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### Conditionality of German development cooperation policy regarding the re-admittance of irregular migrants by potential recipient countries

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The Federal Government of Germany does not have an explicit policy requiring countries to re-admit their own citizens as a condition for receiving development aid. However, one of the foci of German development cooperation is the combat against the underlying causes of irregular migration. On the EU level, Germany, like other EU countries, supports the EU strategies aiming at a reduction of irregular migration, for example, by allocating more financial means to the EU-Africa Trust Funds. This, however, is considered to be a component of Germany's interior rather than its development policy, as evidenced by the fact that these measures are listed amongst others in the Master Plan on Migration, issued by the Federal Ministry of the Interior, Building, and Community in 2018.

Some non-governmental organizations criticize the Federal Government's development policy for what they perceive as conditionality in matters of migration. However, this criticism rather concerns the policy towards countries that serve as transit countries for migrants (the NGOs accuse Germany and other EU countries to support those countries so that they keep migrants from third countries from entering the EU).

There is, however, no policy that explicitly ties German development cooperation with the re-admittance of irregular migrants.

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