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MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

“Behind the scene”.

Although the common expression is *behind the scenes*, I want to use *behind the screen* as a metaphor for the work of SIHMA during this strange year. So many people have had to find a screen, a shelter, a protection from an invisible and terrible enemy. Since the virus has been indiscriminate, it is also true that migrants, refugees, displaced persons and people on the move in general have paid a high cost. Behind the scenes these people face compounding inconveniences, barriers and risks. Their daily lives are more complicated than before the pandemic: their human rights need to be assured, economic sustainability is evasive, and the opportunity to access aid and protection has become more difficult. There seems to be a social screen to the provision of a welcoming and humane environment that defends against intolerance and prejudice.

Monitoring this situation and the impact of these circumstances on the normal dynamics of migration on the African continent has been one of the challenging and stimulating tasks that has occupied the staff members of our institute. We, too, have spent a year *behind the screen*, as the cover image of this report suggests. The inability to hold in-person events and the exponential development of new technologies pushed many organizations, including us, to find or consolidate new ways of working. Webinars, desktop research and virtual collaborations have allowed us to continue our activities. Remote internships, while not enabling all the rich, human exchanges of teamwork in the office, have allowed us to stay in touch with many people in every corner of the globe, developing the content and strategy of our communication.

We, virtual migrants, have investigated the lives, the needs and the routes of the lived, life experience of people on the move who, despite the situation, have also found new ways to get around. This report collects the fruit of this intense year of work.

This year we have often been behind a screen, but always within the reality of human mobility.

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 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.

Blessed 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.

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.

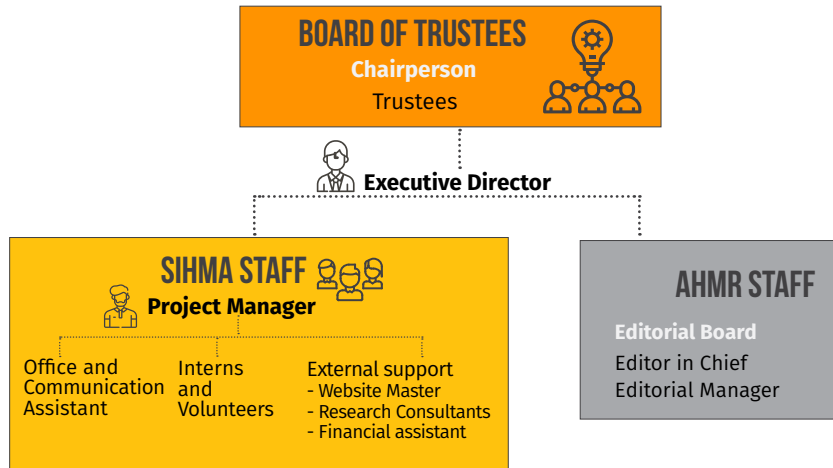
The **main areas of work** of the Congregation are:

- 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

SCALABRINI IN AFRICA

The Congregation of Missionaries of St Charles is present on the 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 endeavors of John Baptist Scalabrini.

ORGANISATIONAL CHART

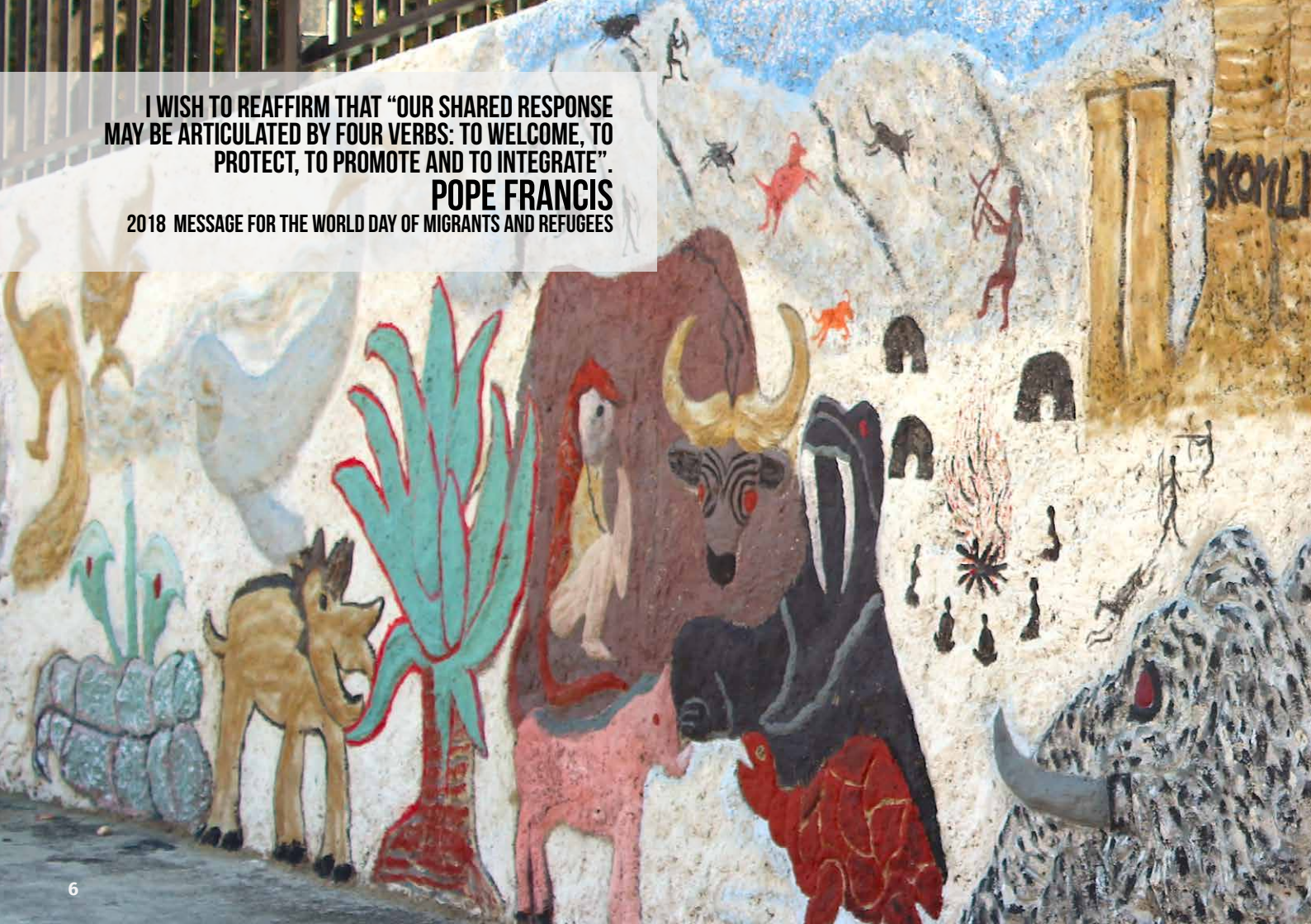


- 1994 Scalabrini Fathers are **called to work in South Africa** by Archbishop of Cape Town Lawrence Henry. They start to work in **Holy Cross Parish** in District Six, with pastoral care of the Italian community too
- 1995 **Chaplaincy of the Port** of Cape Town (AoS) and Pastoral care of the Portuguese community
- 4 June 2003 the **Scalabrini Centre of Cape Town** inaugurates the new building in Commercial 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
- 2020 Scalabrini Fathers renew their commitment to serving people on the move in Africa with new projects and commitments

**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

At the beginning of the lockdown in 2020, the Indian novelist Arundhati Roy posed the question for the world to wrestle with: 'What lies ahead?' She offers her own insight. 'Re-imagining the world, only that.' We have lived through the most unusual of times and as seems to always be the case, the poor and the vulnerable have borne the heaviest burdens and suffered most appallingly. Pope Francis has written recently that with regard to the world of mobile people, the challenge is to create 'an ever wider we.' The Pope speaks of course of an all-embracing, deeper solidarity with all displaced persons. Reading the challenges of the novelist and the Pope together, we are challenged to reimagine our world and our encounter with displaced persons through the commitment to solidarity. The results of that challenge will be facile and inappropriate if it is not built on solid research, robust analysis and vigorous dialogue with others.

As a Board we are justifiably proud of the sterling work SIHMA does in creating the environment for strong, contextual and principles responses to the many pathologies that mire the lives of mobile people. The research forms a foundation for shaping public engagements, for advocacy around policies and shaping activities that bring dignity and hope to the many who find themselves on the very peripheries of society, peripheries that are harder places because of the pandemic. SIHMA through its diligent work engages those hard places and lights a path for those on the move. The pandemic has not only revealed the glaring injustices on which our societies are built and which we have normalised over many decades, but it has also shown the complexities that force so many onto the long and arduous migratory road. SIHMA's work not only helps us to understand these realities but it also contributes to constructing a more just world. It is particularly noteworthy that these efforts also contribute to giving displaced person real agency so that they tell their own truths and boldly add their voices to the public narrative.

As I write this the Church calendar has marked the memorial of Irenaeus, the second century bishop of Lyons. A remarkable public interlocutor and a builder of consensus in a very troubled era. He too was a migrant, journeying from his birth place in Asia to Europe. His words ring true and give insight into the advocacy and the building of agency amongst those often bereft of it. He writes 'The glory of God is a person fully alive.' SIHMA contributes greatly to making this true for so many and in doing so gives glory to God. The Board honours the commitments of SIHMA and is proud that so much work is so devotedly carried out by so small a group of people.

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



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 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.



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.

“ABOVE ALL I ASK LEADERS AND LEGISLATORS AND THE ENTIRE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY ABOVE ALL TO CONFRONT THE REALITY OF THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN DISPLACED BY FORCE, WITH EFFECTIVE PROJECTS AND NEW APPROACHES IN ORDER TO PROTECT THEIR DIGNITY, TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF THEIR LIFE AND TO FACE THE CHALLENGES THAT ARE EMERGING FROM MODERN FORMS OF PERSECUTION, OPPRESSION AND SLAVERY”.

POPE FRANCIS, 2013

SIHMA TEAM



Filippo Ferraro
Executive Director
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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.

**“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”.**

**BLESSED J.B. SCALABRINI,
ADDRESS ON EMIGRATION**

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,...); 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 2020/21



FELIPA SCHMIDT



from Germany, (master degree in International Development at University of Amsterdam master degree in Anthropology at Maastricht University); remote research intern from May to August 2020

I came to SIHMA, after completing my masters and gaining an interest in migration and refugees health from previous volunteer experience at an NGO, in order to gain a perspective on migration that is often omitted in modern news cycles, as it is often dominated by a Western, European view. At SIHMA I was also able to move away from research from a solely academic perspective and see how research is important of an NGO. More importantly, how to make research accessible to public and what topics should be researched on further that can really help the target audience. Through my work on my research project, I really enjoyed getting to know the work that Scalabrini does with Lawrence House, as this allowed me to learn about the different facets of the Scalabrini Network. This highlighted the importance of connecting research to different aspects of social services for migrants and refugees.



NELL FREDERICKS



from Massachusetts, (student of philosophy, politics, and law at the University of Southern California in Los Angeles, California); remote communication and research intern from August to November 2020

As COVID-19 cases were rising in the US, uncertainty felt stressful. The opportunity to work at SIHMA came at the perfect time. It took a few connections to make it happen. I first looked for opportunities with the global studies office at my university. One of the very best things about being an intern at SIHMA is the freedom to tailor your research to your own personal interests within the realm of migration policy and news. I also had the chance to help create content for SIHMA's social media pages, and help spread the latest news about regional, national, and international migration. I encourage anyone who is interested in public policy, anthropology and human development, or human rights to consider volunteering or interning with this special organization.



JEREMIAH MASAYA



from Zimbabwe, (Bachelor of Science Honours in Geography and Environmental Studies, Stellenbosch University, South Africa); communication and research volunteer at SIHMA from August to November 2020

I was eager to be part of a team that were working on global issues affecting people's lives, especially in the Global South. During my undergraduate studies, I did some modules on population and migration within and across political boundaries. Issues to do with push and pull factors that are responsible for people's movements on a global scale has contributed my choice to join SIHMA in order to gain more light. This experience assigned led me to gather extensive information including that involved human trafficking which is silently transpiring and affecting some individuals within and beyond the region of the African continent. Most importantly, I also learnt that there is a need of new and/or additional guidelines which should be instituted protect against child-labour. In the context of South Africa, SIHMA is assisting non-citizens with enough support that helps them to enjoy a decent life.



NOLWENN MARCONNET



from France, (masters in Advanced Migration Studies (AMIS) at the University of Copenhagen, Denmark; remote communication and research intern with SIHMA from September 2020 to January 2021;

SIHMA immediately caught my attention by their approach to research, which does not only focus on academic research, but also aims at raising a broader awareness by an emphasis on communication and training. I was able to collaborate on a commissioned report on the impact on Covid-19, and I was also given the opportunity to conduct my own research, on the best practices to combat human trafficking in Southern Africa, conducting online interviews and researching legal practices and conventions. Work at SIHMA was sometimes challenging, but it was also incredibly rewarding. It pushed me out of my academic shoes and brought my attention to different topics, regions, and perspectives. I was able to bring my own intersectional and feminist perspectives to the table and create a series of blog posts on the exclusion of migrant women in Africa (from the labour market, health services, education etc.). I also gained a new understanding of the work of non-profit organizations in researching migration, driven by humanist and passionate people. SIHMA's team was welcoming, trusting, and sincerely committed to raise awareness about migrants' rights across Africa.



CHRISTINE LALOR



from South Africa, (Honours degree in Political Science and studying for a degree in Applied Psychology and Counselling, University of Cape Town, South Africa); remote and in-site research and communication intern at SIHMA from October to December 2020

Having studied politics at university, I was able to nurture and grow my passion for and interest in migration issues, policy planning, and social justice. I joined SIHMA as a manner in which to gain a deeper understanding of migration issues and trends in South Africa and across the continent. Being able to come into a work environment where you feel supported and appreciated, is something that a lot of people take for granted. At SIHMA, the people I have interacted with, been mentored by and collaborated alongside, have made my time here meaningful and worthwhile. I have been able to learn important skills and gain valuable knowledge about migration issues and patterns. This experience has been both enlightening and challenging. I feel privileged to have been given the space to explore and create, and I would recommend SIHMA's internship program to anyone interested in politics, human development, social justice, and migration issues.



GINEVRA GIANARDI



from Italy, (Degree in International Relations and Politics, University School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS) in London); remote research and communication intern from November 2020 to April 2021

This experience has opened countless doors for me in terms of research, continuous deepening and understanding of socio-political and economic dynamics of migratory realities, and professional skills. The internship offered me a series of projects extremely ambitious in form and content, that allowed me to increase my knowledge, through research methods deeply critical and innovative. This professional reality has represented for me a moment of growth and sharing, thanks to the extremely friendly and cooperative working environment. Among the various research projects in which I have participated, one focuses on the role of the means of transport used by migrants, exploring the increasing vulnerability of those who move across national borders and the public policies in place to 'protect' borders. The research projects promoted by SIHMA stimulate the documentation of complex and often untouched contexts that encourage the implementation of non-Eurocentric perspectives.

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



1. RESEARCH

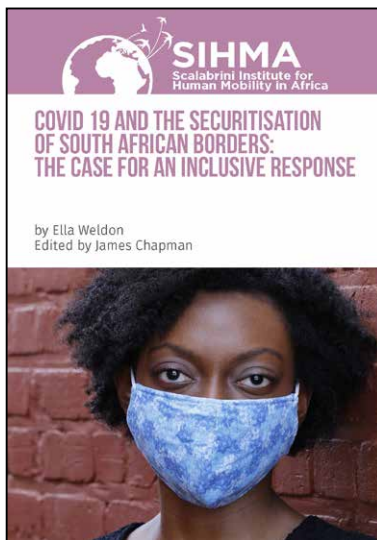
Human mobility in Africa has a long history spanning several centuries and the continent has a highly mobile population composed of nomads, frontier workers, highly skilled professionals, entrepreneurs, students, refugees and undocumented migrants. The discourse around migration trends and patterns in 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.



SIHMA'S KEY FOCUS AREAS

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



COVID 19 AND THE SECURITISATION OF SOUTH AFRICAN BORDERS: THE CASE FOR AN INCLUSIVE RESPONSE

by **Ella Weldon**, SIHMA workpaper

This working paper was written at the end of April 2020, while South Africa was amidst its Level 5 lockdown period. It analyses South Africa's initial migration controls in response to Covid-19, within a context of wider securitisation of migration.

The paper adopts a 'human security' theoretical lens and explores the security issues at stake for different populations involved in migration to SA during the pandemic; the host nation, surrounding regional nations, and migrants.

It is argued that Covid-19 creates a unified health security risk that would benefit from an inclusive response, rather than exclusionary migration controls that may actually serve to undermine the security of all.

RESEARCH BLOG POSTS

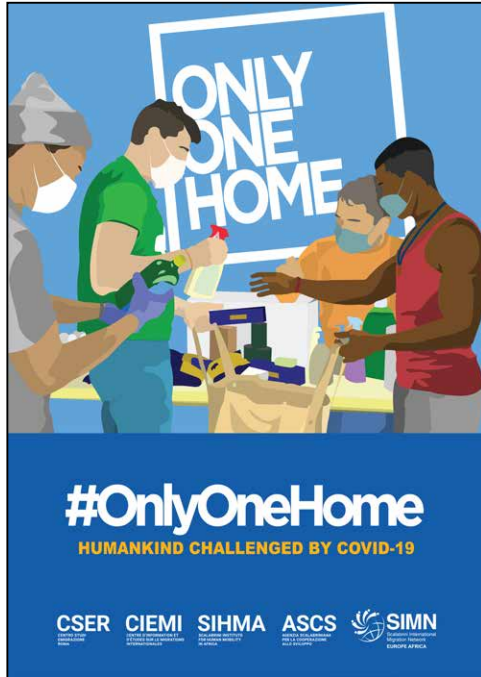
Our Blog on the Move for 2020 reflected the year's events with several interesting topics. In addition to monthly press reviews, we published **various academic articles and research papers**. The pandemic has most certainly had an impact on the content of our blog this year. **Covid-19's** many effects on migrants, and how to respond to these, have been a large part of what we have covered by attending webinars and writing articles. This includes difficulties related to work, the rights to get social relief, the rights of stateless persons, as well as other challenges for migrants, refugees, asylum seekers, and IDPs.

However, even though 2020 was deeply impacted by the pandemic, other subjects have also been of importance on our blog. A growing number of women are migrating internally in Africa, and a series of **articles on the exclusion of migrant women in Africa** has been published. The articles' main focus is to explore the challenges and vulnerabilities these women experience that are not effectively addressed by public policies. The series will continue into 2021, but the topics for 2020 included women's **access to the labour market, health care, and education**.

By the end of the year, the first paper in the new research paper series entitled Advocates' Migration Brief was published. The series addresses judicial decisions in relation to people on the move.

ONLY ONE HOME

by SIHMA Team, CSER, CIEMI, ASCS and SIMN



In the midst of the Covid-19 pandemic, the Scalabrinian Missionaries in Europe and Africa, through the Scalabrinian Agency for Cooperation and Development (ASCS), have promoted in their regional network (SIMN) a campaign to raise awareness and funds to primarily support migrants and refugees as “neighbours”, who are suffering under the pandemic, due to indifference or marginalisation, despite having, with all other human beings, “only one home”.

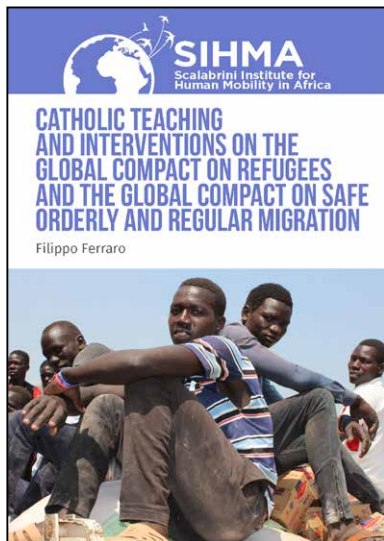
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- Covid in Canada: the situation of migrants (University of Tuscia-ISS)
- Strapped between xenophobia and pandemic: immigrants and the coronavirus in the United States (University of Padua)

BUILDING BLOCKS AND CHALLENGES FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE GLOBAL COMPACT ON REFUGEES IN AFRICA

by Sergio Carciotto and Filippo Ferraro, Journal on Migration and Human Security

The article points out key challenges and highlight promising initiatives for refugees in sub-Saharan Africa. Forced displacement continues to be a major challenge to human security across the globe. Building on the predicament of global sustainability and the 2030 agenda for sustainable development, the Global Compact on Refugees (GCR) is a framework based on four strategic objectives: to (1) ease pressures on host countries, (2) enhance refugee self-reliance, (3) expand access to third-country solutions, and (4) support conditions in countries of origin for return in safety and dignity (UNHCR 2018; UN General Assembly 2019). This article looks closely at the prospects for the GCR in sub-Saharan Africa based on the need to shift from a humanitarian system of “care and maintenance” to comprehensive and effective development responses to refugee crises. It also discusses some of these experiences and best practices to promote a resilience-based development approach. It recognizes that development initiatives implemented or still to be implemented under the normative framework of the GCR and the Comprehensive Refugee Response Framework (CRRF) are subject to a multiyear planning and implementation cycle. It particularly focuses on implementation and rollout of the CRRF in Chad, Djibouti, Ethiopia, Kenya, Rwanda, Somalia, Uganda, and Zambia in Africa.



CATHOLIC TEACHING AND INTERVENTIONS ON THE GLOBAL COMPACT ON REFUGEES AND THE GLOBAL COMPACT ON SAFE ORDERLY AND REGULAR MIGRATION

by **Filippo Ferraro**, CMS NY and SIHMA websites

“It makes ample sense for the Church to promote welfare institutions that will be of service to migrants. The efforts of non-governmental organizations and other religious institutions need to be strengthened in their serious attempt to alleviate the plight of migrants and refugees. As Church, as Christians, we are concerned with relieving human suffering and enhancing human well-being on a large scale. Every person, irrespective of origins, deserves to be given a change, a golden opportunity to make ends meet, to take care of his or her family” (Archbishop Buti Tlthagale, Bishop of Johannesburg at SACBC, 2019). This short piece retraces the stages of this involvement, which has led the Catholic Church to play an important role in the drafting of the two Global Compacts promoted by the United Nations. The consonance between some of the fundamental principles of the two documents and the Gospel values that inspire the Church’s missionary work can be a source of inspiration and encouragement for the many entities and organizations that still operate in Africa today, supporting migrants, refugees and people on the move.



MINISTRY REPORT 2020

Also in 2020 the Scalabrini Institute for Human Mobility in Africa (SIHMA) prepared a new edition of the Ministry Report in Africa, commissioned by the Migrants & Refugees Section of the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development. 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 comprehensive questionnaire was administered to collect information – referring to the previous year – on the activities for the different target groups (refugees and displaced people, internal migrants, and victims of human trafficking). **SIHMA collected, classified, and systematized data** according to the types of services (education, livelihoods, psychosocial, emergency, advocacy, healthcare, and shelter), the number of staff and volunteers involved, and other relevant information. The goal of this project is 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. The Report includes also **good practices** related to welcoming, protecting, promoting and integrating people on the move in Africa.



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

the subject of human mobility, contributing to the public debate on the issues and opportunity for 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 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 in order to monitor the most significant trends and topics.

THE NEW «ADVOCATES' MIGRATION BRIEF SERIES»

In October 2020 SIHMA conceptualized the introduction of a new interesting research paper series addressing recent judicial decisions relating to people on the move. The paper series is entitled the Advocates' Migration Brief and aims **to exhibit cutting edge reflections on current jurisprudence in South Africa relating to migrants** and help to provide both clarity on the law and assist in insuring justice, dignity and equality for migrants in the legal system. This paper series in turn satiates to a small degree SIHMA's **'hunger and thirst for justice'** (adapted from saying of Blessed John Baptist Scalabrini) for people on the move as a Scalabrini Organisation. The research paper series hopes to address topics like access to asylum and protection; migrants and refugees right to education; dignity and the right to work for people on the move; statelessness and developments through the courts and Covid 19 creating a new paradigm for justice for migrants. James Chapman from SIHMA together with Advocate Lee Anne de la Hunt edit the paper series given their combined years of experience with jurisprudence relating to people on the move.

The first edition in the Advocates' Migration Brief paper series was published in December 2020 and was entitled **Unintended Consequences for Exclusions**. The paper was written by Advocate David Simonsz. The paper considered various judicial decisions and legislative change relating to refugees. More specifically the paper covered an aspect of international and domestic refugee law, being exclusion from refugee status. In the refugee status determination process, it is important to establish whether a person falls within the definition of a refugee to receive protection from the host state. Some individuals though might meet the requirements of one or more refugee definition but may nevertheless be excluded from protection because they may be considered to not be deserving of or in need of protection. The paper focuses on a recent South African Constitutional Court decision centered around exclusion, the principle of non-refoulement and on the potential impact of the amendments to refugee legislation on the law relating to exclusion.

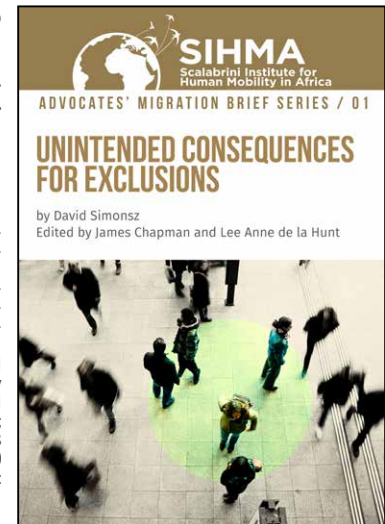
In anticipation of the publication in SIHMA' s Blog on the Move, SIHMA discussed the paper and explained the concept of exclusion. The paper addresses how the courts have considered extensively refugee exclusion provisions and their application and impact which application and

impact may in some respects differ from what was originally intended. Additionally, it considers the amendments to the Refugee Act 130 of 1998 and regulations for the implementation of the amendments that both came into force in 2020. The portion of the legislative amendments relating to exclusions significantly reduces the protection space available to refugees which adds to the vulnerability of a constitutionally recognised vulnerable demographic (Union of Refugee Women and Others v Director, PSIRA Case (CC) 2007). The amendments with respect to exclusion and potential harm caused thereby are grave concerns to civil society and particularly refugee assisting organizations and are the subject of past and ongoing advocacy to address them.

The second edition of the Advocates Migration brief was drafted and edited in January and February 2020 and will be published in March 2021 and will thus be part of the first month of the next annual report cycle. The paper focuses on **Access to Asylum and the role of the courts**. SIHMA has been privileged to publish and thoroughly enjoyed editing and working on the Advocates' Migration brief and hope that it contributes to a better understanding of the legal landscape with respect to people on the move.

You find these papers on <https://sihma.org.za/advocate-s-migration-brief>.

1. <http://www.scalabrinians.org/index.php/writings/sayings/>
2. <https://sihma.org.za/advocates-migration-brief/unintended-consequences-for-exclusions>
3. <https://sihma.org.za/Blog-on-the-move/refugee-status-included-in-or-excluded-from-refugee-protection>
4. Union of Refugee Women and Others v Director, Private Security Industry Regulatory Authority and Others (CCT 39/06) [2006] ZACC 23; 2007 (4) BCLR 339 (CC) ; (2007) 28 ILJ 537 (CC); 2007 (4) SA 395 (CC) (12 December 2006), accessed at: <http://www.saflii.org/za/cases/ZACC/2006/23.html>



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.

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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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AFRICA ON THE MOVE 2020

TOTAL INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION STOCK WORLDWIDE IN 2020

280,6 MILLION

3,6% of total population worldwide (7.8 billion)*

TOTAL INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION STOCK IN AFRICA IN 2020

25,4 MILLION

1,9% of total population of Africa (1.3 billion)*

TOTAL POPULATION OF CONCERN TO UNHCR WORLDWIDE IN 2020

91,920,446**

Sources:

* www.migrationdataportal.org

** UNHCR. 2020. Global Report

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



MALE AFRICAN MIGRANTS*

52,9%

FEMALE AFRICAN MIGRANTS*

47,1%

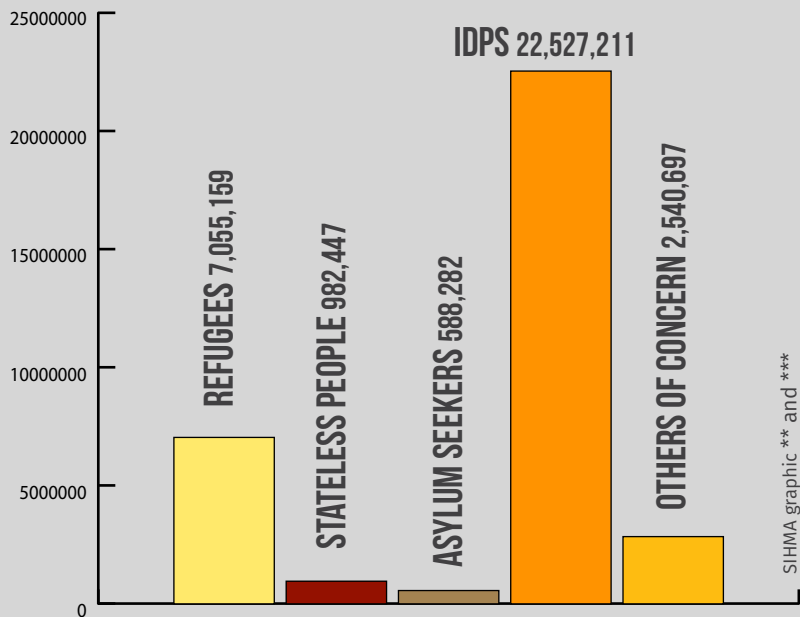


ADULT MIGRANTS IN AFRICA*

72,7%

MIGRANTS IN AFRICA UNDER 19*

27,3%



African countries receiving and producing the highest combined number of Immigrants and Emigrants in 2020*

1. Egypt 4,143,900
2. South Africa 3,814,900
3. Côte d'Ivoire 3,700,000

African countries with the highest number of international migrants in 2020*

1. South Africa 2,900,000
2. Cote d'Ivoire 2,600,000
3. Uganda 1,700,000
4. Sudan 1,400,000
5. Nigeria 1,300,000

African countries with the most international migrants by percentage of country population in 2020*

1. Gabon 18,7%
2. Equatorial Guinea 16,4%
3. Seychelles 13,3%
4. Djibouti 12,1%
5. Libya 12%

Countries with the highest Refugee Populations in Africa*

1. Uganda 1,400,000
2. Sudan 1,100,000
3. Ethiopia 526,900

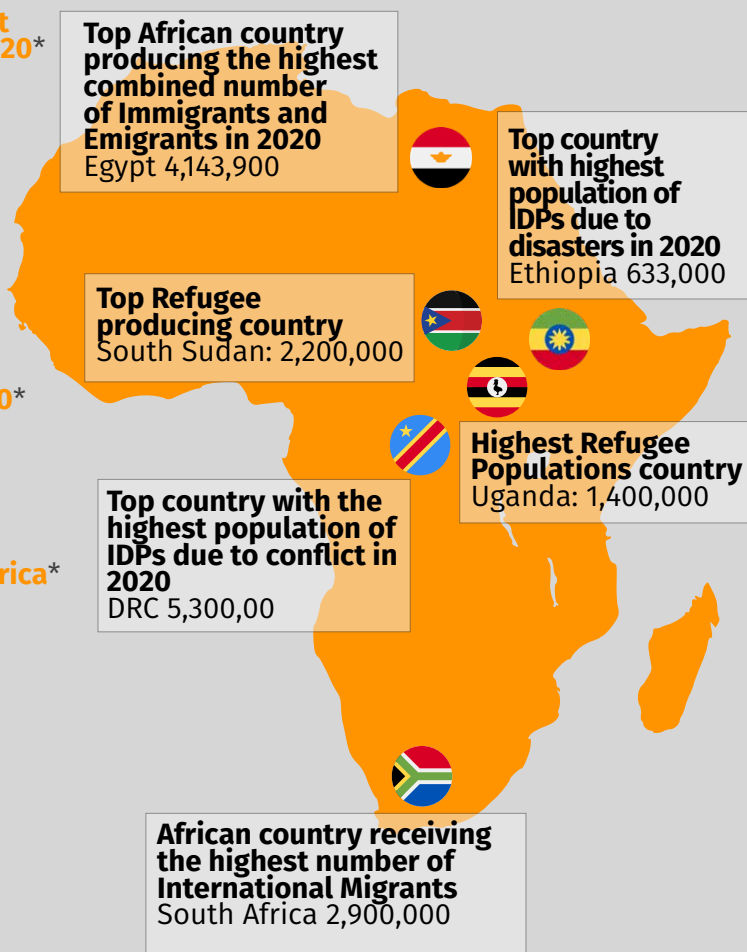
Top 5 Refugee producing countries in Africa*

1. South Sudan 2,200,000
2. DRC 840,400
3. Somalia 814,600
4. Sudan 787,800
5. Central African Republic 642,400

Sources:

* www.migrationdataportal.org

** UNHCR. 2020. Global Report



African countries producing the highest number of Refugees and IDPs**

1. DRC	6,061,000
2. South Sudan	3,800,000
3. Somalia	3,686,000

Top 5 Asylum Seeker producing countries on the continent*

1. DRC	145,400
2. Ethiopia	125,100
3. Nigeria	73,100
4. Sudan	69,700
5. Somalia	53,800

IDPs due to conflict worldwide*

Total	48,000,000
In 2020	9,800,000

Top 5 countries with the highest population of IDPs due to conflict in Africa in 2020*

1. DRC	5,300,000
2. Somalia	3,000,000
3. Nigeria	2,700,000
4. Sudan	2,300,000
5. Ethiopia	2,100,000

IDPs due to disasters worldwide*

Total	7,000,000
In 2020	30,700,000

Top 5 countries with the highest population of IDPs due to disasters in 2020 *

1. Ethiopia	633,000
2. Sudan	454,000
3. Niger	267,000
4. Kenya	204,000
5. Nigeria	143,000

Internally displaced persons (IDPs), according to the United Nations Guiding Principles on Internal Displacement, are “persons or groups of persons who have been forced or obliged to flee or to leave their homes or places of habitual residence, in particular as a result of or in order to avoid the effects of armed conflict, situations of generalized violence, violations of human rights or natural or human-made disasters, and who have not crossed an internationally recognized state border.” This, however, is a descriptive definition, which does not confer a special legal status because IDPs, being inside their country, remain entitled to all the rights and guarantees as citizens and other habitual residents of their country. As such, national authorities have the primary responsibility to prevent forced displacement and to protect IDPs. While the UN Guiding Principles on Internal Displacement are not legally binding, their authority has been recognized globally, particularly as they draw from international humanitarian and human rights law. The Africa Union in particular has codified the UN Guiding Principles on Internal Displacement with the **2009 Convention for the Protection and Assistance of Internally Displaced Persons in Africa** (the so-called “Kampala Convention,” preceded by the 2006 Great Lakes Protocol on the Protection and Assistance to Internally Displaced Persons).

source: UNHCR online Emergency Handbook

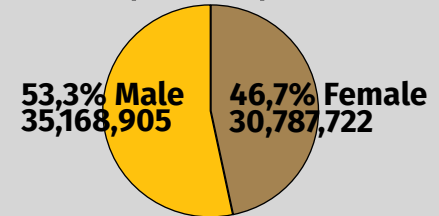
Africa's Annual Change in Migrant Stock in 2020***

+2,5%

Sources:
 * www.migrationdataportal.org
 ** UNHCR. 2020. Global Report
 *** UNDESA. 2020. www.un.org

Total number of Immigrants and Emigrants in Africa in 2020***

65,956,627



Top countries with the higher change in Annual Migrant Stock on the Continent in 2020*

1. Sudan	16%
2. Uganda	14,1%
3. Egypt	8,6%
4. Somalia	7,1%
5. Zambia	7,1%

Top countries with the lowest change in Annual Migrant Stock on the Continent in 2020*

1. Liberia	-4,9%
2. Guinea Bissau	-4,4%
3. South Africa	-2,4%

Top countries with the largest increase in proportion of migrant stock in population in Africa from 2010-2020*

1. Equatorial Guinea	15,5%
2. South Sudan	5,5%
3. Uganda	2,2%
4. Gabon	2%
5. Mauritania	1,5%

Top countries with the largest decrease in proportion of migrant stock population in Africa from 2010-2020*

1. The Republic of Congo	-2,9%
2. Cote D'Ivoire	-1,8%
3. The Gambia	-1,4%

African countries with the highest remittances received in percentage of GDP in 2020*

1. Somalia	35,3%
2. South Sudan	29,5%
3. Lesotho	20,6%
4. Gambia	15,6%
5. Cabo Verde	13,9%

Impact of COVID-19 on asylum seekers, refugees, and displaced populations worldwide (www.unrefugees.org)

- At least 90 countries had closed their borders to the world, with no exceptions made for asylum seekers and refugees, by May 2020.

- Negatively affected their socioeconomic situation.

- Voluntary repatriation was limited.

- Lockdowns and business closures led to a loss of livelihoods and source of income.

- Millions of refugee families have been pushed into poverty, resulting in reduced spending on food, skipped meals, or taking their children out of school.

- More children are at risk of being forced into child labour due to loss of remittances.



RESETTLEMENT
NUMBERS OF
REFUGEES
WORLDWIDE IN 2020

-80%



EU DECREASE IN ASYLUM
APPLICATIONS IN THE
FIRST 10 MONTHS OF
2020, COMPARED TO 2019

-33%

(www. ec.europa.eu)

Self-reported impact of COVID-19 on refugees and migrants worldwide (Apart Together Survey) (www.who.int)



RESPONDENTS
WHO DID NOT SEEK
MEDICAL HELP DUE TO
FEAR OF DEPORTATION

22%



RESPONDENTS WHO
SAID COVID-19 HAD A
NEGATIVE EFFECT ON
THEIR MENTAL HEALTH

+50%



3. TRAINING AND CAPACITY BUILDING

Teaching and training are essential to allow migrants to 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 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.

CPLO TRAINING FOR ADVOCACY ON BEHALF OF REFUGEES AND MIGRANTS

21 - 25 September 2020, Online platform

The Catholic Parliamentary Liaison Office, CPLO South Africa, organised its annual 'African Exposure and Training' course (AFEXT) from the 21st to 25th of September 2020. This year for the first time, the five days training focused on a specific theme: Advocacy on behalf of Refugees and Migrants. The course aimed at episcopal conferences and Church bodies **across the continent** which are interested in setting up CPLOs or similar advocacy facilities in their own jurisdictions. The event was open to staff of existing and prospective African CPLOs, Justice & Peace, and Caritas structures, as well as members of Refugee Desks at the various episcopal conferences. As a result of these annual courses, there are now 13 such offices or desks in African countries, plus one at the African Union head office in Addis Ababa.

For this event CPLO South Africa collaborated with other organisations that specialise in work with refugees, asylum-seekers and migrants and have developed advocacy skills in this area. The organisations involved are the Scalabrini Centre of Cape Town (SCCT), the Scalabrini Institute for Human Mobility in Africa (SIHMA), and the Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS). In addition to those mentioned, the Migrants & Refugees Section of the Vatican Dicastery for the Promotion of Integral Human Development was also involved in providing an input to the training. The course consisted of **five workshop sessions**, afternoon sessions on country profile reports, and an evaluation and conclusions at the end of the training week.

The Executive Director of SIHMA, Fr Filippo Ferraro, presented on the Friday morning a talk on **Resources for Advocacy for Migrants** and James Chapman, Project Manager of SIHMA, presented with Rampeoane a talk on **Legal Aspects of Advocacy for Migrants**.

CPLO was confident that, with the help of the specialist organisations mentioned, this course had the potential to significantly strengthen the capacity of African CPLOs, Refugee Desks and other Church structures to promote and defend the interests of migrant populations across the continent.

Resources for Advocacy for Migrants and Refugees

Fr Filippo Ferraro, CS
Executive Director of SIHMA (Scalabrini Institute for Human Mobility in Africa)

CPLO Training Course, 25 September 2020

SIHMA
Scalabrini Institute for Human Mobility in Africa

Types of resources

- People and organisations**
 - Experts, Scholars, Researchers, Lawyers, Agents of migration institutions, Government, UNHCR, IOM, Catholic Church,...
- Online resources**
 - Internet Resources (means all Domain Names, electronic addresses, uniform resource locators (URL), websites, mobile apps, databases, Internet 2.0s, social media sites (e.g. Facebook, YouTube, Twitter), search platforms, ODPs, SSPs, data bases, and similar online resources)
- Publications and Training**
 - Books, Reports, Handbooks, Training courses, Webinars, Activities in the field, ...

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The cut-and-paste Age of Wikipedia

By Jeremy Conners
Wholes HestingThis?

Top results in Google are often won by commercial websites with big budgets. Sources found via social media have the same problem. Some tips to check online resources:

- 01 Start with Sites You Know
- 02 Check the Date
- 03 Check Credentials
- 04 Check the TLD and Domain
- 05 Digging Deeper
- 06 Check a Physical source
- 07 Don't Trust your First Source
- 08 Overall Evaluation
- 09 Take time for your Overall Evaluation
- 10 Set up your own Referrals Library



4. EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

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. Also in 2020 SIHMA was very busy in multiple initiatives. As the message from the Director anticipated, we passed a huge amount of time “behind the screen”, attending virtual meetings and webinars on many different platforms.

29h July 2020

RESPONDING TO COVID-19

Organised by **ICMC**
with **SIHMA, FOWLS, ECARP, CERAP** and **UnipacAfrica**

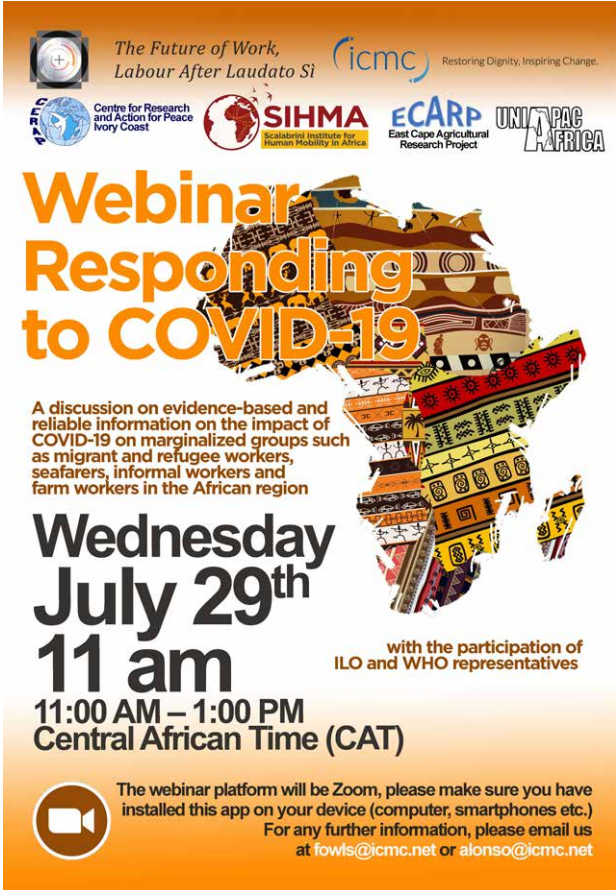
This webinar was organized by **The Future of Work, Labour after Laudato Si (FOWLS)** global initiative and the **International Catholic Migration Commission (ICMC)**. The Scalabrini Institute for Human Mobility in Africa (SIHMA), the East Cape Agricultural Research Project (ECARP) and the Centre for Research and Action for Peace (CERAP) were supporting the event.

The event was addressed to religious leaders, faith-based organizations, NGOs, civil society organizations, and general public which have developed a community/membership base to engage their constituents for worship, charitable activities, development activities, support for members activities, especially in relation to labour and development in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The main objective of the event was to **share evidence-based and reliable information on the impact of COVID-19 on marginalized groups such as migrant and refugee workers, seafarers, informal workers and farm workers in the African region.** As well as to exchange information on the **prevention of the virus transmission and responses to those affected by the virus**, with a particular focus on prevention in the workplace, in informal settings, and the role of religious leaders, faith-based organisations, organised labour, and civil society groups in response to increased poverty, unemployment, involuntary reduction of work hours, and indecent work conditions in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Webinar encouraged knowledge and experience exchange benefitting from expert input community-based experiences related to such topics as: responding to the needs of **affected individual workers, their families, and local communities**, with special attention to populations with particular vulnerabilities (migrants, youth, homeless, among others).

Furthermore topics such as protecting/supporting co-workers and their families during the phases of prevention, treatment, recovery, and reintegration into community activities, were also part of the discussion as well as supporting and sustaining organizations themselves in these difficult times. The webinar took place virtual on the zoom platform and was held in English with a French translation.



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Labour After Laudato Si*

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SIHMA Scalabrini Institute for Human Mobility in Africa

ECARP East Cape Agricultural Research Project

UNI PAC AFRICA

Webinar Responding to COVID-19

A discussion on evidence-based and reliable information on the impact of COVID-19 on marginalized groups such as migrant and refugee workers, seafarers, informal workers and farm workers in the African region

Wednesday July 29th 11 am

with the participation of
ILO and WHO representatives

11:00 AM – 1:00 PM
Central African Time (CAT)

The webinar platform will be Zoom, please make sure you have installed this app on your device (computer, smartphones etc.)
For any further information, please email us at fowls@icmc.net or alonso@icmc.net

1-2 October 2020

2020 CATHOLIC IMMIGRANT INTEGRATION INITIATIVE - BUILDING COMMUNITIES OF HOPE AND BELONGING

organised by CMS and the University of Notre Dame, New York

The Center for Migration Studies of New York (CMS) and the University of Notre Dame held the 2020 Catholic Immigrant Integration Initiative Conference (CIII). The event was held virtually for the first time in 2020 due to the pandemic and was moderated by Michelle Sardone, the Deputy Director of Programs at the Catholic Legal Immigration Network. The CIII seeks to understand, expand and strengthen the work of Catholic institutions with immigrant communities and the theme for this year's conference was "Building Communities of Belonging and Hope".

SIHMA participated in the conference and Fr Filippo Ferraro, CS, presented the topic: **Addressing the Legal Obstacles to Immigrant Integration, Protection and Defense** as panellist at a simultaneous session with Rudy Monterrosa, Adjunct Professor of Law from the University of Notre Dame Law School, and Rev. Mauro Verzeletti, C.S., director of Casa del Migrante of Guatemala. Throughout the conference a diverse panel of

immigrants, refugees, and experts presented their perspectives on the major challenges facing immigrants, refugees, and their families, both in the broader society and in their faith communities, including new challenges related to COVID-19 and related policies.

The conference presented perspectives on **the major challenges facing immigrants, refugees, their families and faith communities, at a time of multiple crises**. It also explored promising and successful programs and ministries with immigrants in parishes, legal services programs, elementary schools, universities, the workplace, charities, community organizing entities, hospitals, and other institutions. The event examined how changing national and international immigration and refugee policies are affecting Catholic institutions, their members and those they serve. It also explored **how Catholic institutions can strengthen their work in promoting the integration, protection, and empowerment of persons with strong roots in sending and receiving communities**. During the conference it was featured an annual address – named after CMS's co-founder, Fr. Lydio Tomasi, CS – on the theological vision underlying the work of Catholic institutions with immigrants and refugees. The annual address was delivered by His Eminence Cardinal Michael Czerny, SJ, Under-Secretary, Migrants and Refugee Section, Vatican Dicastery for Human Development. The lecture, entitled **Mobility and Lockdown: Challenges to the Human highlighted the paradoxical situation of the COVID-19 pandemic on human mobility**. The address examined the important ways of going forward with research, work and ministry on behalf of vulnerable people on the move. His Eminence spoke about how lockdown changes the "us" and "them" – prior to the pandemic, the word lock was associated with persons and groups who were not really like us, people we wanted to be kept or locked away. This pandemic has affected everyone, we have all had our mobility and movements severely restricted. The decision to lock down was not just for the benefit of some, it has been for the common good, and we discover that there is just one category now, everyone belongs to the "we".

The pandemic has altered the picture of migration. The majority of the people in the world have been displaced in some way – displaced from their normal routines, stable and comfortable lives are uprooted. For so many, normal life is actually not a reality – for migrants and refugees, normal is nowhere close to what would be generally acceptable conditions of life. His Eminence encouraged attendees to exit their self-centred preoccupations and notice and deal with the pain of others.

The session "Addressing the Legal Obstacles to Immigrant Integration, Protection, and Defence" was part of a group of simultaneous sessions that addressed the cultural and legal obstacles to integration for immigrants and migrants and it's available online.

2020 CATHOLIC IMMIGRANT INTEGRATION INITIATIVE

Building Communities of Belonging and Hope

Virtual Conference • Thursday- Friday, October 1-2, 2020





OTHER MEETINGS AND WEBINARS ATTENDED IN 2020

20th April 2020

"A CALL FOR REASONABLENESS, SUPPORT AND AMNESTY FOR ASYLUM SEEKERS"

Video Conference Discussion, organized by **SIHMA** and **CPLO**

SIHMA Project Manager, James Chapman, was the speaker and the facilitator of the event. The common sense displayed, and love expressed with the crisis in South Africa had been commendable, visible in relief, support, allowances and amnesty in the context of Covid 19 and in particular the assistance provided to the most vulnerable. There was however the need for a similar approach in the area of forced migration if people with genuine asylum claims were to have prospects of receiving relief and support during and post Covid 19 lockdown from effects of the virus and more generally.

The fundamental needs were documenting with dignity new applicants for asylum who were yet to receive asylum visas and granting broad amnesty for expiry of asylum documentation. This would have in turn addressed a plethora of inequalities and abuses and provided relief and support for a Constitutionally recognized extremely vulnerable community.

22nd June 2020

THE "OTHER" PEOPLES FILM FESTIVAL

Zoom Virtual Meeting, organized by **SIHMA** and **RSS**

SIHMA and Refugee Social Services (RSS) commemorated and celebrated the World Refugee Day on 20th June, hosting the 'Other' Peoples Film Festival, an initiative started by RSS that has been running for a number of years, with a Film Screening and Discussion. 'The "Other" Peoples Film Festival' reminds us how people are Othered, when they are marginalised and forced to flee.

The conversation about othering and how we should redirect the narrative towards inclusion and integration of refugees and in general took place before and after the screening. The aim of films on refugees and migrants is helping to correct misinformation and counter xenophobia and redirect the narrative towards better integration and a greater appreciation for plight of refugees and migrants.

19th February 2021

"ONE STOP BORDER POST" AND "THE OFFICIAL IDENTITY MANAGEMENT POLICY" OF DHA

Online seminar, organized by **SACBC**, **CPLO**, **SCCT** and **SIHMA**

The Southern Africa Catholic Bishops' Conference (SACBC), in collaboration with Scalabrini Centre of Cape Town and SIHMA organized a webinar to study and reflect on the two drafted documents "One Stop border Post" and "The Official Identity Management Policy" of the Department of Home Affairs (DHA) in South Africa, in order to contribute to the DHA. The event was open to all church migration organizations and agencies, to encourage to make representation in reference to the two documents. Fr Peter John, Director of CPLO, welcomed and introduced the discussion, and Ms Sally Gandar, Head of Advocacy & Legal Advisor of the Scalabrini Centre of Cape Town (SCCT) and the team of SCCT presented the two drafted documents. SIHMA's Project Manager, James Chapman spoke about document submissions and templates, and after the presentations the participants could take part in the discussion with reflections and suggestions for the submissions.

OTHER WEBINARS WE ATTENDED AND CONTRIBUTED

4th August 2020

Economic Migration on the African Continent

Webinar organized by Scalabrini Centre of Cape Town (SCCT)

14th August 2020

Building Solidarity in the time of Covid-19

Webinar organized by Lawyers for Human Rights, Liliesleaf, Rosa Luxemburg Foundation and Maverick citizen, South Africa

27th August 2020

The impact of Covid-19 on women and their businesses

Webinar organized by European Union Delegation to South Africa

28th August 2020

From Here. Recent developments in Citizenship and Statelessness provisions in South African law.

Webinar organized by CPLO and SCCT, Cape Town

9th and 17th September 2020
“Responding to COVID-19 and its Impact on the World of Work”
Webinar series organized by ICMC

11th September 2020
“Stateless in a global pandemic”
5th Annual Southern African Nationality Network meeting
Webinar organized by LHR

1st October 2020
106th World Day of Migrants and Refugees: a focus on Internally Displaced Persons
Webinar organized by SACBC Migrants and Refugees Office

12th-16th of October 2020
10th session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organised Crime
Virtual Conference organized by UNODC

13th of November 2020
Advocacy and Migration during the pandemic
Virtual seminar organized by CPLO, Cape Town, South Africa

4th December 2020
“Missing Migrant Project Stakeholder Engagement Workshop in the Southern Africa Region”
Webinar organized by IOM GMDAC

4th January 2021
“Implementation of Laudato Si in a local Church: Opportunities and challenges”
Webinar organized by SACBC, South Africa (Guest speaker Bishop John Arnold, Diocese of Salford, Manchester, UK)

22nd January 2021
Project Group 7 “Training of Leadership for Talitha Kum”
Webinar, organized by SACBC, South Africa

9th February 2021
Seafaring in the 21st Century. Is Maritime Education in the Philippines Up for the Challenge?
Webinar, organized by SMC and Stella Maris, Manila (Philippines)

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

Despite the unusual circumstances in 2020 particularly with the pandemic and shifting most projects and programs from in person to virtual settings SIHMA plans to build on its foundations of research, publication, communication including social media outputs, training, internal capacity building and events in the year to come. SIHMA will hire an additional staff member to assist with research and plans to engage in participatory research exploring mental health and belonging for migrant children and youth and explore the routes and challenges experienced in cross border migration and return generally and in the context of the pandemic. SIHMA also plans to assist further with advocacy and training initiatives led by SIHMA and /or partners and collaborate with partners in Kenya, Ethiopia, Cote D’Ivoire, Sierra Leone, Uganda, Mozambique, the Republic of Congo and Malawi among others. Additionally, SIHMA intends to enhance its media production capability, offer current migration information and publications on persecution leading to forced migration, developing pastoral agents of migration, access to medical care for people on the move 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 intends to establish an office at St Patricks, La Rochelle in Johannesburg which will extend the operations as a study institute, provide free basic medical assistance to people on the move through a health centre and form a legal clinic towards countering human trafficking. SIHMA in collaboration with the University of the Western Cape will commence and conclude its third full year cycle of accredited publishing of the African Human Mobility Journal since it was accredited 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 and volunteers working remotely and in person where appropriate including its collaborative research, collaborative communication initiatives, partnerships, and training. SIHMA looks forward to the year ahead and building on its foundations.

James Chapman, SIHMA Project Manager



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



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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!



NEWSLETTER

All subscribers who want to keep in touch with us can receive our quarterly newsletter, with insights from the last issue of our journal, news from our communication team, upcoming events promoted or supported by SIHMA and our partner network

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25 November 2020

COMMUNICATION ON THE MOVE

Organised by **SIHMA Communication Team**, Zoom platform

During this virtual event we took the opportunity to share with the audience SIHMA's vision and mission and the way we implement these through our communications strategy and social media network. We showed participants around our NEW website, presented our recently revamped AHMR Journal, and our active Blog on the move. We were also enthusiastic to officially launch our new working paper series 'the Advocates' Migration Brief' and we had a brief review of our Publications and Research projects. On this occasion we provided through our staff members, volunteers and guests a virtual guided tour through our Communications outputs and network. We believe that sharing information and expanding our network together, is an effective and efficient way to help reach our mission to disseminate information about human mobility, ensuring human rights of, and promoting dignity for, people on the move in Africa.

If you are interested in working with us, also remotely, on communication and promotion of content and events of SIHMA, please have a look at our Volunteer programmes in the website.

If your organisation, Institute or NPO is interested in this field or is already producing material on human mobility, don't hesitate to contact us for sharing your material or starting a collaboration.

COMMUNICATION ON THE MOVE

Zoom Launch Event

Join us and get to know all our publications, research and social media activities,

and help us to disseminate information about human mobility as we seek to further realise our vision of ensuring human rights of and promoting dignity for people on the move in Africa.



Wednesday
25th November

2:00pm-2:45pm
(SAST)

Join us by sending
an mail to
admin@sihma.org.za

ABOUT SIHMA

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

WHAT WE DO

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

BALANCE SHEET

Description	2019-20	2020-21
Donations and grants	588,884	1,331,779
Interest received	12,019	12,892
INCOME	600,903	1344,671
Operative expenditure	736,152	877,043
Projects expenditure	245,332	141,181
EXPENDITURE	981,484	1018,224
NET (DEFICIT) / SURPLUS	(380,581)	(326,447)
OPENING RETAINED FUNDING	735,057	354,476
PRIOR PERIOD ADJUSTMENT	-	-
CLOSING RETAINED FUNDING	354,476	680,923

Numbers in ZA Rands

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PEOPLE BEHIND THE FIGURES