

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
- Long Term Impact Actions



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 Country of Arrival

	Arrivals	Deaths
Italy	35,100	1,780 (<i>Central Med route</i>)
Malta	100	
Greece	29,700	31 (<i>Eastern Med route</i>)
Spain	1,000	18 (<i>Western Med and Western African routes</i>)
Estimated Total	65,900	1,829



Central Med Route

- 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.



Immediate Actions (cont)

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