



## The Coordination Office for the Mediterranean steps up efforts at landing points



On 1 January 2017, IOM Italy launched “ADITUS”, a project financed within the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund (AMIF) 2014-2020 framework, with the aim of supporting Italian authorities in the management of mixed migration flows arriving by sea and to identify and protect vulnerable migrants including unaccompanied minors and victims of trafficking. Since January, IOM teams in Southern Italy have assisted around 7,000 migrants at landing points and provided legal information

to 637 potential victims of trafficking. Among them, 62 cases have been referred to the relevant national authorities for specific assistance. [Read more.](#)

## PASSIM cultural mediators support health teams in first assistance activities

The project “PASSIM” aims at ensuring language mediation and intercultural communication support to the health personnel on board of Italian Navy vessels in charge of search and rescue activities. Since October 2016, PASSIM staff provided language and cultural mediation services to Grecale, Bersagliere, Cigala Fulgosi and Bettica Navy Ships, assisting more than 500 migrants. PASSIM teams are also addressing the special needs of vulnerable groups such as women with children, unaccompanied minors, victims of torture and violence. [Read more.](#)

## Over 1200 migrants assisted through the *Terra Munda* project



The project “*Terra Munda*” aims at contrasting labour exploitation in Southern Italy. In the past three months, IOM strengthened strategic relationships set up with the regions of Campania and Apulia, COOP Italia and Caritas in order to promote the sustainable integration of vulnerable migrant workers at risk of labour exploitation through job placement opportunities and housing. Simultaneously, two mobile teams provided daily legal counselling and orientation to over 1,200 migrant workers in Campania and Apulia. “*Terra Munda*” on-field

staffers identify migrants’ vulnerabilities and major concerns regarding their legal status, working and living conditions and report them to local authorities for follow-up. [Read more.](#)

## IOM Italy supports co-development projects in Somalia presented by the Somali diaspora associations.

The project “*MIDA Youth 2017*” supports Somali diaspora associations in Italy in the elaboration and implementation of co-development projects in their home country. The aim is to create job opportunities in growing sectors such as Information and Communications Technology, plumbing and food processing for young unemployed Somalis, especially in Kismayo and Baidoa, in



## ARRIVALS IN ITALY



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- As of 14 March:
  - **15,843** migrants reached Italy by sea. They represent about 80% of total arrivals in Europe;
  - **481** people died at sea while en-route to Italy.
- In January and February 2017, some **349 women** and **820 unaccompanied minors** arrived in Italy by sea;
- The largest nationalities registered in the past two months are:
  - Guinea:** 2092
  - Nigeria:** 1687
  - Ivory Coast:** 1645
  - Bangladesh:** 1303
  - Gambia:** 1244

## THE BUZZ



Last Friday, the Coordination Office for the Mediterranean launched - in cooperation with IOM Headquarters and the UN in New York - the spot “*I remember*”, a new awareness-raising video on the risks of irregular migration for its **Aware Migrants** campaign. Specifically, the campaign sheds light on violence and abuses faced by migrants during their journey, such as detention, torture, labour exploitation and sexual slavery. [Watch the video.](#)

Southern Somalia. In March 2017, IOM Italy launched a call aimed at identifying promising projects that will be refined through a targeted training for selected diaspora associations. Upon completion of the training activities, a second call for proposals will be launched to select up to five projects that will be co-financed for implementation. [Read more.](#)

## The University of Catania hosts A.MI.CO. Training: calls for proposal for diaspora associations in Apulia now open

In February, IOM Italy inaugurated the new edition of the “A.MI.CO Training Course” for diaspora associations in Catania, organized with the support of the Italian Development Cooperation. The 7<sup>th</sup> edition was hosted in partnership with the Municipality of Catania, the University of Catania – GLOPEM, the Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence on Migrants’ Rights in the Mediterranean, the Centro Studi di Politica Internazionale (CeSPI) and Piazza dei Mestieri. Twenty participants from 17 diaspora associations in Sicily, and four students from the University of Catania joined the training. The next A.MI.CO. Training Course will be hosted in Bari in April 2017, and applications will be open until 26 March 2017. [Read more.](#)

## BASE facilitates dialogue between diaspora and local development groups

In January, BASE, the *Bureau d’Appui aux Sénégalais de l’Extérieur*, staff attended a training in Dakar on investment opportunities. This initiative was jointly organized by the Coordination Office for the Mediterranean, IOM Senegal and nine leading development agencies in Senegal, in partnership with the Senegalese Embassy and the Municipality of Milan. BASE Staff established a network of focal points in each of the nine agencies and is now able to refer members of the Senegalese diaspora interested in investing in Senegal to the relevant counterparts there. [Read more.](#)



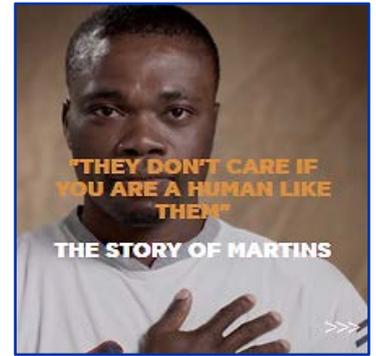
## IOM Italy awards children talents in development initiatives

The project “**Children first**”, funded by USAIM, supported a group of unaccompanied minors hosted in Taranto in using their skills and talents to actively contribute to the development of their community of origin by devising project ideas to be awarded a prize. The award ceremony took place on 15 February 2017. Two groups of unaccompanied minors were awarded prizes to set up a tailor shop and an ethnic restaurant in Taranto. Four children won the prizes for the community proposals: building up a primary school in Mali, an ambulatory in Egypt, and the purchase of a “school boat” in Pakistan. [Read more.](#)

## IOM Italy hosts project development training in Rome

From 7 to 10 February 2017, the IOM Coordination Office for the Mediterranean welcomed 17 colleagues from Croatia, Cyprus, Greece, Italy, Malta, Portugal, Slovenia and Spain, who participated in the internal **IOM Project Development Training**. The training course was co-

facilitated by the Regional Office in Brussels and IOM Italy, and was based on a participatory methodology that relied on group work. It focused on all steps of the project development cycle, from analysis of stakeholders to formulating a project strategy and evaluation considerations, to the project review, and endorsement process. In addition, the participants familiarized themselves with different EU financial instruments.



The “**Aware Migrants**” campaign, financed by the Department of Civil Liberties and Immigration of the Italian Ministry of the Interior and implemented by IOM, aims at informing potential migrants about the dangerous journey across the desert and the Mediterranean, with a strong focus on the risks faced in Libya. The campaign features migrants who themselves have made the journey, and it is run on social media (Facebook, Twitter, YouTube and Instagram). [Hear their stories.](#)

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