IOM Italy Country Office With Special Coordination for the Mediterranean

The **IOM Mission in Rome** serves as special coordination for the Mediterranean area which includes **Italy, Malta, North Africa and Balkans.**

The Mission facilitates the ordered migration of people in need of assistance; organizes, in the full respect of human dignity, the emigration and/or the voluntary return of migrants and refugees; promotes reception and integration activities in both the countries of destination and of origin; assists the transfers of human resources encouraging social and economic development through migration; if required, offers technical assistance to governments, cooperates to the stabilization of critical areas.

Activities cover different areas of intervention, such as **technical co-operation**, **labour migration** and **social integration**, **migration and development**, **migration and health**, **counter trafficking and assistance to victims**, **psychosocial** training and support, **return migration**, **reinsertion** in the countries of origin, **family reunification**, **information services** on migrations related issues.

IOM works alongside UNHCR and Save the Children in the **Reception centres in Lampedusa**, **Sicily and Apulia**, providing information and legal counselling to irregular migrants.

IOM Rome cooperates with Governments, International Organizations, local institutions, and for no profit organizations.

Since 1999, the IOM's Rome developed and implemented psychosocial programming in three main sectors: psychosocial well-being in migration processes; support in post-conflict war torn societies; education and cultural integration.

In 2010, the Psychosocial Unit was integrated within the IOM Italy Migration and Health Unit, under the direct supervision of the HQ and since July 2011, under the MRF Brussels Migration and Health Unit, becoming the Psychosocial Focal Point for Europe.