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## Over 440 reception operators aware of trafficking and labour exploitation risks

The project ADITUS (funded by the Ministry of the Interior through the European Commission's AMIF Fund) supports the Italian authorities in the management of mixed migration flows arriving by sea, and in the identification and referral of vulnerable migrants. In the framework of this project, and in close cooperation with the Ministry of Interior and the local prefectures, since November 2017, IOM has carried out 11 trainings on labour exploitation and human trafficking with over 390 participants, including social workers of Italian reception centres. In the forthcoming months, the trainings will also involve law enforcement authorities and other relevant actors.

Also, in the framework of the project "Protecting Children in the context of the Refugee and Migrant Crisis in Europe" funded by the European Commission, IOM has carried out three trainings on human mobility and sexual and labour exploitation in 12 emergency reception centres for unaccompanied minors in Sicily, involving 57 professionals.



Photo: IOM. An IOM training session carried out in December in a reception centre located in Southern Italy.

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## THE BUZZ

### Press releases

- [Migrant drownings top 3,000 for 4<sup>th</sup> straight year, despite reduced migrant crossings of Mediterranean](#)
- [New UN Migration Agency Report Sheds Light on Migrants' Vulnerabilities to Human Trafficking and Exploitation en-route to Europe](#)
- [IOM DG Discusses Migration with Greek, Italian and Nigerians Leaders at WEF Annual Meeting](#)

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## Aware Migrants Information Campaign engages more than 400,000 people

The Aware Migrants Information Campaign raises awareness about the dramatic conditions of migration journeys to help migrants make informed decisions. It is financed by the Italian Ministry of Interior, and has received the contribution of the Federal Foreign Office of Germany to further engage West African communities.

The Campaign has engaged more than 400.000 people and around 100 government officials and academics through outreach and sensitization events including sharing the stories of returnees with youth; photo and video competitions; radio talks and training for media professionals in Ghana, Niger and Senegal. Feedback on the campaign was shared with representatives from West African countries, the German Government, journalists, NGOs and diaspora organizations on 8 February 2018, during a conference in Berlin.

*".. The younger we make them aware, the better. The Aware Migrants campaign is a very effective tool to reach youth and their communities..."* said GIS Chief Superintendent James Hayford Boadi, Officer in Charge of the Migration Information Centre (MIC) in Sunyani (Ghana).

The Campaign is supported by Senegalese artist Coumba Gawlo, who wrote a new song and dedicated a tour in Senegal to inform youth on the risks of migration. Itinerant theatre events were also carried out with "Kocc Barma de Rufisque" theatre group and rapper "Makhou". The Campaign further supported the organization of IOM Global Migration Film Festival in 8 West African countries and 3 European countries.



(as of 31 January)

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- **119,369** migrants; out of which 13,121 women and 15,779 unaccompanied minors reached Italy by sea, from January 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>th</sup> 2017, 34,24% less than 2016 in the same period;
- While en-route to Italy, 3,116 migrants died at sea in 2017. For more information visit the [Missing Migrants Project website](#).
- **4,189** migrants reached Italy by sea from January 1<sup>st</sup> to January 31<sup>th</sup> 2018, of whom 600 women and 586 unaccompanied minors.



Photo: IOM. Events in the context of Aware Migrants campaign in Senegal and Niger, October 2017/ January 2018.

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## ESCAPES: Improving the accessibility of social and health services for migrant communities

ESCAPES project addresses the need to improve the accessibility of social and health services for foreigners in Italy, overcoming linguistic, cultural and information barriers through *Community Health Educators*, following the United Kingdom's National Health Service model developed by Dr. Lai Fong Chiu. Since November 2017, ESCAPES has developed a Training Package for Health Service Providers and Community Health Educators in the territory of the Local Public Health Authority ASL RM5/6. In December 2017 and January 2018, ESCAPES provided a series of trainings, which will be followed by awareness-raising campaigns and informative events in social service premises, schools, and informal meeting places for migrant communities in the areas of Colferro, Carpineto, Valmontone and Artena. Such activities at the local level will provide a great chance to promote the knowledge of health services available and activate empowerment mechanisms in relation to health within migrant communities.



Photos: IOM. Training sessions.

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## Building the capacity of European local authorities for integration

Admin4All, a European project funded by DG Employment, builds the capacity of municipal social services to understand migration processes, identify vulnerabilities and deliver services to increasingly diverse populations. Since the beginning of 2017, IOM conducted training sessions in 14 cities in Italy, Austria, Poland and Romania, with more than 320 participants comprising municipal staff, social services' managers, social workers, reception centres staff, municipal police and health departments. Twelve (12) study visits, engaging 130 participants, further allowed partner municipalities to identify and share best practices, including by visiting to migrants' reception centres, local social service desks, and exchanging on administrative practices. In Italy, the visits took place between the cities of Milan, Florence, Bari and Naples, engaging 50 participants, mostly directors, administrative staff and front-line workers of the municipal social services. A final regional workshop took place in Brussels, bringing together representatives of all 14 partner municipalities. The event provided an opportunity to take stock of the work done in the first phase, discuss good practices and challenges faced during the implementation of the project, and identify opportunities for future capacity-building activities to strengthen and make more accessible, municipal services for migrants in Europe.



Photo: IOM. Admin4All study visits.

## Latest Events

Milan, 21 December 2017

### Closing event of the pilot phase of the BASE project

The event took place to celebrate the successful conclusion of the project BASE – *Bureau d'Appui aux Sénégalais de l'Extérieur*, and with it, the creation of a structure that will continue to support Senegalese entrepreneurs willing to invest in Senegal. BASE is based on an idea of the Directorate of Senegalese abroad, funded by the Italian Cooperation and implemented by IOM in partnership with the Municipality of Milan and the Senegalese Embassy. BASE's goal is to support Senegalese migrants living in Italy who want to start a business in their home country. The event highlighted project's activities, goals and final results and offered an opportunity to participants (Italian NGOs and diaspora Associations) to share good practices tested out by other organizations working on migrant entrepreneurship. The discussion carried out during the day brought up several suggestions and recommendations on to pave the way towards a second phase of the BASE project.



Photos: IOM. Closing event of the pilot phase of the BASE project, Milan.

Rome, 18 December 2017

### Global Migration Film Festival

On the occasion of the International Migrants' Day, on Monday 18 December, IOM Italy organized a session of the Global Migration Film Festival at Cinema Farnese in Rome. The session comprised the screening of three films (*Granma*, *My Name is Adil*, *Mediterranea*), a debate with film directors (Alfie Nzè and Daniele Gaglianone), and an exhibition of Photographer Francesco Malavolta, on the risks of irregular migration highlighting the need to raise awareness on the vulnerabilities of migrants. The event saw the participation of over 200 people throughout the day, from high school students to IOM's institutional and diplomatic counterparts including the Nigerian Ambassador.



Photos: IOM. Global Migration Film Festival event – 18<sup>th</sup> December 2017, Cinema Farnese, Rome.

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## Latest publications and reports

IOM Italy released the second issue of its Briefing series, dedicated to explore migrants' contribution to Italy's welfare in October ([here](#)). IOM Italy also contributed to the Report [Migrant Vulnerability to Human Trafficking and Exploitation, evidence from the Central and Eastern Mediterranean Migration Routes](#) released by IOM Geneva in December 2017, which is based also on data and interviews with migrant children and youth in Italy. The Report was presented at the [International Forum of Migration Statistics](#), jointly organized by IOM and OECD in Paris on 15-16 January 2018.

The joint IOM-Unicef Report *Harrowing Journeys* released in 2017, was also discussed at the International conference "[Oltre le Terre di Mezzo3](#)" held at the Italian Chamber of Deputies on 29-30 January 2018.

