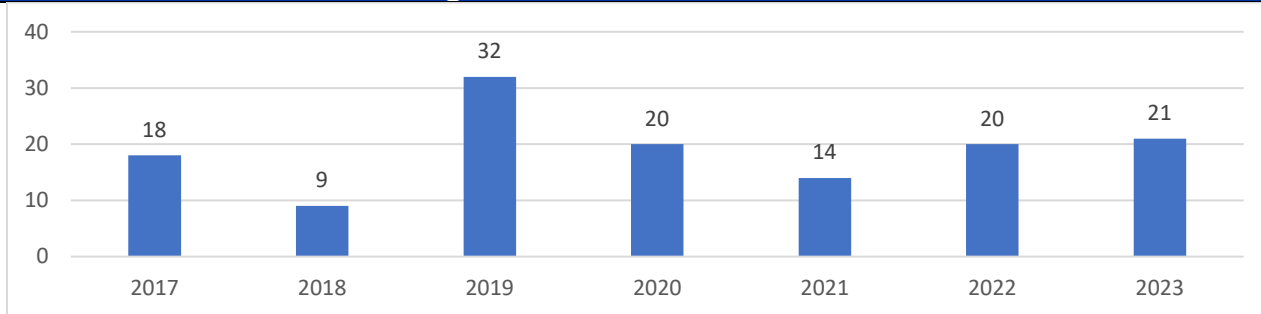




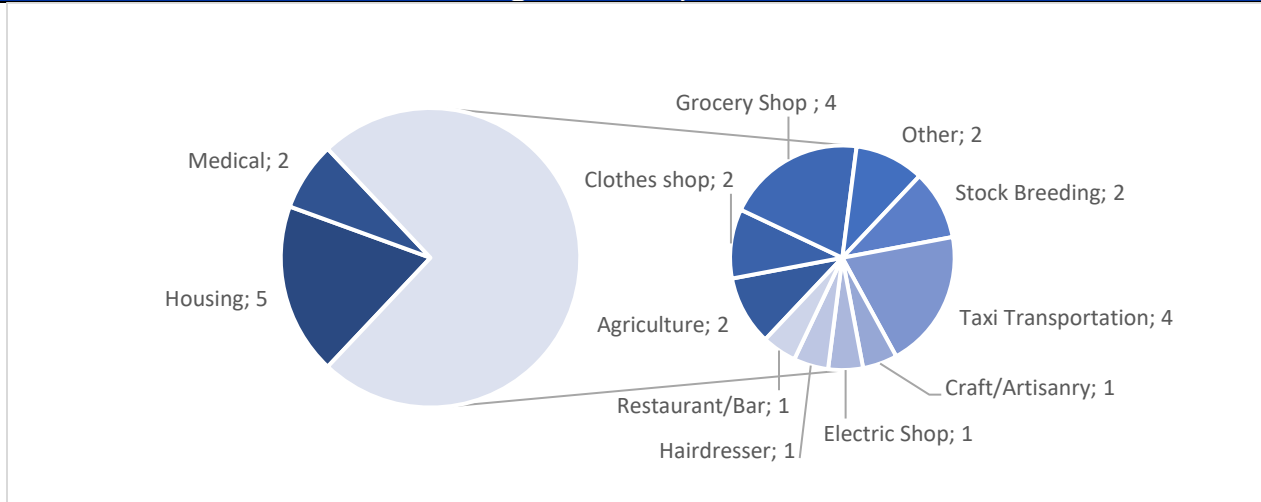
## Reintegration Assistance – Flat Funding 2023 –Nigeria

- **Implementation support for 21 reintegration projects** in 2023 (for a total of USD 67,822), for 19 men, 2 women, 2 children.
- **Return operations for 7 cases** (4 men, 2 women)
- IOM Nigeria was supported through a **Swiss flat funding** of USD 50,123 in 2023
- While almost 50% of beneficiaries intended to return to **Lagos**, the majority finally settled in the **South-Eastern** part of the country due to lower costs (Abia, Edo, Ebonyi, Delta State)
- **Grocery shop** and **transportation** projects are the most common business adopted by returnees from Switzerland.
- The country experienced 2023 an **extreme devaluation of the currency** that makes sustainable reintegration challenging

### Reintegration Cases from 2017 to 2023



### Reintegration Projects in 2023





## Monitoring visit

- A **monitoring trip** to Nigeria was organized from 15 to 19 October 2023. The delegation of the AVRR focal point for returns to Nigeria at IOM Bern (Lisa Huwyler) together with one return counselors (Mialy Cannella) with high numbers of returns to Nigeria in the past years (Federal Asylum Center in Chiasso) travelled to Lagos and the South-East of the country
- 8 returnees (1 female, 7 male) were visited at their respective business site or home address in Lagos, Benin City, Agbor.
- Improved understanding of the challenges of return and reintegration was reached to improve return counselling and programming:
  - sustainable reintegration largely depends on the **support structures in the community** of return, socially and economically (e.g. family). While one can hardly live on his/her own, family may provide a security network. However, returnees are often confronted with the need to take care of family members
  - some returnees are suffering from trauma with long term implications on their well-being, which is not always identified before return. **Vulnerabilities** might emerge only once the person is back. In that case, it is difficult to respond adequately to the needs and get adequate financial support.
  - **managing expectations before return** is crucial for the acceptance of and the satisfaction of the reintegration support. Virtual Counselling clearly makes a difference in that process.
  - While the business environment has a high potential, the **difficult economy** of the country including devaluation of the currency makes sustainable reintegration challenging, not only in terms of changing prices but also in terms of hope for a better future.





## Communication Activities

- 5 videos were produced in 2023 to showcase the reintegration, its challenges and opportunities, of migrants who returned from Switzerland to Nigeria.
- <https://www.youtube.com/@iomswitzerland/videos>



Climate action hero in Ogun State – Taiwo's Story of Return to Nigeria  
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