HUMANITARIAN CORRIDORS PROGRAMME

ACCESSING PROTECTION IN SAFETY AND DIGNITY

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Resettlement vs. Humanitarian Corridors

The HC Programme is complementary and distinct from the Resettlement Programme

RESETTLEMENT	HUMANITARIAN CORRIDORS
The refugee status is granted upon arrival within the receiving country;	International protection application needs to be submitted on arrival in the receiving country and applicants need to undergo the normal procedure of every asylum seeker;
Beneficiaries needs to fall under UNHCR's mandate ;	Beneficiaries do not necessary need to fall under UNHCR's mandate ;
Beneficiaries' identification is mainly focussed on their compliance with the 1951 Convention criteria or to the criteria of the broader refugee definition under UNHCR's mandate;	Beneficiaries's identification is focussed both on vulnerability criteria and on an in-depth assessment of individual, personal and situational circumstances influencing the success of their migration project;
EU funding;	Funded by the "8 x 1000" system of the Waldensian and Methodist Churches;
Beneficiaries' first reception borne by the National Reception System ;	Beneficiaries' first reception borne by the proposing organisations;
EU Resettlement Programme : one of the immediate actions of the European Agenda on Migrations of 13 May 2015;	Pursuant to article 25 of EC Regulation n. 810/2009 of 13 July 2009 (Visa Code) which gives Member States the possibility to issue visas with Limited Territorial Validity for humanitarian reasons or national interest or because of international obligations;





Process of identification of beneficiaries

- ✓ The **referral network** (UNHCR, local NGOs, Humanitarian aid organizations, Churches): first identification of potential beneficiaries;
- ✓ Personal interviews with potential beneficiaries in order to assess:

Their condition of vulnerability in the hosting country (health conditions, living condition, access to education, livelihood opportunities, food security, level of protection);

Individual, personal and situational circumstances influencing the success of their migration project (e.g. level of education, level of literacy, health conditions, resources, motivation, constraints);

Finding alternatives where suitable: FCEI "Medical Hope project"

Cultural Orientation sessions aiming to provide to potential beneficiaries prior to travel detailed information about the hosting country in order to help them develop realistic expectations and a more nuanced understanding of their migration project;





Integration tools

Once in Italy, beneficiaries are supported by the Protestant Churches in their integration process through the provision of :

- ✓ MATERIAL RECEPTION CONDITIONS (accommodation, food, clothing, public transport card, pocket money) in line with the highest standard of the Italian National Reception System for Refugees SPRAR);
- ✓ LINGUISTIC AND INTERCULTURAL MEDIATION;
- ✓ HEALTH CARE;
- ✓ PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT FOR ADULTS AND MINORS;
- ✓ INTENSIVE ITALIAN LANGUAGE CLASSES FOR ADULTS:
- ✓ INTEGRATION INTO THE SCHOOL SYSTEM FOR MINORS AND EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT;
- ✓ LEGAL ASSISTANCE;
- ✓ SOCIAL ASSISTANCE:
- ✓ PUBLIC SERVICE ORIENTATION;
- ✓ CAREER GUIDANCE AND JOB SEARCH ASSISTANCE;
- ✓ VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND ON-THE-JOB TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES;



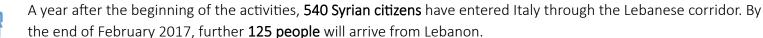


The project in figures











Among those arrived so far through the corridor from Lebanon, **187** have been hosted by the Italian Protestant Churches within flats and small collective reception centres in Northern and central Italy.



Currently, every adult beneficiary accommodated within the Protestant Churches facilities has attended **an Italian** language course of at least 18H per week.

Every school-age child has been integrated into the **national school system**.

Over the first year of activity, Protestant Churches beneficiaries managed to achieve:



- 2 permanent job contracts;
- 1 on -call job contract;
- 8 on-the-job training opportunities;
- 6 vocational training;
- 1 enrollment at University;

Protestant Churches and the Fondazione Adecco per le Pari Opportunità (a non-profit organization aiming to offer educational opportunities to disadvantaged subjects, to foster their employability and facilitate their access into the job market) have started a specific collaboration in the cities of Rome, Milan, Turin, Florence and Padua, aiming to set up an operational network in order to facilitate and promote job inclusion for humanitarian corridors' beneficiaries.





Challenges affecting Resettlement-like programmes

- Resettlement-like programmes tend to create extremely high and unrealistic expectations among beneficiaries risking to promote their dependency on the programme;
- The importance of realistic expectations in facilitating successful experience of «resettlement»;
- The importance of developing effective tools to help beneficiaries acquiring a nuanced and realistic understanding of the hosting country;
- The importance of stimulating beneficiaries' self-assessment of the appropriateness of their migration project through an in-depth evaluation of resources, motivation and constraints;



