



IOM's Global Assistance Fund (GAF) is an emergency fund established in 2000 to fulfill the mandate of not leaving any migrant in an extreme vulnerable situation behind by providing immediate emergency protection and assistance services for:

- Migrants vulnerable to or victims of violence, exploitation , and abuse;
- Victims of trafficking;
- Unaccompanied or separated migrant children;
- Migrants in extreme psychological and physical distress with identified protection concerns (e.g., victims of torture, kidnap, arbitrary detention);
- Stranded and/or smuggled migrants.

USA for IOM connects the US private sector to the tools and expertise of the International Organization for Migration (IOM) to promote development and advance the wellbeing of migrants and communities. We are currently seeking for donors that can support the GAF in assisting migrants in need.

## GAF's achievements

-  21 years of operations
-  More than 100 nationalities
-  More than 3,600 migrants assisted
-  In over 50 IOM offices worldwide



GAF country-based protection officers tailor individualized, direct assistance plans providing short, medium, and, when necessary and possible, long-term support including:

- Safe accommodation;
- Food and non-food items;
- Psychological first aid;
- Health care;
- Information and legal counseling;
- Family tracing and reunification;
- Voluntary return (to country of origin) assistance;
- (Re)integration planning and financial support.

## Case story

Miriam\* migrated to Lebanon for a job as a domestic worker when she was 16 years old. Since she was responsible for her younger brothers and sisters after their parent's death and because there were few opportunities for her in Ethiopia, Miriam was forced to migrate. She paid an agent to find her first employer, and she received USD150/month working for them. Her exploitation began after she took a position in a new household.

They refused to pay her, and when she asked about it, they threatened and beat her. Eventually, she sought refuge in the embassy; they took her to a shelter where she stayed for 2 months with other Ethiopian migrants also seeking asylum. GAF was able to support her return and repatriation by providing shelter, food, PPE items, medical and legal assistance, and in-ground transportation in Lebanon and Ethiopia.

*\*name has been changed*

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