

Italy

September 2022

Italy has been a State Party to the 1951 Convention relating to the Status of Refugees since 1954. **A country office was established in 1954.** In 2020, it became a multi-country office covering Italy, the Holy See and San Marino.

A **52% increase in sea arrivals** over the last year, coupled with **unprecedented arrivals from Ukraine** and steeping land arrivals through South-East Europe, is placing great pressure on Italy's reception system, particularly near arrival locations.

In July 2022, 270 Afghan nationals arrived in Italy through the **first humanitarian corridors from Iran and Pakistan**, thanks to an agreement signed by Italian authorities, UNHCR, civil society and IOM in 2021.

POPULATION OF CONCERN as of 30 June 2022*

Refugees	295,506
Asylum-seekers	58,908
Stateless persons	3,000

TOP THREE COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN*

Refugees		Asylum-seekers	
Ukraine	145,593	Pakistan	9,967
Nigeria	21,441	Bangladesh	7,148
Afghanistan	17,706	Eritrea	5,210

*Source: UNHCR provisional mid-year 2022 data
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UKRAINE REFUGEE SITUATION RESPONSE

As of 30 September, 170,646 refugees from Ukraine are currently present in Italy.

157,609 refugees from Ukraine were registered for temporary protection in Italy.

Assistance to new arrivals: UNHCR scaled up its presence at the Ferneti and Tarvisio border crossing points, providing **over 46,400 refugees from Ukraine with information** on procedures to seek protection in Italy. UNHCR staff also support the authorities in identifying vulnerable persons, including unaccompanied children, women with young children, persons with disabilities and survivors of sexual violence.

Support to the most vulnerable: Through two **Blue Dots** located at border crossing points, UNHCR and UNICEF, in partnerships with ARCI, D.i.RE., Save the Children and Stella Polare, provided critical information and **services to over 7,770 refugees** in need of specific support.

Community-based protection: UNHCR organized focus group discussions and ran information sessions to specifically address the Ukrainian community's information needs. In partnership with Intersos, a **Community Outreach Volunteers programme** was launched to strengthen communication with refugee communities, and promote their engagement and active participation, with a specific focus on Ukrainian refugees.

HIGHLIGHTS

41,434 sea arrivals

disembarked in Italy between 1 January and 31 July 2022, a 42 per cent increase over the same period last year. Sea arrivals predominantly depart from Libya - including increasingly from the eastern part of the country. Departures also take place from Tunisia, Türkiye and, to a lesser extent, Lebanon, the Syrian Arab Republic, Greece, and Cyprus. Recourse to COVID-19 quarantine vessels to isolate sea arrivals following disembarkation ceased in June.

4,384 land arrivals

crossed the Italy-Slovenia border as of 31 July 2022, travelling through South-East Europe, compared to 9,373 land arrivals in the whole of 2021.

31,998 sea arrivals assisted

and informed about asylum procedures by UNHCR staff following disembarkation in Italy (as of 31 July 2022).

INNOVATIVE PARTNERSHIP WILL HELP REFUGEES FIND QUALIFIED WORK IN ITALY



Assolavoro, the national Association of employment agencies, signed a landmark agreement with three trade unions to allocate €45 million to promote the inclusion of refugees in the workplace, through, *inter alia*, language courses, vocational training, skills assessment. UNHCR helped developing a multilingual website providing the starting point for refugees to be informed of all opportunities available. Click [here](#) to read more.

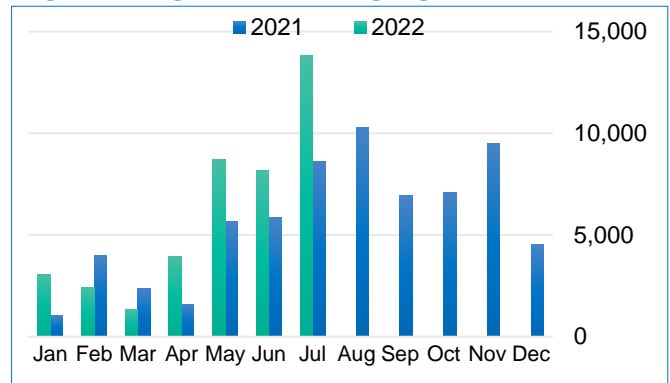
Key Priorities

- **Access to territory:** UNHCR work with the authorities to ensure that sea arrivals are provided with adequate assistance and information. In 2022, UNHCR deployed additional staff in Lampedusa to support in identifying vulnerable persons among new arrivals and referring them to services. In partnership with D.i.RE., UNHCR opened two Safe Spaces in Lampedusa and Crotona to provide specialized and gender-sensitive information on gender-based violence, while ensuring early identification of violent situations and timely referrals to anti-violence centres. In areas of land arrivals, UNHCR staff carry out outreach activities, delivering information to new arrivals and connecting them with relevant services in Italy.
- **Integration:** In June 2022, a new One-Stop integration facility opened in Turin, thanks to a collaboration between UNHCR and local institutions. It allows multiple service providers to work under one roof in an integrated manner, favouring refugees' access to legal, psychosocial, and administrative services to support their integration.
- **Gender-based violence (GBV):** UNHCR stepped up its work to prevent and respond to GBV among refugee communities, engaging with partners to improve identification and access to services for survivors of GBV, particularly in reception facilities and informal settlements.
- **Advocacy:** Ahead of the 2022 national elections, UNHCR published key [recommendations](#) on refugee protection.

Working with Partners

- UNHCR actively collaborates with national authorities including the Ministry of Interior, the EUAA and other institutions, such as Municipalities and [Universities](#).
- In 2022, UNHCR stepped up its "whole-of-society" engagement, organizing two joint missions to Moldova and Sudan, together with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, media partners and the private sector, to address the need for comprehensive responses to global refugee crises.
- UNHCR works in collaboration with other UN agencies in Italy and maintains close contact with civil society organizations. As of 15 September 2022, UNHCR partners with eighteen NGOs ([Fondazione Adecco per le Pari Opportunità](#), [ARCI](#), [Carta di Roma](#), [CIDAS](#), [CIAC](#), [D.i.RE.](#), [Intersos](#), [MEDU](#), [LHIVE](#), [Refugees Welcome Italia](#), [Save the Children Italia](#), [Programma Integra](#), [IUC – International](#)

MONTHLY SEA ARRIVALS TO ITALY



Source: [Mediterranean Situation Data Portal](#)

[University College of Turin](#), [Mosaico](#), [Differenza Donna](#), [Centro Astalli](#), [CUAMM](#), [ARCIGAY Palermo](#)).

- UNHCR works closely with the private sector, promoting refugees' job inclusion and engaging a growing number of companies, thanks also to collaboration with [AIDP](#). As of 2021, 13,000 refugees have accessed employment in private companies thanks to UNHCR's [Welcome](#) project.
- UNHCR engages with faith-based organizations to promote safe arrival pathways. Since 2015, over 3,900 persons arrived in Italy through humanitarian corridors.

Statelessness

- Italy acceded to the 1954 Convention relating to the Status of Stateless Persons in 1962 and to the 1961 Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness in 2015. It also established a statelessness determination procedure through either administrative (since 1994) or judicial (since the 1950s) means. However, very few stateless persons have their status formally recognized and pass statelessness down to their children ([link](#)).
- Unrecognized stateless persons, mostly belonging to Roma communities originally from former Yugoslavia, often marginalized with limited access to rights and services.

UNHCR Presence in Italy

Staff:

110 National Staff
8 International Staff

Offices:

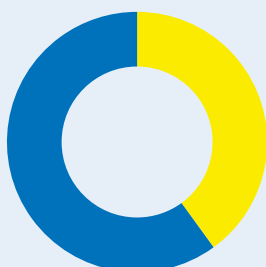
1 Multi-Country Office in Rome
1 Field Office in Milan

Financial information (13 September 2022)

Financial requirements

USD 22 M

Funding gap
60%
13.2 M



Funded
40%
8.8 M

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