Addressing Complex Migration Flows West and Central Africa Route to the Mediterranean

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Introduction

- IOM strategy in the Mediterranean
- Addressing Flows from West and Central Africa and
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IOM Strategy for the Mediterranean

(1) Saving lives and protecting rights;
(2) Addressing irregular migration drivers;
(3) Promoting safe, orderly and dignified human mobility; and;
(4) Developing partnerships for growth and competitiveness.
## Addressing Flows from West and Central Africa

Arrivals and deaths in the Mediterranean, 1 January – 11 May, 2015

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<th>Country of Arrival</th>
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<td>Italy</td>
<td>35,100</td>
<td>1,780  (Central Med route)</td>
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<td>Malta</td>
<td>100</td>
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<td>Greece</td>
<td>29,700</td>
<td>31     (Eastern Med route)</td>
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<td>Spain</td>
<td>1,000</td>
<td>18     (Western Med and Western African routes)</td>
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**Estimated Total** 65,900 1,829
The main nationalities transiting the Central Mediterranean route Gambia, Senegal, Somalia, Syria, Mali, Nigeria, and Eritrea.

Most men;

Significant numbers of women and children, including unaccompanied migrant children.
Potential immediate actions in West and Central Africa

1. Direct Assistance to migrants:
   - Medical care, a shelter for few weeks, psychological support, non-food items

2. Data collection and analyses:
   - Inter-Regional level a mapping exercise to identify crucial passing points to monitor.
3. – **AVRR** Assisted Voluntary Return and Reintegration

4. **MRRMs** Migrant Resource and Response Mechanisms.

5. Capacity building in Humanitarian Border Management (**HBM**) in countries of origin and transit:
Addressing the root causes of irregular migration in West and Central Africa:

1. Promoting alternatives to irregular migration:
   - skills development trainings and income generating activities, specifically for youth and women
   - supporting implementation of existing legal migration possibilities, including South-South labour migration within ECOWAS
Addressing the root causes of irregular migration in West and Central Africa:

2. Promoting stronger and more coherent approaches to border management

3. Regular and well-targeted information campaigns in source and communities at risk of irregular migration
Addressing the root causes of irregular migration in West and Central Africa:

4. Facilitating dialogue on migration management among countries in the region and with the EU, building on existing forums and mechanisms