Italy

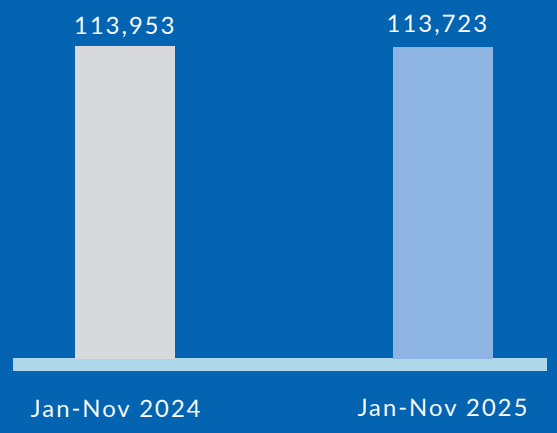
November 2025

In November, **4,361 refugees and migrants arrived in Italy by sea**. Most originated from Bangladesh (30%), Egypt (15%), and Somalia (12%). **24 per cent were children**. Other people reached Italy via land and air.

In November, refugee students selected under the seventh edition of the UNICORE – University Corridors for Refugees programme arrived in Italy to enrol in two-year Master's degree programmes at 33 Italian universities.

On 17 November, the Municipality of Brescia and UNHCR inaugurated the city's **Spazio Comune**, a multi-service integration hub building on Brescia's commitment under the Charter for the Integration of Refugees.

TOTAL ARRIVALS



Source: Ministry of Interior for arrivals by sea. UNHCR estimates for arrivals by land and air. Please note that arrivals from Ukraine are not included in the chart.

KEY FIGURES

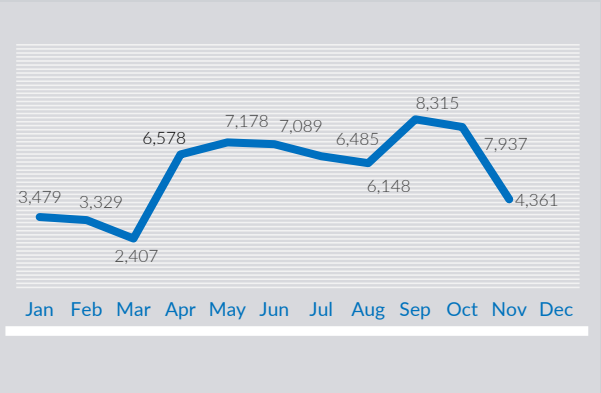
63,306

People reached Italy by sea disembarking in different ports across the country in January-November 2025. 55,359 (87%) were informed about asylum procedures by UNHCR staff and partners following disembarkation. (Source: Ministry of Interior and UNHCR)

205,307

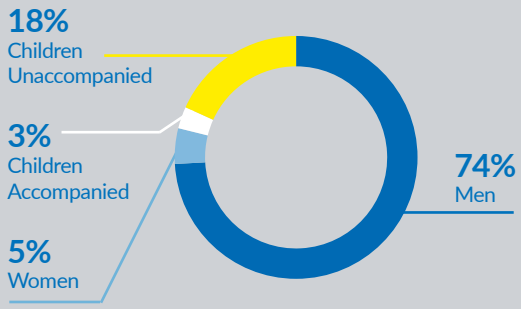
Temporary protection applications of people fleeing Ukraine, based on the latest available data as of May 2025. 70% of applicants are females. (Source: Civil Protection)

SEA ARRIVALS BY MONTH IN 2025



Source: Ministry of Interior. In addition to sea arrivals, Italy also receives land and air arrivals. This chart focuses on sea arrivals only.

SEA ARRIVALS BY GENDER AND AGE IN 2025



Source: Ministry of Interior. Please note that the chart refers to the latest cumulative data available. Gender breakdown for children is not available.

Arrivals

- **Access to territory (sea arrivals).** In November, **4,361 people reached the Italian shores in 119 disembarkations**, marking a 46 per cent decrease compared to the same month in 2024. Among the arrivals, 24 per cent were children (compared to 21% in October). **Thirty per cent originated from Bangladesh** (35% in October), followed by **Egyptians** (**15%**, same as in October), and **Somalis** (**12%**, 7% in October). Other nationalities arriving in significant numbers included Sudanese (9%), and Algerians, Pakistanis, Eritreans (6%), Moroccans (3%) and Tunisians and Iranians (2% each). In November, the **majority of sea crossings departed from Libya** (**91%**, 3,983 persons), followed by Algeria (6%, 279 persons), and Tunisia (2%, 99 persons). Around **32 per cent of those arriving by sea** (1,904 people) **were disembarked in Italy as a result of Search and Rescue (SAR) operations**.[1]
- **Access to territory (land arrivals).** Around **900 people who reached Italy by land** were intercepted in November by the Border Police at Italy's northern borders with Slovenia, bringing the total estimated number of detected arrivals to around 6,600 in 2025. Those arriving by land via south-eastern Europe mainly originated from **Afghanistan, Bangladesh**, **Pakistan, Türkiye** and **Morocco**. 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 collected testimonies.

Resettlement and complementary pathways

- In November, the majority of students supported under the seventh edition of the UNICORE – University Corridors for Refugees programme arrived in Italy, following the first arrivals at the end of October. The programme provides safe and regular pathways for refugees to access higher education in Italy. The 71 selected students, coming from Ethiopia, Kenya, Malawi, Nigeria, Tanzania and Uganda, will enrol in two-year Master's degree programmes at 33 Italian universities. In addition to academic support, the UNICORE programme also promotes mentorship initiatives and career guidance through partnerships with key private-sector actors, including Adecco Foundation, Manpower and Permira Foundation, as well as financial and logistical support from Banca Etica and other philanthropic partners. At a time of significant reductions in global humanitarian funding and persistent limited access to tertiary education for refugees, UNICORE continues to represent a **concrete solution that combines protection with high-quality educational opportunities**, enabling refugees to contribute their skills and knowledge to host societies.[2]

Arrival of refugee students selected under the 7th edition of UNHCR's UNICORE programme. © UNHCR/Alessandro Penso

[1] For further information on sea arrivals in Italy, please refer to the Italy page of the UNHCR data portal.

[2] See also: UNHCR Press Release Rifugiati: arrivato in Italia un nuovo gruppo di studenti rifugiati del progetto UNICORE dei corridoi universitari, 29 October 2025.

Integration

Inauguration of the new Spazio Comune in Brescia. © UNHCR/ Marta Gazzurelli

- On 17 November, the Municipality of Brescia and UNHCR inaugurated the city's Spazio Comune, a multi-service integration hub following Brescia's commitment under the Charter for the Integration of Refugees. The Spazio Comune is part of a national UNHCR programme implemented **with Italian Municipalities signatory to the Charter** (16 with Fidenza and Parma joining the Charter in the month of November). With the opening in Brescia, seven Spazio Comune are now operational nationwide. Designed as a single access point for refugees and asylum-seekers, the Brescia Spazio Comune provides integrated services, including information and orientation on international protection and documentation, social and family support, labour-market orientation, support for the recognition of qualifications, and community-based activities fostering social cohesion. The centre is supported through a multi-stakeholder partnership: Intesa Sanpaolo provided the premises, while IKEA Brescia Roncadelle contributed to furnishing the space.[3]
- On 19 and 20 November, the **third edition of the City-to-City event** was held in Naples, bringing together municipalities signatory to the Charter for the Integration of Refugees to strengthen peer exchange, share good practices on refugee inclusion, and advance coordinated local-level solutions.
- In November, UNHCR published the second edition of the Report on the Charter for the Integration of Refugees, highlighting the expanding role of Italian municipalities in refugee inclusion through integrated services and local partnerships. The report documents the consolidation of the Spazio Comune network as well as the impact of the Welcome. Working for Refugee Integration programme and Community Matching initiatives in strengthening autonomy, social cohesion and local governance.[4]

Child protection

UNHCR-led, Swiss-funded workshop to strengthen reception services for unaccompanied children in Italy. © UNHCR

- On 25 and 26 November, UNHCR hosted the first workshop for staff working in reception facilities for unaccompanied children, as part of the Swiss State Secretariat for Migration–funded project **"Improving reception and protection services for unaccompanied minors in Italy."** Thirteen reception facility staff members took part in interactive role-playing exercises and group discussions aimed at strengthening collaboration networks and enhancing technical skills. Representatives from the Ministry of Interior's Department for Civil Liberties and Immigration, as well as the Swiss Embassy, also attended the workshop.

[3] See also: UNCHR Press Release, Spazio Comune, a Brescia apre il centro multiservizi per l'integrazione dei rifugiati, 17 November 2025.

[4] See also: UNCHR Press Release, Città che includono: nel nuovo rapporto UNHCR più servizi, più reti e più opportunità per i rifugiati, 26 November 2025.

Specific needs

- On 3 November, UNHCR delivered a **capacity-building session for staff of first-line reception facilities** of the Sardinia Region, focusing on the identification, referral, and care of persons with specific needs. The session was held in the framework of an online course, organized by Programma Integra, on "*Accoglienza e supporto – formazione per la gestione della protezione e delle relazioni nei Centri di Accoglienza Straordinaria*".

External engagement

- On 21 November, the UNHCR Deputy Representative in Italy spoke at the **High-Level International Conference against Femicide**, organized by the Department for Equal Opportunities of the Italian Presidency of the Council in partnership with the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE). The intervention focused on the global situation of forcibly displaced women and girls, highlighting their heightened protection risks from violence against women and children and femicide. It also underscored UNHCR's prevention and protection efforts, as well as the critical importance of safe and legal pathways, access to asylum, and coordinated action to protect displaced women and girls.

UNHCR report 'No Escape: On the Frontlines of Climate Change, Conflict and Forced Displacement'

At the UN Climate Change Conference (COP30) in Brazil, UN High Commissioner for Refugees Filippo Grandi launched the new UNHCR report, No Escape II: The Way Forward – Bringing Climate Solutions to the Frontlines of Conflict and Displacement.

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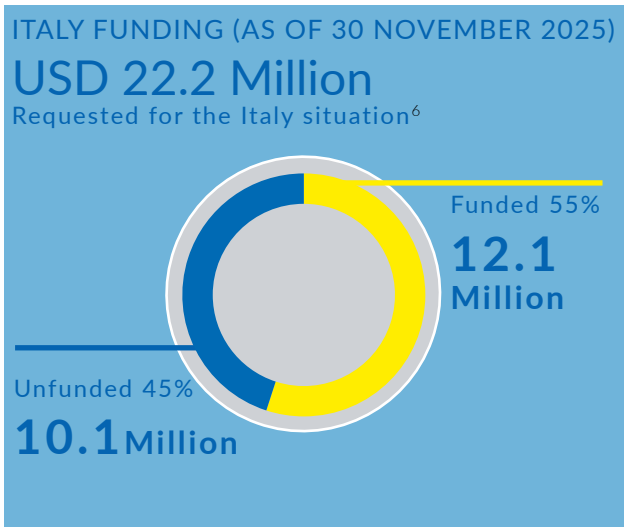
Building on the first report released in November 2024, the publication presents updated figures and new analysis on the growing impact of climate change on people forced to flee, host communities and humanitarian operations.

Developed with contributions from over 27 partners, including refugee-led organizations, research institutes, private sector actors and the Green Climate Fund, the report highlights that **three out of four forcibly displaced people live in countries highly or extremely exposed to climate-related risks**.

It also sets out four **calls to action for the global community**: i) **to empower** displaced people and host communities to lead climate solutions; ii) **to include** forcibly displaced populations in climate policies and planning; iii) **to invest** in their potential, particularly in fragile and conflict-affected contexts; and iv) **to deliver** inclusive, conflict-sensitive climate action through broad partnerships.[5]

[5] See also: COP30: rapporto UNHCR rivela che le condizioni meteorologiche estreme impattano duramente le comunità colpite dai conflitti, 10 November 2025.

Financial information



- UNHCR is thankful for the critical support provided by donors to the UNHCR Multi-country office (MCO) in Italy in November, and throughout 2025, including for unearmarked, softly earmarked, and tightly earmarked contributions.[7]

Fundraising

- In November, the Italian Ministry of Interior, thorugh the National Asylum Commission, allocated **1.4 million euros** funding to support the Refugee Status Determination procedure in Italy for the year 2026. Moreover, the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, through its Directorate-General for Italian Citizens Abroad and Migration Policies allocated **2 million euros** to support UNHCR's efforts to transition services to local and refugee-led organizations and government entities in the Sahel region.
- UNHCR MCO Italy is thankful for the generous contributions from the private sector and individuals. In November, **2.6 million euros** were raised. Among the private donors, a special thanks goes to Calzedonia and Sicad S.p.A.

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[6] Unearmarked funding is allocated and reallocated multiple times during the year to allow UNHCR to fund priorities activities. The funding update includes an indicative allocation of funds so as to accurately represent the resources available for the country. The contributions earmarked for Italy MCO shown above are combined with an indicative allocation of the softly earmarked and unearmarked contributions listed below. This allocation respects different levels of earmarking. Adjustments relate to indirect support costs and carry-over.

[7] 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, España con ACNUR, Norway, Denmark, Netherlands (Kingdom of the), United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Japan for UNHCR, Private donors in the Republic of Korea, Switzerland, Private donors in Italy, Republic of Korea, Australia, France, Ireland, Private donors in the Netherlands, Sweden for UNHCR, Germany, Belgium.