

# Italy - Unaccompanied and Separated Children (UASC) Dashboard

January – November 2016

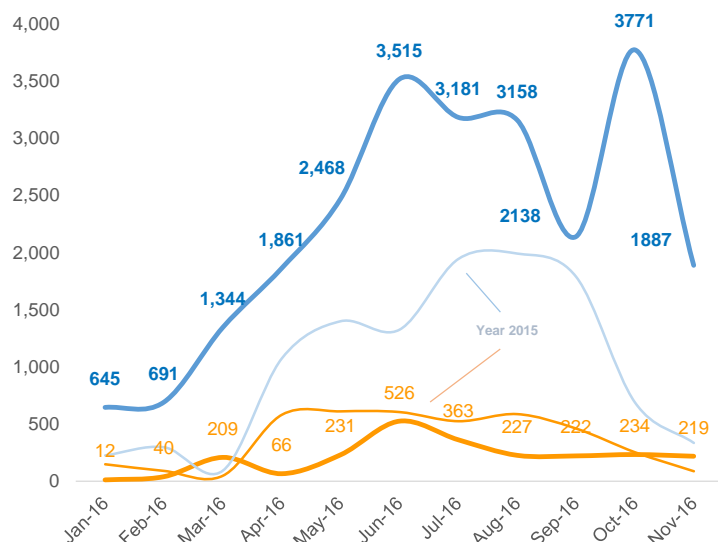
27,008



Between 1 January and 30 November 2016, 27,008 children arrived to Italy by sea: over 91% of children arrived unaccompanied (24,659). UASC account for some 14% of all sea arrivals in the above period, an increase of around 121% compared to the same period of 2015.

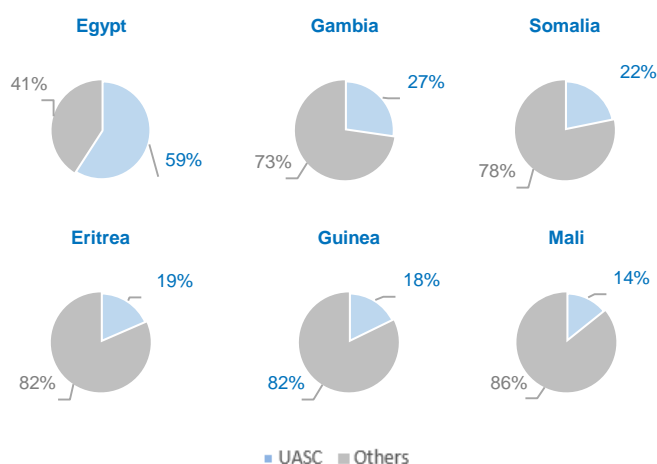
(91%) of children are UASC

UASC and accompanied children sea arrivals trend



A progressive increase in UASC arriving by sea was noted since the beginning of the year, with a sharp increase especially in October, when 3,771 UASC arrived (out of 27,384 total sea arrivals), the highest monthly total in the last four years. Of 13,581 total sea arrivals in November, 1,887 (14%) were UASC.

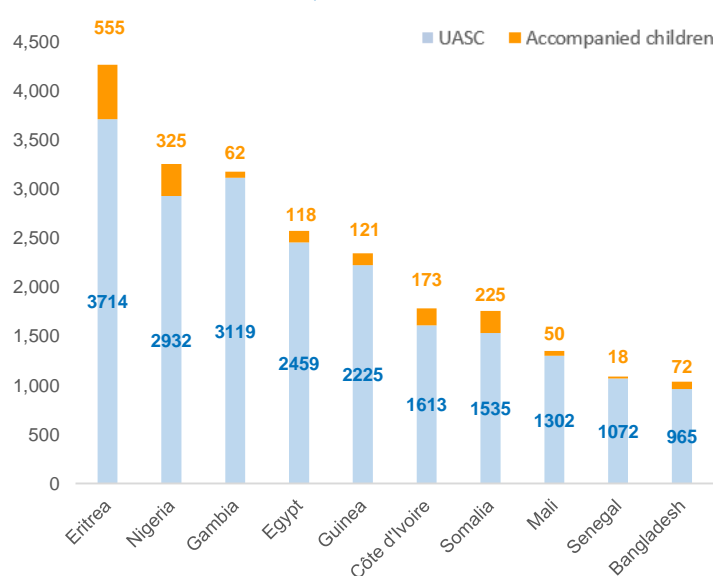
Proportion of UASC by nationality on total sea arrivals



59% of all Egyptians who arrived by sea between January and November 2016 are UASC, which is significantly higher than the proportion of UASC from all other nationalities. UASC from The Gambia account for 27% of all Gambians, up from last year's 13%. Among Nigerian sea arrivals, UASC account for 8%.

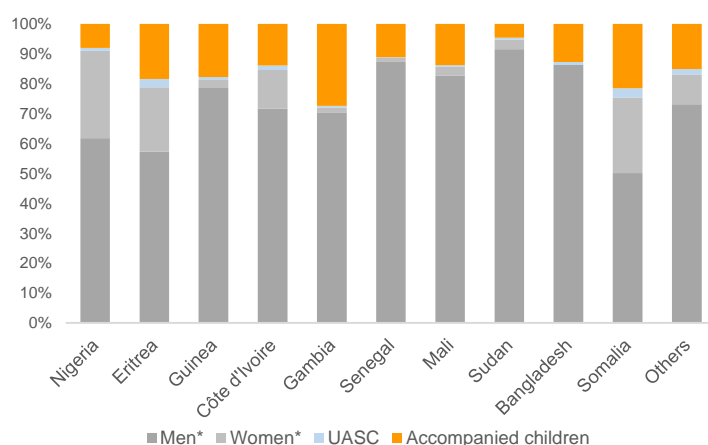
UASC and accompanied children: sea arrivals to Italy

Top ten nationalities



UASC arriving between January and November 2016 are most commonly from Eritrea, The Gambia and Nigeria. The number of Eritrean UASC arriving this year is slightly higher than the number recorded in the first eleven months of 2015 (2,995). However, they now account for 18% of all Eritrean sea arrivals, up from last year's 8%. The numbers of both Gambian and Nigerian UASC rose significantly compared to the same period of last year (plus 241% and plus 225%, respectively). At the end of November, 3,119 Gambian, 2,932 Nigerian and 2,459 Egyptian UASC were rescued and have disembarked in Italy since the beginning of the year.

Distribution by age, gender, UASC and accompanied children by nationality



\* The groups of men and women refer to persons over 18 year old.

Most UASC arriving by sea are boys and are 16 and 17 years old. However, exact figures on gender are currently unavailable.