

## Background Materials

### Protection in Mixed Movements: Policy Workshop on Protection Challenges on the Central & Western Mediterranean Routes

An extended UNHCR Background Note prepared for the UNHCR-MMC policy workshop on “**Protection in Mixed Movements: Policy Workshop on Protection Challenges on the Central & Western Mediterranean Routes**” is [available here](#).

The following is a list of background materials organized according to each of the workshop themes. This list is meant to provide a curated state of play of protection for people on the move along the Central and Western Mediterranean routes (CMR and WMR). As the themes are overlapping, background resources have been classified into the most relevant theme. There is also a final section synthesizing broader literature on the protection situation for people on the move along the CMR and WMR.

- I. *Good practices and gaps in the formulation, implementation, monitoring, and adaptation of legal and social protection frameworks impacting people on the move along the Central and Western Mediterranean routes.***
  - [‘Protecting migrants and refugees in North Africa: Challenges and opportunities for reform’](#) (ECMPD)
  - [‘From Hand to Hand: The Migratory Experience of East African Refugees and Migrants in Libya’](#) (UNHCR)
  - [‘A way forward for positive migration governance in Libya’](#) (Clingendael Institute)
  - [‘Tunisia: North Africa’s Overlooked Migration Hub’](#) (The New Humanitarian)
  
- II. *The effectiveness and challenges of strategic, cross-regional cooperation on asylum and migration management between Sub-Saharan Africa, North Africa and Europe.***
  - [‘Multilateral Damage: The impact of EU migration policies on central Saharan routes’](#) (Clingendael Institute)
  - [‘Migration: returns at what cost?’](#) (Clingendael Institute)
  - [‘A human rights approach to migration governance in the Sahel’](#) (Clingendael Institute)
  - [‘Navigating borderlands in the Sahel. Border security governance and mixed migration in Liptako-Gouma’](#) (Mixed Migration Centre)
  - [‘Communication on migration: an issue of local governance’](#) (ICMPD)
  - [‘What drives reform? A political economy analysis of migration policy in Morocco’](#) (ODI)
  
- III. *Examining coordination between and among local, national and international actors on human trafficking and the smuggling of asylum seekers, refugees and migrants.***
  - [‘Beyond Militias and Tribes: The Facilitation of Migration in Libya’](#) (Migration Policy Centre)
  - [‘Human smuggling in Africa: Rethinking responses’](#) (Enact Africa)
  - [‘The Human Conveyor Belt Broken: Assessing the collapse of the human-smuggling industry in Libya and the central Sahel’](#) (Global Initiative against Transnational Organized Crime)

- [‘Countering trafficking and smuggling of women and unaccompanied minors in the Mediterranean: Challenges, good practices and the ways forward’](#) (UNICRI)
- [‘Human smuggling and trafficking in Eastern Sudan’](#) (Chr. Michelsen Institute)
- [‘The role of smugglers in East Africans’ mixed migration to Libya via Sudan’](#) (MMC)
- [‘Thematic Focus: Smuggling Dynamics in Sfax’](#) (In: Quarterly Mixed Migration Update North Africa Quarter 2 2020) (MMC)
- [‘The Niger-Libya Corridor: Smugglers’ Perspectives’](#) (Global Initiative against Transnational Organized Crime)

#### **IV. Broader literature on protection**

- [‘On this journey, no one cares if you live or die’ Abuse, protection and justice along routes between East and West Africa and Africa’s Mediterranean coast’](#) (UNHCR-MMC)
- [‘What makes refugees and migrants vulnerable to detention in Libya? A microlevel study of the determinants of detention’](#) (MMC)
- UNHCR’s Factsheets and Operation Updates for: [Tunisia](#), [Egypt](#), [Algeria](#), [Morocco](#), [Mauritania](#), [Libya](#), [Sudan](#), [Ethiopia](#), [Eritrea](#), [Chad](#), [Burkina Faso](#), [Mali](#), [Niger](#) and UNHCR’s [Operational Portal](#).
- MMC Snapshots: [‘Protection risks along the journey to Khartoum’](#); [‘Protection risks along migration routes through North Africa to Italy’](#); [‘Detention of migrants and refugees in Mali, Burkina Faso and Niger’](#); [‘Protection risks within and along routes to Libya – a focus on physical abuse’](#); [‘Protection risks within and along routes to Libya – a focus on sexual abuse’](#)