ITALY Sea arrivals dashboard

Overview
Between 1 January and 29 February 2020, 2,553 persons arrived in Italy by sea. This is a 874% increase in sea arrivals compared to the same period last year (262). In February 2020, 1,213 individuals reached Italian shores, compared to 60 in February 2019. 363 persons reached Italy in one day only (Pozzallo 2 February) representing 30% of the total arrivals in February.

Monthly sea arrivals
January 2017 to February 2020

Yearly sea arrivals
January to February, 2017-2020

Nationality of arrivals
In the first two months of 2020, 17% of persons who arrived by sea originated from Bangladesh, followed by Algeria (12%), Côte d'Ivoire (11%), Sudan (10%), Somalia (7%), Guinea (5%), Mali (5%), Morocco (4%), Tunisia (4%), and Nigeria (3%). In the same period last year, the most common nationalities of sea arrivals were Bangladesh, Tunisia, Algeria, Iraq, Senegal, Guinea, Islamic Republic of Iran, Egypt, Sudan, Pakistan, The Gambia. In February, there was an increase (120%) of Bengali arrivals (303) compared to January (137), as well as for Sudanese (173) and Somali (110) nationals compared to January 2019 increased respectively of 140% and 77%.

Most common nationalities of arrivals - January 2019 to February 2020

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1 All data are based on Official MoI figures shared with UNHCR. All figures are provisional and subject to change.
Country of embarkation

In the first two months of 2020, 72% of sea arrivals in Italy (1,830 persons) departed from Libya, followed by 12% (314 persons) from Tunisia, 11% (290 persons) from Algeria, and 5% (119 persons) from Greece. Notably, in February last year only 39 people departed from Algeria. Compared to January, there have been more departures from Libya (7) than Algeria (5) however in this month, more women embarked in Libya (61) than Tunisia (12).

Demographics of arrivals

Between 1 January and 29 February 2020, most sea arrivals were adult men (68%), followed by unaccompanied and separated children (18%), adult women (9%) and accompanied children (5%). In February 2019 no women arrived in Italy, while in the first two months of 2020 a total of 231 arrived.

In 2020 so far, most UASC arriving by sea originated from Bangladesh (138), followed by Guinea (53), Côte d’Ivoire (52), Somalia (41), Eritrea (28), Mali (21) and Sudan (21). In February 2019, UASC originated only from Tunisia.

Nationality and demographics of arrivals

Between 1 January and 29 February 2020, 45% of arrivals were adult men, 12% were unaccompanied children, 15% were adult women, and 5% were accompanied children. In the same period, 45% of arrivals were from Bangladesh, 12% from Algeria, 15% from Somalia, 11% from Tunisia, 5% from Morocco, 5% from Mali, 5% from Nigeria, and 5% from Guinea.