Survey Snapshot
ITALY | September 2016

ONWARD MOVEMENT
21% of respondents were forced by someone else to cross the Mediterranean Sea (15% by smugglers, 4% by traffickers, and 2% by an employer or “friend”). 17% of respondents arrived in Italy because it is en route to their planned final destination, and 19% because it was perceived as easier to reach. 3% came to Italy for a specific reason, such as because they had relatives or could get a visa.

ABUSES AND RISKS
- Nigerian respondents witnessed or experienced the following abuses: 82% physical abuse, 74% death, 69% sexual abuse, 66% racism/discrimination, 58% detention, 53% robbery, 45% forced labour, 40% trafficked/sold, and 21% documents destroyed.
- 69% of respondents changed their migration plans while en route, primarily because of the difficult conditions encountered at their originally planned destination or because of abuses and dangers encountered in transit.

DEMOGRAPHIC BREAKDOWN OF INTERVIEWEES

PHOTOS FROM THE FIELD

QUOTES FROM RESPONDENTS
“On the way from Nigeria to Niger, the smugglers used our bodies to cover weapons and drugs. The Sea crossing was a catastrophe. Before leaving, the smugglers swore that the journey would not have taken more than 2 hours. We traveled for 8 hours. They also promised that we would not have more than 115 people on a wood boat. Once on the coast, we found out that we were 161 on a zodiac (rubber boat).” - Female respondent from Cameroon, Rome Reception Centre, 26/9/16

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PHOTOS FROM THE FIELD

Migrants in a queue for lunch at an informal camp in Rome – 9/16

Scars from abuses suffered in Libya – 9/16

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