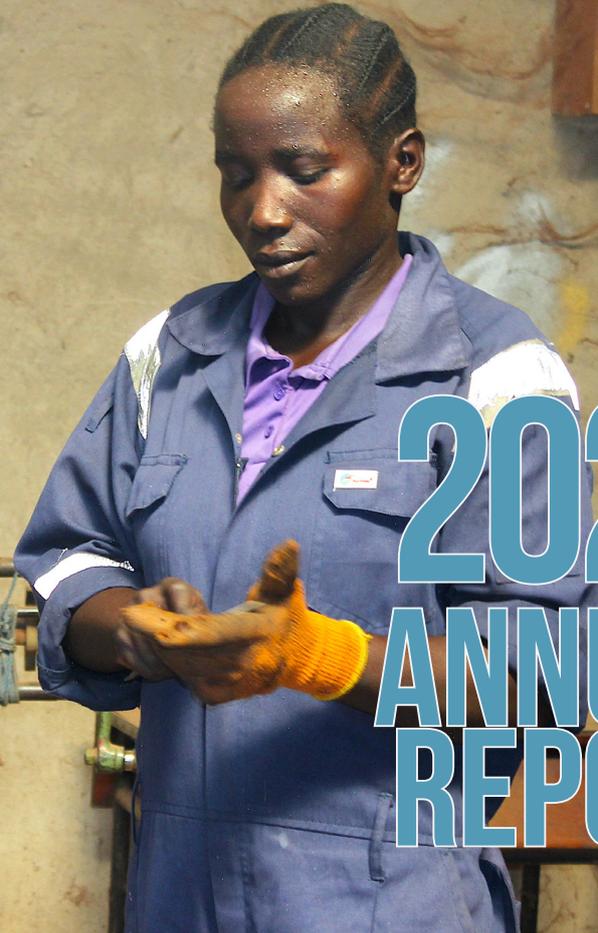




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MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

"He *listened* to the cry of migrants, *spoke* in their name and *defended* their rights".

These words resounded recently on 9 October 2022 in a packed, vibrant and colourful St. Peter's Square in Rome, while **John Baptist Scalabrini**, Bishop of Piacenza at the end of the 19th century, was proclaimed Saint, a model for the Catholic faithful, as father of the migrants, refugees, seafarers and people on the move. This was not merely a religious celebration, but an international reminder that **no man, whatever his religious belief, social or political background, ethnic or linguistic affiliation, can remain indifferent to the massive movement of people on our planet.** And above all, as is the case with Scalabrini, we cannot ignore the gulf of inequality, injustice and abuse that accompanies the causes, journeys, and situations in the countries of departure / homelands of those who emigrate in search of a better future.

He *listened*, he *spoke*, he *acted*. These verbs encompass the process which underlies **the work and dedication of the many people who still carry on Scalabrini's moral and spiritual legacy** around the world. Individuals, communities, and organisations inspired by his vision, seek daily to offer welcome spaces of protection, opportunities for human promotion and real integration for migrants, especially the most vulnerable.

Among these organisations, we are proud to count on the African continent our **SIHMA Study Centre**, the **Scalabrini Centre of Cape Town** and the Child and Youth Care Centre **Lawrence House**. In this report you will find how SIHMA, through the work of research, publication, training, and dissemination of findings, aims to disseminate a deeper knowledge of human mobility that can reach all kinds of audiences - from academia to civil society, from those engaged in fieldwork to the simply 'curious about the subject'. We support concrete actions of advocacy, empowerment, and capacity building that make migrants, protagonists, and contributors to the receiving society.

Each organisation of our network, with its specificity and competence, contributes to making Scalabrini's effort to ensure that human mobility is not a forced and painful choice, but a free process that, regulated with wisdom and justice by human laws, leads to the full realisation of man and the promotion of the common good.

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

significance: 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 charisma, 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.

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

The late 20th century 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:

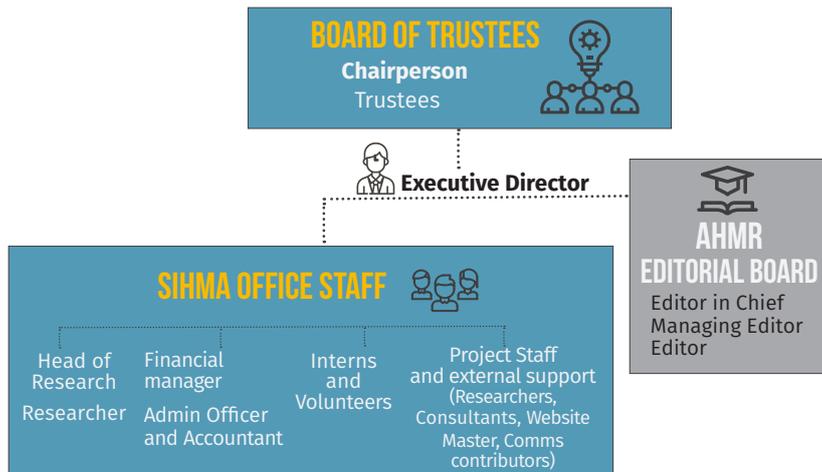
- Pastoral care and spiritual assistance of people on the move;
- Social projects, research on human mobility, promotion of human rights;
- Activities linked with our charisma and promotion of our spirituality.

SCALABRINI IN AFRICA

The Congregation of Missionaries of St Charles is present on African soil from 1994. We are grateful for the hard work of the staff, volunteers, and Fathers 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 endeavours of John Baptist Scalabrini.



ORGANISATIONAL CHART



- 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 St.
- 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)** for pastoral care of refugees in Maratane Camp.
- 2012 Opening of the new Mission in **Johannesburg (St.Patrick La Rochelle)**.
- 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.
- 2021 Opening of new social projects in Johannesburg at St.Patrick La Rochelle.
- 2019-2022 Feasibility study of SIHMA in Uganda for the opening of a new Scalabrini mission.
- 9 October 2022 **John Baptist Scalabrini is proclaimed Saint** by Pope Francis in Rome.
- 11 January 2023 **Opening of the new Scalabrini mission in Kampala** (Uganda).

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The UNHCR reports that by mid-June, 2023 around 117.2m people had already been forcibly displaced across the world ranging from countries caught in spirals of violence and the endless wars that plague our world to those escaping the consequences of the wanton destruction of our natural environments and those who suffer because of various types of pernicious discrimination and the fear of persecution. The plight of people on the move has become one of the starkest and most mortifying signs of the times. In its wake, it is devastating to note, some of the meanest practices of exclusion, anti-foreigner sentiment, vile populism and xenophobic attitudes and actions have virtually become normalised. The author Khaled Hosseini has stated very poignantly: 'Refugees are mothers, fathers, sisters, brothers, children with the same hopes and ambitions as us- except that a twist of fate has bound their lives to a global refugee crisis on an unprecedented scale.' During this unprecedented movement of people and the hostile responses that it has awakened, the challenge of understanding the dynamics of this phenomenon and deconstructing its reactions has become critical for the health of the human community. It is often said that 'Without knowledge action is useless and knowledge without action is futile.' In the very DNA of SIHMA is the unflinching quest for knowledge, for sharing knowledge, for using knowledge in the public domain to change attitudes, formulate policy and give agency to those who in the process of being displaced and have had their voices minimised. With that foundation SIHMA has also provided the intellectual inspiration for targeted, responsible, purposeful action towards justice in this troubled area. One of the important tasks of our times is to provide an alternative narrative, different values and to allow the facts to speak for themselves. One of SIHMA's important achievements has been to use the power of words and ideas to counter and disrupt elitist, racist, exclusive narratives and find the language that assists in bringing about change. Nelson Mandela, the icon of a more inclusive political dispensation said, "it is so easy to breakdown and destroy. The heroes are those who make peace and build". It is to SIHMA's credit that it has followed this trajectory and in small but significant ways has begun to shift the dial in public thinking on these matters.

One of the very valuable services that SIHMA renders in its intellectual contributions is the way it has consistently deconstructed the many false binaries that skew a sober approach to the field of mobility. It is a false binary for example to hold that because one advocates for support, protection and integration for mobile people, one is necessarily blind to and uncaring of the plight of the poor in country, or that one has scant regard for security and the difficulties of porous borders. These are generally attempts to deflect critical policy considerations. Research that helps clarify these false binaries assist greatly in providing honest perspective. Critical research, the interdisciplinary approach, publications, and advocacy in various influential domains are not only of a high standard but are strategically positioned to make the maximum difference.

SIHMA which has emerged from and continues to be nurtured by a deep faith tradition is also helped by the four verbs which Pope Francis has introduced as a powerful hermeneutic. 'To welcome, integrate, promote and protect.' These lenses have helped offer focus to the institutes' endeavours and has allowed it to act positively with other organisations across the globe in ratcheting up awareness of the plight of the mobile community by providing important framing narratives and offering platforms for action in an integrated fashion. It has also given SIHMA prophetic insights that are currently not part of the wisdom of the purely political or conventional thinking. It introduces important insights such as the universal destination of goods, and the primacy of anyone's dignity over their immigration status. SIHMA has a critical mission and is an important barometer for gauging the various pressures. It is a laboratory for finding the best way forward. It is very hard to undervalue the potency of the contribution which SIHMA makes in this very contested area, and we owe the staff and supporters of the Institute our deep gratitude. The late Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg reminded us just before her death: 'Real change, enduring change, happens one step at a time.' We must be inspired by the fact that SIHMA assists us in taking those history-defining steps. Long may it do so.

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



Fr. Peter John Pearson

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.



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 St Charles Borromeo) based in Johannesburg at St. Patrick La Rochelle, a multicultural community hosting locals, migrants and refugees.



Willem Van Schalkwyk

Willem started his life as an engineer in 1985, after graduating from the University of Stellenbosch. In 1999 he changed to financial services, shortly thereafter he became the Group Compliance Officer for Metropolitan. He was in various compliance roles up to his retirement in 2021.

THANKS TO FR. GERARDO AND WELCOME TO FR. EDUARDO AS NEW TRUSTEE AND CHAIRPERSON



Fr. Gerardo Garcia

Fr Gerardo Garcia has been for many years a Board member and Chairperson of SIHMA. He has now been transferred to another mission in Europe to continue with a different ministry. We thank him for sharing this long journey and for the support to the activities and projects of our organisation.



Fr. Eduardo Gabriel

Fr Eduardo is a Missionary of St Charles, born in Piracicaba, São Paulo province (Brazil). In 2002 he completed his undergraduate degree in social science at São Carlos University, (UFSCAR), in Brasil, where he also got in 2005 his masters' degree in social sciences. In 2010 he finished his Ph.D. in sociology at the Universidade de São Paulo (USP), with a concurrent period at Instituto Universitário de Lisboa (ISCTE) and the Institute of Social Sciences (ICS), in Lisbon, Portugal. He has also been studying in the Scalabrinian Mission in Manila, Philippines. He is enthusiastic about research related to human mobility and empowerment of vulnerable migrants and refugees and since 2017 he's working in Johannesburg at the Scalabrini mission of St. Patrick La Rochelle, coordinating also social interventions and projects.

SIHMA TEAM



Filippo Ferraro
Executive Director

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Filippo is a Scalabrini Father. He completed his bachelors 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 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 has been the coordinator of several social projects for the Scalabrinian Congregation in Africa. Among his roles in the network he also serves as chairperson of the Scalabrini Centre of Cape Town.



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Rachel Chinyakata is the Head of Research at SIHMA working on human mobility, migration policies, migration and health, gender, migration and climate and vulnerable minors research. She holds a PhD in Gender Studies degree from the University of Venda. Rachel has previously worked for mothers2mothers as a researcher responsible for conceptualising and conducting Evaluation and Operations Research. She has also worked at the University of the Western Cape as a postdoctoral research fellow leading research on Human Capabilities under the SARCHI in Human Capabilities, Social Cohesion, and the Family. She is passionate about conducting research that contributes knowledge development, informed policies and programmes that promotes the rights and well-being of migrants, asylum seekers, refugees, and other people on the move.



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Born and raised in a rural community in the North West Region of Cameroon, Momasoh Cletus Muluh is a holder of a master's degree in Development Studies from the University of the Western Cape. He is currently doing his Ph.D. in the Department of Sociology at the University of Cape Town with research and teaching interest around African migration, integration, social change, and policy formation. He lectured introduction to Sociology and Development Studies at the Cape Peninsula University of Technology for first and second-year students. He is very passionate about the survival mechanisms and or strategies that migrants use in their integration process within their host communities.



Malcolm J. Salida
Financial Manager

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Malcolm is a highly skilled, trained and respected finance executive having professionally assisted many organisations and international developmental projects. With close to 30 years working experience, of which at least 18 have been at an executive and board level, he brings an enthusiastic leadership style to all roles he assumes. He applies his financial and business management skills with an attention to detail to ensure processes and systems are aligned to achieve strategic business objectives. He has a strong passion to ensure that governance, ethics, professionalism, transparency and authenticity are foremost in any business/organisation he manages.



Siphosethu Patonisi
Admin Officer and Accountant

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Siphosethu was born and raised in a rural village in Eastern Cape, South Africa. She holds a BTech in Taxation and completed her Postgraduate Diploma in Professional Accountant in Practice at a medium-sized accounting firm based in Cape Town. She is a very energetic, ambitious person who has developed a mature and responsible approach to any task that she undertakes. As a trainee accountant she is flexible in changing situations and always pays high attention to detail. She has developed so much love working for NGO's as she is currently working for two successful NGOs as her allocated clients and wishes to use her free time volunteering to places that assists people in need.

THANKS TO SAMANTHA



SIHMA would like to say a big thank you to Samatha Coetzee for being a part of the SIHMA team for the past 1 year. Samatha was an office administrator at SIHMA, and she was responsible for the administrative activities, communications, managing the social media platforms and the blog posts. Samatha also managed the general needs of the office and ensured that all SIHMA stakeholders were always attended to timeously by managing our correspondence requests. SIHMA has been greatly enriched by the work and presence of Samatha during the time she has worked at the organisation. SIHMA would like to thank her for all the time and work she has done that has contributed to the success of SIHMA's vision and mission. We wish her all the best in their future endeavours!



“BUILDING THE FUTURE WITH MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES ALSO MEANS RECOGNIZING AND VALUING HOW MUCH EACH OF THEM CAN CONTRIBUTE TO THE PROCESS OF CONSTRUCTION”.

POPE FRANCIS

MESSAGE FOR THE 108TH WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES 2022

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 in 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, and other duties); Assisting in events management i.e. workshops, round-tables, and conferences; assisting in social media management (Facebook, Twitter, Blog On The Move, and Instagram); 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 4/6 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 2022/23



CHRISTINE CHIBVONGODZE

from South Africa, bachelor's in development studies at University of South Africa; remote communication intern with SIHMA from March 2022 to May 2022.

Christine was born and raised in South Africa. She holds a bachelor's degree in development studies from the University of South Africa. She is an energetic young lady, who is passionate about social change and development. Over the years, she has learnt a lot from interactions with different people from different backgrounds of life, and that is what has made her believe strongly in the power of human difference and diversity in solving problems that the world is currently faced with. Her main goal is to use her capabilities to make a demonstrable contribution to world development and migration.

"I really enjoyed my time at SIHMA; it's a great working environment. I gained a lot of knowledge and practical experience, which I am still using to this day in my career. Everybody at SIHMA is very understanding, supportive, friendly, and encouraging. I will forever be grateful for the opportunity".



BRILLIANT FANE

from Botswana; 2nd year master's student at Pennsylvania State University; SIHMA communications and research intern from May 2021 to August 2023.

Originally from Botswana, Brilliant is pursuing her master's degree in international affairs with a concentration in African development policy at the Pennsylvania State University. She has a deep passion for African issues ranging from development, education, and social issues like poverty. This passion steered her choice of major for her undergraduate degree. Having majored in African Studies, she reached a deeper understanding of the African continent and of the challenges it faces.

"During my stay at SIHMA, I was able to write some research articles and contributed to a country profiles for the African continent. I was also involved in publishing some content on our Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn and Twitter (now X) pages, and collecting migration-related news for the press reviews. It was very interesting and informative writing several the blog posts, e.g., about the Zimbabwean exemption permits and the relationship between female migration and gender-based violence".



NATHAN MANGENA

from Michigan, United States of America; 4th year undergraduate student studying political science at Michigan State University; SIHMA communications and research intern from May 2021 to August 2023.

Nathan is a 4th-year student at Michigan State University studying political science with a minor in law, justice, and public policy. He was born and raised in the United States by Zimbabwean immigrant parents. He has a strong interest in international development and economic sustainability and seeks to eventually practice as a lawyer in those areas.

Nathan is an avid fan of basketball and enjoys spending his free time watching and playing the sport as well as spending copious amounts of time with friends and family.

“Working at SIHMA was one of the most enriching experiences of my life and I will forever be grateful to the entire team of SIHMA and of the Scalabrini Centre of Cape Town for the love they showed me and their investment into my success during my time there and beyond. Within my first few days, I knew that I’d learn a lot about all things migration and the several ways in which I could contribute to the support of human rights for migrants. There wasn’t one question I asked that was left unanswered--and even if there weren’t clear answers, the wisdom and perspectives of my colleagues and supervisors was rich and full of nuance. The Scalabrini Centre of Cape Town and all of the people who I had the opportunity to form relationships with from Employment Access to Women’s Platform to Lawrence House and beyond will forever hold a very special place in my heart. All-in-all, my time at SIHMA offered me so much from life-long relationships to practical opportunities following my internship and it is an experience that I will hold in highest regard for the rest of my life”.



ABBY THEUT

from Michigan, United States of America; 4th year undergraduate student studying English at Michigan State University; SIHMA communications and research intern from October 2021 to December 2021.

Abby Theut joined us as an Admin and Comms intern.

She collaborated with our Cape Town office to effectively manage our social media pages as well as the Blog posts. Abby grew up in Clarkston, Michigan and she is a fourth-year undergraduate student at Michigan State University in the United States.

Abby is passionate about human rights and learning more about issues happening in different regions across the globe, which is why she is eager to learn more about these problems through her remote internship with us, where she was be posting to SIHMA’s social media as well as blog posts.

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)



CPLO - 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)



ACMS - 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 Centre 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 Trafficking in Persons
Office (Pretoria, South Africa)



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



Cultural Video Production Africa
(Nairobi, Kenya)



University of Valencia
(Valencia, Spain)



CERAP - Centre for Research and Action
for Peace
(Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire)



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



3. TRAINING, CAPACITY BUILDING, AND ONLINE RESOURCES



4. EVENTS AND COMMUNICATION



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, human trafficking, refugee rights and many other areas. 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.



MINISTRY REPORT 2021

This report was Commissioned by the Migrants and Refugees Section of the Dicastery for the Promotion of Integral Human Development and compiled by the Scalabrini Institute for Human Mobility in Africa (SIHMA). The report documents the work by many organisations and institutions of the Catholic Church across the African continent targeting people on the move. This report consists of 37 good practices realising and supporting the Catholic church's mission and the four verbs for pastoral care of the people on the move which are to welcome, protect, promote, and integrate.

The practices in the report refer to the year 2021, a period that is still highly critical due to the pandemic, which created enormous inconvenience for those moving around the continent, both in terms of health with many people falling ill or dying, and above all in terms of the impact on vulnerable people and communities.

From the perspective of human rights, living conditions, and employment, many migrants suffered greatly, and the very organisations that offered assistance and aid faced severe shortages of staff or financial resources. The report testifies both to the strong repercussion of the distress created by the pandemic and to the positive impact and resilience of many migrants, supported by organisations that were able to take up the challenge and refocus their activities.

The report covers geographically all major areas of Africa broadly. The 37 good practices were collected from the following countries: Angola, Burundi, Cameroon, Chad, DRC, Egypt, Gabon, Ivory Coast, Kenya, Lesotho, Malawi, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Morocco, Mozambique, Niger, Nigeria, Rwanda, South Africa, Uganda, and Zimbabwe.

The report reflects the African Catholic community's work, which relies on the work of episcopal conferences, dioceses, parishes, religious congregations, caritas, migrant groups, and various organisations, confirming its vocation to walk unceasingly alongside people on the move, offering understanding, help and creating opportunities for them to become protagonists of society and the Church.

This report also offers a credible and interesting picture of the ongoing development of Catholic pastoral care of migrants in Africa. Although there is always room for improvement and intervention, it shows that the Catholic Church still represents a reliable reference point for all people on the move.

PATHWAYS OF WELL-BEING AND BELONGING AMONG MIGRANT YOUTH IN CAPE TOWN

RESEARCH PROJECT by **SIHMA and SCCT - Lawrence House**

Children and young people with experiences of migration in South Africa are building their lives in contexts of deep insecurity. Research is needed on the impact of the present context on young people's wellbeing and sense of belonging. The process of finding a sense of home in their new environments is complex, and through this research, we aim to build an understanding of the barriers to and facilitators of this. This will include the intersection between young people's past and the effects of trauma, loss and dislocation that inform how they navigate their present.

This research will include work with children and young people with experience of South Africa's child protection system. This may entail children in formal placement in child and youth care centres (CYCC) or alternative placement and/or those subject to monitoring by the Children's Court and Social workers. Experience from within these settings that is not limited to child and youth care systems has shown that children and young people with migrant backgrounds face many challenges related to their care. Examples include challenges in obtaining and renewing parents' documentation, state failures in issuing birth certificates and years of waiting before receiving official immigration status. Children and young people who are both in and outside of formal care settings experience similar challenges that go under-investigated. As such, we are particularly interested in the impact of these challenges on young people, how it may harm them, and interacts with their integration, sense of belonging and sense of future in South Africa.

The enquiry and question for this project is guided by a set of aims and objectives that will be further shaped by the young people's input during the research process. This 'openness' is a critical aspect to our participatory approach, which will be further delineated later. The overarching aim is to explore the interaction between individual, social, and structural factors in the construction of wellbeing and belonging for young people with migration experiences in the South African context. This research is oriented towards advocacy, so that we can work with

legal and social work professionals to drive change. Target audiences for influencing include numerous government departments including the Department of Social Development (DSD) and the Department of Home Affairs. Moreover, we intend to co-develop an outcome with youth participants that will directly engage policy and policy-making.

UNDERSTANDING THE LIVED REALITY OF 'CHILDREN ON THE MOVE' IN THE EASTERN BORDER AREA OF ZAMBIA TO DEVELOP RECOMMENDATIONS FOR SUPPORT PROGRAMMES FOR VULNERABLE CHILDREN IN BORDER ZONES

RESEARCH PROJECT funded by **Raskob Foundation**

The movement of young people from one country to another is a common phenomenon, children represent a huge portion of international migrants (UNICEF, 2021). Their movement is mostly motivated by the search of employment, better living and working conditions (Hillier 2007; Walker, Mahati and Magaya, 2020); Save the Children 2020). Border towns are used as springboards or stop-off points to make some money for further travel across to major destination cities. SIHMA is undertaking this study to understand the lived reality of 'children on the move' in the eastern border area of Zambia (Chipata and Nyimba) and to develop recommendations for support programmes for vulnerable children in border zones.

Zambia hosts thousands of children from other African countries for example the DRC, Malawi, Mozambique, Ethiopia, and it is perceived as a haven and has porous borders with neighbouring countries, but there continues to be a dearth of research on young people entering into Zambia, particularly in the border towns. There is limited understanding of how to support and protect young people who either pass through or remain for some time in border towns as they move.

The young people are thus vulnerable to abuse and disadvantage exacerbated by the lack of support and protection mechanisms. Against this background, SIHMA, in collaboration Dr Glynis Clacherty and Dr Rebecca Walker from the African Centre for Migration and Society, are conducting an ethnographic study. This study aims to

understand the lived reality of these ‘children on the move’ to develop recommendations for support programmes for vulnerable children in border zones.

Data would be collected through the following methods:

- participatory research groups with young people who represent the different contexts of migration, we usually work with about 10 children in a group, though in some settings (such as in the marketplaces) it may be necessary to interview children and young people in small groups of 3 or 4
- semi-structured interviews with existing service providers from NGOs and government
- semi-structured interviews with officials
- participant observation of the lives of migrant children in the different contexts.

The study has received ethical clearance from the University of Witwatersrand and approvals to collect data from Save the Children Zambia. During this reporting period, ethical approval from a Zambian Research Ethics Council was being sought.

UNDERSTANDING THE EXPERIENCES OF SEAFARERS IN CAPE TOWN TO DEVELOP RECOMMENDATIONS FOR SUPPORT PROGRAMMES FOR SEAFARERS IN SOUTH AFRICA AND BEYOND

RESEARCH PROPOSAL by **SIHMA (TO BE CONFIRMED)**

The global shipping industry continues to be relevant in transporting around 90% of the total volume of goods around the world, including necessities like grains, medicine, petroleum, livestock, vehicles, and other essential commodities (International Chamber of Shipping, 2022). This is possible through the contribution of seafarers who are personnel working as crew members in the shipping vessels. According to Funke, et al., (2016), South Africa is one of the world’s top 15 sea-trading nations, with 12,000 ships visiting South Africa’s ports, generating 3,5% of seaborne trade, with 224,000 foreign seafarers working on the ships. Through its National Development Plan South Africa promotes unlocking the economic potential of South Africa’s oceans through investment in the shipping industry. Although seafarers are an important backbone of the economy, data indicates that they continue to face challenges and experience exploitation especially at the hands of their employers. There is limited attention being paid to their challenges

and since these violations happen largely out of the sight of most of the society (government regulators, media, and the public) they are often overlooked. There is dearth of literature and action to enhance their wellbeing, especially in the developing countries (Walters and Bailey, 2013; Couper et al., 2015; Dutt, 2015; Kirchner, 2019; Pickette, Raynes & Stanford, 2022), specifically in South Africa. Understanding the experience of seafarers is important not only in adding to the body of knowledge but in informing policies, programmes and interventions that are tailored towards the actual needs of the seafarers. As part of the Scalabrini Fathers’ (Apostleship of the Sea) mission at the Cape Town, the Scalabrini Catholic Fathers continue to provide practical and pastoral care and other services to seafarers. Against this background, this study seeks to understand the lived experiences of seafarers in Cape Town to develop recommendations for support programmes and to inform the work of the Apostleship of the Sea Chaplains.

The study will be conducted by SIHMA in partnership with other organisations in Cape Town which is one of the largest commercial ports in South Africa. Large numbers of merchant and fishing vessels arrive at the Port of Cape Town each month to offload, resupply and to load goods and passengers. Therefore, due to the ever-existing presence of seafarers who are mostly far away from their homes and their families, the study focuses on this location in gathering evidence to devise or further inform the support programmes for seafarers. Semi-structured interviews will be conducted with seafarers to have a detailed understanding of their experiences. The specific objectives include:

1. To understand the lived experiences reality of seafarers
2. To understand the available channels of support/protection/coping mechanisms used by seafarers
3. To develop/strengthen recommendations for seafarers support programmes

Through this study we hope to inform policies, programmes and interventions aimed at enhancing the lives of seafarers in South Africa and beyond.

THE DEVELOPMENT OF A KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATOR FRAMEWORK AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR REFUGEES INTEGRATION IN UGANDA

RESEARCH PROPOSAL by **SIHMA in partnership with the Ugandan Martyrs University (COMING SOON IN 2023/24)**

RESEARCH BLOG POSTS

Our team prepares a weekly post for the Blog on the Move containing relevant insights on human mobility. The following are some of the blog posts that were published in 2022 on our website:

- 🌐 Migrant Ministry Report in Africa During the Pandemic Crisis (26/04/2022)
- 🌐 Brenthurst Research: No One Is Safe Until Everyone Is Safe (07/06/2022)
- 🌐 Communication Tools and Community-Driven Initiatives to Improve Migrant Well-Being (14/06/2022)
- 🌐 Exploring Small Business Development using the Area Sector Analysis Process (ASAP) (12/07/2022)
- 🌐 Where do we go from here? Uncovering the story behind ZEP Cancellation (26/07/2022)
- 🌐 Tracing the border in the city: Exploring migration and the urban borders of Cape Town (02/08/2022)
- 🌐 Female Migration and Gender-Based Violence (23/08/2022)
- 🌐 Ethics as a Moral Duty: Proposing an Integrated Ethics Framework for Migration Research (25/10/2022)

RESEARCH REQUEST

SIHMA has a long partnership with the Scalabrini Centre Cape Town (SCCT) its sister organisation in conducting research and events that are aimed at welcoming, protecting, promoting and integrating people on the move. As a human mobility institute, SIHMA values research that adds to the understanding of human mobility in Africa, informs policies, programmes, and advocacy for people on the move. Therefore, SIHMA conducts research to inform the work of the SCCT and other organisations that work with people on the move, thus bridging the gap between research and practice. For example, the pathways of well-being and belonging among migrant youth in Cape Town project seeks to inform the work that the SCCT does.

Furthermore, SIHMA collaborates with the SCCT in aiding researchers, academics, and scholars to find beneficiaries who can become research. Research requests are submitted by the people interested through our online platform. The SIHMA and SCCT research panel reviews and ensures that all research that is conducted at SIHMA and SCCT is of high quality, novel, methodologically sound and informs policies and procedures aimed at enhancing the lives of people of the move. Would you like to interview us or our clients as participants in your research? The staff at the Scalabrini Institute for Human Mobility in Africa and Scalabrini Centre of Cape Town value the interest shown by students academics, and other researchers who seek the assistance of our organisation/s to aid their studies.

Should you like to request our involvement in your research, please complete the form available at the link <https://sihma.org.za/sihma-research-request> as this assists us in processing requests and identifying the staff member and/ or in exceptional cases clients best suited to your research needs.

It is important to note that we are not able to grant all of the research requests received but will review your application and let you know if your request has been approved or not by the panel that receives and considers interview/ research requests every month. Please, do not email any staff directly, as our organisations may not be able to correspond until your request has been approved.



2. PUBLICATIONS

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

We publish with the University of the Western Cape especially our Journal AHMR, *African Human Mobility Review*. From 2015 the AHMR has been growing in its mission to disseminate qualitative research on human mobility, contributing to the public debate on the issues and opportunities for integration of people on the move. We publish academic articles in our journal and make the content of our research accessible through infographics and summaries for different audiences in our social media communication and on the Blog on the Move on 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 in the sector to monitor the most significant trends and topics.

AFRICAN HUMAN MOBILITY REVIEW (AHMR)

The African Human Mobility Review (AHMR) is an interdisciplinary peer-reviewed open access academic journal accredited by the South African Department of Higher Education and Training (DHET). AHMR's aim is to encourage and facilitate the study of all aspects (socioeconomic, political, legislative, and developmental) of human mobility in Africa. Through the publication of original research, policy discussions and evidence-based research papers, AHMR provides a comprehensive forum devoted exclusively to the analysis of contemporaneous trends, migration patterns and some of the most important migration-related issues.

AHMR is freely available to a global network of researchers, which facilitates having a significant impact within the discipline and increases its citation by others. Its mission is to conduct and disseminate research that contributes to the understanding of human mobility across Africa and inform policies that ensure the rights and dignity of migrants, asylum-seekers, and refugees. AHMR is currently the only peer-reviewed African-based journal on migration studies.

This unique journal targets a wide range of stakeholders such as researchers, academics, policymakers, students, and practitioners. Thus, AHMR's influence extends to civil society, government departments and research/academic institutions in Africa. Three crucial factors set this journal apart: its exclusive focus on migration in Africa; its accessibility online, which allows it to reach a wide audience; and its free-of-charge stance. Indeed, over the years, AHMR readership has increased, as evidenced by views and downloads. Interestingly, to allay concerns of academics who view online journal publications as carrying less weight than print journals, AHMR prints a few copies of each edition and distributes this to South African universities each year.

In 2022, AHMR celebrated the 8th year of its original foundation. Since 2014, AHMR, the collaboration between the Scalabrini Institute for Human Mobility in Africa and the University of the Western Cape has published over 140 peer-reviewed articles, increasing the distribution of authorship across the African continent. AHMR's focus is to ensure high scientific quality and rigorous research disseminated widely.

Therefore, to improve the quality of the work and meet the request of contributors for high standard publications, we prioritize academic indexing. In 2022, AHMR was indexed online in three of the world top general indexes: Scopus, Scielo and the Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ). We believe this crucial step will increase the reach of articles published and better serve the need of researchers. Furthermore, to increase representation of article submissions from non-English-speaking regions of Africa, AHMR's editorial team is working on a bilingual Special issue (French/English) to foster dialogue with French-speaking researchers in Africa.

The Special issue, for possible publication in 2023, will shed light on new cross-disciplinary and methodological applications and examine material elements and technologies mobilized in the implementation of mobility projects in Africa. The editorial team would like to thank all board members, editors, reviewers, authors, and readers for their continued engagement.

We are confident that in 2023 the *African Human Mobility Review* will continue its mission towards disseminating research and providing a significant resource for scholars, practitioners, and students.

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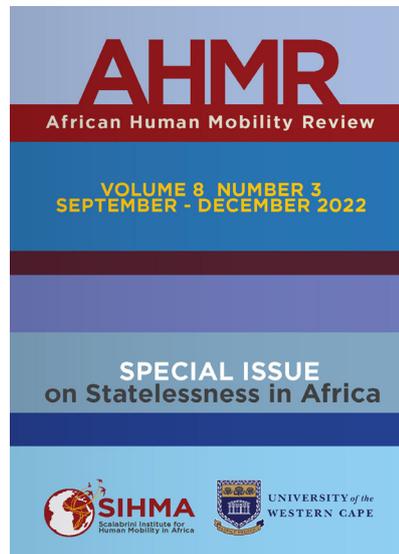
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**SPECIAL
ISSUE ON
STATELESSNESS
IN AFRICA**

This special issue was realised in partnership with the University of the Western Cape (UWC), the University of Cape Town (UCT) and funded by the UNHCR.

The content is available online on our website.

Index:

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- Statelessness in Protracted Refugee situations: Former Angolan and Rwandan Refugees in Zambia



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To submit articles for publication or collaborate with the journal as a reviewer you can access the specific menu of the website www.sihma.org.za with a new, clear and intuitive graphic layout. The electronic management of the peer reviewing process of the articles allows an immediate update on the contents and facilitates the dynamics of interaction with the Editorial board and management staff.

AFRICA ON THE MOVE 2022



WOMEN ARE 47.9% OF THE MIGRANT POPULATION IN AFRICA. IN THE EAST AND HORN OF AFRICA THEY REACH 50.4%.

Sources: IOM Report A Region On The Move, 2021

TOTAL INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION STOCK WORLDWIDE IN 2022

281 MILLION

3,6% of total population worldwide*
+3,5% compared to 2019

TOTAL INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION STOCK IN AFRICA IN 2022

25,4 MILLION

1,9% of total population of Africa in 2022
(= 1,426,736,305 source: www.macrotrends.net)

FORCIBLY DISPLACED AND STATELESS POPULATIONS IN THE WORLD (END OF 2022)

112,567,366 ^{**} (108,4M FORCIBLY DISPLACED WORLDWIDE)

Sources:

* www.migrationdataportal.org

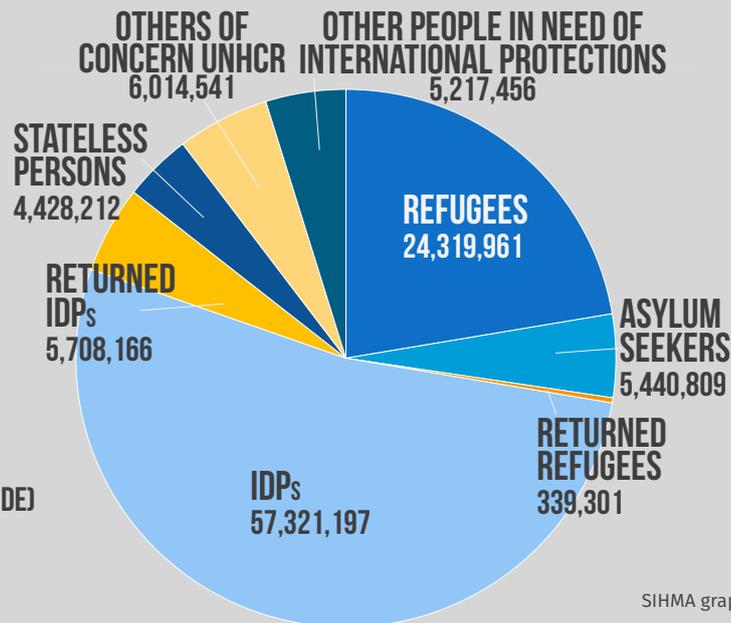
** UNHCR. 2022. Global Report and Global Trend Report

*** UNHCR Refugee Data Finder www.unhcr.org



THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN TRAVELLING ALONE BETWEEN THE HORN OF AFRICA AND THE ARABIAN PENINSULA DOUBLED IN THE LAST YEAR (FROM 7,300 TO 14,900) AND THESE UNACCOMPANIED CHILDREN REPRESENTED 38% OF ALL CHILDREN TRACKED IN 2022 (39,700)

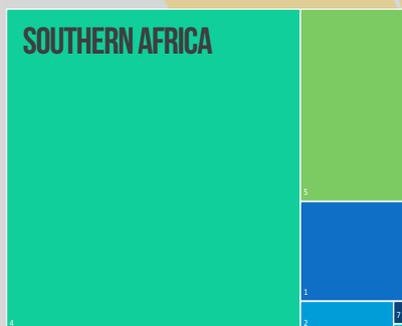
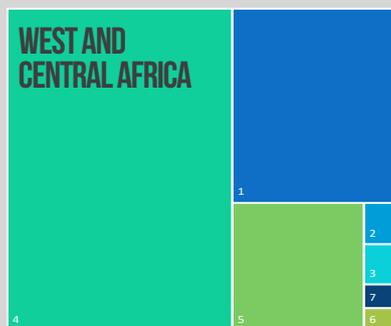
Sources: IOM Report Migrant Movements Between The Horn Of Africa And The Arabian Peninsula, February 2023



SIHMA graphic

FORCIBLY DISPLACED AND STATELESS POPULATIONS IN AFRICA

Source: UNHCR Global Report 2022 End of December 2022	East and Horn of Africa & Great Lakes	% world total	Southern Africa	% world total	West and Central Africa	% world total
1) Refugees	4 701 272	19,33%	773 024	3,18%	1 563 305	6,43%
2) Asylum-seekers	198 323	3,65%	200 832	3,69%	70 733	1,30%
3) Returned refugees	191 282	56,38%	11 279	3,32%	78 121	23,02%
4) IDPs	10 733 391	18,72%	11 279	0,02%	7 812 046	13,63%
5) Returned IDPs	2 487 256	43,57%	1 487 444	26,06%	647 051	11,34%
6) Stateless persons	104 564	2,36%	-	0,00%	931 191	21,03%
7) Others of concern to UNHCR	112 054	1,86%	29 521	0,49%	140 688	2,34%
8) Other people in need of international protection	-		-		-	
TOTAL	18 528 142	16,46%	9 098 739	8,08%	11 243 135	9,99%



Top 10 DESTINATION COUNTRIES of migrants in Western Africa and the share of migrants in their population

1. Côte d'Ivoire	2,564,857 (9,7%)
2. Nigeria	1,308,568 (0,6%)
3. Burkina Faso	723,989 (3,5%)
4. Mali	485,829 (2,4%)
5. Ghana	476,412 (1,5%)
6. Benin	394,276 (3,3%)
7. Niger	348,056 (1,4%)
8. Togo	279,936 (3,4%)
9. Senegal	279,929 (1,6%)
10. The Gambia	215,659 (8,9%)

Top 10 migration corridors in Western Africa

1. Burkina Faso > Côte d'Ivoire	1,376,350
2. Côte d'Ivoire > Burkina Faso	562,177
3. Mali > Côte d'Ivoire	522,146
4. Benin > Nigeria	377,169
5. Ghana > Nigeria	238,284
6. Côte d'Ivoire > Mali	195,271
7. Mali > Nigeria	172,481
8. Guinea > Côte d'Ivoire	167,516
9. Togo > Nigeria	158,262
10. Senegal > Gambia	154,739

At mid-2020, nearly 90% of the 7.4 million migrants living in Western Africa were from other countries in the region.

In absolute numbers, most migrants from Southern Africa move to other countries within Africa. With the exception of migrants from Madagascar, Mauritius and South Africa, the top destination countries for migrants from the other thirteen countries in the sub-region are in Africa.

DESTINATIONS REGIONS of emigrants from SADC countries

1. Africa	4,532,969 (64%)
2. Europe	1,583,054 (22%)
3. Northern America	508,323 (7%)
4. Oceania	391,479 (6%)
5. Asia	23,835 (0%)
6. Latin America, Caribbean	18,579 (0%)
7. Niger	348,056 (1,4%)
8. Togo	279,936 (3,4%)
9. Senegal	279,929 (1,6%)
10. The Gambia	215,659 (8,9%)

Top 5 countries of origin of immigrants residing in Southern Africa

1. Zimbabwe	911,981
2. Mozambique	539,219
3. Angola	337,621
4. Central African Republic	323,409
5. DRC	321,102
Total number of immigrants	6,384,704

Top 5 countries of destination of emigrants from Southern Africa

1. South Africa	1,617,492
2. UK	612,025
3. Uganda	418,111
4. USA	364,660
5. France	352,930
Total number of emigrants	7,058,239

Source: UN DESA via IOM GMDAC 2023

Top African country receiving and producing the highest combined number of immigrants and emigrants in 2022
Egypt 3,610,461

Highest migrant population from the same African region in 2022
Ivory Coast 2,564,857
(9,7% of total population)

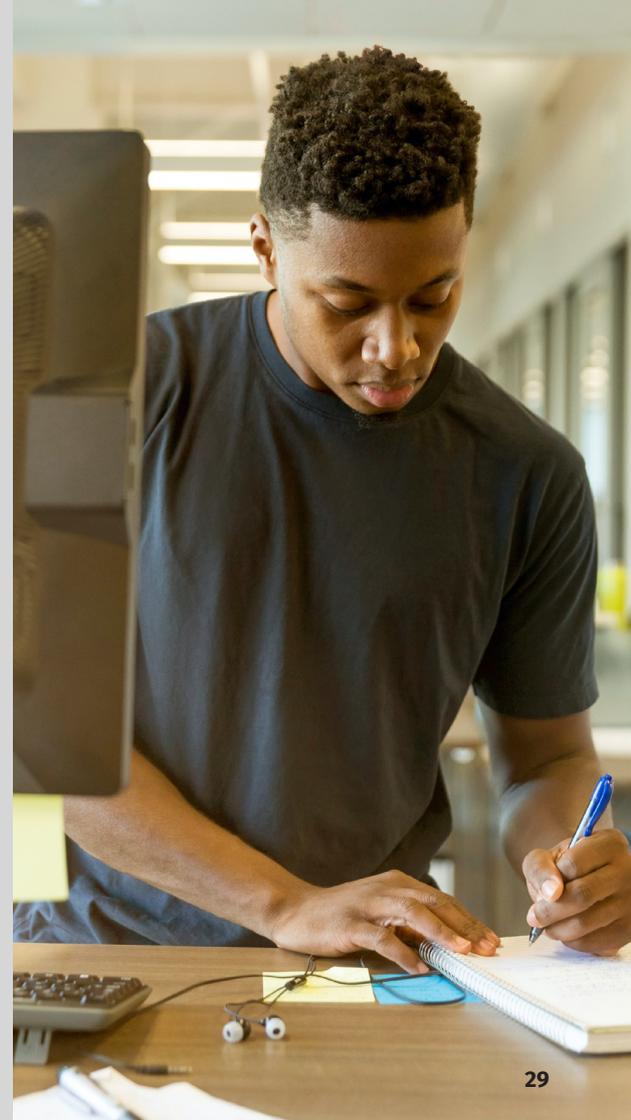
Highest people registered for new individual asylum applications, recognized on a group basis or granted temporary protection in 2022
South Sudan 105,800

Highest refugee population hosting country
Uganda 1,421,133

Highest population of IDPs assisted by UNHCR in Africa in 2022
DRC 5,500,000

Top country African countries hosting the highest number of international migrants in 2022
South Africa 2,860,000

Sources:
- www.migrationdataportal.org
via UN DESA, UNHCR, IDMC
- UNHCR Global Trends. Forced displacement in 2022





3. TRAINING, CAPACITY BUILDING AND ONLINE RESOURCES

Teaching and training are essential to allow migrants to access to 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 rights dignity of migrants, asylum seekers and refugees in Africa. We realised this in the implementation of seminars, workshops, and training sessions. We are still busy elaborating new curriculum for specific targeted audience.

TRAINING @ SIHMA

GENERAL INTRODUCTION TO HUMAN MOBILITY

This course aims to provide the essentials for the study and understanding of the phenomenon of migration for those who are approaching this field for the first time for work, study or simply for personal interest. Historical and structural elements of migration, terminology of the subject, description of the main actors and dynamics, interdisciplinary dimension of human mobility (social studies, politics and defense, economics).

TRAINING OF PASTORAL AGENTS OF HUMAN MOBILITY

This course is particularly aimed at all those, religious or lay, who work in the field of migration and directly or indirectly assist individual migrants or ethnic or linguistic communities. It aims to provide the basic elements for addressing the topic of migration and at the same time offers a biblical and theological framework for supporting pastoral ministry with migrants in the light of the teaching and practice of the Catholic Church. In addition to the more traditional presentations and lectures, the course offers multimedia material and practical workshops in which participants can interact with each other and with the facilitators.

TRAINING FOR GOVERNMENTS AND LOCAL ADMINISTRATIONS

This course is intended for government officials, civil servants and staff working in the field of migration who directly or indirectly assist individual migrants or ethnic or linguistic communities in the public arena or within governmental and non-governmental organisations. It aims to provide the basic elements of human mobility from a legal, policy and administrative perspective. Areas of interest include: the defence and protection of the human rights of migrants and refugees, international legislation, the national legal framework, detention, and the relationship between public bodies and non-governmental organisations. It consists of several modules including lectures, multimedia contributions, group work and case studies.

COMMUNICATION, MEDIA AND THE NARRATIVE OF HUMAN MOBILITY

This course is designed for people involved in communication within organisations or offices dealing with migration issues. It provides an orientation framework for those who want to know more about the reality of migrants and refugees on the African continent, beyond the stereotypes or biased information that is often conveyed in society or in the media. Among the tools offered are numerous multimedia contributions (in collaboration with other partners) for personal and group analysis and comparison with other experts in communication or artistic and video production.

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. We organised trainings for NPOs and pastoral agents of migration and we gave our contribution to University courses and the African Union curriculum for governments and public administration.

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, communication and narrative of migration. 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 SIHMAs objectives and within 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.



SIHMA ONLINE RESOURCES

SIHMA continues its mission to disseminate findings of research, articles, and other material for wider and more correct information on human mobility. Our target audience is very broad, ranging from academics to users seeking information on migration in Africa.

It includes teachers, students and staff specialised in study and research, but also non-profit and civil society workers, members of international organisations and volunteers engaged in field work supporting people on the move.

But every person, even those who are simply curious to understand more or better the dynamics of migration flows, policies, economic impact, social dynamics, and the representation of human mobility in media and culture is a privileged interlocutor for us. That is why we publish articles, blogposts and have started a section dedicated to online resources, offering information, infographics, figures but also bibliographies or references so that everyone can continue his or her own research, broaden their knowledge, and deepen their vision.

The intention is to have an up-to-date overview of the most interesting subjects of study and insight conducted at various levels. We work to promote a better knowledge of migration, to understand and interpret it by creating conditions so that the movement of people is possible in freedom and dignity for all.

COMING SOON ON OUR WEBSITE



ATLAS OF AFRICAN MIGRATION

To provide an overarching understanding of the complex migration pattern of migration within and beyond the continent, the Scalabrini Institute of Human Mobility in Africa (SIHMA) has initiated a first-of-its-kind project called the *Atlas of African Migration* that will provide the migration profile of all the 54 countries in the continent of Africa - with one click on the Atlas.

The project is executed through a desk-top research method based on the existing literature and data to provide an understanding of the complex movement (mixed migration) of Africans not only to Europe

and America (South-North migration), but to all other parts of the world, including within the continent (South-South migration) and within the country (internal migration). Also, returnees are emphasised. The study seeks to provide an understanding of the complex migration patterns that characterize movement within the continent. Central dimensions of the profile include geographical information of the country that provides some basic information of the country, historical background of migration within and out of the country and the factors that drive such migration, policies that govern migration within the country, migration-related government institutions, an understanding of what informs internal migration, information on conflict and disaster-related displacement, statistics of immigrants and emigrants and the top receiving countries of emigrants, gender and child dimension of migration, labour migration, statistics of asylum seekers and refugees and an understanding of the drivers of forced displacement, human trafficking, remittances, return and returnees and migration-related international organizations within the country. In the next financial year (2023-24), SIHMA seeks to launch and disseminate the *Atlas of African Migration*.



NARRATIVES ON HUMAN MOBILITY

This new section aims to dispel harmful myths about migration. In the media, migrants are often misunderstood and vilified. By providing historical context and firsthand accounts of migration, the project's goal is to counter harmful misconceptions about migrants and provide the viewer with a more complete understanding of the process of migration.

The project includes book and movie reviews (from African authors), media products from different platforms, cultural events. Videos of migrants, refugees, and asylum seekers telling stories about their journeys and their communities. The collection of stories will showcase the wide variety of backgrounds, circumstances, struggles, and hopes held among people on the move and offer their perspective on human mobility.



VISUAL HISTORY OF MIGRATION

This project will be formatted as a flowing visual timeline with information on human migration patterns throughout history. The timeline highlights historical events or periods that have had an impact on the movement of people across the continent: from wars to major discoveries, from colonisation to independence processes, from climatic events to major economic and social changes.

Drawing on historical sources, commentaries and news, and documents of the time, we would like to help the reader understand the evolution of migration in Africa better.

The data are accompanied by infographics, images and videos with clear references.



4. EVENTS AND COMMUNICATION

Events and activities, seminars and conferences are usually a huge portion of our work of dissemination of findings and of networking in the field of human mobility. SIHMA keeps busy in multiple initiatives, attending virtual meetings and webinars on many different platforms. But we were also finally able to attend in person meetings and activities.

MEETINGS AND WEBINARS ORGANISED OR ATTENDED

1 June 2021

SCALABRINI DAY EVENT

Workshop, **SIHMA, SCCT and Lawrence House**

On 1 June Scalabrini organisations across the world together with the broader global community celebrate and commemorate the Feast of our founder, John Baptist Scalabrini. At the Scalabrini Centre of Cape Town all staff and volunteers from that Scalabrini Centre of Cape Town, Lawrence House and SIHMA gathered to celebrate and reflect on the significance of the mission and vision of our Scalabrini organisations. After a brief reflection on the **concept of “Welcoming”** in the history and practical ministry of the Scalabrini network offered by Fr Filippo Ferraro, every department gave their contribution on his topic. The holistic approach with people on the move, addressing all stages of the migration journey are based on 4 verbs on migration from Pope Francis: to welcome, protect, promote and integrate. All the programmes and projects of SCCT, SIHMA and Lawrence House during the year work and reflect on how their work corresponds with the vision and mission of the founder and this moment of sharing has a huge impact in strengthening our commitment and finding new and creative solutions.

8 December 2022

“EDUCATION IS POWER”

Filmscreening, **Civil Society Action Committee**

The Scalabrini Centre of Cape Town, CPLO and Three2Six project screened the film “Education is Power”. This **documentary produced by the Scalabrini Centre of Cape Town** celebrates the power of education to unite people from different nationalities and backgrounds. Exploring the nexus between migration and education, the film follows four people with different perspectives on education in South Africa today. Anjuli, Senior Attorney at Equal Education Law Centre, has dedicated her career to social justice and has been involved in the Phakamisa court case which resulted in undocumented learners being able to access schools. Mtheza, a pillar in his local community of Nyanga, reflects on the power of education with young people in countering xenophobia in South Africa. Bongani, who was at school during the end of apartheid, speaks to the ongoing role that education has in his life in terms of bridging the gaps between different

groups of people. Jean-Marc and Miguel – of Congolese and Angolan origin – offer first-hand accounts of what it is like to struggle to access school in South Africa. It is available at <https://youtu.be/qWRZ4j3rCIQ>

9 November 2022

STATELESSNESS IN AFRICA

Virtual Workshop, **UCT, UWC, and SIHMA**

SIHMA, UCT and UWC have worked together on the latest issue of the AHMR, a special issue specifically related to statelessness. On 9 November 2022 we all came together to discuss the articles published in the special issue. The Guest Editors of the journal Professor Benyam Dawit Mezmur, Eleanor Roosevelt Fellow at the Harvard Law School, Human Rights Program and Professor of Law at the University of the Western Cape, and Dr Charissa Fawole, Lecturer in the Department of Public Law, University of Johannesburg facilitated, as well Professor Fatima Khan, Director of the Refugee Rights Unit, University of Cape Town. This event was funded by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) Regional Office for Southern Africa (ROSA). This workshop was part of the agenda of the training event entitled **“ending statelessness”** organised by UNHCR and UCT Refugee Rights Unit on 7-11 November 2022.

The main topics of the 5 days of meetings, which involved leading experts in the field from both the academic and fieldwork sides, were:

- Understanding statelessness
- Sources of statelessness
- Prevention, protection and communication
- Identifying and eradicating stateless persons and African initiatives
- Towards the eradication of statelessness in Africa

2 December 2022

AFRICAN MIGRATION AND THE WORK OF THE SCALABRINI NETWORK

Virtual Lecture, **Catholic University of Milan**

As has become a tradition, the director of SIHMA gave a presentation to the students of the human mobility-related master’s courses at the Catholic University of Milan. Prof Laura Zanfrini, Director of the WWELL Research Center (Work, Welfare, Enterprise, Lifelong Learning) at the

Department of Sociology, introduced the master class, highlighting the importance of a wider and deeper knowledge of dynamics of people on the move from an African perspective. The presentation, starting from the basic concepts of the subjects of migration (forced migrants, economic migrants, and victims of human trafficking), the geographical aspects (urban, regional, and international migration) gave an overview of the main patterns of the movement of people and goods in the continent. The open conversation, in the form of Q&A, covered many trends like the role of the migration industry, the role of transit countries, the impact of climate change, the different actors involved and policies. As SIHMA we also tried to give some insights on how we try to respond to these needs and challenges as Scalabrini network. The link between research and work on the field, the access to data, the need for evidence-based policies, the role of scientific research and publications, the specific training for dedicated beneficiaries, the support to social projects, advocacy and direct interventions with migrants and refugees. The students, who had encountered some of these topics in their master classes, were able to interact and showed great interest in understanding the work that our network is pursuing.

15 February 2023

ACCESS TO HIGHER EDUCATION FOR REFUGEES AND ASYLUM SEEKERS

Higher Education Symposium, **Scalabrini Centre of Cape Town, HCI Foundation, Islamic Relief South Africa, IOM, Study Trust and UNHCR**

The event began with a welcome talking to the importance of inclusion in national systems and higher education opportunities for the forcibly displaced to strengthen their resilience and be active participants and contributors to cohesive societies. This is in keeping with the goals of the UNHCR Refugee Education Strategy 2030. Thereafter there was an initial reflection on the extent of higher education funding and support available to refugees and migrants and a call for increased awareness of funding that is available. The event's keynote speaker was **Dr. Emmanuel Taban**, African Person of the Year, author, renowned pulmonologist in South Africa and a former refugee. In his speech, Dr Taban emphasized the important role of higher education in building resilience and supporting cohesive societies. Dr Taban reflected on his story and the impact he has been able to make, particularly in the medical field during the COVID-19 pandemic where he practised lifesaving medical techniques to fight this new complex disease. He underscored that skills and education are

key priorities and added that to be successful, community and support structures are pivotal elements. He called on everyone to keep on working hard to open opportunities for people on the move as these efforts will all contribute to a stronger country and continent. After the reflection and keynote address there was a panel discussion. Panellists for the day included Mr Michael Bagraim, Ms Aurelie Kalenga, Ms Ellen Boriwondo (from SCCT Advocacy team) and Mr Jamala Safari, author and poet, CEO of the HCI Foundation and former refugee from the DRC. This event created a platform for stakeholders to cooperate and collaborate on opportunities to support scholarships, internships, and other educational and vocational skills in support for persons on the move. The event organisers hope that the discussions held at the symposium will help raise awareness on the importance of inclusion in national opportunities and strengthen stakeholder collaboration and cooperation for refugees, asylum-seekers, and migrants.

February 2023

RESEARCH COLLABORATION: MIDEQ

Workshops, **MIDEQ, SCCT and SIHMA**

In 2009, the UNESCO Chair in ICT4D's work package within the MIDEQ Hub in collaboration with The Scalabrini Centre (Cape Town), Scalabrini Institute for Human Mobility in Africa (SIHMA), the GSMA Mobile for Development Foundation, migrants, academics, international agencies and companies embarked on training migrants to create their own short videos that would provide useful information for other migrants to help them improve their lives. This initiative was led by Dr. Maria Rosa Lorini in partnership with the above-mentioned stakeholders. While the initial focus was on the wise, secure, and safe use of digital tech, migrants also shared tips and advice, from beauty treatments to tips on setting up small businesses. Through this initiative, migrants (from Angola, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Malawi, Rwanda, South Africa, Sudan, and Zimbabwe) were trained to develop videos. The long-term goal of this training was that migrants who received the training will train other migrants and share more migrant videos that will contribute to the betterment of their lives. After receiving training, UNESCO Chair in ICT4D compiled and shared feedback on the training that the migrants received from the reflections of the migrants who received the training themselves. The reflections from the training can be accessed on <https://ict4d.org.uk/technology-inequality-and-migration/zatraining/>.

SIHMA COMMUNICATION STRATEGY

We disseminate the findings of our research, publications, events and news about migration through different channels and media:



WEBSITE

You can easily navigate our website www.sihma.org.za, finding all you search about research, publications and reports, our online journal AHMR, resources concerning training and capacity building, events, and news on human mobility.



BLOG ON THE MOVE

Our blog is an easy and quick way to know more about news and events concerning migration on the African continent and worldwide, through interesting articles, summaries of academic research, press and media reviews, and much more. Blog posts offer an in-depth look at migration issues and are posted every week on Tuesday.



MONTHLY PRESS REVIEW

This is our monthly compilation of recent articles and news from various press products, such as newspapers, magazines and increasingly, also online publications. All articles are related to human mobility in Africa and offer an overview at national, regional, and continental level. It is published in the first week of the month.



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NEWSLETTER

All subscribers who want to keep in touch with us can receive our quarterly newsletter, with insights from the latest issue of our journal, news from our communication team, upcoming events promoted or supported by SIHMA and our partner network. It is generally sent 3 times a year, in correspondence with the release of our journal.

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

SIHMA relies on a comprehensive professional finance team and a solid structure to manage the organisation's finances in a professional and qualified manner. Online management of banking procedures, use of QuickBooks Online software, dedicated modules for payments, and the multiple verification system that guarantees transparency, enables SIHMA to manage every operation involving income and expenditure responsibly, both in the organisation's management and for each individually funded project.

Our position as a non-profit organisation (NPO) and public benefit organisation (PBO) is constantly monitored and updated with the revenue agency (SARS) to ensure proper management of SIHMA. This year, the organisation's board also proceeded, through specialised legal advisors, to update the organisation's trust, making all necessary changes to confirm the requirements for PBO status and to ensure effective administration.

An external auditing company, PKF, provides SIHMA's annual financial statements. They work with many companies and organisations of all sizes and provide them with the targeted support that develops the required structures. PKF has an extensive network that works together to provide professional solutions, and at the same time, has a local structure that ensures direct and fast access to real support. This is crucial so that SIHMA's research, publication, training, and events can enjoy adequate financial support and ensure that the entire discipline of accounting operations does not weigh down on the day-to-day running of the organisation. It is therefore with pride and confidence that we offer transparent and streamlined management and reporting, to give our donors and funders the necessary assurance that every resource is being used competently and profitably. The evolution of its accounting system and recording of financial transactions, has meant that external auditors have access to all information and transactional history throughout the year, where income and expenses are categorised by programme, location and funder/donor. SIHMA prides itself in ring-fencing of donor funds as restricted funding and ensures that its operational and unfunded costs remain lean and at a minimum.

An additional factor that requires us to be both rigorous and accurate, is the scope of our institute which expands across the entire continent with interventions and projects that require financial operation in other countries, not only in South Africa. Our current system is flexible and capable of providing quick and effective solutions. In the past year SIHMA managed to increase its overall funding by 33% which allowed it to get more impactful and resourceful messaging and publications out into the sector.



PROFIT & LOSS STATEMENT	2021-22	2022-23
Support from Headquarters	505,096	313,698
Grant Income - Local	-	105000
Grant Income - Overseas	1,275,328	592,497
Income Generating Projects	561,492	684,591
Other Income	-	21,166
Interest Earnings	19,399	52,297
TOTAL INCOME	2,361,315	1,769,248
Research & Publications	314,408	409,338
Operational Expenses	484,216	555,304
Website & Communications	79,439	30,886
Project Expenses	68,127	250,407
Staff Costs	747,083	523,314
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	1,693,272	1,769,248
Funding remaining (ring-fenced)	668,043	154,042
BALANCE SHEET	2021-22	2022-23
Cash on Hand	1,280,742	1,287,340
Fixed Assets	49,437	5,492
Liabilities	(49,500)	571,824
Equity	1,381,785	755,18

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