

# NEW RESEARCH AND REPORTS

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

The **Mixed Migration Platform** has released two new briefing papers accessible [here](#) on our newly launched website. The first paper looks at [environmental](#) migration and displacement from a Middle East perspective, while the second addresses the relationship between [trafficking](#), exploitation, and smuggling in the context of mixed migration through the Middle East and Europe.

In a [report](#) entitled 'Lost in Translation: the Misinformed Journey of Migrants across Italy,' **Internews** uses the results of a rapid needs assessment in Italy to examine the critical role that local media plays in irregular migration journeys, particularly in light of the unmet information needs of people on the move to and within Italy.

In a [quarterly](#) publication, **Refugees Deeply** focuses on Greece and the 'difference between deterrence & integration'. The piece centres on the perpetual state of emergency that Greece is under, amid the competing government priorities of deterrence and integration, focusing primarily on education, health, and housing.

The **Internal Displacement Monitoring Centre (IDMC)** has launched its 2017 [Global Report on Internal Displacement](#), looking at worldwide internal displacement caused by violence, conflict, and disasters (executive summary available [here](#)). The report focuses on internal displacement in 2016, the connection between internal and cross-border displacement, and the challenges of data shortfalls.

Amid increasing discussions around the potential implementation of safe zones in Syria, **News Deeply** has published an [article](#) discussing the reasons why the UN is not creating these, and provided links to further readings and sources around the contentious topic.

A **Human Rights Watch** [article](#) addresses the plight of older refugees stranded in Greece due to 'unnecessary delays and arbitrary barriers' blocking their reunion with family in Europe. The article argues that family reunification processes typically focus on minors and their parents, leaving older refugees in limbo in Greece.

'A Child is a Child: Protecting children on the move from violence, abuse and exploitation' is a new **UNICEF** [report](#) detailing the lack of safe and legal migration pathways for children and the role that this

plays in the proliferation of human smuggling and the related risks that children must face.

A May [policy brief](#), from the **Migration Policy Institute (MPI)**, addresses the gaps in broadband access for refugees and other migrants around the globe, in relation to the increasingly recognised role of communications technology in connectivity and protection solutions for refugees. The brief proposes the creation of a 'global broadband plan for refugees'.

An additional [report](#) published by **MPI** in May looks at the evolution of refugee resettlement initiatives and policy to identify 'questions and trade-offs' confronted by policymakers in implementing new programmes. The report offers recommendations to improve the evidence base and fill gaps in data collection and analysis.

**UNHCR** has released a new [report](#) based on research aimed at better understanding communication, decision making, and information needs among Arabic speaking and Afghan refugees and other migrants via their social media discourses. UNHCR has engaged in social media monitoring, culminating in weekly summary reports, since March 2016.

In the June 2017 analysis of [flow monitoring surveys](#) from IOM's **Displacement Tracking Matrix**, interviews with more than 5,000 refugees and other migrants along the Central and Eastern Mediterranean routes to Europe are used to better understand the demographics, intentions, and costs incurred by people on the move to Europe between February and June 2017.

A new [report](#) from **Minority Rights Group** uses extensive fieldwork to comment on the future of Iraqi minorities after the so-called Islamic State. The third report in a series, the piece makes specific recommendations to a variety of actors aimed to prevent a legacy of inter-communal animosity and the potential departure of ethnic and religious minorities from Iraq.

**RMMS** monthly summaries of mixed migration issues and news in the Horn of Africa and Yemen region are accessible [here](#). Summaries from **West Africa** are available [here](#), and 4mi (Mixed Migration Monitoring Mechanism Initiative) reports from the **Central Asia and Southwest Asia** region are available [here](#).