFORE contacting the numbers below for case-specific queries.*

● **Contacts: From 11:00 to 16:00 from Monday to Friday**

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