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Asylum Migration and Integration Fund List of Actions allocated funding, July 2016

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Introduction

The Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund (AMIF) was established on 16 April 2014 by the European Union as a Multi Annual Financial Framework to cover the period 2014 – 2020. The UK opted into AMIF, and was allocated €370m for use on UK priorities in the field of migration and integration.

AMIF is administered by the UK Responsible Authority, which is based in the Home Office European Funding Team. The Acts establishing AMIF are:

Regulation (EU) No. 514/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council, and Regulation (EU) No. 516/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council

Article 53 (2) of Reg 514/2014 states:

Member States shall ensure transparency of the implementation of the national programmes and shall maintain a list of actions supported by each national programme which shall be accessible through the website or the website portal. The list of actions shall include updated information on the final beneficiaries, the names of the projects and the amount of Union funding allocated to them.

This paper is therefore a list of the actions allocated AMIF funds in the UK. This will be updated on an annual basis.

Information on the UK priorities for AMIF can be found in the UK AMIF National Programme, published at: www.gov.uk

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Project reference: UK/2015/PR/0001	Specific objective / National objective: SO3 - Return / NO2 - Return measures	
Project title: Assisted Voluntary Return Programme		
Project summary: The overall aim of the AVR Programme is to provide an alternative to an enforced removal for those TCNs who have no legal basis on which to remain in the UK, or who wish to leave the UK prior to a decision being made. The AVR Programme is designed to achieve a dignified and sustainable return for any individual leaving the UK voluntarily.		
Beneficiary official name: Home Office – Immigration Enforcement	Beneficiary short name: HO - IE	Type of beneficiary: State/federal authorities
Reference to selection procedure: DAB1	Type of procedure: Direct award	
AMIF commitment: £13,673,306.62	Project dates: 01/04/14 – 31/12/15	

Project reference: UK/2015/PR/0002	Specific objective / National objective: SO3 - Return / NO2 - Return measures	
Project title: Re-documentation Operation and Projects		
Project summary: The overall aim of the project is to undertake activities to verify the nationality and/or identity (and where necessary, obtain travel documentation) to facilitate the return of third country nationals (TCNs) that no longer have a right to remain in the UK. This project will cover the measures necessary for the preparation of return operations including activities relating to national/identity verification of TCNs in the country of origin and the UK. The project will also focus on co-operation with consular authorities of third countries with a view to obtaining travel documents, including inward visits from overseas officials and officials permanently based in the UK.		
Beneficiary official name: Home Office - Immigration Enforcement	Beneficiary short name: HO - IE	Type of beneficiary: State/federal authorities
Reference to selection procedure: DAB1	Type of procedure: Direct award	
AMIF commitment: £1,941,946.06 Final amount due to be calculated following audit after termination.	Project dates: 01/04/15 – 31/03/17, Project terminated 30/09/15	

Project reference: UK/2015/PR/0003	Specific objective / National objective: SO3 - Return / NO2 - Return measures	
Project title: Facilitated Returns Scheme		
Project summary: The overall aim of the project is to provide reintegration assistance to non-EEA Foreign National Offenders (FNO) through voluntary return and contribute to Immigration Enforcement's FNO removal target. The project will provide reintegration assistance and support via IOM who will facilitate and provide necessary information with regards to accommodation, business and or education on return, whilst also supporting vulnerable returnees.		
Beneficiary official name: Home Office - Immigration Enforcement	Beneficiary short name: HO - IE	Type of beneficiary: State/federal authorities
Reference to selection procedure: DAB1	Type of procedure: Direct award	
AMIF commitment: £1,642,240.07	Project dates: 01/04/15 – 31/12/15	

Project reference: UK/2015/PR/0004	Specific objective / National objective: SO3 - Return / NO2 - Return measures	
Project title: Family Returns Unit		
Project summary: The overall aim of the project is to return families after all outstanding claims to remain in the UK have been refused, whilst meeting the requirement to comply with the statutory child safeguarding duty under S55 of the Borders, Citizenship and Immigration Act 2009. A family for the purpose of this project must consist of at least 1 adult and 1 dependant child under the age of 18 years, who are imminently removable.		
Beneficiary official name: Home Office - Immigration Enforcement	Beneficiary short name: HO - IE	Type of beneficiary: State/federal authorities
Reference to selection procedure: DAB1	Type of procedure: Direct award	
AMIF commitment: £5,345,227.08	Project dates: 01/04/14 – 31/03/16	

Project reference: UK/2015/PR/0005	Specific objective / National objective: SO3 - Return / NO2 - Return measures	
Project title: Hibiscus Initiatives		
Project summary: The purpose of the operation is to support the UK priority on returns by contributing towards 600 successful, compliant returns per year. The project will provide independent advice to those in immigration detention at Yarl's Wood, Colnbrook and Harmondsworth immigration removal centres (IRCs) to encourage them to comply with the returns process thereby increasing the number of compliant returns, reducing the number of escorted returns and the average number of days in detention at the three IRCs and allowing detainees to return home with dignity.		
Beneficiary official name: Home Office - Immigration Enforcement	Beneficiary short name: HO - IE	Type of beneficiary: State/federal authorities
Reference to selection procedure: DAB1	Type of procedure: Direct award	
AMIF commitment: £300,000.00	Project dates: 01/04/15 – 31/03/16	

Project reference: UK/2015/PR/0006	Specific objective / National objective: SO3 - Return / NO2 - Return measures	
Project title: Central Voluntary Departure Team		
Project summary: The primary aims of the service are to encourage TCNs with no right to remain in the UK to leave on a voluntary basis, this will be through a dedicated team TCNs can contact who will discuss options and possible sanctions (such as re-entry bans), and if proceeding to departure organise tickets, travel documents and removing any barriers in getting TCNs to departure point. The outcomes of the project will be: increased volume of vol deps, earlier vol deps, reduced time between initial contact and vol dep, more cases progressed towards vol dep, reduced number of failed departures, minimised cost of tickets, simplification of process of vol dep, and reducing the overall departure cost of vol deps. The project will work by direct contact with TCNs to achieve 18546 vol deps.		
Beneficiary official name: Home Office - Immigration Enforcement	Beneficiary short name: HO - IE	Type of beneficiary: State/federal authorities
Reference to selection procedure: DAB1	Type of procedure: Direct award	
AMIF commitment: £2,250,000.00 Final amount due to be calculated following audit after termination.	Project dates: 01/04/15 – 31/03/17 Project terminated 31/12/15	

Project reference: UK/2015/PR/0007	Specific objective / National objective: SO3 - Return / NO2 - Return measures	
Project title: Pilgrims Escorting Service		
Project summary: The project will provide a detainee escorting service to Somalia and other countries with a fragile security environment as defined by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office travel advice. The project will deliver a unique solution and provides for enforced returns to be operationally viable to countries that the current escorting contractor is unable to travel to. Without this project there would be no mechanism to carry out escorted enforced returns to countries with fragile security environments.		
Beneficiary official name: Home Office - Immigration Enforcement	Beneficiary short name: HO - IE	Type of beneficiary: State/federal authorities
Reference to selection procedure: DAB1	Type of procedure: Direct award	
AMIF commitment: £801,709.16 Project terminated prior to any payment so actual value is £0.00.	Project dates: 01/04/15 – 31/03/17 Project terminated 01/07/15	

Project reference: UK/2015/PR/0008	Specific objective / National objective: SO3 - Return / NO2 - Return measures	
Project title: Return of irregular migrants by charter flight (excluding Nigeria/Ghana 2014/15)		
Project summary: To undertake removals of irregular migrants to their country of origin on charter flights with escorts. The principal countries to which returns are made are Pakistan, Nigeria, Ghana, Afghanistan and Albania (also assisting France to remove to Albania). Other countries can be included if there is an operational need. Charter returns have accounted for approximately 15% of all UK enforced returns in previous years, and this project will help maintain this level of charter returns. Charter flights will be used for cases where voluntary return is not suitable or has been refused.		
Beneficiary official name: Home Office - Immigration Enforcement	Beneficiary short name: HO - IE	Type of beneficiary: State/federal authorities
Reference to selection procedure: DAB1	Type of procedure: Direct award	
AMIF commitment: £18,672,915.07	Project dates: 01/04/14 – 31/03/16	

Project reference: UK/2015/PR/0009	Specific objective / National objective: SO3 - Return / NO2 - Return measures	
Project title: Return of irregular migrants by charter flight (staffing and escorting costs)		
Project summary: To fund staff and escort costs for the work undertaken in project: UK/2015/PR/0008, which is to: undertake removals of irregular migrants to their country of origin on charter flights with escorts. The principal countries to which returns are made are Pakistan, Nigeria, Ghana, Afghanistan and Albania (in partnership with France). Other countries can be included if there is an operational need. Charter returns have accounted for approximately 15% of all UK enforced returns in previous years, and this project will help maintain this level of charter returns.		
Beneficiary official name: Home Office - Immigration Enforcement	Beneficiary short name: HO - IE	Type of beneficiary: State/federal authorities
Reference to selection procedure: DAB1	Type of procedure: Direct award	
AMIF commitment: 5,778,808.92	Project dates: 01/04/14 – 31/03/16	

Project reference: UK/2015/PR/0010	Specific objective / National objective: SO2 – Legal Migration / NO2 - Integration	
Project title: Gateway Resettlement Programme - Statutory Service Provision		
Project summary: The overall aim of the project is to resettle 1500 refugees to the UK over 2 years from various countries across the world and ensure they are provided with necessary support for 12 months after arrival after arrival to facilitate their long term settlement – specifically working together with statutory service providers to ensure health and education needs are met.		
Beneficiary official name: Home Office - UK Visas and Immigration	Beneficiary short name: HO - UKVI	Type of beneficiary: State/federal authorities
Reference to selection procedure: DAB3	Type of procedure: Direct award	
AMIF commitment: £8,553,496.00	Project dates: 01/04/14 – 31/03/17	

Project reference: UK/2015/PR/0011	Specific objective / National objective: SO2 – Legal Migration / NO2 - Integration	
Project title: Syrian Vulnerable Persons Relocation Scheme - Statutory Service Provision		
Project summary: To resettle 350 Syrians to the UK in 2014/15 and 2015/16 and provide support for a period of 12 months after arrival ensuring access to health and education provision.		
Beneficiary official name: Home Office UK Visas and Immigration	Beneficiary short name: HO - UKVI	Type of beneficiary: State/federal authorities
Reference to selection procedure: DAB3	Type of procedure: Direct award	
AMIF commitment: £3,449,104.88	Project dates: 01/03/14 – 28/02/17	

Project reference: UK/2016/PR/0012	Specific objective / National objective: SO3 - Return / NO2 - Return measures	
Project title: Facilitated Return Scheme (FRS) 2		
Project summary: To provide reintegration assistance to 975 non-EEA foreign national offenders (FNOs) removed to their home country through voluntary return from 01/01/16 to 31/03/17. The project will provide value for money by promoting compliance with the removals process at an early stage. Returnees receive an initial £500 on a cash-card immediately prior to departure to cover their costs on arrival, the remaining amount is loaded to the card following contact with IOM in the home country to discuss support needs.		
Beneficiary official name: Home Office - Immigration Enforcement	Beneficiary short name: HO - IE	Type of beneficiary: State/federal authorities
Reference to selection procedure: DAB4	Type of procedure: Direct award	
AMIF commitment: £2,627,875.31	Project dates: 01/01/16 – 31/03/17	

Project reference: UK/2016/PR/0013	Specific objective / National objective: SO3 - Return / NO1 - Accompanying measures	
Project title: Verification Project		
Project summary: The aim of the project is to undertake activities to verify the nationality and identity to facilitate the return of TCNs that no longer have a right to remain in the UK. The project will arrange: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - foreign officials from UK based embassies to conduct 146 routine nationality and identity verification interviews at removal and reporting centres; - foreign officials from 5 countries (which may change over the project period) to visit the UK to conduct 36 nationality and identity interview missions, currently planned for officials from: China, Vietnam, Pakistan, Nigeria & Sierra Leone; - foreign officials to be seconded to the UK to conduct 694 scheduled nationality and identity verification interviews. This work will provide support for travel documentation to enable the removal of difficult cases.		
Beneficiary official name: Home Office - Immigration Enforcement	Beneficiary short name: HO - IE	Type of beneficiary: State/federal authorities
Reference to selection procedure: DAB4	Type of procedure: Direct award	
AMIF commitment: £1,053,912.51 Final amount to be assessed following audit after closure.	Project dates: 01/01/16 – 31/12/17 Project closed 31/03/16	

Project reference: UK/2016/PR/0014	Specific objective / National objective: SO1 - Asylum / NO1 - Reception/asylum	
Project title: Asylum Support Application UK		
Project summary: The project is to prevent destitution by facilitating access to statutory financial support and accommodation for eligible adult asylum seekers in the UK. The project will centralise assistance with completion of applications for asylum support for a minimum of 15000 adult asylum seekers per year. The service is contracted to Migrant Help by the Home Office. Migrant Help will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - advise applicants what supporting evidence is required, and assist with submission of evidence; - check applications, verifying eligibility and ensuring the application has been completed correctly; - signposting asylum seekers to other services they may make use of - follow up applications where necessary. 		
Beneficiary official name: Home Office - UK Visas and Immigration	Beneficiary short name: HO - UKVI	Type of beneficiary: State/federal authorities
Reference to selection procedure: DAB5	Type of procedure: Direct award	
AMIF commitment: £3,694,544.69	Project dates: 01/04/14 – 31/03/17	

Project reference: UK/2016/PR/0015	Specific objective / National objective: SO1 - Asylum / NO2 - Evaluation	
Project title: Country Information Needs and Fact Finding Research		
Project summary: To analyse and identify country of origin information (COI) needs/gaps in key asylum intake countries for asylum decision makers. 6 countries will be the focus of the project and cover a single or range of issues, initially these will be: Eritrea, Sudan and Sri Lanka. For each country the project will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - review asylum decisions and appeals outcomes, asylum statistics and user surveys to determine the COI requirements - identify COI sources and conduct fact finding research both in the UK and overseas - publish the results of research and produce updated COI reports - review the use of the new reports and research 		
Beneficiary official name: Home Office - UK Visas and Immigration	Beneficiary short name: HO - UKVI	Type of beneficiary: State/federal authorities
Reference to selection procedure: DAB5	Type of procedure: Direct award	
AMIF commitment: £160,500.00	Project dates: 01/01/16 – 31/03/18	

Project reference: UK/2016/PR/0016	Specific objective / National objective: SO1 - Asylum / NO2 - Evaluation	
Project title: Asylum Impact Analysis Tool		
Project summary: The aim of the project is to design and build a system for assessing the impact of increases/decreases of a range of input variables across the asylum system. The tool will map the end-to-end asylum process and illustrate the impact of increased intake (as an example) on wider Home Office operations such as: casework; asylum support; appeals; immigration enforcement.		
Beneficiary official name: Home Office - UK Visas and Immigration	Beneficiary short name: HO - UKVI	Type of beneficiary: State/federal authorities
Reference to selection procedure: DAB7	Type of procedure: Direct award	
AMIF commitment: £61,230.75 Actual cost following closure of project was £0.00	Project dates: 01/04/16 – 31/12/16 Project closed 12/05/16	

Project reference: UK/2016/PR/0017	Specific objective / National objective: SO1 - Asylum / NO1 - Reception/asylum	
Project title: Asylum Operations Training		
Project summary: The project will fundamentally review and expand existing UKVI Asylum Operations training modules, with a view to redevelop, reinvigorate and professionalise the materials, delivery and structure. This will particularly focus on the 5 week foundation training programme (FTP) delivered to all new asylum caseworkers. The project will deliver the revised FTP to 150 new asylum caseworkers and updated refresher training to 350 currently employed caseworkers. This will increase the quality of initial decision making.		
Beneficiary official name: Home Office - UK Visas and Immigration	Beneficiary short name: HO - UKVI	Type of beneficiary: State/federal authorities
Reference to selection procedure: DAB7	Type of procedure: Direct award	
AMIF commitment: £1,739,671.24	Project dates: 01/04/16 – 31/03/19	

Project reference: UK/2016/PR/0018	Specific objective / National objective: SO1 - Asylum / NO1 - Reception/asylum	
Project title: Summary Methodology and Digital Interviews		
Project summary: The project will rollout the use of digital recording equipment for asylum interviews across 11 sites in the UK. This will provide a digital transcription of interviews and provide a more efficient asylum system. The project will also review requirements of providing full interview transcripts for courts, and to assess whether a digital recording would be accepted by the court, reducing the need to produce papers for appeal hearings.		
Beneficiary official name: Home Office - UK Visas and Immigration	Beneficiary short name: HO - UKVI	Type of beneficiary: State/federal authorities
Reference to selection procedure: DAB7	Type of procedure: Direct award	
AMIF commitment: £1,940,495.33	Project dates: 01/04/16 – 31/03/17	

Project reference: UK/2016/PR/0019	Specific objective / National objective: SO1 - Asylum / NO1 - Reception/asylum	
Project title: VAWG Action Plan		
Project summary: The project will provide a signposting and pilot counselling service to vulnerable women who have experienced sexual violence and have entered the asylum process. The project will provide the counselling service to 200 women through the pilot period.		
Beneficiary official name: Home Office - UK Visas and Immigration	Beneficiary short name: HO - UKVI	Type of beneficiary: State/federal authorities
Reference to selection procedure: DAB7	Type of procedure: Direct award	
AMIF commitment: £36,153.42	Project dates: 01/04/16 – 31/03/17	

Project reference: UK/2016/PR/0020	Specific objective / National objective: SO1 - Asylum / NO1 - Reception/asylum	
Project title: Asylum Seeking Children's Service		
Project summary: The project will ensure that unaccompanied children claiming asylum in the UK receive adequate support and assistance, including independent advice, in order to prevent harm and to protect from exploitation by developing better access to support processes. The project will ensure that 5500 UASCs per annum receive support through the process of their asylum claim in England, support and assistance will be available face-to-face, and group or individual sessions.		
Beneficiary official name: Home Office - UK Visas and Immigration	Beneficiary short name: HO - UKVI	Type of beneficiary: State/federal authorities
Reference to selection procedure: DAB7	Type of procedure: Direct award	
AMIF commitment: £600,000.00	Project dates: 01/04/16 – 31/03/17	

Project reference: UK/2016/PR/0021	Specific objective / National objective: SO3 - Return / NO2 - Return measures	
Project title: Criminal Casework Investigations Intervention		
Project summary: The project has 2 aims. The first is to build the capacity of Criminal Casework Investigations Team to assist in resolving the most challenging TCN Foreign National Offender (FNO) cases by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - establishing the identity and nationality in disputed cases; - tracing current FNO absconders via improved investigation and family tracing techniques - cooperation with consulates/embassies to identify and issue travel documentation The project will expand the skills of the staff on the team to ensure appropriate prosecution action is taken against complex cases.		
Beneficiary official name: Home Office - Immigration Enforcement	Beneficiary short name: HO - IE	Type of beneficiary: State/federal authorities
Reference to selection procedure: DAB6	Type of procedure: Direct award	
AMIF commitment: £3,303,713.25	Project dates: 01/04/16 – 31/03/17	

Project reference: UK/2016/PR/0022	Specific objective / National objective: SO3 - Return / NO2 - Return measures	
Project title: Family Returns Unit (FRU) 2		
Project summary: The aim of the project is to ensure the removal of families once all outstanding claims to remain in the UK have been exhausted. The project focus is on encouraging and supporting families to return via one of the UKs voluntary routes, but if not effecting an enforced removal whilst ensuring the safeguarding of children. The expected outcome is to remove 900 family units through the life of the project.		
Beneficiary official name: Home Office - Immigration Enforcement	Beneficiary short name: HO - IE	Type of beneficiary: State/federal authorities
Reference to selection procedure: DAB6	Type of procedure: Direct award	
AMIF commitment: £7,800,895.15	Project dates: 01/04/16 – 31/03/19	

Project reference: UK/2016/PR/0023	Specific objective / National objective: SO3 - Return / NO2 - Return measures	
Project title: Return of Irregular Migrants by Charter Flight 2		
Project summary: To undertake the removal of irregular migrants to their country of origin on charter flights with escorts. The removals will be made in a safe and dignified manner with escorting staff having received appropriate training. The outcome of the project will be 3516 removals.		
Beneficiary official name: Home Office - Immigration Enforcement	Beneficiary short name: HO - IE	Type of beneficiary: State/federal authorities
Reference to selection procedure: DAB6	Type of procedure: Direct award	
AMIF commitment: £19,166,746.29	Project dates: 01/04/16 – 31/03/18	

Project reference: UK/2016/PR/0024	Specific objective / National objective: SO3 - Return / NO2 - Return measures	
Project title: Returns Facilitation at Heathrow and Yarl's Wood		
Project summary: The project will provide independent support and advice to those in immigration detention at 3 centres to encourage the migrants to comply with the returns process. The project will contribute to 624 compliant returns per year, reducing the average number of days in detention reducing costs to the UK, and allowing detainees to make an informed choice and to return in a dignified manner.		
Beneficiary official name: Home Office - Immigration Enforcement	Beneficiary short name: HO - IE	Type of beneficiary: State/federal authorities
Reference to selection procedure: DAB6	Type of procedure: Direct award	
AMIF commitment: £1,004,538.15	Project dates: 01/04/16 – 31/03/19	

Project reference: UK/2016/PR/0025	Specific objective / National objective: SO3 - Return / NO2 - Return measures	
Project title: Voluntary Return Service (VRS)		
Project summary: The Voluntary Return Service (VRS) will provide an alternative to enforced returns to those with no legal basis of stay in the UK. VRS will achieve 31,500 removals through the life of the project by providing a range of advice, information, financial assistance, and reintegration assistance. The project will enable migrants to return in a dignified and sustainable manner.		
Beneficiary official name: Home Office - Immigration Enforcement	Beneficiary short name: HO - IE	Type of beneficiary: State/federal authorities
Reference to selection procedure: DAB6	Type of procedure: Direct award	
AMIF commitment: £18,638,296.14	Project dates: 01/01/16 – 31/12/18	

Project reference: UK/2016/PR/0026	Specific objective / National objective: SO3 - Return / NO1 - Accompanying measures	
Project title: Family Pre-Departure Accommodation		
Project summary: The project will provide pre-departure accommodation at 'Cedars' a specifically designed centre that supports the removal of families from the UK, and meets the UK Government's commitment to end child detention. The project will prepare bespoke plans to support 210 families prior to their arrival at the centre, and will provide security, safety, welfare and safeguarding advice to 27 families in centre. The services will be provided by two contractors, Barnardo's and G4S.		
Beneficiary official name: Home Office - Immigration Enforcement	Beneficiary short name: HO - IE	Type of beneficiary: State/federal authorities
Reference to selection procedure: DAB6	Type of procedure: Direct award	
AMIF commitment: £6,199,232.52	Project dates: 01/04/15 – 30/09/16	

Project reference: UK/2016/PR/0027	Specific objective / National objective: SO3 - Return / NO2 - Return measures	
Project title: National Community Engagement Leads		
Project summary: The project will achieve 2700 voluntary departures of illegal migrants from the top 5 diaspora nationalities (BGD, CHN, IND, NIG, PAK). The project will achieve this by engagement activity with the diaspora communities in the UK, de-stigmatising and sign-posting voluntary departure as a credible and dignified option, and seeking to prevent exploitation of undocumented migrants.		
Beneficiary official name: Home Office - Immigration Enforcement	Beneficiary short name: HO - IE	Type of beneficiary: State/federal authorities
Reference to selection procedure: DAB6	Type of procedure: Direct award	
AMIF commitment: £1,570,837.57	Project dates: 01/04/16 – 31/03/19	