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## 1.5.1.3 Assisted Voluntary Returns (AVR)

The RCA enables IOM to arrange travel for irregular migrants who wish to return voluntarily to their country of origin under the Assisted Voluntary Return (AVR) programme. IOM Indonesia provides;

- a. Pre-departure assistance counselling, medical assistance, transport assistance arrangements (including travel documentation), among others;
- b. Transportation assistance departure assistance, escorts, pre-embarkation medical checks, medical escorts if needed, and other like services; and
- c. Post-arrival assistance in close coordination with IOM offices in return countries, migrants reception, and health-related support. IOM Indonesia also provides reintegration grants to returning irregular migrants.

The provision of funding for AVRs allows irregular migrants a safe way to return to their country of origin in circumstances where the irregular migrant considers that their ability to secure resettlement is limited or impossible. <sup>s. 33(a)(iii)</sup>

Since January 2012, IOM

has supported 3,199 assisted voluntary returns, as outlined below in Figure 3.

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