

REPAIR Family Reunion Toolkit Overview

Introduction

This REPAIR Toolkit brings together practical resources and materials produced during the *Reunification Pathways for Integration* project, as well as other materials which proved useful to project partners.

Intended for anyone engaging with and supporting people seeking family reunification – both inside and outside the Red Cross Red Crescent Movement - the toolkit provides practical resources, insights, reports and guidance, relevant to the family reunion process.

With many materials and resources co-produced alongside people and communities with lived experience of family reunion, the toolkit also provides examples of the fruits of this approach which can be replicated and revised to fit different contexts.

Purpose and Goals

The intention of the REPAIR Toolkit is not only to present materials that can be used off-the-peg, e.g. to help explain and prepare families for the reunification process, but also to provide models and templates for resources that can be either tweaked to fit similar contexts, or completely reinvented using co-production and participatory methodologies to create bespoke resources that families going through reunion want and need.

Having developed and tested these resources to support their own work in family reunification, the REPAIR partners wanted to make them available more widely to spread the benefit and impact.

Key Components

This toolkit includes various resources designed to be accessible and adaptable, including:

- **Videos:** From outlining the principles behind family reunification, and the role National Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies can play in supporting people to access the process, to explaining specific practical steps to apply for support and access basic services in REPAIR-project countries, the video library covers a whole host of family reunification related topics.
- **Case Studies:** Capturing the journeys and experiences of families who have been through reunification, as well as the challenges and successes National Society staff experience working with families during the process, the case study library features stories from all four REPAIR National Society Partner countries – Austria, France, Slovenia and UK.
- **Family Reunification Guides:** Easy to understand documents produced by REPAIR partners explaining the family reunification process and steps to be followed in their respective countries.
- **Participatory Needs Assessment:** the executive summary of this participatory needs assessment carried out by REPAIR partners, not only sets out the barriers, challenges and successes as identified by families with lived experience of the reunification process in each of the REPAIR project countries, but also provides a methodology for others to build upon.

- **Diaspora Organisation Mapping:** Recognising the vital role, capacity and expertise of diaspora community organisations, REPAIR partners sought to engage with and map key diaspora organisations in their countries. This tool provides a guide to active diaspora organisations in REPAIR countries, as well as demonstrating an activity and resource which could be replicated elsewhere.
- **Recommendations and Highlights:** Combining contributions from diaspora communities, insights from families with lived experience of separation and reunification, and inputs from REPAIR project partners and other organisations engaged in family reunification, these documents set key recommendations for addressing challenges in the family reunification process, as well as highlighting the achievements of REPAIR partners within the project.
- **Additional Resources:** This section compiles additional resources generated outside the project, which have proved useful and which partners feel are practical tools to sit alongside those produced within REPAIR.

How to Use This Toolkit

To get the most out of this toolkit, we recommend:

1. **Review the Contents:** The toolkit is open to be browsed to see if there is anything that catches your eye, or alternatively the arrangement of tools into sections, plus the search function on the Community Engagement Hub can help you track down individual resources if you are after something specific.
2. **Applying the Tools:** If you find resources that are exactly relevant to your specific needs, please feel free to download and use them directly. Similarly if you would like to tweak them slightly, or use them as a template or model to develop your own resources to fit needs in different contexts, we encourage you to do so.

Contact and Support

For questions, support, to share feedback, or if you would like to add your own materials to this toolkit, please feel free to reach out to REPAIR partners directly:

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