

# Italy

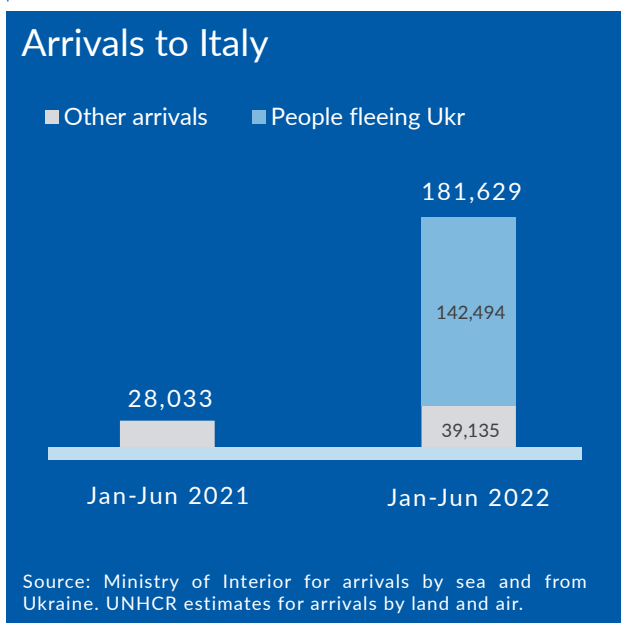
June 2022

As of the end of June, **142,494 refugees fleeing Ukraine** arrived in Italy. A first group of Ukrainian refugees were also **transferred from Moldova to Italy** through the EU Solidarity Platform.

Year to date, **27,633 persons arrived in Italy by sea**, a 35% increase compared to 2021. In June, **95 refugees were evacuated from Libya** thanks to the work of UNHCR, the MFA and faith-based organizations

On 20 June, **World Refugee Day** was celebrated across Italy. UNHCR organized a roundtable event in Rome with many external stakeholders, focusing on protection and solutions for refugees globally.

## TOTAL ARRIVALS



## KEY FIGURES (JUNE 2022)

**16,587**

**Arrivals from Ukraine** to Italy by land, air and train (Source: Ministry of Interior, as of 30 June)

**8,152**

**Sea arrivals** to Italy disembarked at different sites across the country (Source: Ministry of Interior)

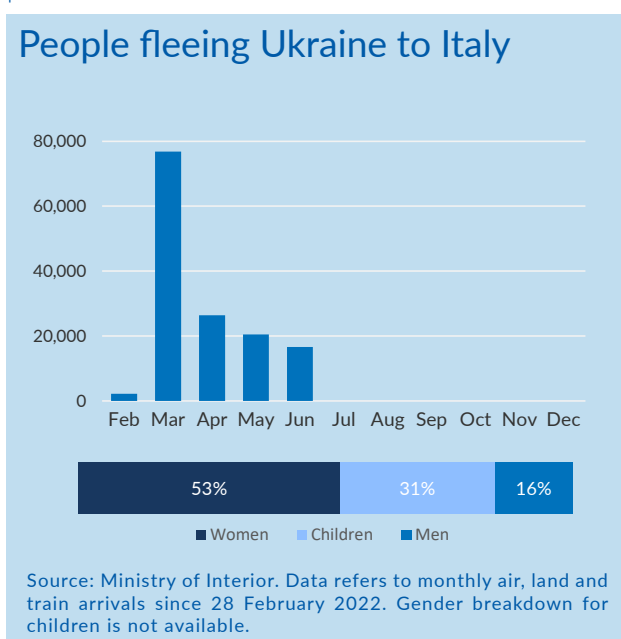
**6,099**

**People fleeing Ukraine informed** about asylum procedures by UNHCR staff at Ferneti and Tarvisio border crossing points (Source: UNHCR, as of 30 June)

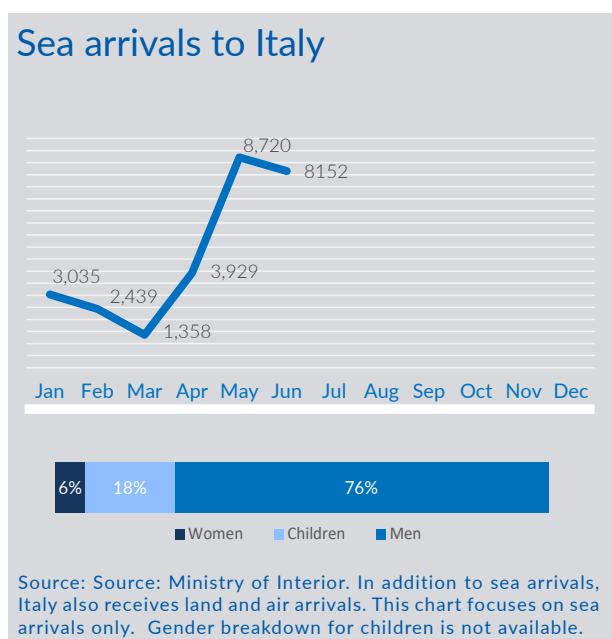
**5,968**

**Sea arrivals assisted** and informed about asylum procedures by UNHCR staff following disembarkation (Source: UNHCR)

## UKRAINE



## SEA ARRIVALS



- **Ukraine emergency.** As of the end of June, **142,494 refugees from Ukraine arrived in Italy** since the start of the emergency in late February. New arrivals mainly travelled by land through the Ferneti and Tarvisio border crossing points entering Italy's northern region of Friuli Venezia-Giulia. Over 16,500 persons arrived in June, by a very large majority women and children. Many fled Ukraine after an initial period of displacement within the country. Others initially found refuge in a country neighbouring Ukraine and subsequently moved onward. In June, the first two **Ukrainian refugees were transferred from Moldova to Italy in the context of the EU Solidarity Platform** set up by the European Commission in March 2022. The Platform, reflecting a wave of solidarity and mobilisation in response to the Ukraine emergency throughout Europe, created a framework for transfers of persons from Moldova to European states that have reception capacity. Refugees with specific needs, such as persons with limited mobility or disabilities, persons with serious medical conditions, pregnant women, or elderly persons, are offered support to be transferred, provided this is in their best interest. UNHCR and IOM collaborate with the Government of Moldova to implement these transfers.<sup>1</sup>
- **UNHCR staff continued to operate at the Ferneti and Tarvisio border crossing points** in north-eastern Italy where they provide arrivals from Ukraine with information on relevant procedures to seek protection, and support the authorities in identifying vulnerable persons, including children travelling on their own. By the end of June, **31,852 persons had been provided with basic information** about services and registration procedures by UNHCR staff at the border. UNHCR staff also assist new arrivals through two **Blue Dots**, in close cooperation with UNICEF and in partnership with ARCI, D.i.RE., Save the Children and Stella Polare.<sup>2</sup> By the end of June, **over 3,300 persons - both adults and children - had accessed the Blue Dots** at the Ferneti and Tarvisio border crossing points.
- In June, **information and training sessions** were delivered to the Ukrainian community, addressing specific issues, such as gender-based violence and community-based protection.<sup>3</sup> UNHCR is currently developing a **Community Outreach Volunteers Programme**, in partnership with Intersos. Through refugee volunteers, the programme aims to strengthen communication between UNHCR and refugee communities, with a specific focus on the Ukrainian community, ensuring regular contact and providing a better understanding of refugees' needs and concerns, while promoting community engagement and active participation by refugees in the social, economic and cultural life of the host society.
- **Access to territory of other arrivals.** In June 2022, **8,152 refugees and migrants arrived in Italy by sea**, a slight decrease compared to the previous month when over 8,700 persons reached Italian shores. Year-to-date, 27,633 persons arrived in Italy by sea, an increase of 35% and 298% compared to the first semester of 2021 and 2020, respectively. Most sea arrivals disembarking in Italy in June originated from Tunisia, Egypt and Bangladesh, followed by Afghanistan and Syria. Some 52% of monthly arrivals departed from Libya, followed by Tunisia (26%), Türkiye (20%), Lebanon (1%) and Algeria (1%).<sup>4</sup> Persons embarking in Libya increasingly departed from the eastern part of the country and include Egyptian nationals. Groups departing from Türkiye were mostly composed by Afghans, while persons leaving Tunisia originate from either Tunisia or sub-Saharan African countries. The **third arrival of a group departing from**



Turin city councillor Abdullahi Ahmed, UNHCR Representative Chiara Cardoletti and journalist Paola Saluzzi attend the World Refugee Day conference in Rome on 20 June. ©UNHCR/Valerio Muscella

<sup>1</sup> For further information on EU Air Transfers, see UNHCR, [Help Moldova - EU Air Transfers](#) (last access 5 July 2022).

<sup>2</sup> This [video](#) explains what Blue Dots are. See also UNHCR, [Continua l'azione di UNHCR-UNICEF in partnership con ARCI, D.i.RE., Save the Children e Stella Polare in risposta alle persone in fuga](#), 15 June 2022 (in Italian, last access 5 July 2022)

<sup>3</sup> Information materials for the Ukrainian community are also available on UNHCR, [Help Italy](#) (last access 5 July 2022)

**Lebanon** was recorded in June, mostly composed by Syrians, Lebanese and Palestinians.

- Recourse to quarantine vessels to isolate sea arrivals following disembarkation ceased in June. Increasing numbers of persons arriving by sea, coupled with difficulties in arranging timely transfers of new arrivals from **Lampedusa** to available reception facilities in mainland Italy, resulted in the overcrowding of the island's hotspot. **Calabria's** ports also continued to be placed under significant pressure on account of the increase of sea arrivals disembarking in the region. UNHCR staff continued to liaise with authorities at central and local level as well as with Médecins Sans Frontières, who have been present with a team in Roccella Jonica since early July, to **ensure that persons arriving by sea are provided with adequate assistance** at disembarkation, with a particular focus on vulnerable persons, stressing the importance of effective coordination with public health services to follow up in particular on individuals with specific needs.
- In June, **1,067 (non Ukrainian) land arrivals** were reported through the Italy-Slovenia border, bringing year-to-date arrivals from Slovenia to 3,198. **UNHCR staff regularly carry out outreach activities in border areas**, delivering information to new arrivals who travelled by land through South East Europe and connecting them with relevant services in Italy.
- **Resettlement and complementary pathways.** On 30 June, **95 vulnerable refugees** identified by UNHCR, including through referral by Comunità di Sant'Egidio and the Italian Federation of Evangelical Churches (FCEI), **safely arrived in Rome through an emergency evacuation flight from Libya.** The flight was made possible thanks to an agreement signed in April 2021 by the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Italian Ministry of Interior, UNHCR, Comunità di Sant'Egidio, FCEI and Tavola Valdese, regarding a total of 500 persons. The group arriving in late June included children, victims of trafficking, persons who survived torture and individuals with severe medical conditions. They will be accommodated by faith-based organizations throughout Italy and will undergo asylum procedures in the country.<sup>5</sup>
- **Integration.** In mid-June, a **new One-Stop-Shop facility was established in Turin**, the first of its kind to open in Italy according to a model proposed by UNHCR to the authorities, thanks to a collaboration between the Turin municipality, UNHCR and various local institutions. One-Stop-Shops aim at favouring asylum-seekers' and refugees' access to legal, psychosocial and administrative services **to support integration and social inclusion.**<sup>6</sup> One-stop-shops allow multiple service providers to work under one roof in an integrated manner, maximizing collaboration between different entities and making it easier for refugees to access information and services they need, from administrative support to counselling, health services registration, or job orientation.
- **World Refugee Day.** UNHCR celebrated **World Refugee Day 2022** with a **multi-stakeholder roundtable event** in Rome focusing on protection and solutions, with external speakers including refugees, representatives of government, civil society, academia and the private sector. The event also featured the presentation of this year's Women's Giro d'Italia **Pink Jersey**, which was dedicated to UNHCR in solidarity with refugees.



<sup>4</sup> For further information on sea arrivals in Italy, please refer to the [Italy page](#) of the UNHCR data portal. See also UNHCR, [UNHCR data visualization on Mediterranean crossings charts rising death toll and tragedy at sea](#), 10 June 2022 (last access 18 July 2022)

<sup>5</sup> See also UNHCR, [Libia: 95 persone in fuga trovano protezione grazie all'Italia](#), 30 June 2022 (in Italian, last access 18 July 2022)

<sup>6</sup> For more details, see also UNHCR, [UNHCR, Comune di Torino e Mosaico lanciano il servizio integrato per promuovere l'inclusione dei rifugiati](#), 17 June 2022 (in Italian, last access 18 July 2022)



- External engagement.** During the month, UNHCR staff attended a number of events raising awareness on forced displacement, including the [20th anniversary celebrations of the SPRAR/SAI reception system](#) organized by Italian National Association of Municipalities (ANCI). Furthermore, **High Commissioner for Refugees Filippo Grandi** attended the high-level [National Conference on Development Cooperation](#) held on 23-24 June in Rome, together with Italian President of the Republic Mr. Sergio Mattarella, Holy See Secretary of State Cardinal Pietro Parolin and Italian Ministry and Deputy Ministry for Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation, Mr. Luigi Di Maio and Ms. Marina Sereni. High Commissioner Filippo Grandi underlined the importance for governments, international organizations, private sector and civil society to work in synergy to respond to crises and promote peace and development.



- Fundraising.** In June, UNHCR raised **3.7 million Euros from private donors** in Italy, totalling 40 million Euros since the beginning of the year. The major private donors in Italy contributing to UNHCR response to the Ukraine emergency this month were Mrs. Silvana Massari (through her generous will), Cassa Depositi e Prestiti, Mylan Italia s.r.l., SOL S.p.A., SEC Newgate S.p.A.

## Promoting the job inclusion of refugees

In June, **Assolavoro**, the Italian national association of employment agencies, concluded a landmark agreement with trade unions FELS, CISL, NIDIL CGIL and UILTEMP to allocate **45 million Euros for Italian language courses, vocational training, skills assessment, support to private accommodation, contributions for childcare, psychological care and support for education**, with a view to facilitating the labour inclusion of refugees in Italy. UNHCR has worked closely with Assolavoro on this initiative and has collaborated on the development of a multilingual [web page](#) outlining all available opportunities. Read UNHCR's [web story](#) for more information.

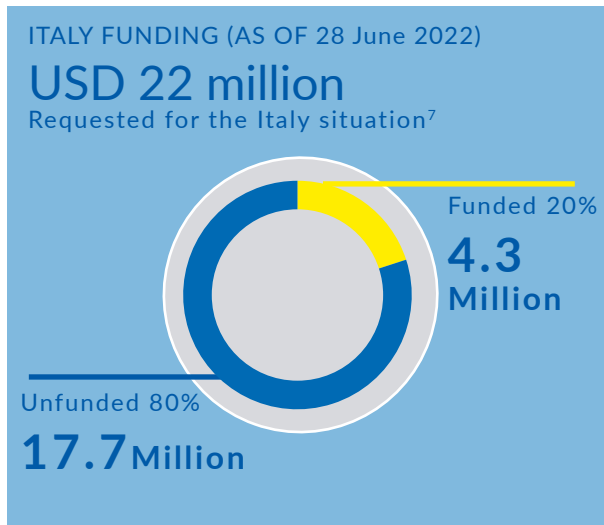
Assolavoro and the three trade unions received a special prize in the context of this year's edition of **Welcome**, UNHCR's programme awarding a logo to companies committed to favouring the

inclusion of refugees. This year **107 companies and 41 civil society organizations were awarded the logo** during an event held on 13 June, including Barilla, Carrefour, Decathlon, Gucci, Ikea, Leroy Merlin, Mutti, Nespresso and Reale Mutua. Read UNHCR's [press release](#) for more information.



UNHCR Representative, Chiara Cardoletti and Alessandro Ramazza, managing Director of Randstad Group Italia and President of Assolavoro, together with representatives of companies awarded the Welcome logo. ©UNHCR/Valerio Muscella

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