

# NEW RESEARCH AND REPORTS

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## A summary of the latest resources on mixed migration in the Middle East

In collaboration with **MMP, Ground Truth Solutions** has completed a first round of surveys with [refugees](#) in Lebanon, and [IDPs](#) and [refugees](#) in Northern Iraq (the full study can be found on their [Iraq country page](#)). The surveys aim to better understand the evolving perceptions of IDP and refugee communities in these countries with regards to humanitarian assistance, looking specifically at information needs, trust, awareness, respect, transparency, and levels of support.

**ACAPS** in collaboration with **IFRC** has released a new [scenario report](#), based on workshops held in Budapest, looking at possible developments in Libya, Italy, Spain, and other countries of transit over the next six months. Four scenarios of varying likelihood were identified: a slight increase in migration via North Africa to the EU, a large increase in migration and readmissions, the enforced closure of the central Mediterranean route, and improved internal security in Libya.

An April [article](#) from IRIN draws on [research](#) conducted by **REACH** and **MMP** to highlight the ways in which restrictive European family reunification policies are separating refugee children from their families (see accompanying REACH article [here](#)). The article identifies a trend in the EU of family reunification becoming increasingly difficult, citing examples from Germany, Sweden, Denmark, and Finland.

In an [article](#) from **Foreign Affairs**, interviews conducted with more than 1,100 Syrians in Turkey in late 2016 explore the perceptions and desires of displaced Syrians regarding their individual and collective futures. Key findings include the desire of %90 of respondents to return to Syria, ideally within five years, and limited interest in onward movement to Europe.

The **Greek Forum of Refugees** has produced a [new guide](#) for asylum seekers in Greece, highlighting asylum application procedures, registration, rights, appeals, and other useful information.

A **Refugees Deeply** [article](#) looks at the ‘invisibility’ of refugee and migrant women along the western Balkan route to Europe. As borders close and people turn to riskier routes, women and girls are increasingly susceptible to abuse and trafficking – many of those suffering such abuse never appear in official data.

**Oxfam**, in collaboration with the **Belgrade Centre for Human Rights** and the **Macedonian Young Lawyers Association**, has produced a [briefing paper](#) entitled “A Dangerous ‘Game’: The Pushback of Migrants, including Refugees, at Europe’s Borders”. The paper looks at law enforcement abuses in western Balkan countries and the violent denial of access to asylum procedures and international protection in these countries.

**Warwick University** has released a [report](#) based on the findings of more than 250 interviews in seven Mediterranean and transit cities, looking at the impact of EU policies on recent migration trends. The report analyses how policies affect people on the move, offering case study analyses and recommendations to European policy makers.

A new [report](#) from the **Harvard FXB Centre for Health and Human Rights** highlights the exploitation and abuse of refugee and migrant children in Greece, in what it terms a ‘growing epidemic’. The report focuses on the conditions in camps that lead to situations of abuse and exploitation, often as a survival mechanism.