

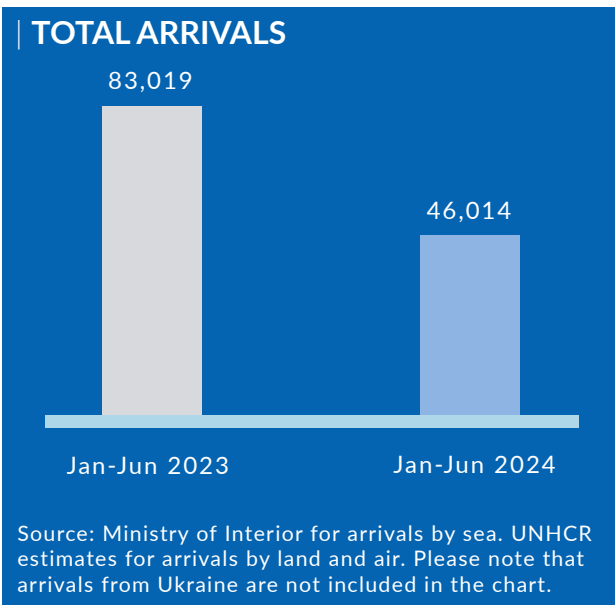
Italy

June 2024

In June, **4,902 refugees and migrants arrived in Italy by sea**. Most originated from Bangladesh (25%), the Syrian Arab Republic (15%) and Egypt (7%). **17 per cent were children**. Other people reached Italy via land and air.

In June, UNHCR released the **Global Trends** providing key statistical trends on forced displacement. By the end of 2023, 117.3 million people have been forcibly displaced, marking the 12th consecutive year of increased displacement.

In June, UNHCR celebrated **World Refugee Day** with institutional and private sector stakeholders, including a ceremony to award companies and civil society organizations which excelled in facilitating the labor integration of forcibly displaced people in Italy.



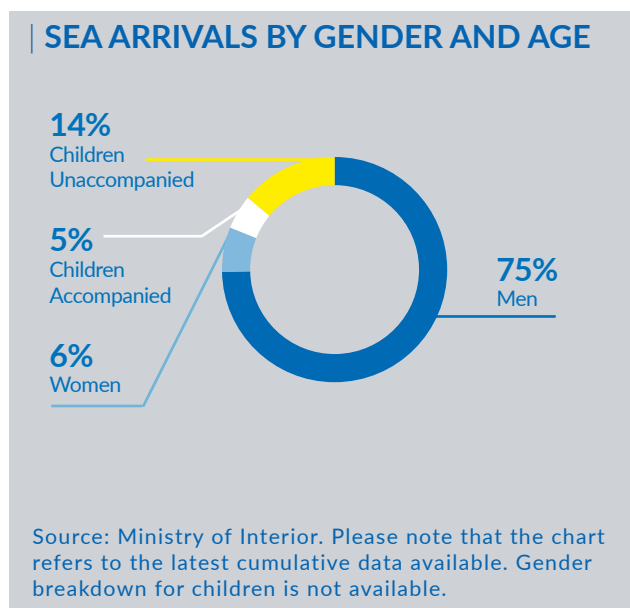
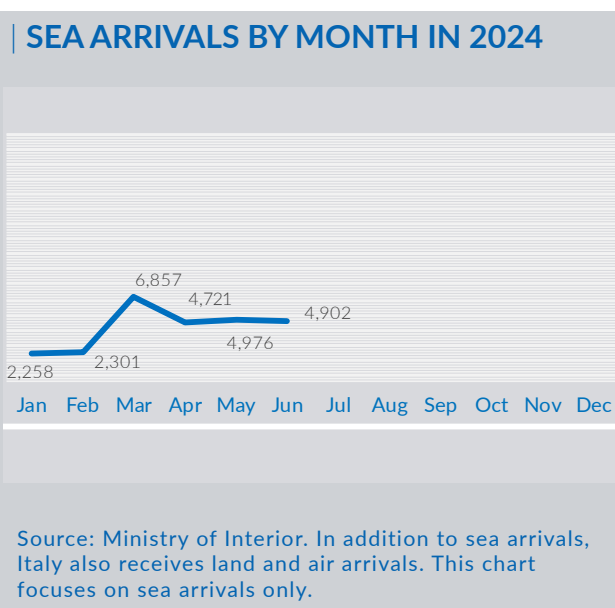
KEY FIGURES

26,015

People reached Italy by sea disembarking in different ports across the country in January-June 2024. 21,563 (83%) were informed about asylum procedures by UNHCR staff following disembarkation. (Source: Ministry of Interior and UNHCR)

191,730

Temporary protection applications of people fleeing Ukraine as of end of June 2024. 71% of applicants are females. (Source: Civil Protection)





Arrivals

- Access to territory (sea arrivals).** In June, **4,902 people reached the Italian shores** in 129 disembarkations, a 60 per cent decrease compared to the same period in 2023. Among arrivals, 17 per cent were children (19% in May). **Twenty-five per cent originated from Bangladesh** (22% in May), followed by **15 per cent from the Syrian Arab Republic** (13% in May), and **7 per cent each from Egypt and Tunisia** (in May, 7% were Egyptians and 15% were Tunisians). Other nationalities of people arriving by sea were Sudanese (6%), Gambian, Pakistani, Eritrean and Iranian (4% each), Afghan, Ethiopian, Guinean and Algerian (3% each). In June, **almost two-third of sea crossings departed from Libya** (64%, 3,157 people), followed by 22 per cent from Tunisia (1,077 people), 11 per cent from Türkiye (536 people) and 3 per cent from Algeria (132 people). In June, **more than half of the people arriving by sea (59%, 2,912 people) were disembarked in Italy as a result of Search and Rescue (SAR) operations.** Tragically, **110 people have died or went missing in the Central Mediterranean**, due to shipwrecks, bringing the **total estimated number of dead and missing since the beginning of 2024 to 645.**¹
- Access to territory (land arrivals).** Around **500 people who reached Italy by land** were intercepted in June by the Border Police at Italy's northern borders with Slovenia, bringing the total estimated number of arrivals to 3,400 since the beginning of the year. Those arriving by land via south-eastern Europe mainly originated from **Bangladesh, the Syrian Arab Republic, Türkiye, Morocco and Afghanistan.** Instances of ill-treatment by the Police along the Western Balkan route continued being reported. UNHCR staff conducted outreach activities informing arrivals on their rights and how to apply for international protection in Italy and collecting testimonies.



Resettlement and complementary pathways

- From 4 to 7 June, the UNHCR Representation to Italy, the Holy See and San Marino, attended the **annual consultation on Resettlement and Complementary Pathways** in Geneva, alongside the Italian Ministry of Interior (Moi) which provided an overview of safe pathways to Italy, including Resettlement, Humanitarian Admissions, Education Pathways, Family Reunification and Labor Pathways. In a panel on private sector engagement, *Oriente*, an Italian employment agency and UNHCR partner, presented a labour pathway initiative from Egypt developed, jointly with UNHCR, in the context of the Italian labour mobility framework (*Decreto flussi*, law 50/2023).
- On 10 June, UNHCR held a conference in Milan to present the results of **UNHCR Community Matching** project, which, in collaboration with UNHCR partners **Ciac** and **Refugees Welcome Italia**, was launched in 2021 with the support of the Italian Buddhist Institute **Soka Gakkai** through the 8×1000 funds. Since its inception, the project has facilitated 1,007 matches, engaging over 930 people from 47 nationalities in 2023 alone, to promote social inclusion. Hosted by the **Feltrinelli Foundation**, the event drew over 160 attendees. Key speakers, including representatives from Milan Municipality, among which the Councilor for Welfare and Health, Lamberto Bertole,¹ and the Moi, emphasized **the programme's importance in the National Integration Plan**, while personal testimonies from refugees and their buddies highlighted its transformative impact.²



The Community Matching project's event in Milan.
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¹ For further information on sea arrivals in Italy, please refer to the [Italy page](#) of the UNHCR data portal.

² See also, UNHCR, [Rifugiati, UNHCR: presentati oggi i risultati del programma Community Matching sull'inclusione sociale](#), 10 June 2024.



Integration

- On 20 June, UNHCR and the National Council of Notaries presented **the handbook "Dai diritti all'integrazione. Guida pratica per rifugiati e immigrati in Italia"** in an event hosted at the Italian Senate. The handbook which is intended to be a practical tool for those assisting refugees or, more generally, foreigners arriving in Italy, is part of a wider collaboration between the National Council of Notaries and UNHCR, formalized in a MoU in November 2023.³



Presentation of the handbook developed by UNHCR and the National Council of Notaries at the Senate. ©UNHCR



Child protection

- On 4 June, the UNHCR Representation to Italy, the Holy See and San Marino and the UNICEF Representation in Italy signed a **Letter of Understanding on their cooperation in 2024-2025**. The aim of the collaboration is to **strengthen protection and assistance for refugees in Italy**, and to support the Government of Italy in those activities, with a particular focus on children and women.⁴



Community-based protection

- On 20 and 21 June, UNHCR, in collaboration with **Mosaico**, a UNHCR partner volunteers' organization, organized the second workshop of the 2024 **PartecipAzione** programme. The workshop focused on **enhancing the advocacy and communication skills of members of refugee-led and community-based organizations** to empower them to effectively engage with local authorities. Fifteen organizations from Piedmont, Lombardy and Emilia-Romagna participated in the workshop.



UNHCR and Mosaic workshop for RLOs in the framework of the PartecipAzione programme ©UNHCR



Training

- In line with its judicial engagement strategy, on 5 and 6 June, UNHCR facilitated an **online training session on international protection for judges from all over Italy** within an event organised by the European Union Asylum Agency (EUAA) and the *Scuola Superiore della Magistratura* in the framework of the MoU between the latter two organisations. On 14 June, UNHCR facilitated a **training for the Legal Clinic of Naples on the preparation of interviews with asylum seekers, identification of vulnerabilities, interview techniques and research on country-of-origin information**.
- On 27 June, UNHCR organised a **training on negotiation skills for all International Protection and Human Rights Experts (IPHR)**, designated as components of the Territorial Commissions, to strengthen the decision-making process in first instance RSD procedure.



External engagement

- On 17 June, the UNHCR Representation to Italy, the Holy See and San Marino, attended with Paralympics refugee athlete Amelio Castro an **event organized by Atletica Vaticana**, the Holy See official sports association, and **Libreria Editrice Vaticana**. The event launched the book **Giochi di Pace. L'anima delle Olimpiadi e delle Paralimpiadi**, which includes testimonies from 10 athletes of the Olympic and Paralympic Refugee Team.⁵

³ See also, [UNHCR Italy's post on X](#).

⁴ See also, [UNHCR Italy's post on X](#).

⁵ See also, [UNHCR Italy's post on X](#).

- **Global Trends.** On June 13, UNHCR launched the Global Trends report, highlighting key trends and statistics on refugees and forcibly displaced people worldwide. By the end of 2023, **117.3 million people were forcibly displaced**, with projections suggesting this figure will surpass 120 million by April 2024. This increase represents an 8 percent rise, or an additional 8.8 million people, compared to the end of 2022, continuing a trend of year-on-year increases over the past 12 years. Today, one in every 69 people, equating 1.5 per cent of the entire world's population, is forcibly displaced – nearly double the ratio of 1 in 125 recorded a decade ago. On top of main statistical overview, this year's Global Trends highlights the importance of data in the context of strengthening protection and solutions under the route-based approach and introduces UNHCR's new flagship **Forced Displacement Survey** programme with a spotlight on South Sudan. For more information, please see the [report](#) and [press release](#).

WORLD REFUGEE DAY

On 19 June, the UNHCR Representation to Italy, the Holy See, and San Marino marked World Refugee Day (WRD) with an event at LUISS University in Rome.⁶ The event, opened by Cardinal Matteo Maria Zuppi,⁷ featured a **roundtable titled “La forza dell’inclusione”**. Institutional counterparts, including representatives from the Mol, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (MFA), and the private sector, including LUISS University, Intesa San Paolo,⁸ Banca Ifis, the Italian Stock Exchange, participated in the discussion, which also included testimonies by an artist and refugee, Alina Vasiekina and a performance from the UNHCR testimonial, Lino Guanciale. The event concluded with a **ceremony to award the 220 companies and civil society organizations that facilitated the work placement of refugees in 2023** in the context of the UNHCR programme *Welcome. Working for Refugee Integration*. Since its launch seven years ago, **over 720 private companies have created more than 34,000 job inclusion paths**. The programme is realized in collaboration with the Adecco Foundation and supported by the Ministry of Labour, Confindustria and the Global Compact Italy.



Several **other events were organized across Italy** for the WRD with the participation of refugee-led organizations, institutional and private sector partners, including: on 18 June, in Milan, the Deloitte Foundation organized a guided tour of MUDEC (Museum of Cultures) for a group of refugees, promoting cultural integration; on 20 June, in Milan, DLA Piper hosted a special event, in partnership with UNHCR, focusing on global solidarity and innovative solutions for refugees; on 22 June, UNHCR participated in an event organized by the refugee-led organizations UNIRE (Italian National Union for Refugees and Exiles), showcasing efforts to support and integrate refugees into local communities.

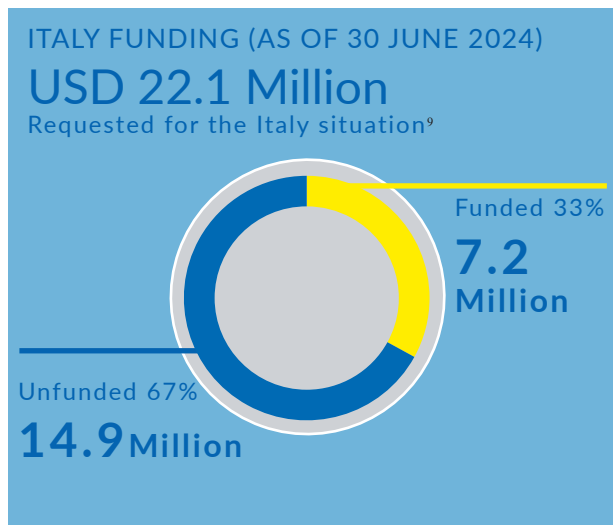
Several Italian cities participated in the WRD by **lighting symbolic monuments in blue on the night of 20 June** and accompanied such activity with communication activities to express solidarity with refugees. Further, on 19 and 20 June, UNHCR launched the **#WithRefugees** solidarity campaign, which was broadcast by Rai per la Sostenibilità ESG. The broadcast included interviews with the UNHCR Representative and stories and testimonies from refugees in Italy. On the occasion of the WRD, the National Basketball League (LNP) and UNHCR initiated a partnership during the 2024 Playoff games of the National A2 and B Series.

⁶ See also, [Grandi dell'UNHCR: facciamo in modo che l'inclusione dei rifugiati sia la normalità](#); and [António Guterres post on X](#).

⁷ See also, [Vatican News's post on X](#).

⁸ See also, [Intesa San Paolo's post on X](#).

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 **Fundraising**

- In June 2024, UNHCR raised **2.3 million euros from private donors in Italy**. Among the private sector donors, UNHCR extends its gratitude to AB MEDICA S.P.A., EOS Foundation, BNL Foundation, Permira, H&M and Monica Possa for their contributions.
- In June 2024, the MFA / Directorate General for Italian Citizens Abroad and Migration Policies allocated **6 million euros** in support of UNHCR's project on 'Strengthening access to protection and solutions for refugees along the routes in Chad and Niger', **3 million euros** in support of UNHCR's project on 'Provision of multi-sector assistance to forcibly displaced people in Sudan' and **4.5 million euros** in support of UNHCR's project on the 'Provision of basic needs and essential services to forcibly displaced people in Libya'.

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⁹Unearmarked funding is allocated and reallocated multiple times during the year to allow UNHCR to fund priorities activities.

¹⁰Unearmarked contributions are without restrictions on their use, allowing UNHCR critical flexibility in how best to reach refugees and other populations of concern who are in the greatest need and at the greatest risk globally. Softly earmarked contributions allow UNHCR to use them across the range of countries, activities or themes in a given region or situation in accordance with identified priorities; softly earmarked contributions can potentially be used for the Italy operation due to their earmarking to a related situation or theme, or to the region or sub-region. Donors of unearmarked contributions of USD 10 million or more are: Sweden, Norway, Netherlands (Kingdom of), Denmark, France, España con ACNUR, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Switzerland, Japan for UNHCR, Republic of Korea, Private donors in the Republic of Korea, Belgium, Ireland, Australia.