

UNACCOMPANIED FOREIGN MINORS IN ITALY

Monitoring Report

data as of December 31, 2020



The Directorate General for Immigration and Integration Policies of the Ministry of Labour and Social Policies publishes a monitoring report on unaccompanied foreign minors every six months, it is the main and the most up-to-date source of information on this issue in Italy. In addition to the data on the presence of the unaccompanied foreign minors and the data on the new arrivals, the report presents the latest updates on national and international legislation on this issue. The report also presents the pathways of social and work integration, including some stories of the protagonists. This report is enriched by contributions from other international institutions and organizations, which investigate various aspects of the phenomenon.

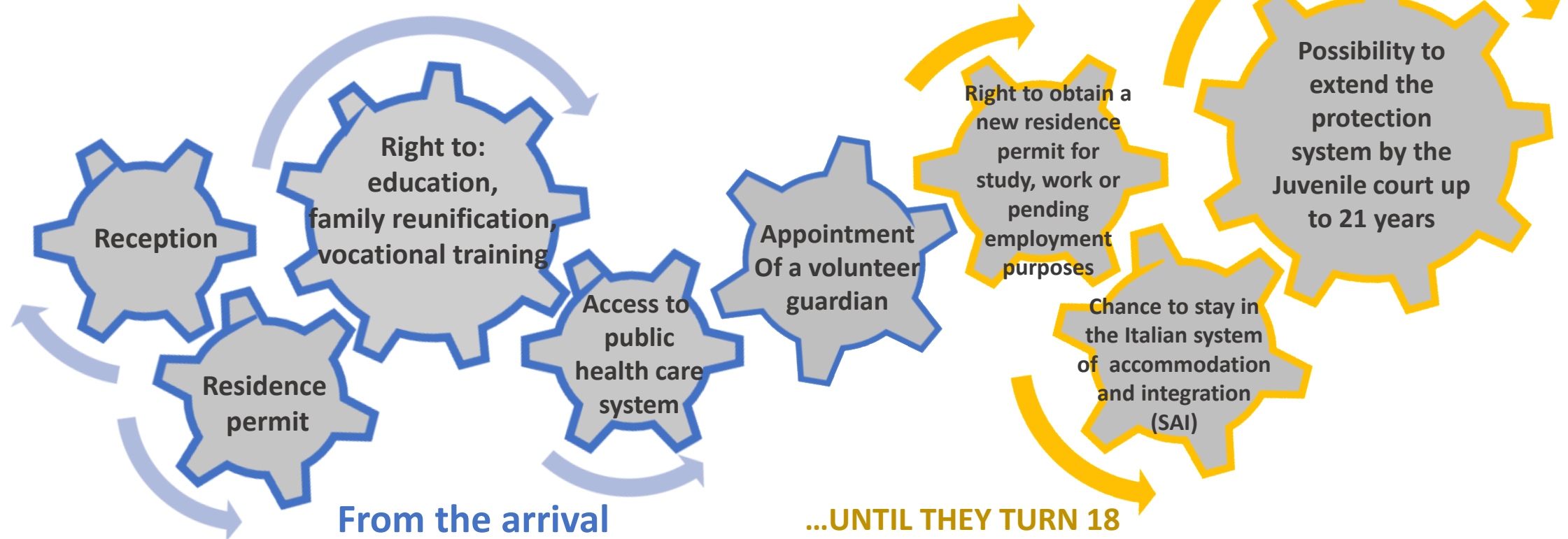
All the semiannual monitoring reports on unaccompanied foreign minors and the monthly statistical reports with the main data in Italy are available on the website of the Ministry of Labour and Social Policies (<https://www.lavoro.gov.it/temi-e-priorita/immigrazione/focus-on/minori-stranieri/Pagine/Dati-minori-stranieri-non-accompagnati.aspx>).



THE SPECIAL CARE AND PROTECTION OF UNACCOMPANIED MINORS IN ITALY

"(...) is a minor who has neither Italian nor EU citizenship, who is, for any reason, in the territory of the State or who is otherwise subject to the Italian jurisdiction, without any assistance and representation by his parents or other adults legally responsible for him according to the Italian laws in force".

(Article 2 (1) Law No. 47 of April 7, 2017)



THE RESPONSABILITIES OF THE DG FOR IMMIGRATION AND INTEGRATION POLICIES



MANDATORY OPINION ON THE
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FAMILY TRACING



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MAIN ACTIVITY



Monitoring the presence of the
minors and tracking their
movements on the
Italian territory

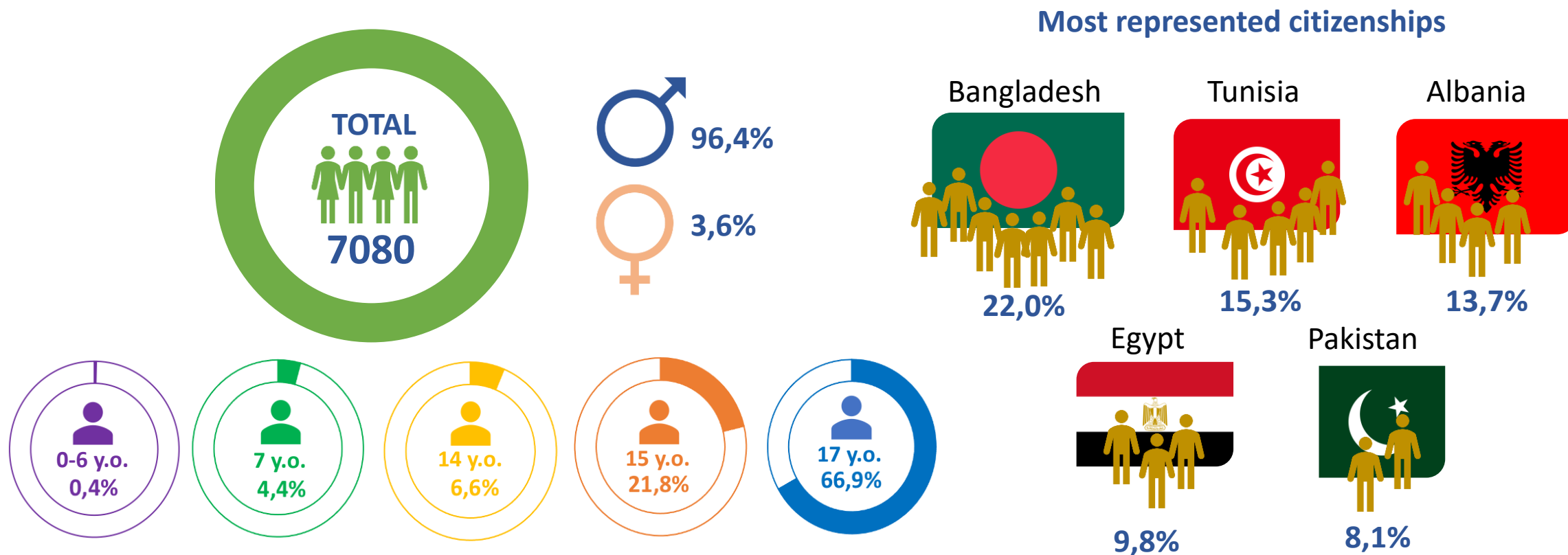


National Database on UAMs



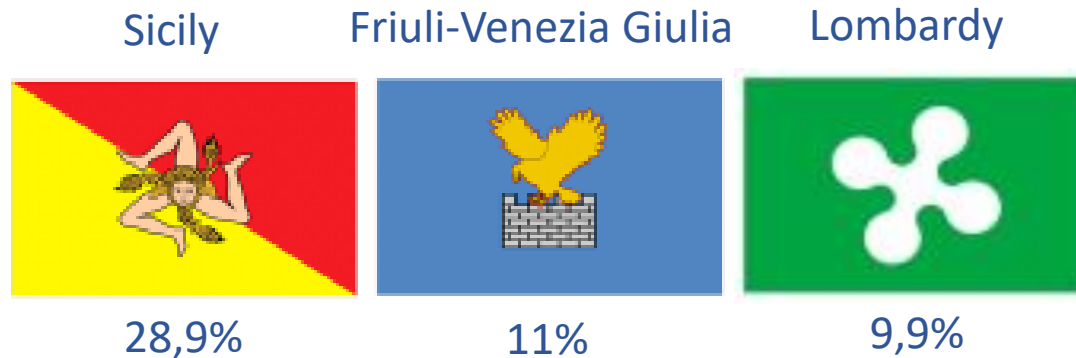
Handling personal
data of minors and information about their
status and placement on the territory

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Regions hosting the largest number of minors

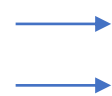


Hospitality



Reception facilities - 96,2%

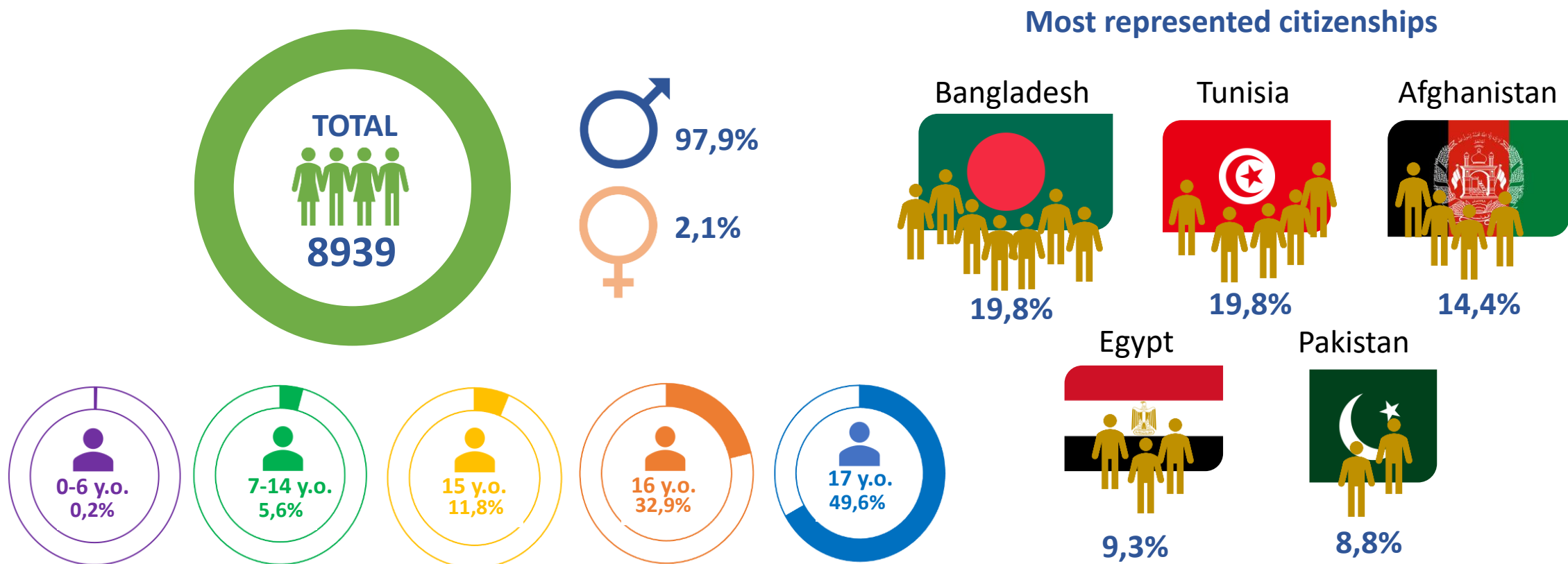
Private - 3,8%



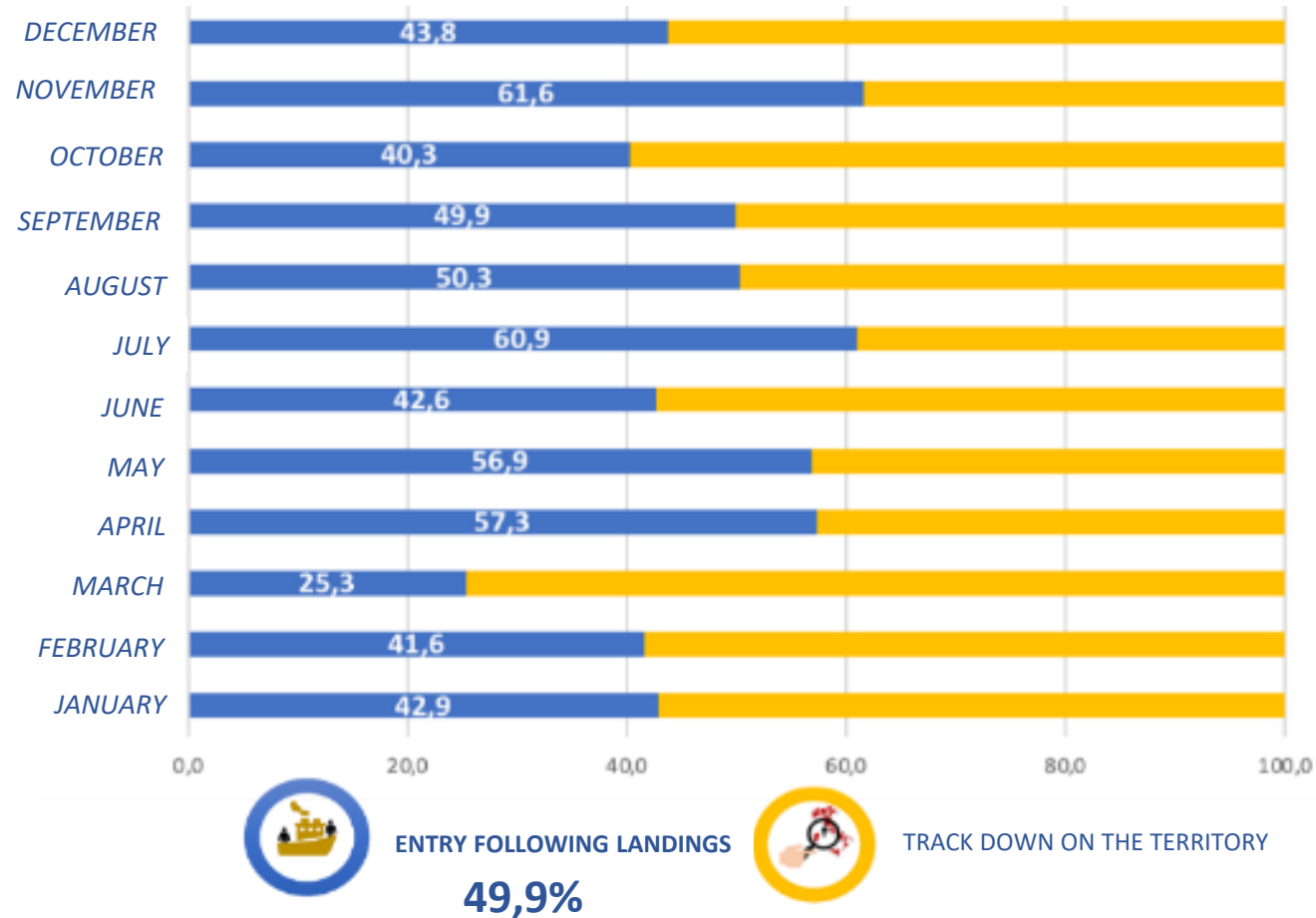
First reception facilities - 17,8%

Second reception facilities - 78,4%

ENTRY FLOW OF UNACCOMPANIED MINORS INTO THE ITALIAN TERRITORY DURING 2020



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1713 in 2020

Most represented citizenships
Albania (40,6%), Kosovo
(21,9%), Bangladesh (11,3%),
Egypt (9,9%)

Regions most involved
Friuli-Venezia Giulia (20,7%),
Lombardy (16,1%),
Emilia-Romagna (14,8%),
Veneto (10,8%)



FAMILY TRACING



89 in 2020

The information obtained through family tracing is used to better calibrate the reception and integration process in Italy, and to evaluate the opportunity for assisted voluntary repatriation or family reunification pursuant to the Dublin Regulation.



INTEGRATION POLICIES



Percorsi



Labour-integration intervention promoted by The Directorate General for Immigration and Integration Policies “PERCORSI”

1

Project funded by the European Social Fund (ESF)

OUTCOME OF THE PROJECTS

1.965 Implemented internships

1.782 Completed internships

2

Aims to enhance a sustainable intervention Model that caters to the social and working placement of the unaccompanied minor refugees, based on the local system for integration and working services



3

Tailored intervention plan for UAMs and young refugees (starting from 16 years old – up to 23 years old) who arrived in Italy as unaccompanied minors and are unemployed or inactive (internships and integrated service offerings)

OUTCOMES IN THE LABOUR MARKET UP TO 3, 6 AND 12 MONTHS

3 MONTHS	6 MONTHS	12 MONTHS
419 work contracts 23,5%	589 work contracts 33,1%	860 work contracts 48,3%

STORIES OF INTEGRATION PATHWAYS

Mohiyadin Abdi



Mohiyadin was born in Somalia and raised in Ethiopia. Today he works at Residenza Brancaccio, a historic retirement home in **Matera**, thanks to an internship carried out with the **PUOI** project which turned into an employment contract. The job of this young operator consists in taking care of the animation, with games, music, dances and outings, he also has the task of organizing anti-loneliness video calls.

“It wasn’t easy at the beginning, I didn’t speak Italian very well and the guests spoke in dialect. [...] But now they have grown fond of me, they are always looking for me and we spend a nice time together. We talk a lot, they are curious about my story and I also want to know more things about them. [...] it’s a really good job.”

Hamza left Morocco at the age of 15. He found an anchor at the Nanà Intercultural Center of the Dedalus social cooperative in **Naples**, where he was received and helped to study for the first time. The operators must have done a really good job since Hamza hopes to be able to volunteer at this Center and maybe, one day, become part of the team.

“In recent years I have figured out that the greatest danger in life is to get depressed and let go, abandon the undertaken pathway. I have abandoned it many times, but luckily they have always helped me get back on my feet. I tell my story to the new minors who have just arrived, and they always ask me for advice.”

Hamza Bouziane



STORIES OF INTEGRATION PATHWAYS

Kirolos Bebawy



Kirolos arrived in **Palermo** at the age of 16 on the ship that had rescued him in the *Strait of Sicily*. He had left with a cousin from Asyut, a large Egyptian city straddling the Nile. In Palermo, together with five other young people, he founded Kirmal, a social enterprise specialized in “experiential” catering and tourism.

“My father always told me that if you help others, you will get helped as well. Since I arrived in Italy, they have dressed me, fed me, guided me. All the people I met helped me grow. Now it's my turn”.

Jacinta arrived in Italy from Nigeria crossing Libya. Now she lives in **Taranto**. Today Jacinta spares no effort to build up her future. In the morning she studies and does her homework, in the afternoon she goes to class, in the evening she works behind the counter of a kebab shop, this work was offered to her thanks to a meeting with the Salesians of Ciofs-FP and an internship offered by the **PUOI** project.

“I am always positive and I want to learn something new every day, I want to continue my studies and my work and get better and better every day. I dream of having a daughter someday and tell her that when you try hard you can achieve whatever you want.”

Jacinta Okafor



STORIES OF INTEGRATION PATHWAYS

Mohamed Keita



When at 17 he slept on the street next to Termini station, Mohamed certainly didn't dream of exploring the world through photography. Today, however, he collaborates with magazines, publishes books and has made several exhibitions on three continents. A career as a professional photographer marked by tens of thousands of shots, which started by framing with a borrowed camera, a cardboard box, a shoulder bag and a plastic bag used to keep one blanket dry: these were all his belongings after his trip from the Ivory Coast to **Rome**. His first work ended up on the wall of the Day-time Center of Save The Children "Civico Zero" dedicated to unaccompanied minors, where a volunteer made him discover the photography.

"When someone holds out his hand to you, you have to grab it and pull yourself up. However, it won't be enough. If you know where you want to arrive, you have to work really hard, make sacrifices and you shouldn't expect to achieve it immediately. For example, I supported myself for years working as a porter, but I used to go out at dawn and shoot some pictures before starting work."



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