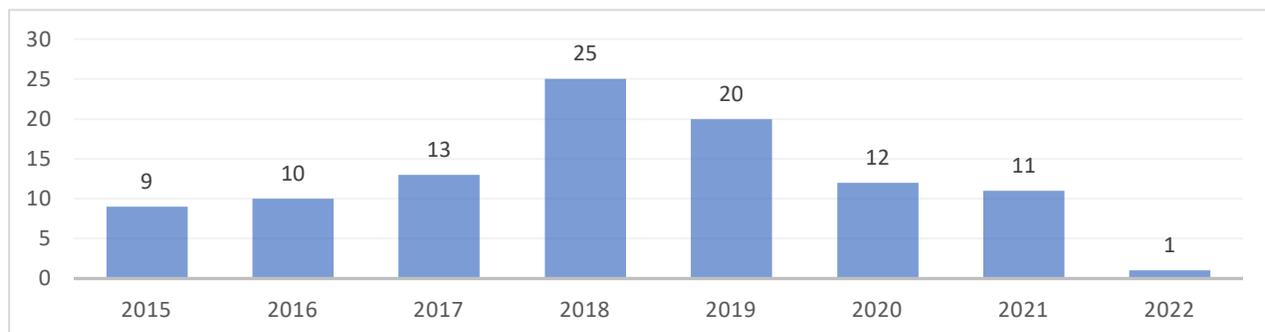




## Reintegration Assistance – Flat Funding 2022 – Ethiopia

- **Implementation support for 1 reintegration project** in 2022 (for a total of USD 5555 - for one minor male beneficiary)
- **Return operations for 1 case** (1 minor)
- IOM Ethiopia was supported through a **Swiss flat funding** of USD 41'173 in 2022<sup>1</sup>
- Generally, the number of migrants returning to Ethiopia from Switzerland came to a practical standstill in 2022 due to the **armed conflict** in the country and the subsequent security concerns in many parts of the country. Returns to Ethiopia were temporarily suspended in November and December 2021. Migrants in Switzerland indicated to return counselors that they no longer see perspectives for a sustainable reintegration in Ethiopia.
- Due to the low number of returns, no business skill training was held in 2022, but **3 persons** having returned in 2021 took **vocational training** courses
- Three meetings of the **support group** were held.

### Reintegration Cases from 2015 to 2022



### Reintegration Projects in 2022

In 2022, there was only one Reintegration project (car repair). This is due to the decreasing of return to Ethiopia.

Ongoing reintegration projects of beneficiaries who returned in 2021 and 2020 were supported and finalized.

### Vocational Training

3 persons benefitted from vocational training useful to their respective field of activity (Computer course, driving skills/machinery, hair dressing). IOM covered the tuition fee of the courses and covered transportation costs whenever relevant.

<sup>1</sup> Due to low number of returns, the foreseen operational costs have not been spent

## Mutual Support Group

In 2021, a group for mutual support was established for returnees from Switzerland with the aim of creating a platform to share experience among themselves and to address the social and psychosocial needs of returnees towards sustainable reintegration. Due to the state of emergency by the end of 2021 and related security issues the group could finally meet in March 2022, organized as a half-day focus group discussion by IOM. In the meantime, they kept communicating via phone and social media. The group consists of five returnees from Switzerland and two returnees from Egypt and they raised concerns to be addressed. In total 3 meetings were held in 2022.

The group planned to join forces and open a common business (first ideas: supermarket, bakery shop, grinding mill/salt packing, laundry shop). With the group business, they wanted to strengthen their cohesiveness among members and supplement their economic need. In addition, they saw perspective giving them a platform to exercise teamwork, leadership and management.

The following issues could be addressed through IOM's support and/or referral:

1. Liasing with governmental body (Job Enterprise and industry development office) and clarification of requirements to access support for a business premise of a certified enterprise.
2. Assessment of the psychological needs of all beneficiaries and referral of two identified persons to IOM Mental Health and Psychosocial Support
3. Request of additional financial assistance for the group to form a community business project (bakery) sent to respective Swiss return counselors and IOM Bern.

The request for funding of importing bakery machines from Europe was rejected by SEM, as a second reintegration grant is not foreseen in Switzerland's return directive and amendment of the planned use of the flat funding activities in Ethiopia was not granted.

