



SIHMA

Scalabrini Institute for
Human Mobility in Africa

*Welcome
Protect
Integrate*



2019 ANNUAL REPORT

On the cover of our SIHMA Annual Report is a photo of the new graffiti in the entrance of the Scalabrini Centre, created by the artist Jared Jestr Pereira. The young South African artist represented the essence of welcoming people: an African mother holding her baby. On the mother's arm is written 'learn dignity'. The respect for human dignity is one of the core values of the services offered to migrants and refugees by the SCCT and SIHMA in South Africa, represented by Table Mountain in the background. The graffiti also highlights the four actions proclaimed by Pope Francis in his message on the 2018 Migrants and Refugees World Day: "Welcome, protect, promote and integrate". This message of welcome and protection of migrants and unaccompanied minors reminds us the opportunity represented by intercultural enrichment and integration.



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MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

This annual report presents an overview of a busy year. We have hewn milestones along our path and we paused to celebrate two special anniversaries.

We are grateful for 25 years of the presence and service of the Scalabrinian congregation in Africa.

We have reached the first five years of the work of SIHMA.

These numbers pale against the millennia of history of this continent and its peoples, as well as the number of people and families who cross its borders and face adversities in search of a promising destination. Yet, this is precisely our work: we teach with data and statistics to show that small numbers can contain interesting and useful meanings.

Thus, these 25 and 5 years of work contain incalculable treasures like knowledge of the dynamics of human mobility. This comes from contact with an incredible variety of men and women who have shared their desires and fears with us.

Their voices call for the values on which our mission is based: the ability to persevere in intercultural dialogue with respect and openness. This is the call to a continent to rediscover its ancestral vocation for hospitality and inclusiveness.

This report brings you this and more. Whilst balancing results achieved against the urgent need to promote the dignity and human rights of every migrant, we harbour and nurture hope. We have celebrated these anniversaries with gratitude.

We are aware that there is still a long way to go. There is work to be done to welcome, protect, promote and integrate people on the move in Africa. The new graffiti panel in the entrance to our building boldly captures these verbs to remind us of our vocation as we start our work each day at SIHMA.

Filippo Ferraro, SIHMA Executive Director

SIHMA ORGANISATION

OUR VISION

An Africa where the human rights of people on the move are ensured, and their dignity is promoted.

OUR MISSION

To conduct and disseminate research that contributes to the understanding of human mobility and informs policies that ensure the rights and dignity of migrants, asylum seekers and refugees in Africa.

For our presence and work, according to the official documents of the Congregation, we claim:

specificity: focused on our specific mission, that is serving migrants, refugees, seafarers and people on the move

significancy: committed to a ministry and service that is relevant and able to be a seed of newness in the Church and in society

exemplarity: to be testimonials of our charism, so that others can be inspired to continue our service after us

SCALABRINI, SERVING PEOPLE ON THE MOVE

Founded in 2014, the Scalabrini Institute for Human Mobility in Africa (SIHMA) is a research institute and non-profit organisation advocating for the rights of migrants and refugees.

Blessed John Baptist Scalabrini founded in 1887, the Missionarie of St. Charles (Scalabrinians), a Congregation of the Catholic Church devoted to the care of migrants, refugees, seafarers and people on the move.

It was the age of the huge migration of poor people who were crossing the Atlantic to reach the Americas and Scalabrini, impressed by that phenomenon, decided to do something. The beginnings of the Congregation were humble and unpretentious: just two Italian priests who made their vows in the hands of the Founder and left.

The first mission fields were the United States and Brazil. Subsequently, keeping pace with the evolution of the migration flows, we reached other countries and continents.

Today, the Scalabrini Congregation works in South Africa and more than 30 countries of the world, according to the Scalabrini ethos and inspired by universal values such as respect for human dignity and diversity. Fathers, with the invaluable help of lay people, exercise their ministry of consecrated people in parishes, missions, chaplaincies, reception centres, shelters for migrants, and at seaports; they are also present in national and diocesan Church organisms and centres of migration studies, like SIHMA.

The **main areas of work** of the Congregation are:

- Pastoral care and spiritual assistance of people on the move
- Social projects, research on human mobility, promotion of human rights
- Activities linked with our charisma and promotion of our spirituality

1994-2019: 25 YEARS OF SCALABRINI IN AFRICA

In 2019 the Congregation of Missionaries of St Charles celebrated the silver jubilee of its presence and service on the African soil. To the right is a chronological table of our main steps on the African continent. This anniversary gave us the opportunity in the first week of June to organise some events (pag. 29-31) and a special gathering with all the staff members of our organisations in Cape Town and the local Community of the Scalabrini Fathers.

The event commemorated the hard work of the staff, volunteers, and trustees of the Scalabrini Centre of Cape Town, Lawrence House and SIHMA, whose combined efforts have ensured that migrants and refugees to South Africa are treated with dignity and empathy, qualities emphasized by the endeavors of John Baptist Scalabrini. Father Filippo commenced the event by speaking of the values held by Scalabrini and the way that his compassion for migrants continues to inspire the work of the Scalabrini Centre of Cape Town today. While recognizing the inspiration that the founder gives for this organization, he also acknowledged the way that he was at first hesitant to encourage prospective migrants to leave and only advocated for them after listening to their stories and understanding the immense hardships that they had been through. Scalabrini, with a knowledge held by few others at the time, dedicated his life to researching human migratory



patterns and providing support for the protection of rights of migrants. After Father Filippo delivered his welcome, UNITE (SCCT's service that works with a number of high schools in Cape Town to empower youth and encourage understanding and acceptance between high school students of all backgrounds) played a video created by its teenage participants, featuring a variety of cinematic styles to demonstrate the work of their department. Catering the lunch and decorating the Hall were done by members of the SCCT Women's Platform.

"THE FORWARD PROGRESS OF IDEAS IS EXCRUCIATINGLY SLOW, ESPECIALLY WHEN THEY CLASH WITH PERSONAL INTERESTS AND PASSIONS, BUT IS RELENTLESS WHEN THEY ARE RIGHT AND TRULY USEFUL. SO WE MUST PERSEVERE, BECAUSE NO MATTER HOW SLOWLY THE GOAL WILL BE REACHED, PROVIDED WEAKNESS DOES NOT OVERCOME THOSE WHO ARE ITS CHAMPIONS" (SCALABRINI, ADDRESS ON EMIGRATION)

- 1994 Scalabrini Fathers are **called to work in South Africa** by Archbishop of Cape Town Lawrence Henry. They start to work in **Holy Cross Parish** in District Six, with pastoral care of the Italian community too
- 1995 **Chaplaincy of the Port** of Cape Town (AoS) and Pastoral care of the Portuguese community
- 4 June 2003 the **Scalabrini Centre of Cape Town** inaugurates the new building in Commercial Street
- 16 April 2005 **Lawrence House**, Child and Youth Centre for Vulnerable Minors (especially migrants and refugees)
- October 2005 Scalabrini Fathers start a new **Mission in Nampula (Mozambique)** with the pastoral care of refugees in Maratane Camp
- 2010 Opening of the new Mission in **Johannesburg**, at **St. Patrick La Rochelle Parish**
- 2013 **St. Agnes Parish** in Woodstock, consolidates an intercultural community, including French-speaking refugees
- 5 December 2014 **SIHMA** is started as the new research institute of Scalabrini focused on human mobility in Africa
- 2019 Scalabrini Fathers renew their commitment to serving people on the move in Africa

4 QUESTIONS TO JESTR

Jared was born in Johannesburg but has lived in Pretoria since 1999. He is a 29 year old artist and graffiti painter. He was 13 when he started making graffiti, but he always loved drawing from a much younger age. He has always held painting as the ultimate focus, always keeping an open mind and applying his skills and experiences in ways that can help him to push his discipline further.

How do you design your artworks? Where do you get inspiration from?

I design my commission works in collaboration with the party commissioning the work. I achieve this by doing three initial sketches based on the clients brief, which are designed to be very different to one another. I send these three layouts to get feedback in return, and based on this feedback, I generate a final layout which we sign off as the reference for the artwork. I draw my inspiration from people, and through this consultation I am able to create an artwork that is a collaborative between my thoughts and those of the my clients. For my personal work I am inspired by my own experiences and views of the world. My work is often introspective and is a means for me to express ideas and sentiments.

What do you say about the artwork you made for Scalabrini Centre and SIHMA?

I particularly enjoy the artwork at Scalabrini for it's lively characters and bright colours. The characters are relateable, and have a real sense of presence and depth and emotion. The bright flowing colours of material speaks of the colourful journey each individual is on in their own lives, and its composition makes reference to the road traveled and the road to come.

What do you enjoy most about your work?

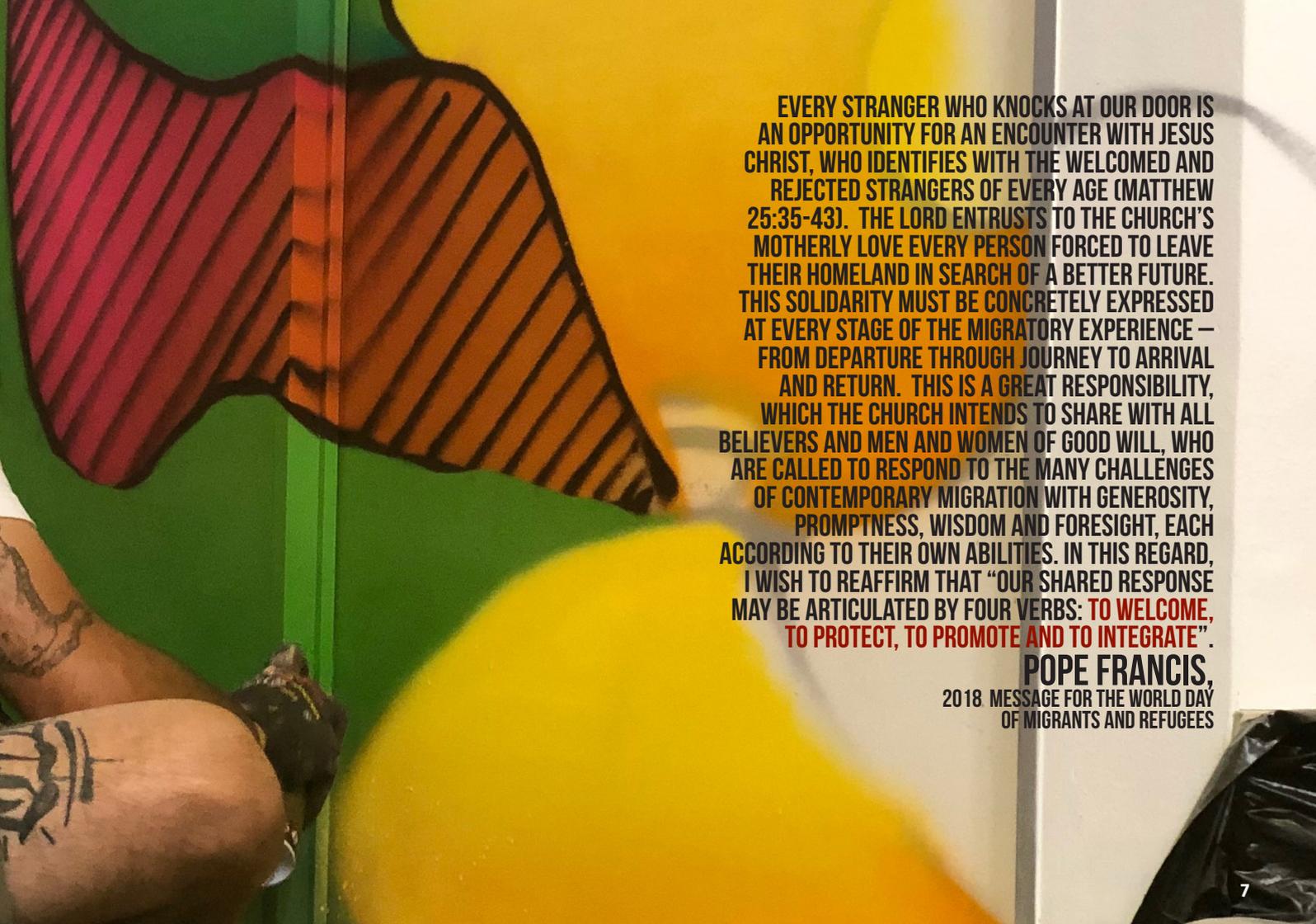
I enjoy being able to share something that I am so passionate about with others, especially in a way where I am able to gain insight into their worlds. Having the opportunity to use my passion to better someone else's surroundings and experiences and outlooks is ultimately most special.

I am ultimately an image-driven person with very strong ideas on aesthetics and how it affects the world around us, and so I try and apply this as broadly as possible. I worked mostly South Africa, Denmark and India but I have painted in many European cities.

What would you like to transmit through your art to the people who see your graffiti?

That they too are able to and should pursue what they'd like to see manifested in the world around them. People are responsible for the world they see/ experience, and they have the power to change it as they see fit if they care enough.





EVERY STRANGER WHO KNOCKS AT OUR DOOR IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR AN ENCOUNTER WITH JESUS CHRIST, WHO IDENTIFIES WITH THE WELCOMED AND REJECTED STRANGERS OF EVERY AGE (MATTHEW 25:35-43). THE LORD ENTRUSTS TO THE CHURCH'S MOTHERLY LOVE EVERY PERSON FORCED TO LEAVE THEIR HOMELAND IN SEARCH OF A BETTER FUTURE. THIS SOLIDARITY MUST BE CONCRETELY EXPRESSED AT EVERY STAGE OF THE MIGRATORY EXPERIENCE — FROM DEPARTURE THROUGH JOURNEY TO ARRIVAL AND RETURN. THIS IS A GREAT RESPONSIBILITY, WHICH THE CHURCH INTENDS TO SHARE WITH ALL BELIEVERS AND MEN AND WOMEN OF GOOD WILL, WHO ARE CALLED TO RESPOND TO THE MANY CHALLENGES OF CONTEMPORARY MIGRATION WITH GENEROSITY, PROMPTNESS, WISDOM AND FORESIGHT, EACH ACCORDING TO THEIR OWN ABILITIES. IN THIS REGARD, I WISH TO REAFFIRM THAT “OUR SHARED RESPONSE MAY BE ARTICULATED BY FOUR VERBS: **TO WELCOME, TO PROTECT, TO PROMOTE AND TO INTEGRATE**”.

POPE FRANCIS,
2018 MESSAGE FOR THE WORLD DAY
OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES



BOARD OF TRUSTEES

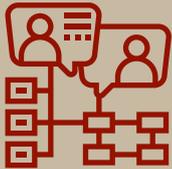
The pandemic has thrown the deep inequalities that ravage our world and the intolerable burden that that imposes on the most vulnerable communities everywhere into sharp relief. These are those who Fanon has rightly called the 'wretched of the earth.' It is also true that the pandemic has challenged us to dream of a different world, to imagine a future born of different values and practices of inclusivity and responsibility.

There is no easy panacea for this, it can only emerge from a commitment to strong intellectual engagement, to disciplined study, through being exposed to suffering of others and enhancing their agency and as Pope Francis says, through 'listening to the cries of the earth and the cries of the poor.' This is the road SIHMA journeys on as it seeks to contribute to that new world and help realize the dreams of vulnerable people: refugees, migrants, asylum seekers and displaced persons. Every encounter, all the many words written and all the advocacy platforms that are engaged, plus all the incredibly hard practical work that this institute is known for, is toward this noble end.

As a board we support these creative efforts and encourage the ever deepening understanding of our sad realities and the complexities of the solutions. It is sobering to realize that so much work is being done by a very small but committed band of dedicated people managing on very limited resources. It makes the breadth of its outputs so much more laudible. Through its work and true to its founding charisma SIHMA carries out the theological task of faith seeking understanding and for this the church and our society must be forever grateful. We trust that - incredible as all this is - that it is only the beginning of the great work that prompted Blessed Scaibrini to look to the horizons and see there, in embryo, a new world waiting to be born.

Fr. Peter John Paerson
SIHMA's Board Member and Director of CPLD

ORGANISATIONAL CHART



BOARD OF TRUSTEES
 Chairperson
 Trustees

Executive Director

SIHMA STAFF
 Project Manager

- Office and Communication Assistant
- Interns and Volunteers
- External support
 - Website Master
 - Research Consultants
 - Financial assistant

AHMR STAFF
 Editor in Chief
 Editorial Manager
 Editorial Board



Fr. Gerardo Garcia

Gerardo is a missionary of the Scalabrinian Congregation (Missionaries of San Charles Borromeo) and one of the founding trustees of the Scalabrini Centre of Cape Town. He is the chairperson of the board.



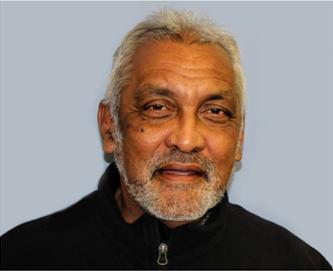
Dulce Pereira

Dulce, after retiring from Standard Bank started to work as a volunteer with the Scalabrini Fathers, becoming the full-time financial administrator. She is one of the founding trustees of the Scalabrini Centre of Cape Town.



Fr. Jorge Guerra

Jorge is a missionary of the Scalabrinian Congregation (Missionaries of San Charles Borromeo) based in Johannesburg at St. Patrick La Rochelle, a multicultural community hosting locals, migrants and refugees.



Fr. Peter John Paerson

Peter-John is a priest of the Archdiocese of Cape Town and the Director of the Catholic Parliamentary Liaison Office (CPLO). He began his journey to the priesthood after studying law and developed a passion for social justice in service of the poor.



Elaine Maane

Elaine works for Steps Southern Africa, a regional project using films to communicate social issues, as trainer officer in the Southern and East African region. She conducts training workshops to impart facilitation skills, using films as a tool to create community dialogue.



Fr. Filippo Ferraro

Filippo is a missionary of the Scalabrinian Congregation and studied pastoral care of migration. He worked as chaplain to the French-speaking refugee community in Cape Town and he is now the coordinator of the social projects of the Scalabrinian Congregation in Africa.

The organisation is governed by a Board of Trustees who oversees its work. Trustees ensure that the organisation fulfils its vision and mission. This is accomplished by defining a strategic plan for the organisation and by periodically monitoring and evaluating the work conducted by the Executive Director of SIHMA.

“BUT I DO NOT WANT TO BE MISUNDERSTOOD OR SEEM PESSIMISTIC. THE SAD THINGS MENTIONED CANNOT BE SAID ABOUT ALL OUR EMIGRANTS. MANY OF THEM HAVE FOUND SUFFICIENT BREAD IN HOSPITABLE COUNTRIES, MANY WELL-OFF, AND SOME EVEN WEALTHY, AND TOGETHER THEY FORM COLONIES OF WHICH THE MOTHERLAND CAN BE PROUD. BUT THERE ARE ALSO MANY WRETCHES, AND FOR THE MOST PART THIS IS CAUSED BY THEIR IGNORANCE AND OUR NEGLECT”.
BL. JOHN BAPTIST SCALABRINI, 1898



2019-2020 PRIORITIES

The priorities for SIHMA in the 2019 and 2020 reporting period were **research, communication and media content production** (including social media), training and internal capacity building. The keywords for our work and activities remain: **relevance, effectiveness, efficiency, impact and sustainability**. Internal capacity building included increasing the staff component in the hiring of a communications and social media manager in October 2019 and a project manager in January 2020. SIHMA's focus in the year of reporting was on producing an excellent journal with a fully peer reviewed cycle, training, conducting research, forging partnerships, and building up staff and capacity. SIHMA also focused on improving and developing its communication strategy and existing partnerships. In terms of communications a clear communications strategy was developed and implemented: it is visible in various interventions, including regular weekly social media posts, weekly blog posts and monthly review of press on migration matters. In terms of partnership and collaboration SIHMA is part of a network of seven Scalabrini research centres and part of Scalabrini International Migration Network (SIMN). In this respect there was regular communication and collaboration between SIHMA and partners within and outside of the group of study centres and SIMN. For instance SIHMA

periodically contributed to articles for magazines or newsletters and incorporated news and articles, from the Network and partners, in the SIHMA newsletters and social media posts. In addition to partnership SIHMA has been focused on research. Writing, reviewing, editing, and publishing the African Human Mobility Peer Reviewed Journal, with this reporting year being SIHMAs first full cycle of publishing the Journal since it was accredited as a peer Review Journal by the Department of Higher Education. Beyond the Journal, as a Research centre, SIHMA conducted extensive research on labour-related experiences of migrants and refugees in South Africa and on the development and implementation of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration and the Global Compact on Refugees and conducted field research on refugee settlements experiences in Uganda and South Sudan. SIHMA also researched and published on agents of migration at a Pastoral level in South Africa and started developing a strategy for the broader continent. SIHMA forged a partnership with a Kenyan organisation (Cultural Video Production) and explored and continued to work on joint research strategies and exchange related to media production and storytelling in the context of people on the move. In terms of training a training strategy and training material were developed, particularly towards the end of the reporting period. SIHMA's training strategy is focused on making research outputs accessible, engaging and beneficial to people on the move to assist ensuring migrants rights and dignity across the African Continent.
James Chapman, SIHMA Project Manager

SIHMA TEAM



Filippo Ferraro
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Filippo Ferraro is a Scalabrini Father. He completed his bachelor degree at the Theological Institute of Northern Italy (Milan) and obtained a Diploma in Pastoral Theology of Migration from SIMI (Pontifical Urban University in Rome). He started his ministry in South Africa in 2014 as chaplain of the French-speaking refugee community in the Archdiocese of Cape Town. Since the end of 2017 he has been the executive director of SIHMA and his main interests are the connection between academic research and work in the field of NGOs and the production of media on human mobility. He is also the coordinator of all social projects of the Scalabrinian Congregation in Africa.



James Chapman
Project Manager
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James is an admitted attorney. Born and raised in Zimbabwe, Before he worked for 10 years at the UCT Refugee Rights Unit mainly in advocacy and training and strategic litigation, directing these sections within the unit. Previously he worked as an intern at the UCT Law Clinic while he was a student assisting refugees, migrants and destitute South African citizens with legal advice and assistance. He is a member of the executive committee of CoRMSA and of the International Association of Refugees and Migration Judges. He hopes to teach, train and empower leaders in the migration space for the benefit of people at the community level.



Deborah Zen
Office and Communications Assistant
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Deborah was born in Italy. After concluding her bachelor degree in languages at Padua University, she volunteered in some Scalabrinian's projects in Cucuta (Colombia), running educational activities for displaced families' children, and in Cape Town, at Lawrence House. In 2011 she moved to Nampula (Mozambique), working as ASCS Project Manager in the refugees' camp of Maratane, where she run a project for malnourished refugees and local children, managing a nutritional program, organizing training courses and health awareness campaigns. She is passionate for the values of intercultural enrichment, migrants protection and empowerment through social media communication.

"WHEN I, TEN YEARS AGO, SPOKE OF THE CRY OF GRIEF OF OUR POOR MIGRANTS IN A SHORT WRITING THAT HAD SO MUCH ECHO IN EVERYONE'S HEARTS, I WAS FAR FROM IMAGINING THE ACCUMULATION OF EVILS AND ALL THE DANGERS TO WHICH THE POOR MIGRANT IS EXPOSED. EVERYTHING CONSPIRES AGAINST HIM, AND HIS EVILS OFTEN BEGIN BEFORE THE EXODUS FROM HIS HUMBLE HOME, IN THE FORM OF SMUGGLERS OF MIGRANTS WHO PERSUADE HIM TO LEAVE, MAKING HIM THE EASY CONQUEST OF WEALTH FLASH BEFORE HIM AND DICTATES WHERE HE SHOULD START, NOT WHERE THE INTEREST OF MIGRANT WOULD RECOMMEND; AND THOSE EVILS FOLLOW HIM ALONG THE OFTEN DISASTROUS JOURNEY, AND ACCOMPANY HIM ON HIS ARRIVAL TO PLACES INFESTED WITH TERRIBLE ILLNESSES, OR JOBS FOR WHICH HE OFTEN FEELS UNFIT, UNDER MASTERS WHO TREAT THEM INHUMANELY AND ARE DRIVEN BY THE INSATIABLE LUST FOR GOLD, OR BY THE HABIT OF CONSIDERING THE WORKER AS AN INFERIOR BEING; AND THOSE EVILS WORSEN UNDER THE THOUSAND AMBUSHES THEY SUFFER IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES, WHOSE LANGUAGE AND CUSTOMS THEY IGNORE, IN AN ISOLATION WHICH IS OFTEN THE DEATH OF BODY AND SOUL".
BLESSED J.B. SCALABRINI, 1898

SIHMA VOLUNTEER AND INTERNSHIP PROGRAMME

Volunteering at SIHMA is an interesting, stimulating, and unique opportunity that guarantees a valuable learning experience. We aim to make voluntary placement a fruitful exchange, both for SIHMA and for your skills and personal development. The internship programme also foresees the involvement in other programmes of Scalabrini Centre and activities related to our network. This allows the interns and volunteers to have a real deep immersion in the migratory phenomenon, meeting refugees and people on the move, sharing their stories and needs. SIHMA offers a 3-month position for an administrative and communications volunteer and a 6-month position for a research volunteer. A detailed description of the two positions is available on our website. For more information, please contact us at admin@sihma.org.za.



COMMUNICATION AND ADMINISTRATION

(AT LEAST 3 MONTHS)

Reception and administration (calls, emails,...); Assisting in events management i.e. workshops, roundtables, and conferences; Assisting in social media management (Facebook, Twitter, Blog On The Move); Writing reports of our activities and events; Researching and writing on topical articles related to our work; Supporting media production at different levels; Checking and selecting material to be published on our website.



RESEARCH INTERN

(AT LEAST 6 MONTHS)

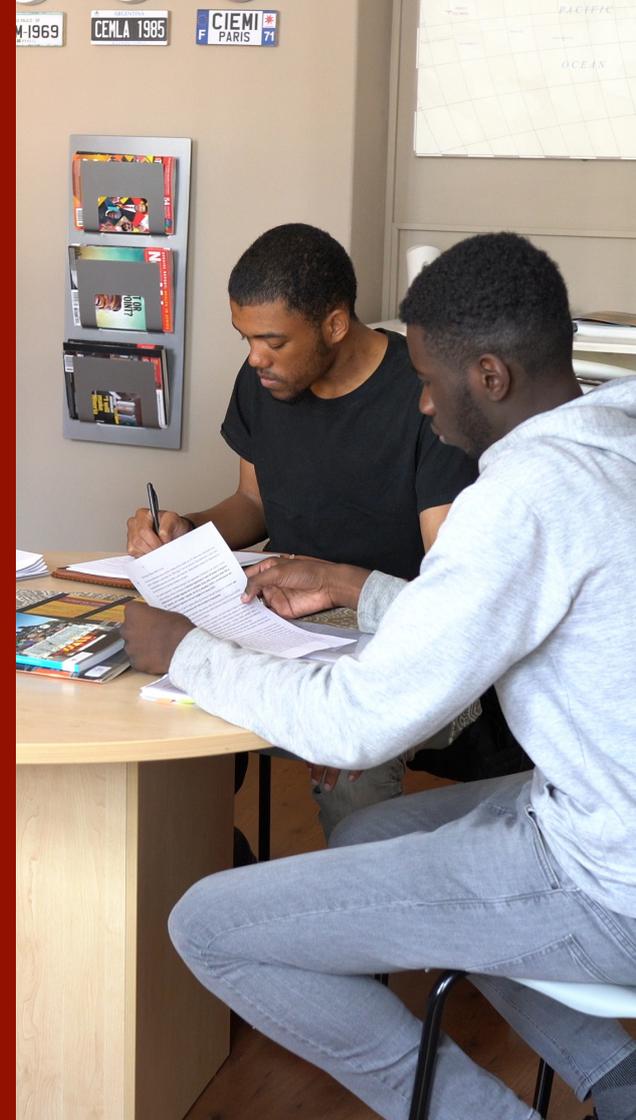
Assisting the SIHMA research team with qualitative and quantitative data collection and analysis (depending on experience and qualification); Carrying out literature and evidence reviews, including identifying relevant research evidence, appraising the quality of evidence and writing up key findings; Collaborating in the making of "knowledge products" for disseminating research and articles to non-academic recipients; Participation in stakeholder fora and workshops that are of interest or relevance, assisting with other tasks that are necessary for the daily business of the organisation.



REMOTE INTERNSHIP

(AT LEAST 2/3 MONTHS)

Due to current circumstances, we have developed a special profile for those candidates who cannot be here physically but are available to work remotely. Tasks are defined according to the skills of the volunteer and the ongoing projects of SIHMA. A good internet connection and proficient English are required. A list of IT skills is highly appreciated.



INTERNS AT SIHMA 2019/20



EMMA DIONNE

from USA, (Bachelor of Arts in Psychology and Criminology, Stonehill College in Massachusetts), from April to June 2019

“By volunteering at the SIHMA from April to June 2019, I have come to understand the importance of changing stereotypes that are held by the general public about migrants and how a collaborative approach is the best way to create change.

We must use the knowledge of people who work directly with migrants and those who conduct research.

Research is useless if its conclusions can't be shared or understood by stakeholders.”



ISABEL HACKETT

from USA, (Bachelor of Arts in History, Carleton College, Northfield, MN USA) who did an internship from June to August 2019

“At SIHMA, I was involved with multiple aspects of the organization and I engaged with the motivated and kind people of the team. I had the chance to sit in on a talk given by a Fulbright researcher about the evolution of integration techniques that was very interesting, and I'm glad that I had the chance to go as part of SIHMA team. I've really enjoyed engaging with all the different aspects of the office and having these exciting opportunities. When comparing my internship with others, I can see how lucky I was to get a job at SIHMA.”



LOLA VERKUIL

from the Netherlands (master degrees in International Development at University of Amsterdam and in Anthropology at Maastricht University) from October 2019 to March 2020

“The things I have learned at SIHMA are very valuable to me. I gained professional experience in the research sector and also an interesting perspective on the phenomenon of migration. I was intrigued to see how migration is dealt in the African continent.

After my experience at SIHMA, I hope to continue the work to promote the rights and dignity of migrants and refugees all over the world.”



ANGELIQUE MBUMB MASSAK

Angelique is a refugee from Congo DRC and she has been studying Business Management with BASP (Bachelor Academic Support Program), a service offered by Scalabrini Centre and Southern New Hampshire University, that give refugees the opportunity to study online and earn an associate's or bachelor's degree in a handful of subjects.

She had her internship at SIHMA, as part of her academic program, from October 2019 to January 2020

“My internship at SIHMA was a fantastic experience.

I learned how to conduct research that contributes to the in-depth reporting of migrant issues and refugee problems in specific countries. It has been an enriching experience and I gained knowledge on the evolution of migration policy in Africa in particular and global migration in general as well as a clear understanding of regulations, and all the issues that concern migrants and refugees in Africa and the rest of the world.

Through my internship I developed interpersonal skills, effective group communication and intellectual abilities that will help me to improve my future career.”

AMONG OUR PARTNERS



Migrants & Refugees Section
Dicastery for Promoting Integral
Human Development (Vatican City)



SACBC - South African Catholic Bishops'
Conference (South Africa, Botswana
and Eswatini)



CPLC - Catholic Parliamentary
Liaison Office (Cape Town, South Africa
and African network)



CEI - Italian Bishops' Conference
(Rome, Italy)



UWC - University of the Western
Cape (Cape Town, South Africa)



UCT - University of Cape Town
(Cape Town, South Africa)



ACMC - African Centre for Migration and
Society (University of the Witwatersrand
- Johannesburg, South Africa)



Centre for Migration Study
University of Ghana (Accra, Ghana)



AMADPOC - African Migration and
Development Policy Centre
(Nairobi, Kenya)



OSSREA - Organization for Social
Science Research in Eastern and
Southern Africa (Addis Ababa, Ethiopia)



Radboud University
(Nijmegen, Netherlands)



CoRMSA - Consortium for Refugees
and Migrants in South Africa
(Pretoria, South Africa)



SCCT - Scalabrini Center of Cape Town
(Cape Town, South Africa)



SIMI - Scalabrini International
Migration Institute (Rome, Italy)



Regional Direction of the Congrega-
tion of the Missionaries of St. Charles
- Scalabrinians (Basel, Switzerland)



ASCS - Scalabrini Agency for
Cooperation and Development
(Milan, Italy)



ICMC - International Catholic Migration
Commission (Geneva, Switzerland)



JRS - Jesuit Refugee Service
(Southern Africa Region)



LHR - Lawyers for Human Rights
(Pretoria, South Africa)



CTIP - Counter in Trafficking Person
Office (Pretoria, South Africa)



CSEM - Centro Scalabriniano de
estudios migratorios (Scalabrini
Sisters - Brasilia, Brazil)



Cultural Video Production Africa
(Nairobi, Kenya)



NOREC - Norwegian Agency for
Exchange Cooperation
(Oslo, Norway)



Hanns Seidel Foundation
(Cape Town, South Africa)



The Scalabrini International Migration Network (SIMN) is an umbrella organization established in 2007 by the Congregation of the Missionaries of Saint Charles, Scalabrinians. SIMN encompasses more than 250 grassroots Scalabrini entities that serve and advocate for the dignity and rights of migrants, refugees, internally displaced people, and seafarers around the world. SIMN fulfils its mission through an extensive network of think tanks, social service centres, shelters, senior centres, orphanages, medical clinics, kindergartens, schools, employment centres, and cultural centres. SIMN works closely with other entities at the local, national, and international levels, promoting comprehensive service programs and advocating for the dignity and rights of migrants and their families.



The Federation of Scalabrini Centers for Migration Studies unites seven centres across the world, each devoted to research and advocacy on migration. Located in New York, Paris, Rome, Basel, São Paulo, Buenos Aires, and Manila, these centres monitor the development of international migration. All of them are organized with similar departments, including a program dedicated to research, another dedicated to specialized publications—including periodicals, monographs and academic papers—as well as programmes dedicated to documentation, conferences, and other educational activities.

NETWORK OF STUDY CENTRES



CEMLA, Buenos Aires

Centro de Estudios Migratorios Latinoamericanos, established in 1985 in Buenos Aires (Argentina)
www.cemla.com

CEM, Sao Paulo

Centro de Estudios Migratorios, established in 1985 in Sao Paulo (Brazil)
www.missaonspaz.org

CSER, Rome

Centro Studi Emigrazione Roma, established in 1964 in Rome (Italy)
www.cser.it

CMS, New York

Center for Migration Studies of New York, established in 1969 in New York (USA)
www.cmsny.org

CIEMI, Paris

Centre d'Information et Etudes sur les Migrations Internationales, established in 1971 in Paris (France)
www.ciemi.org

SMC, Manila

Scalabrini Migration Center, established in 1987 in Manila (Philippines)
www.smc.org.ph



SIHMA'S KEY FOCUS AREAS

1. RESEARCH
2. PUBLICATIONS
AND JOURNAL
3. TRAINING AND
CAPACITY BUILDING
4. EVENTS, NETWORK
AND MEDIA

**“IT IS NOT JUST ABOUT MIGRANTS,
IT’S ABOUT ALL OF US, ABOUT THE HUMAN FAMILY”**
POPE FRANCIS,
2019 MESSAGE FOR THE WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES

1. RESEARCH

Human mobility in Africa has a long history spanning several centuries and the continent has a highly mobile population composed of nomads, frontier workers, highly skilled professionals, entrepreneurs, students, refugees and undocumented migrants. The discourse around migration trends and patterns in Africa is dominated by myths and false assumptions which fail to paint a true reflection of this phenomenon. Our research seeks clarity on the different forms of mobility in Africa.

Conducting research is SIHMA's main activity.

All the research that we do supports the advocacy, service providing and social projects inside the Scalabrini network.

Among the many themes of **human mobility**, **SIHMA's research agenda** is focused on: migration policies, both at regional and continental level, impact of migration on mental health, xenophobia and Afrophobia, climate change and migration, gender issues, vulnerable minors, refugee rights and many other areas.

LABOUR-RELATED EXPERIENCES OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES IN SOUTH AFRICA

ICMC PROJECT «THE FUTURE OF WORK, LABOUR AFTER LAUDATO SI»

Edited by Filippo Ferraro
Research by Marinda Weideman



This report is part of the project “**The Future of Work, Labour After Laudato Si**”, a global initiative that connects Catholic-inspired and other faith-based organizations in order to help promote and implement Pope Francis’ encyclical in areas related to work. The initiative brings together international, regional, state and local actors to improve global governance and lift up best practices on these issues. The **International Catholic Migration Commission (ICMC)** has led the research track for this project on issues of “jobs, demography and migration.” To that end, ICMC enlisted the Scalabrini Migration Study Centers in New York, Manila, and Cape Town to examine the intersection of the future of work and labour through the lens of particular migration populations and from “person-centered” perspective.

SIHMA REPORT FOR ICMC

SIHMA published **Dr. Marinda Weideman’s** report on the labour-related experiences of migrants and refugees in South Africa. It is an extensive report based on interviews with 17 subject experts, 2 employers and 39 migrants and refugees. The purpose of the report was to understand the processes pertaining to the employment and working conditions of migrants and refugees in South Africa.

The findings and information drawn and recommendations borne out of the research are essential to improve the somewhat dire circumstances for migrants working or seeking to work in South Africa. The research exposes discrepancies between the legislative and policy frameworks and practice. Labour rights and the right to work, to feed and sustain oneself and one’s family are fundamental to human existence, survival and inherent human dignity. Regrettably **accessing the labour market is incredibly difficult and migrants who access it are largely employed in the informal sector or self-employed, making them particularly vulnerable and subject to a series of threats**, exploitation and other harm, not the least of which are xenophobic practices and violence and abuse of female migrants in the labour sphere. This research along with other similar research refutes misleading, albeit broadly publicized, suggestions that migrant workers are taking job opportunities from the local populous and refutes the assertion that most migrants have irregular status intentionally for nefarious purposes. The reality is that **failures in government documentation processes, corruption, xenophobia, internal backlogs and the like are responsible for irregular or undocumented status of most migrants** from the study. These research findings and recommendations assist in identifying the need for and directing advocacy for the future of work. Research such as this is crucial to help expose the harm to the economy and development resulting from xenophobia, the lack of accountability and exploitative practices. This in turn provides an opportunity, through pressure from civil society, information sharing and training, to realise significant improvements.

This report seeks to inform researchers and academics in the sector, as well as experts working in the field at civil society level, especially the many NGOs involved in assisting migrant and refugee workers with their rights, be it for academic reasons or mere curiosity. After all, what is most precious and significant and which reflects the vision and mission of our Institute is that among the many lines of writing, the abundance of figures, data and tables a voice emerges with strength and clarity. It is the voice of those who left their country for various reasons, seeking hospitality, safety and better living conditions for themselves and their loved ones. **The lens of this report on the daily struggles and future hopes of these people validates the recommendations made within this report.**

FORMAL SETTLEMENT VS EMERGENCY CAMP

DIFFERENT REFUGEE RESIDENCE APPROACHES IN UGANDA AND SOUTH SUDAN

Filippo Ferraro, Lola Verkuil and James Chapman



This short report attempts to reflect on the lives of those refugees living in Uganda's refugee settlements. This serves as a **case study to illustrate the differences between camps and settlement as an approach to refugee crises.**

Taking a closer look at the experiences of three people – a refugee representative living in the Palabek settlement in Uganda, a delegate of the Ugandan Ministry of the Office of the Prime Minister, and a Salesian priest working in a IDP camp in Juba, South Sudan – it becomes a little clearer how people staying in either camps or settlements live their lives differently. The report is advisable online in our Research section.

A RESEARCH ON REFUGEE RESIDENCE APPROACHES

The difference between refugee and IDP traditional emergency camp and refugee settlement approaches is a source of controversy among academics. Around 2.6 million refugees in the world are residing within so-called camps, mostly because there is no alternative.

Camps shape the Western image of the refugee phenomenon and are used world-wide – even in Western countries – as a response to refugee crises. However, the emergency refugee camp solution has turned out to be ineffective in many respects, including aspects that were considered advantageous at first, such as security and service delivery. The report discusses the difference between two refugee residence approaches: the emergency camp and the formal settlement. It attempts to reflect on the lives of those living in these residences and show the differences specifically between the Internally Displaced Peoples Camp Gumbo in South Sudan and the formal settlement Palabek in Uganda. By taking a closer look at the experiences of three people that Fr. Filippo interviewed – a refugee representative living in the Palabek settlement in Uganda, a delegate of the Ugandan Ministry of Human Affairs and a Salesian priest in charge of a parish in Juba, South Sudan – the report aims to show how people staying in camps and settlements live their lives differently.

The first section of the report gives a short overview of the literature on the differences between refugee residence approaches, mostly provided by academic journals on migration and the UNHCR. Following, the experiences of the three interviewees were used to exemplify the differences between the camp in South Sudan and the settlement in Uganda, focusing on the themes livelihood, education, governance, integration with the local community and access to medical facilities. The report mainly highlights the benefits of alternative settlement solutions such as the formal settlement and shows the negative effects of emergency camps. However, the report also shows the many challenges that the formal settlement still faces, which are also typical for emergency camps, such as too few educational opportunities and inadequate health services.

This shows that the distinction between the two approaches is blurred, and that neither is perfect. Other refugee residence approaches, such as self- or urban settlement, might therefore be a more viable solution to strive for.

A FOCUS ON THE TWO UN GLOBAL COMPACTS

In the year 2019 the discussion on migration, especially from a perspective of governance and policy, was broadly widely focused on the two compacts discussed and negotiated by United Nations (UN) member states.

The **Global Compact for Safe, Orderly, and Regular Migration** and the **Global Compact on Refugees** (to be implemented through the **Comprehensive Refugee Response Framework**, CRRF) were the final results of a long process that involved not only the governments and diplomats but the civil society and all those institutions and organisations that care after refugees and migrants on a daily base.

As SIHMA we followed the entire discussion, participating in the contributions who were sent to the UN through our Catholic Church representatives and through the network of SIMN and Scalabrinian Study Centres.

The deepening work in our Center continued exploring data and reports available and will be finalised in an article that will be published on the Journal on Migration and Human Security (JMHS) of New York and a briefing paper on the Catholic Teaching and Interventions on the Global Compacts, in the light of the traditional care of the Church for migrants and refugees.

164 member states adopted the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (GCM) on 10 December 2018 in Marrakesh (Morocco) and then the General Assembly of the UN endorsed the GCM in NY on 19 December 2018. All African nations voted for the endorsement of the GCM, except 6 who did not vote (Benin, Botswana, Guinea, São Tomé e Príncipe, Seychelles, Somalia) and 2 who abstained from voting (Algeria and Libya).

The Global Compact on Refugees (GCR) was affirmed by the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) on 17 December 2018. All African countries supported the resolution except three abstentions (Eritrea, Liberia, and Libya). The Comprehensive Refugee Response Framework (CRRF) provides the vision and strategy for shared management and protection of refugees. At the national level, eight African countries are implementing the CRRF (Chad, Ethiopia, Kenya, Rwanda, Somalia, Uganda, Zambia).

MINISTRY REPORT IN AFRICA

The Migrants & Refugees Section of the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development commissioned to the Scalabrinian Institute for Human Mobility in Africa (SIHMA) a new edition of the Ministry Report in Africa.

The **methodology** employed to complete this project foresees desk research, conducted to examine all available secondary data, including documents, annual reports, and project reports on the work carried out by the Catholic community in Africa (e.g., the Episcopal Commission, diocese, parishes, religious congregations, migrant groups, etc.). Secondly, a letter from the Migrants & Refugees Section was sent to all Bishops Conferences in Africa requesting information about the services rendered by Catholic institutions and organizations in Africa. A simple **questionnaire** was administered to collect information – referring to the previous year – on three different target groups: refugees and displaced people, internal migrants, and victims of human trafficking. Information on each of the three target groups was classified according to the different types of services offered to them. **SIHMA collected, classified, and systematized data** on the following types of services: education, livelihoods, psychosocial, emergency, advocacy, healthcare, and shelter. Information regarding the number of staff and volunteers involved in the different activities was also collected, together with financial information about the total cost of the projects. In total, data was gathered from multiple organizations in a large number of African countries. This project, started in 2018 with his first edition, is the first of its kind aiming to coherently collect, analyse, and present data on services rendered by the Catholic Church to refugees and migrants on the African continent. However, due to its limitations, it is not intended to provide an exhaustive picture of the work done by the Catholic community in Africa whose magnitude goes well beyond the data reported here. Therefore, in future, the methodology of the study will be fine-tuned and the process of data collection perfected in order to provide a still more comprehensive representation of Catholic Migrant Ministry in Africa.

The Report includes also 16 **good practices** related to welcoming, protecting, promoting and integrating people on the move in Africa. This part will be soon published as a separate Report by SIHMA on its website.



2. PUBLICATIONS

We publish articles, briefing papers and reports, available in the dedicated section of our website.

We are proud to publish especially our Journal: African Human Mobility Review (AHMR). From 2015 it's growing in his mission to disseminate qualitative research on the subject of human mobility, contributing to

the public debate on the issues and opportunity of integration for people on the move.

We publish academic articles in our journal and additionally make the content of our research accessible through infographics and summaries for different audiences in our social media and on the Blog on the Move in our SIHMA website. All this content is accessible free of charge.

We also prepare a monthly press review with all the most relevant news about migration at a national, regional and international level and select interesting articles and posts from other competent sources of the sector in order to monitor the most significant trends and topics.

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AFRICAN HUMAN MOBILITY REVIEW (AHMR)

Started in 2015, the African Human Mobility Review (AHMR) is an interdisciplinary peer-reviewed on-line journal created to encourage and facilitate the study of all aspects of human mobility in Africa. It is published three times a year.

AHMR is jointly owned by the Scalabrini Institute for Human Mobility in Africa (SIHMA) and the University of the Western Cape (UWC).

Through the publication of original research, policy discussions and evidence-based research papers, AHMR provides a discussion devoted exclusively to the analysis of current trends, migration patterns and some of the most important migration-related issues.

AHMR gives young African researchers an opportunity to publish and disseminate their work; publishing and disseminating research outputs on the socio-demographic, economic, political, psychological, historical, legislative and religious aspects of human migration and refugee movements from and within Sub-Saharan Africa; identifying best practices and suggesting guidelines for a correct implementation of migration policies in Africa; increasing SIHMA's visibility and promoting its vision and mission.

The journal is now printed as hardcopy and is distributed online through our newsletter and accessible at no charge on the SIHMA website. Every year AHMR publishes three issues: January-April, May-August, and September-December. From 2018, the Journal has been **accredited by the South African Department of Higher Education and Training (DHET) on the Accredited Journal List.**

The Journal has an **Impact Factor Value** of 0.836 based on International Citation Report (ICR) for the year 2019-2020.

AHMR actively contributes to SIHMA's overall goal of disseminating research that fosters the understanding of human mobility and informs policies that ensure the rights and dignity of migrants, asylum seekers and refugees in Africa.

AHMR welcomes manuscripts on the various aspects of human mobility in Africa. Contributors are asked to submit their manuscripts in English to the chief editor for critical peer review. As part of our continuing efforts to support both authors and reviewers AHMR has adopted the web-based submission. Before submitting your manuscript, please refer to the submission guidelines. If you have any questions about the submission process, please contact ahmr@sihma.org.za.

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It is also with sincere pleasure that we welcome the new board of directors of AHMR:

Prof Vivienne Lawack,

Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Academic at the University of the Western Cape, South Africa

In this capacity she is responsible for the academic project at the university, with all seven Faculties and five Directorates reporting to her, including Academic Planning, Teaching and Learning, Research Niche in Migration, Centre for Innovative Educational Communication Technologies (E-learning), Information Communication Services and Community Engagement. Professor Lawack has also been appointed as a Professor of Law in the Department of Mercantile and Labour Law in the Faculty of Law at UWC. She has published extensively and supervised a number of masters and doctoral candidates. Her field of research is legal and regulatory frameworks pertaining to the payment system, banking system and financial markets. In her role as NN-MU's Dean of the Faculty of Law she provided strategic direction and managed the operations of the faculty as well as its core functions of teaching and learning, research and engagement. She is at present the chair of the Cape Higher Education Consortium (CHC) Board, a research associate at the Nelson Mandela University Unit for Internationalisation, and trustee of the Moravian Church Trust.

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Director of the Southern African Migration Programme, (www.samponline.net) and the Hungry Cities Partnership (www.hungrycities.org) holds a research chair in Global Migration and Development at the Balsillie School of International Affairs and Laurier University in Waterloo, Canada. He completed his schooling in South Africa, Zimbabwe and Swaziland and his first degree was from Cambridge University. He completed his MA at Laurier University and PhD at Queen's University. He was recently appointed Extraordinary Professor at the University of Western Cape. His scholarly contributions in the field of migration, food security and development include 17 authored and co-edited books, over 200 journal articles and book chapters and numerous published reports for regional and international organizations, governments and civil society organizations.

Prof Wilson Majee,

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[PhD, MPH, MBA] is an Associate Professor with the University of Missouri School of Health Professions and the Public Health program. He has academic training in economics, business, public health and development studies. His research interests are in exploring, identifying and imple-

menting place-based approaches to health and well-being of those living in resource-limited communities. The interdisciplinary nexus of community leadership development, community engagement, and health promotion is the center of his work. Prof. Majee has a strong foundation in community leadership development and health promotion research and practice. His work closes knowledge and practice gaps using a socioecological approach to multi-level individual, family and place-based factors affecting health and well-being. Prior to joining the University of Missouri, he worked as a Community Development Specialist in rural Missouri where he partnered with county commissioners, church leaders, school administrators, health departments, and community action agencies in developing and implementing programs to improve the health and well-being of community members.

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He is a Lecturer at the Development Studies Department of Makerere University, Uganda. Previously, he has held teaching and research positions at several educational institutions in and out of Uganda including Busitema University, Uganda Christian University. Serwajja holds a doctorate in Development Studies obtained from the Institute for Social Development (ISD) of the University of the Western Cape, Cape Town, South Africa. He also has a Master of Philosophy Degree in Development Studies from the Norwegian University of Science and Technology (NTNU), and a Bachelor's Degree in Urban Planning from Makerere University. Currently, Serwajja is a post-doctoral fellow at Makerere University where he focuses on social, economic and environmental intricacies in the artisanal and small-scale mining communities in the Karamoja region that is located in the North-Eastern horn of Uganda. He has conducted research on land and agrarian issues including land grabbing in conflict and post-conflict areas. His research interests include land tenure, food security, gender issues, rural and urban livelihoods and extractive natural resources. Further, Serwajja has participated in several short training courses at various universities including the University Bergen in Norway; Brown University in Rhode Island USA, Makerere University in Uganda and Ruhr University Bochum in Germany. He is presently involved in several research projects across Africa including a study on female traditional leaders in Ghana, South Africa, Botswana and Liberia funded by the Andrew Mellon Foundation; 'Holding Aid Accountable: Relational Humanitarianism in Protracted Crisis (AidAccount)' funded by the Research Council of Norway; and 'Uganda's oil futures' funded by The Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation.

AFRICA ON THE MOVE 2019

33,351,734

TOTAL POPULATION OF CONCERN TO UNHCR IN AFRICA IN 2019

39% of total population of concern of UNHCR (86,531,669)

Sources: UNCHR. 2019. Global Report



53% Male migrants
47% Female migrants
(UNDESA 2019)



72.2% Adult migrants
27.8% Migrants under 18
(UNDESA, 2019)



57% of Refugees and Asylum seekers are under 18
(UNHCR Global Report 2019)

IDPS 18,511,592

REFUGEES 6,348,744

ASYLUM SEEKERS 529,570

OTHERS OF CONCERN 2,540,697

STATELESS PEOPLE 974,988

RETURNED IDPs 4,234,467

RETURNED REFUGEES 211,676



INTRA AFRICAN MIGRANTS

(World Migration Report 2020)

21,000,000

2% of total population of Africa (1.3 billion)



INTERNATIONAL MIGRANTS

(UNDESA 2019)

26,529,334

Highest Refugee Populations⁴:

1. Uganda: 1,400,000
2. Sudan: 924,000
3. Ethiopia: 821,000

Top 5 Refugee producing countries on the continent⁴:

1. South Sudan: 2,200,000
2. Somalia: 905,100
3. DRC: 807,4000
4. Sudan: 734,900
5. Central African Republic: 610,200

African countries producing the highest number of Refugees and IDPs (UNHCR Global Report)

1. DRC 5,926,800
2. South Sudan 3,870,000
3. Somalia 3,423,000

African countries producing the highest combined number of Immigrants and Emigrants in 2019 (World Migration Report 2020)

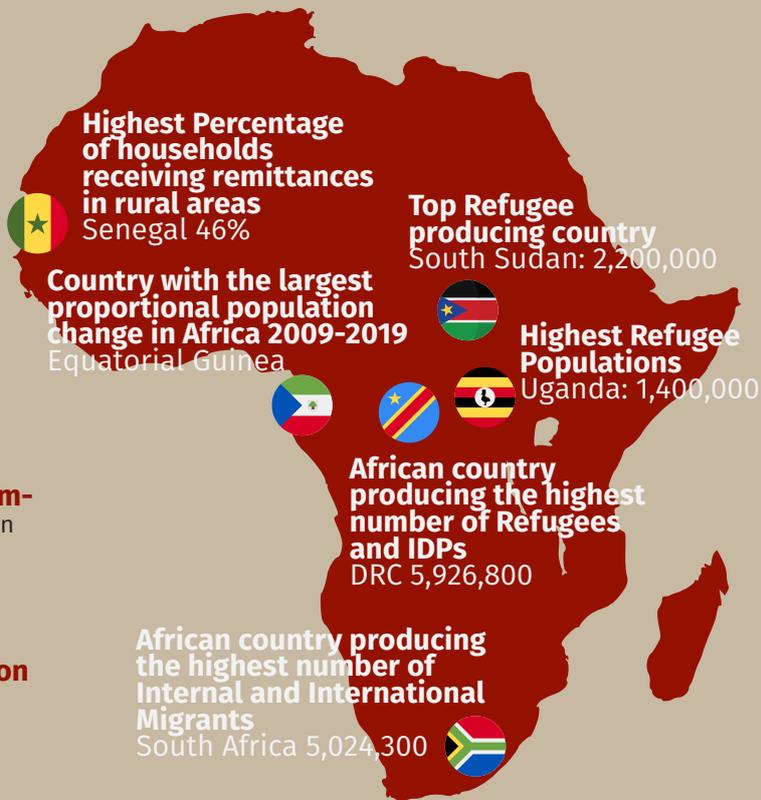
1. South Africa: 5,024,300
2. Egypt: 4,004,100
3. Côte d'Ivoire: 3,549,100

Top Countries with the Largest proportional population change in Africa 2009-2019

1. Equatorial Guinea
2. Niger
3. Angola
4. Uganda
5. Democratic Republic of the Congo

Percentages of households receiving remittances in rural areas (data from MRHS and LSMS surveys processed by FAO)

1. Senegal 46%
2. Burkina Faso 42%
3. Ghana 35%



Sources:

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3. TRAINING AND CAPACITY BUILDING

SIHMA provides training to institutions, organisations, and individuals to better understand the relationship between ethical aspects of migration and human rights and to identify important policy frameworks which affect migration and development policies.

Teaching and training are essential for ensuring migrants access to and knowledge about their rights and ensuring their dignity. SIHMA's mission is to 'conduct and disseminate research that contributes to the understanding of human mobility and informs policies that ensure the rights and dignity of migrants, asylum seekers and refugees in Africa.'

In the implementation of this mission, and particularly dissemination, SIHMA has focused on sharing information on migration through a series of seminars, workshops and training sessions. Recent training includes developing a curriculum for a course on migration and development at the University of the Western Cape and holding a series of workshops on migration in partnership with the Southern African Catholic Bishops Conference including during in July and October 2019.

SIHMA is expanding its training programme and drawing on its experience together with its research outputs, including the AHMR journal publications, in the hope of delivering the best and most up to date training and seminars on pertinent migration topics.

Training topics include exploring effective refugee protection, refugee status determination and recent changes in legislation, migrant children's rights, migrants' labour rights, access to health care and mental health rights and education rights. The proposed training schedule is usually available on our website under the menu Training Programme.

In addition to these and other topics that SIHMA is developing, and providing training on, SIHMA is interested in ensuring that training is targeted in accordance with training demand.

Hence, subject to the area of training being in line with SIHMA's objectives and with in our expertise, we invite you or any government department or organisation or community that would like to receive training in a particular area to please contact admin@sihma.org.za and training may be facilitated accordingly.

TRAINING COURSES FOR PASTORAL AGENTS

Organised by SIHMA in partnership with SACBC, CPLO, JRS and other stakeholders, they are a great opportunity of sharing knowledge and good practices.

This residential course allows the participants to create the right environment for learning and sharing, interacting in the different topics and presentations:

- * Understanding international migration in South Africa
- * Human trafficking and smuggling
- * Migration in the Bible
- * The teaching of the Church on migration
- * Advocacy and networking
- * Migration under a justice and peace perspective
- * The human rights of migrants, undocumented migrants, and statelessness
- * Access to social services for migrants and refugees
- * Spirituality and theology of migration
- * History of the pastoral care of migrants
- * Migration: pastoral planning in the migrant ministry



+70 PEOPLE WHO ATTENDED THE COURSES



4 AFRICAN COUNTRIES INVOLVED



+40 HOURS OF TRAINING AND TEACHING OFFERED



Training course for Pastoral Agents

Bongani Parish Centre (Hazyview), 21-24 July 2019

This event was designed for pastoral agents who work with migrants with the goal of connecting the teachings of the Catholic Church related to human mobility with the reality of migration in South Africa. Other objectives include forging a more cooperative connection between stakeholders in protecting the rights of migrants and providing training in different migrant communities. Each attendee had the opportunity to learn from the many experts on the schedule as they present on a wide range of topics related to some aspect of migration. Our Team of SIHMA, SACBC, CPLO, JRS, LHR and local offered a series of thought-provoking talks on the different topics of the programme, and each speaker was able to contribute unique perspectives to the conversation and provoke meaningful discussions. Despite the difficulties in organizing the events, the Bongani Parish and the coordinating team offered a warm and welcoming environment, setting up everything that was necessary for the participants. This allowed all the attendees to create a very positive climate for sharing and discussion, in a dynamic and interactive way. One of the most important element of this training course in Hazyview (Mpumalanga) was the presence of pastoral agents from different countries (South Africa, Mozambique and Eswatini) that provided a rich and fruitful variety of perspectives. Borders are special fields of work for those caring for people on the move.

As SIHMA we are happy to give our contribution, not only helping to understand better the migratory phenomenon, but sharing also practical tools that can be used in the daily work in the field with migrants and refugees.



SACBC Training course for Directors of Pastoral care

Lumko Centre (Johannesburg), 20-23 October 2019

The South African Catholic Bishop's Conference organized a training course on migration for Diocesan coordinators about coordinated sustainable response with migrants and refugees in Southern Africa. This event aimed at helping Diocesan coordinators who assist migrants and refugees in enhancing their strategies in how to organize the pastoral care for migrants and refugees in each diocese. This can support the development of a network at diocesan and national level, strengthening the SACBC National Migrants and Refugees Office in implementing the Bishops Plenary February 2019 Resolutions. Other objective of the workshop includes dealing with xenophobia in the local communities and sharing experiences of the recent attacks in local communities, giving the participants the opportunity to exchange opinions and knowledge in the matter through working groups. The team prepared a rich programme, with the most important topics concerning human mobility in Africa. Fr. Filippo from SIHMA gave the opening talk on "Understanding migration in Africa and Southern Africa" in order to help participants to have an introduction and knowledge in the matter and a better understanding of the following topics in the agenda.

This national meeting was also attended by two members of the Migrants and Refugee Section of the Dicastery of Integral Human Development (Vatican), Fr. Lambert Tonamou and Mario Almeida, who presented the 20 Action Points for the Global Compact and the new orientations on human trafficking for understanding, recognizing, preventing, and eradicating the plague of the trafficking of persons, protecting the victims, and promoting the recovery of survivors."



17-19 July 2019

TECHNICAL WORKSHOP TO REVIEW THE AU TRAINING CURRICULUM ON MIGRATION GOVERNANCE

Organised by the **African Union**, Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania

SIHMA was invited to a meeting of the African Union on techniques regarding the future of migration governance in Dar es Salaam (Tanzania); the event featured a technical workshop with countless opportunities for experts in the field of African migration to define the training programme for governments and public administration officials of different countries managing the complex phenomenon of migration. The workshop was designed to promote growth in migration governance as participants review the first draft of a training module crafted by the African Union Commission and GIZ (Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit) that was published in late June and includes a look at the development of migration policies and the current systems in place for regulating and promoting migration. One of the main goals for the conference was to go over the draft of the training curriculum and provide feedback for future improvements. The results of the conference will contribute to the finalization of **the AU Training Curriculum on Migration governance**. Over the three-day workshop, several informative sessions were held, each focusing on a different aspect of curriculum building and migration policy across the continent of Africa. Consultants, experts in the migration field shared their extensive experience with other participants in the workshop. SIHMA presented on formation activities, showing its curriculum for training courses for agents of migration. Other stakeholders at the workshop were the most important study centres and universities on the

African continent, with expertise in migration. Participants included experts from South Africa (University of the Western Cape of Cape Town and ACMS of Johannesburg, our partners), Ghana, Egypt, Senegal, Kenya and Nigeria. The purpose was to collect and then frame content for training courses for officials and civil servants in the various African countries and regions. A basic structure (residential course of at least five days) was identified with its fundamental characteristics (minimum requirements for participation, modules, methods of presentation, interactive materials, teaching tools and assessment tools) and content (general elements on migration, migration and development, government policies, implementation mechanisms, other social and economic elements connected to migration). Since SIHMA pursues training and capacity building as a major focus, we insisted on integrating two fundamental aspects of our mission into the exchanges and conversations: **the importance of the fundamental rights of migrants and people on the move** (suggesting the incorporation of a module on the ethics of migration), in order to open conversations about policy-making and implementation. We reminded the delegates that taking care of migrants also means having a holistic approach to the individual, including all aspects of their humanity. The second suggestion we made to the AU was that it should strive for **an open and fruitful relationship between the non-governmental organizations and the associations that work in the field of migration**. This exchange of knowledge could create a virtuous network that allows all the actors to develop a just society. During the whole workshop, valuable networking transpired: long-standing partnerships were reinforced and new partnerships for informal exchanges were enabled.

4. EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES WE HAVE ORGANISED



6 June 2019

MIGRANTS AND FAMILIES IN THE VISION AND MAGISTERIUM OF POPE FRANCIS

Conference organised by **SIHMA**, Rondebosch Hall, Cape Town

To celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Scalabrini Fathers' arrival in Cape Town, SIHMA organized a study meeting for all priests in the archdiocese to discuss human mobility within the lense of Catholic ministry.

The event showcased two Italian speakers, **Fr. Francesco Pesce, the Director of Centre for the Family in Treviso**, and **Fr. Aldo Skoda, CS, Dean of Scalabrini International Migration Institute (SIMI) in Urbaniana Pontifical University in Rome**. Archbishop Stephen Brislin was also in attendance.

Fr. Francesco Pesce focused his discussion around his **work with couples and families**. He explained the theological view of family must be more inclusive and diverse. Most families and marriages do not fit in the basic and generalized model that is often presented in the Catholic faith. To adequately assist couples and families, the complicated issues of each family must be acknowledged and addressed. There must be room left for imperfection, as no family is perfect. This concept is certainly applicable

to priests who work with migrants. Migrants are often separated from their families or have lost family members, creating very complex familial situations. Fr. Aldo Skoda, CS discussed concepts related to the **governance of migration**, as well as how the media has affected public perception of migrants. Global policies tend to focus on the concern of national security over fundamental human rights. The militarization of borders reflects this perception. The failure of policies to adequately address migration related issues increases fear and perceived danger. Further, the media influences public perception through negative stories and political campaigns related to migration. There is this view of the "migration crisis", that these individuals are invading a particular country and cause societal problems.

Fr. Aldo concluded with the idea of a **Christian anthropological vision**, a way of diminishing the uncertainty around those who are different.

The aim of the event was to educate priests on how to approach migrants in their parish or diocese. Attendees were encouraged to ask questions and share their views around migration and working with migrants. Conversation concerning the acceptance of migrants, who are not Christian, was sparked. The overarching theme concluded the **importance of Catholic ministry to include and integrate migrants in both Christian community and society**.

10 December 2019

MIGRATION, LABOUR & POLICY OPTIONS

Round table organised by **CPLO, Jesuit Institute and SIHMA**, Cape Town

The Catholic Parliamentary Liaison Office, the Jesuit Institute and SIHMA held a seminar discussion on Migration, Labour & Policy Options in Cape Town. In this occasion, dr. Marinda Weideman from Johannesburg gave a presentation of the research she did for SIHMA, about the **labour conditions of migrant workers in South Africa**.

Her report on this topic was meant to give a voice to migrants and refugees in South Africa and give socio-economic and legislative context to their situation.

Her key finding was that life for migrants and refugees in South Africa is difficult and has many challenges, including widespread xenophobia, difficulty in accessing health care and other services, (sexual) exploitation and un(der)employment.

The main trend of the roundtable was **to connect the study to policy implications and decisions**. Suggestions that came up during the lively discussion were to implement a visa for labour migrants from the SADC (South African Development Community), to encourage more small businesses by migrants, to make a clearer distinction between refugees and labour migrants and to put in place a functional repatriation system.



BUILDING *BELONGING* WITH REFUGEE AND MIGRANT YOUNG PEOPLE

SYMPOSIUM COORDINATED BY LAWRENCE HOUSE

5 June 2019, Erin Hall Rondebosch (Cape Town)

This symposium was hosted by **Lawrence House**, as a part of the Scalabrini South Africa 25th anniversary events, and was developed in collaboration with Thea Shahrokh and **Mamelani Projects** whose director, Gerald Jacobs, and youth transitions practitioners facilitated the event. These hosts also shared perspectives on the realities facing young people in care, sharing the personal stories of youth practitioners who have been through their own transitions after care. Research inputs were given by **ACMS** and **MaHPSA** affiliated researchers **Thea Shahrokh**, **Glynis Clacherty** and **Rebecca Walker** on the role of multimodal arts-based methods in building belonging. Community psychology inputs were given by the Adonis Musati Project's youth team and **Johanna Kirstner** of **Sophiatown Community Psychological Services** to share knowledge on psychosocial responses to building belonging from across the South African context. Dr. Glynis Clacherty discussed her work with migrant children using art to help them deal with loss. She emphasized the therapeutic process of creating something. Children feel like they can express themselves without having to speak. They can recall and recreate positive memories, such as family members, giving them a sense of normalcy. Dr. Rebecca Walker from the African Centre for Migration and Society, started a programme called "Mwangaza Mamas", in which young

mothers could express themselves through various art forms, such as quilt making, and storytelling. These young mothers face specific challenges in motherhood. Many of them are merely children themselves and hold the responsibility of being a caretaker all by themselves. This group helped them by creating a safe space where they could voice their opinion and tell their stories. Dr. Johann Kirstner, a psychologist who works with migrants, discussed how the trauma these people face, and continue to face, has an effect on their sense of self and their behaviour. It is important for them to have someone they can talk to and to listen to their stories. She emphasized the importance of openness, trust, and seeing people who have migrated as a whole person. They are not just the label of a refugee or an asylum seeker. The final presentation was introduced by **Watson Moyana** from the Adonis Musati Project (AMP). In 2012, AMP developed the Peer Support Group Programme to provide professional psycho-social support for the refugee population. The Youth Peer Support Programme helps young migrants deal with issues in self confidence, communication, and integration. The group provides a support system and safe space for youth to feel that they are not alone in their struggles. Two youth leaders from the programme shared the impact the group had on their lives. Latifa stated she felt her opinions were finally valued, she was able to express herself, and make new connections. Gomez was forced to join the program and did not initially want to participate. However, he found that the group helped him to speak out and establish relationships. He gained self-confidence in doing things he never thought he could do. These youth speakers gave the attendees a deeper look into the impact psycho-social support and community has on a child's sense of belonging. After the speakers, the symposium took **an interactive turn**. Attendees were taught by a Lawrence House youth, Lewis Kalombo, the art of Capoeira, a martial art that incorporates dance elements. Following this group activity, everyone was asked to get in groups. Participants were asked to reflect on what belonging meant to them. This collective and reflective activity sparked the understanding of the complexity of identity and how difficult it can be for a young person to find a stable self image in the midst of feeling unaccepted in their environment. The Lawrence House Symposium highlighted the struggles young migrants face in trying to belong in their new community. It can be hard for them to find a strong sense of self when they do not feel accepted or they feel as if they are worth less than others because of their situation. Through art, stories, and activities, attendees were able to understand how important it is for young people to have an outlet where they can express themselves, feel accepted and understood.



"From this symposium there was an important recognition from child and youth care and social workers on the importance of belonging and why to approach this differently with young migrants. Further work is needed to share knowledge on how this can happen. How are young people that move building positive self-concept, relationships and community? This includes understanding how connections with people, families, culture, communities, and governments are being established. Young people themselves are taking this conversation forward through the development of safe spaces for dialogue with each other. As researchers, practitioners, activists and friends we must also take this commitment forward so as to respond to this energy and be accountable to this call to action on building belonging with young people that move. A central theme in this conversation was the importance of young people having space beyond a legal environment to express who they are and what their story is. Related to this was the sharing of experience in using creative methodologies. The discussion emphasised the importance of recognising that we move through the world verbally, visually and with our bodies and processes of expression need to support young people across these modes. It was shared how creative approaches can enable young people to recreate memories, and to establish who they are in where they live now. They can create home by articulating everyday details. This goes beyond the 'label' determining the intervention, rather going to the whole young person. Creative approaches hold the potential to be a powerful way of supporting young people to build belonging. They provide a sense of safety in looking back as there is control over self expression. They also build resilience as they can amplify young people's sense of their own power."

Thea Shahrokh, doctoral researcher in the Migration, Displacement and Belonging group at the Centre for Trust, Peace and Social Relations, Coventry University, UK



20-21 February 2020

NOREC WORKSHOP WITH CULTURAL VIDEO

organised by **NOREC**, Nairobi (Kenya)

SIHMA's Executive Director Father Filippo and SIHMA's Project Manager James Chapman were in Nairobi for a workshop hosted by Norec, together with the organization Cultural Video Production. NOREC (the Norwegian Agency for Exchange Cooperation) is an executive body under the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Through what they call '**mutual exchange**' they aim to help achieve the goals of Norwegian development policy. This means that they work with international partners who want to use the exchange model to learn from each other and develop. NOREC, sponsor of the project, provided through this workshop knowledge and inspiration on the exchange method. The goal is for SIHMA and Cultural Video to work together and learn from each other. Furthermore, the workshop was a feasibility study, to determine whether it would be a successful partnership, and to decide on more specifics of the project. Cultural Video Production and Cultural Video Foundation, situated in the Nairobi Bus in Kenya, are two organizations with twelve years of experience in East Africa and have made many different award winning video productions. According to the proposal, SIHMA will send two researchers to Kenya, so that Cultural Video can learn to use research in their filmmaking and how to document migration; Cultural Video will send two professionals to Cape Town so that SIHMA can learn how to develop media products for their trainings and conferences. In the end, the goal is that both parties leave with new skills that they didn't have before and among the tangible products of the partnership there will workshops and a variety of media products. The entire project will encompass around 12 months.

MEETINGS IN NAIROBI

The Executive director Fr. Filippo, travelled to Nairobi, for a series of meetings that will help SIHMA's connections and collaborations for future projects. He first visited the **African Migration and Development Policy Centre (AMADPOC)** and met the Executive Director **Dr. Linda Adhiambo Oucho**, who is also one of the AHMR Journal's Editorial board member. AMADPOC aims to contribute to development initiatives through policy oriented research on migration related issues. They had the opportunity to discuss about common strategy plans in regards to research, projects and training courses as well as future events and conferences to organize in partnership.

They also visited the **Kenya Conference of Catholic Bishops**, which is the official institution of the Catholic Bishops in Kenya who together exercise their Pastoral offices. They had a meeting with the General Secretary Most Rev. **Fr. Daniel Rono** and the Deputy General Secretary **Fr. Lucas Onge'sa Manwa**; they had also a fruitful meeting with Mrs. Beatrice Odera, National Executive Secretary of the **Catholic Justice & Peace Commission** and **Fr. Paul Igweta**, Co-ordinator of the Department of Integral Human Development of **AMECEA**. AMECEA is the Association of Member Episcopal Conferences in Eastern Africa, and includes the Catholic Bishops Conferences of 10 Countries. Fr. Filippo and dr. Oucho discussed a plan for further research strategies, training courses and other activities. Creating network among these international organizations with a similar mission is important and determining to serve and accompany migrants and refugees at the best.



OTHER EVENTS WE ATTENDED



30 August 2019

SOUTH AFRICA - SWEDEN UNIVERSITY FORUM (SAUF): MIGRATION AND MOBILITIES

Organised by **SAUF** and **University of the Western Cape**, Cape Town

The University of the Western Cape's Research Niche in Migration and Mobilities hosted a special satellite event for the South Africa-Sweden Research and Innovation Week, with the South Africa-Sweden University Forum (SASUF), a collaboration between 36 universities in Sweden and South Africa with goals to strengthen ties between South Africa and Sweden in research, education, and innovation and to connect universities with funding agencies, industry, ministries, and society in working towards the UN Sustainable Development Goals. The Migration and Mobilities Forum brought together scholars of various disciplines to discuss their research in order to provide a multifaceted understanding of the complexity of migration. SIHMA was honored to have the opportunity to present its main vision, goals, and accomplishments. The Migration and Mobilities program aimed to showcase interdisciplinary research to introduce different perspectives on handling the dynamic issues related to migration. Discussion was geared towards the importance of a collaborative approach among different fields, as well as the meeting of the academic world and the non-academic world. Researchers called into question the effective dissemination of scholars' work in a manner that would truly educate the public and influence policies. Another main goal was to develop further conversations on the various topics of migration and to establish a

network among different organisations. Father Filippo, the executive director of SIHMA, in his presentation titled "The active knowledge: A synergy between academy and work in the field, serving people on the move" discussed the mission of SIHMA, as well as the various programmes offered at the Scalabrini Study Centre in Cape Town. He emphasized the importance of combining both field practice and research in the study of migration. The overall goals of this work are to overcome mutual prejudices (between those who research and those who work with migrants directly), share knowledge and findings, produce measurable effects in society by changing policies and the mindset of the public, and work for the good of migrants. Among the other speakers, Prof. Mulugeta Dinababo, Acting Director of the Institute for Social Development at UWC and Chief Editor of the AHMR, Professor Daniel Tevera from the UWC Department of Geography, Professor Gabriel Tati from the UWC Department of Statistics and Population Studies, and Professor Cecilia Christersson from Malmo University in Sweden.

10 July 2019

A SEMINAR ON DISPLACED PERSONS AND THE DYNAMICS OF INTEGRATION

Organised by **CPL0**, Chancery Hall, Cape Town

Head of the Political Science Department at Rider University in the United States and immigration studies enthusiast, Professor Barbara Franz spent several weeks in Cape Town conducting research through a Fulbright scholarship on migrant integration techniques through the lens of the programmes belonging to the Scalabrini Centre. She concluded her time in South Africa with two days of talks regarding the preliminary findings of her research and a broader analysis of integration across time and location. CPL0 hosted Professor Franz for a seminar on the latter subject where she led a discussion regarding the integration techniques and consequences that she has witnessed in South Africa and across the Western world. Professor Franz began her talk with a look at the qualities of migration in the West because her area of expertise lies in migration in Europe and America and acknowledged that she too had a lot to learn about the phenomenon in Africa. Featuring a comparison between the general trends and concrete policies over time, she provided a detailed look into attitudes around migration in Germany, Bosnia, and the United States, discussing the evolution of immigration terminology. Ultimately she brought the conversation back to South Africa and observed how the intense xenophobia in the United States is actually reflected in the direction that immigration policy is moving in this country as well.



13 August 2019

EFFECTIVE DEVELOPMENT AND ADVOCACY FOR SYSTEM STRENGTHENING

Organised by **Misean Cara**, Schoenstatt Conference Hall, Cape Town

Misean Cara is an international and Irish faith-based missionary movement working with some of the most marginalised and vulnerable communities in developing countries. As part of their strategy to enable sharing of best practice, networking and collaboration, they invited different stakeholders involved in projects of development and advocacy in our area. This Workshop on Effective Development and Advocacy for System Strengthening was co-facilitated by Andrea Cortemiglia, Misean Cara Development Mentor for Southern Africa, and Robert Mafinyori, SACBC-JPC Gender Justice Coordinator. It involved presentations, discussions and group work on critical aspects and practical tools for effective development and advocacy for system strengthening—all with a focus on human rights approach, missionary values and sustainable results. It was also an opportunity to meet and interact with a community of project managers involved in inspiring development and advocacy initiatives across the country.

Both SIHMA and SCCT attended the event. It was an interesting and helpful exchange about **the meaning of advocacy and his integration in planning and fundraising for projects of development in the African context**, sharing knowledge and good practices, as well as different visions that enriched our learning and strengthened our network.

18 August 2019

AFRICAN REGIONAL TRAUMA CONFERENCE

Organised by **Jelly Beanz HOPE**, Cape Town

Re-rooting Africa: Africa's Routes to preventing & responding to child abuse, violence, & neglect. In response to the crisis affecting too many children across Africa, Jelly Beanz (a social work organization devoted to helping abused and neglected children) has partnered with several other groups like UNICEF and the Centre for Child Law to share research on child abuse and its prevention and create a constructive dialogue between professionals in related fields. The conference saw the coming together of government representatives, psychologists, social workers, researchers, practitioners from child and youth development field come together and share best practices and knowledge concerning building effective strategies and implement impactful interventions to counter the ongoing rights violation against children. Different topics were presented by Dr. Maria Mabetoa, chairperson and President of the South African Council of Social Service Professions and other professors and experts in children protection. SIHMA and SCCT were represented by advocacy officer Mrs Sindiswe Moyo and Lawrence House manager Mrs Giulia Treves who presented on the topic **“Children, migration and the law: unaccompanied and separated foreign children in South Africa – a presentation and reflection on their particular protection and care needs”**. Their presentation focused on the challenges faced by unaccompanied and separated foreign minors placed in alternative care. **Mrs Moyo shared the findings of a survey conducted by the Scalabrini Centre conducted in Gauteng and Limpopo provinces.** It was found that one of the main challenges that these children face is a lack of identification documentation and appropriate legal status. Without valid legal status it is becoming more challenging for unaccompanied and separated children to access services especially access to education. Documentation is central to an individual's ability to exercise basic human rights. **Mrs Treves highlighted that an often under estimated and insufficiently considered aspect of the challenges faced by migrant children and youth is that of the impact of trauma on their development and more general the incidence of mental health conditions in these young people.** As a residential service, Lawrence House is well aware of complex realities lived by these young people who have experienced loss, abandonment and violence. For many young people with migration-related experience in South Africa, their sense of self, their history and identity has been dislocated from the bonds, ties and reference points that positioned them in their society.

1-4 December 2019

HIGH LEVEL ASIA-OCEANIA REGIONAL CONFERENCE ON “FUTURE OF WORK”

Organised by **ICMC**, Bangkok (Thailand)

The International Catholic Migration Commission (ICMC) organized a High Level Asia-Oceania Regional Conference on “Future of Work”. SIHMA Executive Director attended the Conference and the Annual meeting of the ICMC Asia-Oceania Working Group, and presented the research done by Dr. M. Weideman about the labour-related experiences of migrants and refugees in South Africa. The conference brought together faith leaders, social partners and NGO representatives engaged in promoting decent work and just policies related to labour migration, in close collaboration with the International Labour Organization (ILO). Among the participants, members from IOM, UNHCR, UNICEF, OHCHR, the Vatican Migrants & Refugees Section (Fr. Fabio Baggio, CS), religious leaders from different faith traditions, as well as the ICMC Working Group members, and representatives of other Catholic-inspired and civil society organizations. The Migration Conference and Working Group focused on the following topics: child migrants and refugees and human trafficking; labour migration and an overview in the Asia-Oceania regions; Future of Work Initiative research and good practices in response to labour migration, as well as the inter-religious engagement on labour migration. Also Centre for Migration Studies of New York was represented by its executive director dr. Donald Kerwin. The event offered the opportunity to enrich our network and to discuss areas of common research between Asia and Africa: protection of human rights of migrant domestic workers, working conditions of advocacy programs for seafarers and fishermen, exploitation of vulnerable minors and other more.



Dr. Maruja M.B. Asis, Director of Research at the Scalabrini Migration Center in Manila (Philippines) presented her team’s research about Indonesian, Filipino and Vietnamese fishermen in the Taiwanese fishing industry at the conference (“Out at Sea, Out of Sight: Southeast Asian Fishermen on Taiwanese Fishing Vessels”). “Fishermen are largely invisible victims of trafficking and forced labour. This is sometimes true of people in other trades such as domestic workers, but being at sea makes things much worse, she adds. Since they are not in our sight, we are not aware of the terrible conditions in which they work and live,” Dr. Asis explains. Excessively long hours, inadequate food and accommodation, arbitrary changes in their contractual arrangements, unfair fees charged by recruiting agencies, insults – these are some of the abuses they face daily.

She discovered that many of the fishermen interviewed for the research felt like they were “on a mission. They put up with tough conditions above all because they seek a better life for their families and that hope keeps them going”. The research recommendations focus on improving the enforcement of basic requirements of decent work in the fishing sector such as inspection of vessels and working conditions. It is also important to involve NGOs and workers’ unions in monitoring employers and workers.

Another interesting study from SMC explored the prospects of agriculture as an alternative to international labour migration among young Filipinos. Although young Filipinos are retreating from farming, the study found interesting initiatives to attract and retain young people in agriculture, and young innovators who are involved in linking farmers to capital, markets and advocacy. This research explored how agriculture may be an option to international labour migration for young Filipinos.

SACBC WORKGROUP BISHOPS' VISIT

South Africa Catholic Bishops' Conference Office for Migrants and Refugees

12 March 2019 Christ the King Cathedral, Johannesburg

Pastoral care of migrants and refugees within the SACBC territory is coordinated by a multidisciplinary team, including SIHMA, Jesuit Refugee Service, Caritas, The Catholic Parliamentary Office, Catholic Relief Services (CRS), Directors of Pastoral Care of South African Dioceses and various refugee consortiums. The PCMR acts as an official Church voice on issues relating to migrants and refugees, and a channel of communication between diocesan offices and the SACBC.

It provides a mechanism for effective consultation and coordination among Catholic bodies and other groups involved in migrant and refugee activities. Additionally, it makes appropriate representation to government and other bodies on matters relating to migrants and refugees. The work of the PCMR reflects the Church's universal compassion of the very Christ for those in need, as recent Popes have often noted.

The SACBC Office for Migrants and Refugees is headed by Archbishop Buti Tlhalagale, with the help of the Adjoin Secretary, Fr. Patrick Rakeketsi, and Sr. Maria Lourdes Rissini, a Scalabrinian Sister who is also National Coordinator of Caritas in South Africa.

The members of the group meet twice a year in Johannesburg. Each stakeholder shares the programme of his organisation, as well as burning issues and projects concerning human mobility that are discussed and analyzed. SIHMA, represented by its executive director, presents an overview of the migratory phenomenon on the African continent, with an update about last research, articles and data, especially in the Southern African countries. We also offer our contribution to the other stakeholders about events, activities we prepare, training and the strategies of advocacy of the Scalabrini Centre.



25 February, Scalabrini centre building, Cape Town

Our Scalabrini Centre was opened in January after restoration. On the occasion of the restart of all the activities of 2020 and the conclusion of the restoration, the Archbishop of Cape Town Stephen Brislin and his Auxiliary Sylvester David visited our premises on the 25th of February 2020. On this occasion the usual meeting with all the ethnic and linguistic chaplains was held at the Scalabrini Centre. The meeting was about the new regulations to the Refugee Amendment Act of 2017, that were enforced on January 1st, 2020.

The Head of Advocacy of SCCT, Sally Gandar, gave a presentation on the important changes to the legislation that are now being implemented and an overview of the cases that the Scalabrini Centre deals with. At the end of the meeting, time was spent on the blessing of the building and the various services to migrants. Bishops Brislin and David blessed our newly restored entrance of the building with the graffiti that symbolizes the values of the Scalabrinian Congregation and reminds to the Staff members of SCCT and SIHMA our mission and vision. The graffiti also brings up the four actions proclaimed by Pope Francis in his message on the 2018 Migrants and Refugees' World Day: "Welcome, protect, promote and integrate".

The Archbishop thanked the Scalabrinian Fathers for the work done in the various ethnic and linguistic chaplaincies and for the presence of SCCT and SIHMA in the Archdiocese. He also stressed the fundamental importance of the assistance, research and training activities of lay people serving migrants, refugees and people on the move.

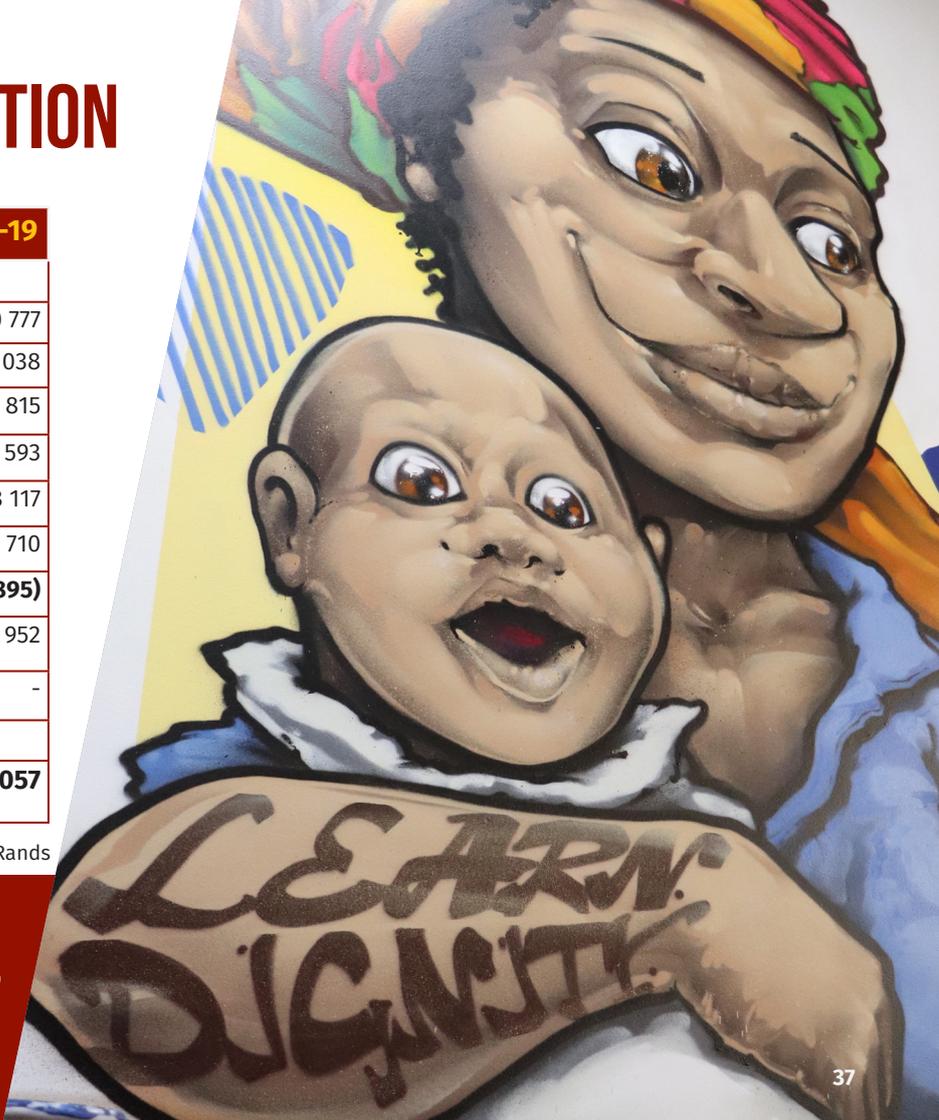
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OPENING RETAINED FUNDING	735 057	1 295 952
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LOOKING TO THE FUTURE...

SIHMA plans to continue to build on its priority areas of research and publication, communication including social media outputs, training, and internal capacity building in the year to come. SIHMA will enhance and refurbish its website, increase research internal capacity and outputs, and get involved to a greater extent in advocacy and training initiatives. Additionally SIHMA intends to develop further its media production capabilities, offer current migration information and publications with respect to African countries and conduct research, training, and/or provide assistance in a range of areas including persecution leading to forced migration, developing pastoral agents of migration and combatting human trafficking.

SIHMA intends to maintain and expand on its partnerships and collaboration within the network of Scalabrini research centres, within the Scalabrini International Migration Network (SIMN) and with partners outside of SIMN. SIHMA in collaboration with the University of the Western Cape will commence and conclude its second full year cycle of publishing the African Human Mobility Journal since it was accredited as a peer Review Journal by the Department of Higher Education and SIHMA will engage in extensive migration related research beyond the journal. SIHMA will improve many of its operations with staff working remotely were appropriate including its collaborative research, collaborative communication initiatives, partnerships and training. SIHMA will build on its existing strategy and material developed in the year of reporting.

COMMUNICATION STRATEGY

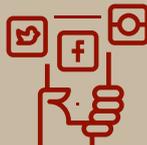
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