

### ABOUT

- MHub is undertaking field surveys with migrants, refugees and asylum seekers along key migratory routes to build up a body of data over time and to map country and regional level mixed migration trends.
- This snapshot presents early survey findings of the profiles, intentions and experiences of those moving in mixed migration flows who have recently arrived in Italy in the last year.
- Though these findings cannot be considered statistically representative of the migration population, they do provide key insights into the migration process.

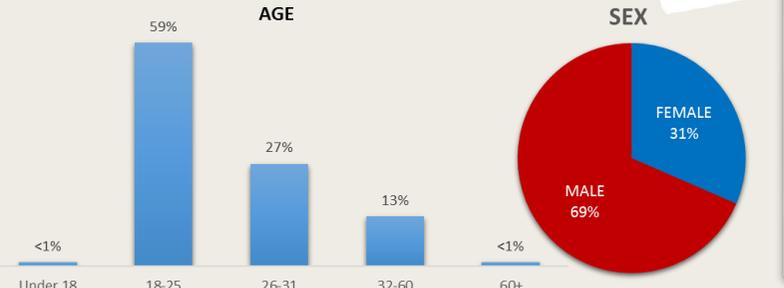
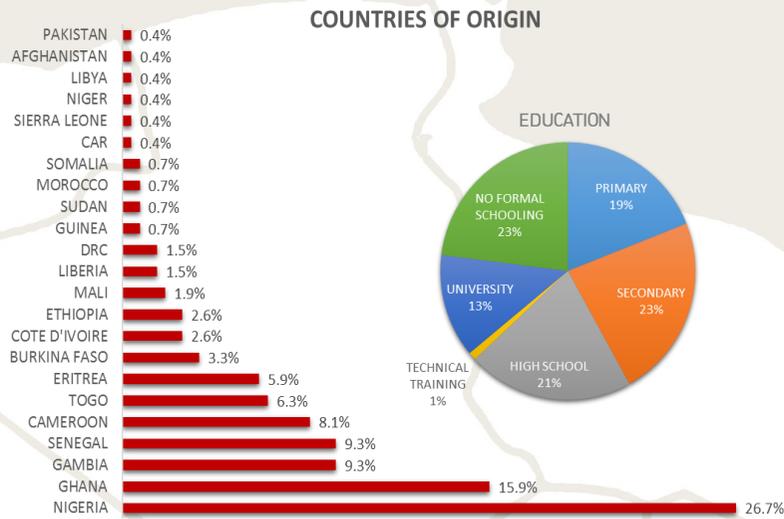
### KEY FINDINGS

Findings are based on 270 interviews conducted between 3 March and 27 October in Asti, Bologna, Castellammare del Golfo, Milan, Modena, Palermo, Rome, Trapani, and Turin.

### ABUSES AND RISKS

- 97% of respondents have experienced or witnessed at least one type of abuse (physical abuse, sexual abuse, robbery, racism, detention, forced labor, etc).
- Amongst the different abuses reported, physical abuses are the most common with 86% of respondents having experienced/witnessed beatings or torture along their way.
- In 82% of these cases the physical abuse occurred in Libya, 6% in the Sahara Desert, 2% in Niger, 2% in Egypt, and 8% in other places.
- Of those 3% that reported experiencing/witnessing no abuses, 15% had traveled through Egypt while 2% traveled through Libya.
- Responses show certain nationalities experiencing and witnessing more abuses along their journey. Amongst those that traveled through Libya to Italy – 94% of Senegalese respondents reported having experienced/witnessed at least 5 different kinds of abuse, 88% of Cameroonians, 76% of Ivoirians, 75% of Malians and Central Africans, 70% of Gambians, Togolese, and Eritreans, 66% of Nigerians, 60% of Guineans, 57% of Ghanaians and 50% of Ethiopians.
- Responses have shown no strong correlation between incidence of abuse and gender or age.
- Those arriving from Libya experience/witness significantly more abuses than those arriving from Egypt. 71% of respondents that passed through Libya and 23% of those that passed through Egypt experienced/witnessed 5 or more abuses.
- Physical abuses reported are most often perpetrated by smugglers (36%), followed by militias, desert tribes, bandits, and rebels (19%), police and soldiers (15%), and street gang (13%).
- Detention experienced/witnessed were carried out by desert tribes, bandits/rebels (23.5%), police and soldiers (27%), smugglers (24%), street gangs (8%), and militia (6.5%).

### DEMOGRAPHIC BREAKDOWN OF INTERVIEWEES



### QUOTES FROM RESPONDENTS

**"We sailed in the Mediterranean Sea for 16 days. 16 days wearing the same clothes. 16 days with no food and no water. We started to drink sea water. We all became disgusting. In the pictures we took before leaving with the boat, we were beautiful, full of hope, we looked strong. 16 days and we could not recognize our faces anymore. We were too many people on a tiny boat: like a spread of smelling garbage."** - Female respondent from Eritrea at a Reception Centre in Rome on 3/10/16

**"I don't hear any gun shots anymore, I don't see any fights anymore. Finally, I am safe."** - Male respondent from Eritrea, at a Reception Centre in Rome on 5/10/16

**"We were in Tripoli, in the queue to reach the sea side and cross the sea. Smugglers were blatantly on drugs. They indicated some girls, ordering them to follow them. They shot those who refused to go. When the girls came back, they were crying."** Male respondent from Eritrea at a Reception Centre in Rome on 5/10/16

**"Europe, Europe, everybody wants to come to Europe, but nobody knows exactly what the journey is like. I wish nobody would have to take that journey."** - Male respondent from Nigeria at a Reception Centre in Rome on 18/10/16

**"If you say that the journey is dangerous, people at home will think you are petty, bad, you are a liar, and that you don't want them to come over. From here, migrants post beautiful pictures on Facebook, so their friends will think "Wow, they are living a beautiful life!". Nobody will know what is behind all of this, all the terrible risks!"** - Male respondent from Nigeria at a Reception Centre in Rome on 27/10/16

### PHOTOS FROM THE FIELD

