Italy - Unaccompanied and Separated Children (UASC) Dashboard
January – December 2016
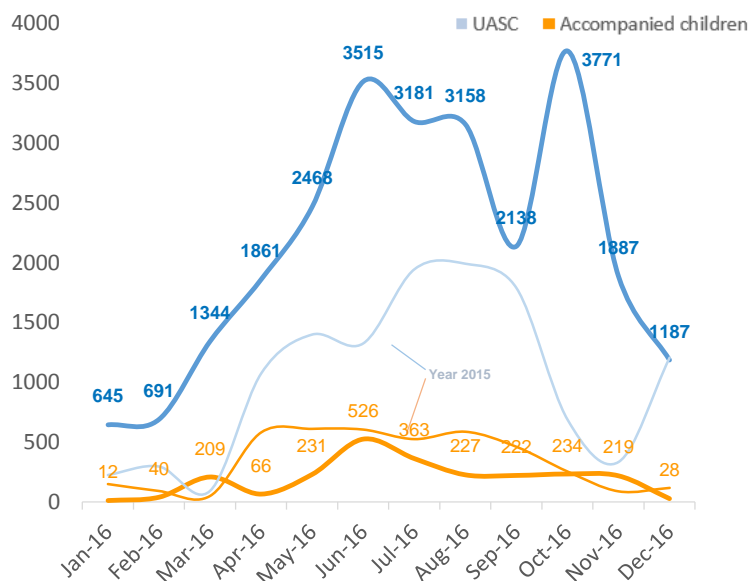
28,223

(91%) of children are UASC

Between 1 January and 31 December 2016, 28,223 children arrived to Italy by sea: over 91% of children arrived unaccompanied (**25,846**). UASC account for some 14% of all sea arrivals in the above period, an increase of around 109% compared to 2015.
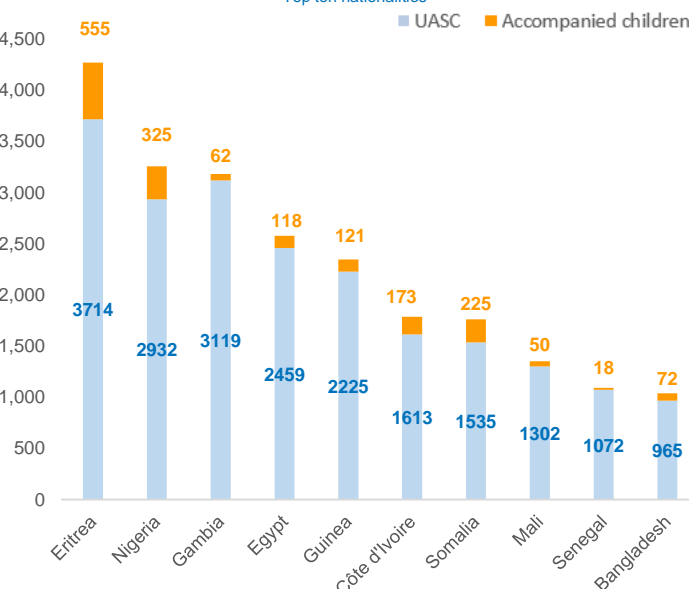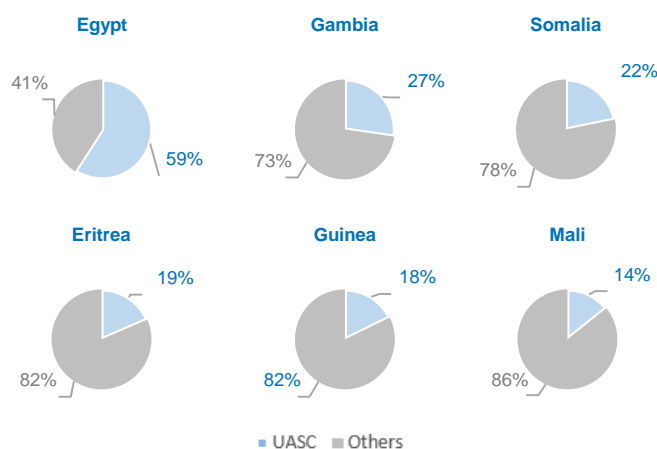
UASC and accompanied children sea arrivals trend

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.

UASC and accompanied children: sea arrivals to Italy
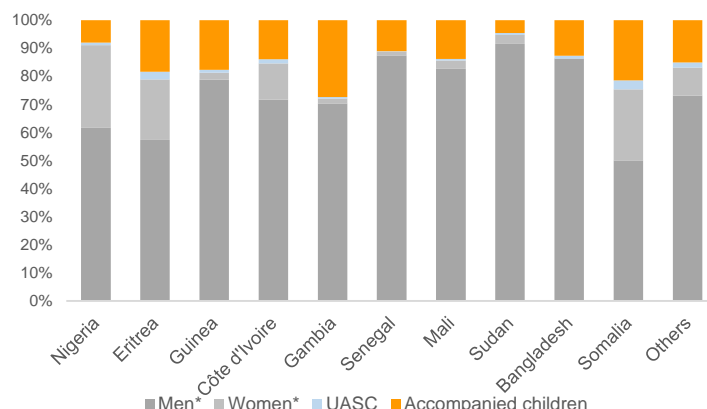### Top ten nationalities

UASC arriving by sea in 2016 are most commonly from Eritrea, The Gambia and Nigeria. The number of Eritrean UASC arriving this year increased by 24% compared to the number recorded in 2015 (2,995). Notably, UASC 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 last year (plus 150% and plus 197%, respectively). Since the beginning of the year, 3,257 Gambian, 3,040 Nigerian and 2,467 Egyptian UASC were rescued and have disembarked in Italy.

Proportion of UASC by nationality on total sea arrivals

58% of all Egyptians who arrived by sea in 2016 period are UASC, the highest proportion of all nationalities. UASC from The Gambia represent the second highest proportion, accounting for 27% of all Gambians, up from last year's 13%. Among Nigerian sea arrivals, UASC account for 8%.

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.

The charts are based on figures from the Italian Ministry of Interior. All figures are provisional and subject to change.