



*Danish Red Cross doctor Catrin Iversen tends to one of 129 survivors on board the Ocean Viking, a vessel operated in partnership by the IFRC and SOS MEDITERRANEE in the Central Mediterranean. IFRC photo: Caroline Haga.*






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| Appeal No:<br><b>MDR65005</b>          | Report timeframe:<br><b>19 July 2021-06 October 2021<sup>1</sup></b> | Appeal launched:<br><b>19/07/2021</b> |
| Glide No:<br><b>OT-2021-000077-CHE</b> | DREF allocated:<br><b>CHF 500,000</b>                                | Date published:<br><b>08/10/2021</b>  |

**IFRC Funding requirement: CHF 2 million**  
**Funding gap: CHF 1.96 million**

**HSP@Sea is part of the CHF 58 million Federation-wide multiregional [Case for Support on Migration](#).**

<sup>1</sup> The financial report covers the period between July and August 2021.

## TIMELINE

-  **2013-2016:** The Italian navy launches Operation Mare Nostrum, which ends in 2014 creating a notable gap in state Search & Rescue (SAR) services. In response the Italian Red Cross, supported by the IFRC and sister National Societies, was engaged in maritime Search and Rescue Operations in cooperation with the NGO Migrant Offshore Aid Station (MOAS) in 2016. SOS MEDITERRANEE was founded in May 2015; since then, it has been rescuing, protecting, and assisting over 34 000 persons in distress at sea.
-  **19 July 2021:** [IFRC issues an Emergency Appeal](#) for 2 million Swiss francs to provide assistance to migrants in distress at sea on the Central Mediterranean Route, entering an operational partnership with the NGO SOS MEDITERRANEE.  
IFRC and SOS MED work on operational planning and preparations, finalizing partnership arrangements. Mobilization of resources and internal and external information.
-  **13 September;** The first rotation of the MV Ocean Viking with IFRC onboard starts from Marseille / France.
-  **September 2021:** In 2021 already over 1,100 persons have lost their lives in attempts to cross the Central Mediterranean Sea.
-  **05 October 2021:** The patrol of the Ocean Viking terminates in the Sicilian port of Augusta after disembarkation of 122 migrants rescued and 3 medical evacuations (plus 4 relatives of evacuees) conducted while at sea. The vessel sets sails to Napoli for inspection, in parallel preparations for the next rotation are ongoing.

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### Summary of revisions made to the Emergency Appeal operation

- The Emergency Appeal will be extended to 31 December 2021 with no additional costs, due the lack of improvement in the overall situational environment in the Mediterranean and the persisting needs for humanitarian assistance along the Central Mediterranean Route anticipated in the months to come.
  - Taking up Lessons Learnt from the first rotation of the vessel with IFRC personnel on board, onboard processes, including amendments of HR composition onboard and operational procurements, are finetuned, and the joint Operational Plan and the framework agreement with the partner organisation SOS MEDITERRANEE being revised accordingly. The framework amendment will also reflect a potential lack for funding contributions to the running costs of the vessel.
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## SITUATION UPDATE

Migration and refugee flows from sub-Saharan and North Africa, the Middle East and into Europe are among the most complex in the world, with acute humanitarian needs for many people on the move<sup>2</sup>. The effects of COVID-19 on global mobility have not halted migration flows through the three northward trans-Mediterranean routes (Eastern, Central and Western Mediterranean). The Central Mediterranean route, from North Africa (primarily Libya) to Italy continues to be the most active and dangerous routes for people crossing to Europe by sea.

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<sup>2</sup> This is connected to the core reasons that lead to migration and displacement, ranging from violence, persecution, conflict, poverty, political and social issues, as well as disasters and the adverse effects of climate change. In 2021, we are seeing the compounding factors of the COVID-19 pandemic and the climate crisis driving higher numbers of people to migrate, exacerbating risks and vulnerabilities. A [recent IFRC report](#) has highlighted that “*pandemic-related policy measures [...] have contributed to migrants’ and refugees’ inability to meet their basic needs and to live in safety and dignity.*”

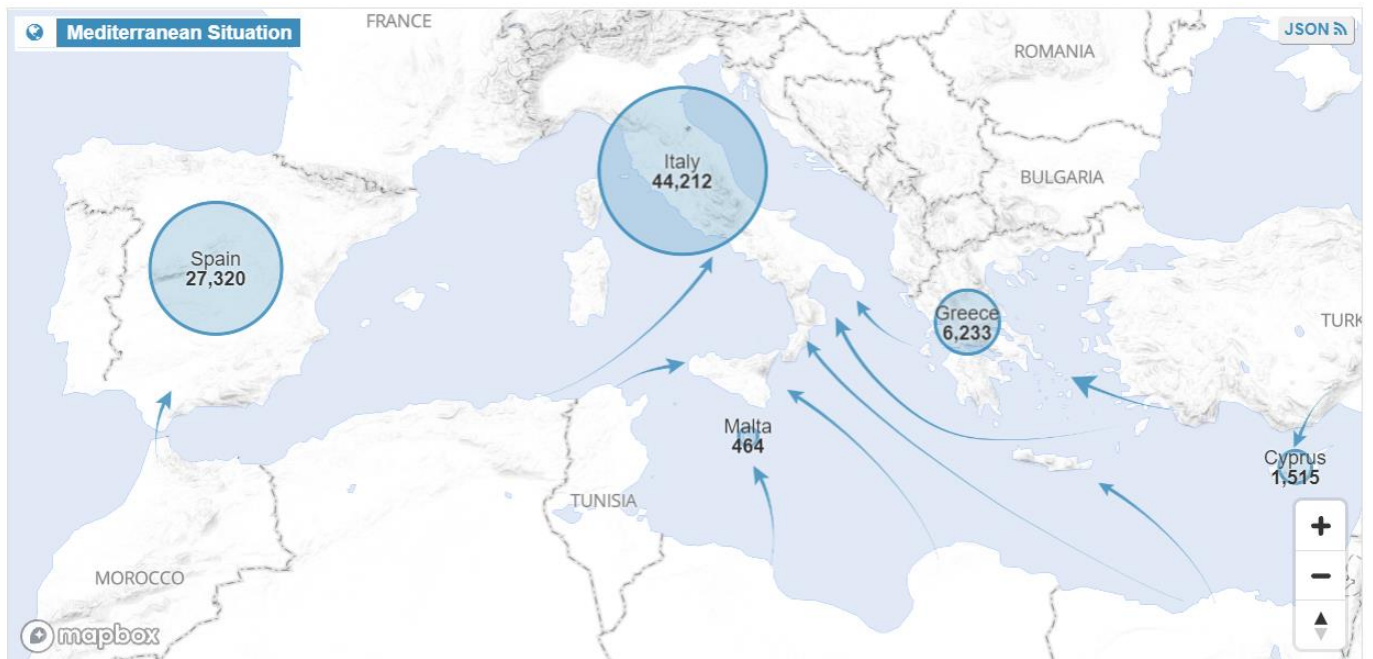


Figure 1: Mediterranean Migration Situation. [UNHCR](#), 26 September 2021

In 2021, the number of migrants crossing the Central Mediterranean is significantly higher than in 2020. Between January - September 2021, the total number of attempted crossings on this route stands at 80,680, while 2020 saw a total of 62,799 attempted crossings. On 27 September alone, 725 migrants landed at the Italian island of Lampedusa.

Since 2014, an estimated 22,653 people have lost their lives crossing the Mediterranean, with the Central Mediterranean crossing being the world's deadliest migratory sea route ([IOM, 2021](#)). In 2020, 984 people lost their lives on the Central Mediterranean route ([IOM, 2021](#)), in the first nine months of 2021 that figure already stands at 1,115 lives lost or missing ([IOM, 2021](#))<sup>3</sup>. The actual number of fatalities recorded on migratory routes is likely to be much higher largely due to unreported and "invisible" shipwrecks.

Figures of sea arrivals to Europe are expected to remain high in the last months of the year 2021, with October and November being the months with the highest number of migrants crossing the Mediterranean in 2020<sup>4</sup>.

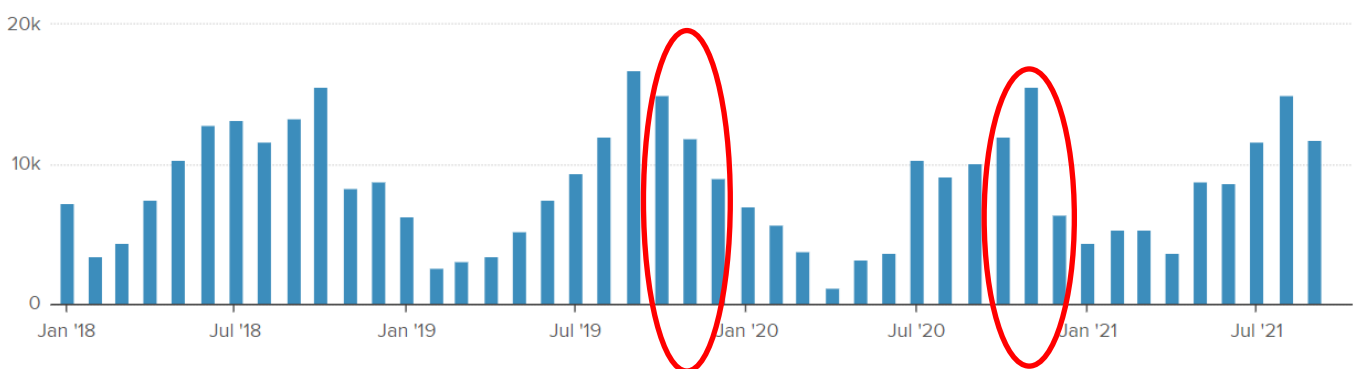


Figure 2: Sea arrivals monthly (all Mediterranean routes). [UNHCR](#), 26 September 2021  
The months of October, November and December highlighted for 2019 and 2020.

In September 2021, two other NGO Ships were assisting migrants on the Central Mediterranean Route<sup>5</sup>. NGO ships were on patrol on 16 different days in September; civilian aircraft monitoring flights were carried out on 14 days in this month.

<sup>3</sup> In addition, 262 people reporting dead/missing on the Western Mediterranean Route, 17 on the Eastern Mediterranean Route ([IOM, 2021](#))

<sup>4</sup> Oct 2020: 12,040 persons, Nov 2020: 15,589 persons, Dec 2020: 6,411 persons

<sup>5</sup> The vessels "Sea-Eye 4" (Sea-Eye) and the "Geo Barents" (MSF) assisted a total of 89 persons in distress at sea.

The Humanitarian Service Point @ Sea Operation is a core part of the three-year route-based migration plan of action [Humanitarian Assistance and Protection for People on the Move](#)<sup>6</sup>, launched on 27 August 2021. This plan of action, spanning across land and maritime routes in Africa, Middle East, and Europe, aims to support more than 2 million people on the move and more than 500,000 people from host communities, including the humanitarian services of 34 National Societies, through a holistic, integrated, and comprehensive route-based response.

The operational schedule was dependent on several external factors, including the prolonged duration of the previous patrol of the Ocean Viking, an extended COVID-19 quarantine in Italy due to some positive cases amongst the crew, and last/minute repairs on the vessel during the Marseille port call. With an intended start date of the vessel on 18 August, the rotation of the MV Ocean Viking with the first five IFRC personnel onboard started on 13 September 2021 from Marseille.



*Figure 3: Course of the Ocean Viking (Rotation 15.1),  
13 September – 05 October*

Onboard the SAR vessel, SOS MEDITERRANEE focused on the maritime and Search & Rescue operation, while the IFRC's teams focus was on the humanitarian Post Rescue Services. During the patrol period in the Mediterranean Sea, the crew rescued a total of 129 people in distress on wooden boats. The patrol of the vessel terminated on 05 October after disembarkation of survivors in the Sicilian port of Augusta and subsequent COVID-19 quarantine of the crew.<sup>7</sup>

## COORDINATION AND PARTNERSHIPS

### Coordination with SOS MEDITERRANEE

The HSP@Sea Operation is implemented in partnership with the NGO SOS MEDITERRANEE. A one-year framework Partnership Agreement, defining roles and responsibilities, collaboration, and coordination mechanisms as well as communications arrangements, has been established with the humanitarian partner organization, completed with a project and financial agreement.

The partnership builds on the complementarity of the partner organizations. In general SOS MEDITERRANEE focuses on the maritime and Search & Rescue operation while the IFRC's focus is on the humanitarian Post Rescue Services on board the SAR vessel. The partnership allows for mutual learning, and leveraging the capacities of the IFRC network, e.g., for follow-up onshore after disembarkation in collaboration with the National Society in the primary country of disembarkation, on protection and for humanitarian diplomacy.

An operational plan, detailing the practical implementation of the collaboration between IFRC and SOS MEDITERRANEE is in place. The plan specifies operational arrangements, including through a shared set of Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs).

<sup>6</sup> Also known as the “multiregional case for support”

<sup>7</sup> SOS MEDITERRANEE assisted a total of 34,203 migrants in distress since the start of their operation in 2016 in a total of 236 SAR operations and an additional 63 transfers from other ships.

A Partnership Steering Committee and an Operational Steering Committee are ensuring coordination both on strategic and operational level.

## Membership coordination

An internal consultation and analysis process was completed and identified risks and opportunities, which informed consultations with National Societies in Europe and Middle East regions, concluding with an agreement in principle towards developing a partnership between SOS MEDITERRANEE and IFRC. National Societies, including those with SOS MEDITERRANEE Associations in their country<sup>8</sup>), information updates after the launch of the Emergency Appeal included three partners calls and numerous individual calls with National Societies (NS).

Italian Red Cross, as the National Society in the primary country of disembarkation, is an essential partner of the operations: it is providing essential HR contributions, and the operation also benefits from information- and knowledge sharing from previous SAR operations (2016) and the current Italian RC managed quarantine vessels for migrants in Italian waters (e.g., for COVID-19 related procedures). Furthermore, the ItRC participates in disembarkation in Italian ports, handover and referral procedures, which are continuously being improved jointly. The Italian RC also plays an essential role in facilitating communication with Italian authorities,

The French RC is supporting the operation in logistical aspects (such as the provision of CPR mannequins, and efforts to establish warehousing capacities on shore).

The Austrian RC contributed with FA material and specific PEP-Kit pharmaceuticals.

A number of National Societies have contributed with Surge personnel, with continuous interest to staff the operation:

| <b>SURGE POSITIONS</b>   |  |                                 |                     |
|--------------------------|--|---------------------------------|---------------------|
| Off-Shore<br>(Ship) Team | Post Rescue Team Leader                                  | 01 Sept - 22 November 2021      | Italian Red Cross   |
|                          | Doctor   | 01 Sept - 07 October 2021       | Danish Red Cross    |
|                          | Midwife  | 02 Sept - 07 October 2021       | Austrian Red Cross  |
|                          | Communications Coordinator                               | 01 Sept - 07 October 2021       | Finnish Red Cross   |
|                          | PGI/PSS Coordinator                                      | 06 Sept - 07 October 2021       | IFRC                |
| On-Shore<br>Team         | Operations Manager                                       | 5 July - 31 October 2021        | Austrian Red Cross  |
|                          | HR Coordinator   | 6 July - 31 October 2021        | British Red Cross   |
|                          | Logistician  | 29 July - 27 October 2021       | Finnish Red Cross   |
|                          | Communications Coordinator                               | 17 August - 17 September 2021   | Danish Red Cross    |
|                          | Communications Coordinator<br>(2 <sup>nd</sup> rotation) | 16 September - 16 November 2021 | Icelandic Red Cross |

*Table 1: Surge Positions in the HSP@Sea Operation  
(off-shore and on-shore profiles will be replaced as required until the end of 2021)*

## Coordination with other stakeholders

This operation is conducted with full transparency and information of the relevant maritime authorities, from which coordination of an event is always sought. The obligation to render assistance to persons in distress at sea is carried out in accordance with the applicable provisions of international conventions governing SAR

<sup>8</sup> France, Germany, Italy, and Switzerland

situations and in accordance with requirements concerning the respect for fundamental rights. In a similar way, coordination with authorities onshore for disembarkation of migrants is obtained.

## RISK MANAGEMENT

The Operation has some specific characteristics, such as the extraterritorial setting (not involving a Host National Society), a close partnership with an external partner, and the humanitarian intervention in a politically charged and sensitive area. A comprehensive risk register<sup>9</sup> with respective mitigation measures was developed prior to entering the Operation, with risk-optimizing measures being implemented continuously.

Securing the financial sustainability of the operation and the partnership is the primary risk at present. IFRC and NS are increasing resource mobilization efforts with the intent to continue the operation beyond the year 2021, with a risk of necessary amendments reducing the level of operational IFRC engagement. Cross-fertilization from the 3-year programme "[Humanitarian assistance and protection for people on the move](#)" will be essential to sustain the operation. This also comes with increased efforts towards Humanitarian Diplomacy.

## STRATEGIC SECTORS OF INTERVENTION

### *Progress towards Operational Objectives*

The operationalization of the HSP@Sea concept started in early July (with the first Surge profile starting on 05 July). After the launch of the Emergency Appeal and the finalization of agreements with the partner, focus was on the finalization of the Operational Plan and in parallel the start of trainings activities for the crew (both IFRC and SOS MEDITERRANEE) for the first joint rotation of the MS Ocean Viking.

The operational schedule was dependent on several external factors, including the protracted duration of the previous patrol of the Ocean Viking<sup>10</sup>, an extended COVID-19 quarantine period in Italy due to positive cases amongst the crew, and some last-minute repairs on the vessel required during the Marseille port call. With an intended start date of the vessel on 18 August, the ship in fact left Marseille on 13 September after several postponements of the sailing schedule.

### **PHASES OF OPERATION (ROTATION 15.1)**

| Period / date     | Key activity   |
|-------------------|--|
| 27 July           | Start of crew training (remote)  |
| 01 – 2 September  | Deployment of IFRC onboard team  |
| 02 – 06 September | Classroom Training / briefings for Crew (SOS MEDITERRANEE- IFRC) in Marseille  |
| 07 – 12 September | Restocking Operation and onboard training in Marseille   |
| 13 September      | Ocean Viking sets sails from Marseille.  |
| 13 – 16 September | Transit to Area of Operation and onboard training / drills   |
| 17 – 23 September | Rescue phase with 4 rescues:<br>• <b>RESCUE 1</b><br>18/09, about 12:30, rescue of 25 people from a small wooden boat in distress - first spotted by Seabird aircraft - completed. The rescue operation lasted about 1 hour. |

<sup>9</sup> Considering the Lessons Learnt from previous RCRC engagement in a maritime Sea Rescue operation in 2016.

<sup>10</sup> In the previous patrol the Ocean Viking rescued 553 persons in distress.

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|                           | <p>Among the survivors, 2 women, 3 children, (from 1 to 12 years old) and 13 unaccompanied minors.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>RESCUE 2</b><br/>19/09, about 08:00, rescue of 33 people from a small wooden boat in distress completed, including 8 women and 16 minors (among them 13 between 0 and 12 years old), including a differently abled person.</li> <li>• <b>RESCUE 3</b><br/>19/09, about 16:00 wooden boat spotted by Seabird (NGO) aircraft. OV reaching the distress position, where co-alerted (NGO) sailing-boat Nadir already standing by. At about 19:30 rescue operation completed. 58 people were safely brought onboard, among them, 11 minors (7 unaccompanied), 2 children from 5 to 12 years old, and a person with disability.</li> <li>• <b>RESCUE 4</b><br/>20/09, about 03:00, rescue operation of small wooden boat, completed, following an alert sent by Alarm Phone. 13 persons, all males.</li> </ul> |
| 21 – 24 September         | Awaiting Port of Safety Assignment. A total of 7 people (3 patients and 4 relatives) were medevac'd with the assistance of the Italian Coastguard during that period.   |
| 25 September              | Disembarkation of 122 rescued persons (Augusta / Sicily)  |
| 25 September – 04 October | Quarantine (Augusta / Sicily)   |
| 05 October                | Free pratique: crew disembarking, vessel moving to Napoli for re-certifications   |

Table 2: Phases of operation for Rotation 15.1 of the Ocean Viking

## 1. Direct services to people in distress at sea: Rescue and Post Rescue Services

The division of tasks onboard the Ocean Viking – with SOS MEDITERRANEE focus on the maritime and Search & Rescue operation and IFRC focus on the humanitarian Post Rescue Services onboard - is reflected by the onboard organogram below. Despite the complementing nature of service and the need to define clear reporting lines, the “one team” approach on board, at all times providing inter-disciplinary helping hands as required, is worth mentioning.

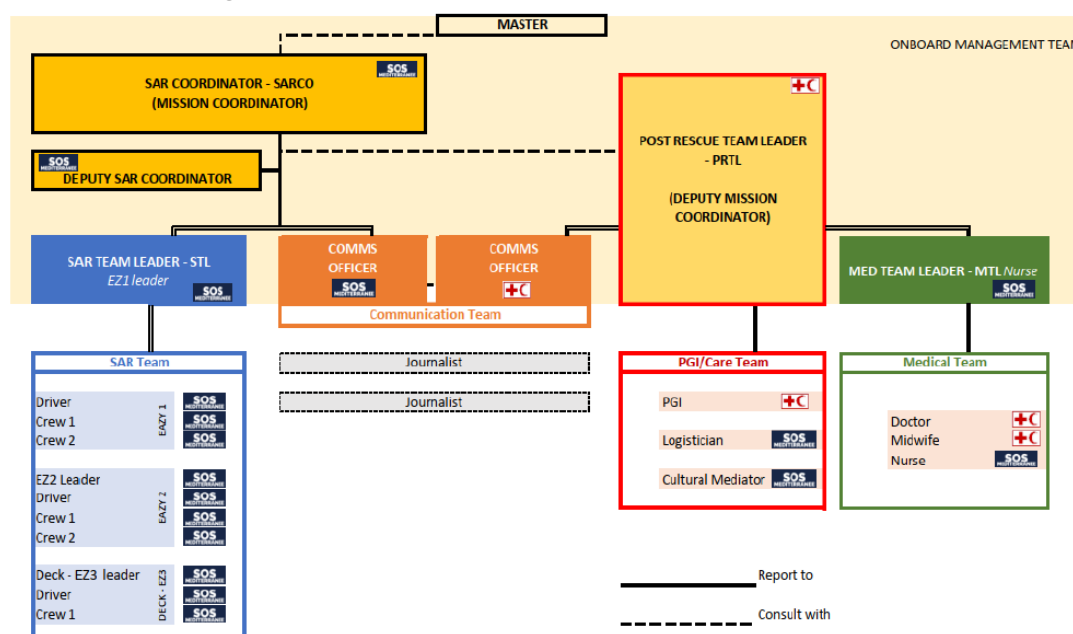


Figure 4: Shipboard operational chart (Rotation 15.1)

The recent rotation of the vessel as well as the upcoming rotation are considered pilot-rotations, informing the final setup and modus operandi of the partners on board. The transition from previous SOS MEDITERRANEE teams to IFRC-staffed and -led teams is ongoing.

As part of the post rescue activities, the IFRC Medical and PGI/Care Teams, both with inclusion of specific SOS MEDITERRANEE personnel, delivered the following services:

#### The **Medical Team**

- supported the Onboard Management Team decision making by delivering medical assessments of survivors
- triaged survivors onboard based on their medical needs
- provided primary healthcare to all survivors in need or requesting medical attention, including nursing care, medicine and drugs distribution, and surveillance of patients in the short-stay hospitalization unit onboard
- provided reproductive healthcare
- monitored the risk of communicable diseases onboard and took all necessary steps to prevent communicable disease (including COVID-19)
- trained / drilled crew on basic life support and on roles in case activation of the Mass Casualty Plan
- administrated medical interventions and delivered a medical report
- managed and lead infection control protocols, provided guidance on the use of PPE
- prepared casualties for MEDEVAC by boat
- determined and ensured medical referrals for medical care to onshore actors (including medical handover report), prior to disembarkation
- ensured medical referrals
- provided medical care to crew members onboard

#### The **PGI/Care team** tasks comprised of:

- basic registration of survivors during embarkation
- organized sheltering of people onboard
- managed food distribution, with support of all crew members
- organized NFI distributions (clothes, blankets, hygiene items)
- organized access to water, hygiene, and sanitary facilities onboard for survivors
- organized recreational activities for survivors, particularly children
- managed surveillance of the deck at all times - deck watches and crowd management, with support of all crew members
- ensured post disembarkation sanitation of main deck, shelters, and toilet facilities, including waste management and disposal
- monitored migrants PGI risks, needs and capacities
- provided mental Health and Psychosocial support (MHPSS), including mitigation and aggression prevention, and psychological first aid for children and in cases of self-harm behaviour (in collaboration with the medical team)
- established, disseminated, and monitored Safeguarding procedures
- provided information about rights, access to these rights, services, and opportunities
- provided information on services helping to Restore Family Links
- established coordination with onshore services for case management and referral pathways
- monitored Post Rescue Services (medical, NFI, sheltering, etc) for adjustment on compliance with the Minimum Standards for PGI in Emergencies
- Supported communications and operational leadership advising on issues related to protection

# Humanitarian Service Point @ Sea

## Total number of persons rescued

13 Sep - 25 Sep 2021, Rotation 15.1 of the Ocean Viking

**129**

including 19 females

**47 minors** (including 25 unaccompanied minors)  
*The youngest child being only 1 month old.*

## Top five countries of origin

Libya  
Syria  
Gambia  
Egypt  
Ethiopia

## Post-Rescue Services provided

**Medical consultations:** 273

(116 clinic consultations, 157 deck consultations)

**Reproductive health consultations:** 7

**Medical evacuations:** 3

**Referrals** (for further onshore treatment): 5



*Top three reasons for clinical consultations (number of consultations):  
wounds/dressings - for fuel burns or other traumatic injury (27), body pain (13), scabies (7).*

**Food rations provided:** 1000

**Individuals reached with NFI distributions:** 125

**Individuals reached with social activities:** 120

**Individuals practically engaged on board:** 100



Individuals reached with:

**Psychological First Aid:** 125

**Child Protection activities:** 19

**Violence prevention interventions:** 7

**Psychological Support:** 3

**Restoring Family Links:** 1

**SGBV interventions:** 1



Figure 5: infographic on Post Rescue Services provided (Rotation 15.1)

## 2. Enabling actions – Onshore operations support

Under the coordination of an Operations Manager the onshore operations support focused on the following areas:

### Communications

The Regional Office Communications team has been coordinating communication activities with SOS MEDITERRANEE and partner National Societies, to promote visibility and support for the project. A [press release](#) announcing the partnership was published, and actions during the first rotation of the mission were reported via [timely tweets](#) and updates. The team also produced key messages and reactive lines, as well as onboard team member profiles and audio-visual content to be shared across social media channels and with partner National Societies, including on the shaRED and Slack platforms. An active working relationship with SOS MEDITERRANEE was achieved, allowing for closely coordinated work on communication issues. The mission was featured on French national TV TF1 in a four-part report by an onboard journalist. Delegates were made available for interviews for media through their national societies. An Austrian delegate was interviewed by the state broadcaster and a local newspaper. Overall, however, media interest in the operation was modest during this first round of patrols.

### Logistics

The Regional Office GHS&SCM supported SOS MEDITERRANEE regarding the food and NFI purchases and facilitated the process to be in line with IFRC Procurement procedures. Medical items and medicines have been sourced by IFRC Geneva Medical Procurement officer, from IFRC UK based supplier and from two local pharmacies. A good working relationship has been achieved with SOS MEDITERRANEE, allowing closely coordinated work on procurement and logistics related issues, meanwhile, a Surge Logistics Officer also supported and facilitated smooth operation on the ground.

The logistics operations will be modified to ensure cost-efficient and on-time deliveries. SOS MEDITERRANEE experience and local knowledge will be applied to improve the logistics' cost/benefit ratio. IFRC continues to provide support in identifying possible solutions to logistical challenges and bottlenecks.

### Human Resources

The operation has benefitted from the strong support of National Societies providing staff through the Rapid Response (Surge) mechanism to fill 9 out of the 10 roles so far, this support looks to continue; a longer-term Operations Manager has been selected through Staff on Loan.

Good working relationships and coordination have been established with SOS MEDITERRANEE colleagues in relation to recruitment, rotation planning and HR management. A joint training programme and approach was also developed and piloted for the first patrol and is being adapted for the second patrol. The training for those on-board starts virtually with an orientation session before leaving for their mission and continues with further online sessions, face to face training and extensive drills on the ship before the Search and Rescue activities begin.



*Figure 6: Team briefing on deck of the Ocean Viking.  
IFRC photo: Caroline Haga*

Learnings from the first patrol regarding structure, role design and training programme are currently being gathered during thorough debriefs and modifications being made for the second patrol.

### Partnership and Resource Development

The Regional Office PRD Team has organized three Partners Meeting (in July, August, and September), inviting Partner National Societies from Europe, and beyond. In parallel, 27 National Societies have been approached bilaterally, seeking for support. Many of them showed interest, and support materialized mostly in HR contributions, covering the current HR needs. Fundraising efforts are continuing, reaching out to non-RCRC Movement actors, as well as by encouraging and supporting National Societies' national fundraising campaigns.

### Humanitarian Diplomacy

Internal arrangements have taken place in relation to drafting the HD Strategy for this operation and linking it up with the HD Strategy of the broader "Case for Support" plan of action. Such a strategy will bring together HD and communications objectives and activities with a special focus on immediate needs in the current operation, e.g., for, HD outreach to European decision makers on national and European level, fundraising efforts and donor engagement, and public messaging (including an envisaged high-level press conference).

## CHALLENGES AND LESSONS LEARNED

COVID-19 poses additional challenges to the operations, e.g., regarding pre-embarkation isolation arrangements, work on board under strict PPE regime, and the post disembarkation quarantine period.

The nature of the operation requires continuous operational flexibility, e.g., for changing timelines of vessel rotations, procurement processes with short lead time, the absence of a Host National Society, and the close collaboration with an external partner.

The operation offers an excellent opportunity for operational and systemic learning. Learning follows a structure of description of problems / challenges, subsequent problem analysis and solution / mitigation measures. A Lessons Learnt Register captures learnings and process optimization. Structured debriefings and reporting, and the continuous review of implementation processes and organizational challenges, both within the IFRC and within the collaboration with SOS MEDITERRANEE are feeding into the learning process. An internal Lesson Learnt Workshop at the end of the year will support the systematic follow-up on organizational learnings.

The operation is also considering the implementation of appropriate feedback mechanisms for people assisted onboard. With given limitations to capture feedback, anonymous electronically assisted surveys might be the solution of choice.

## LOOKING AHEAD

The transition of post rescue activities from SOS MEDITERRANEE to IFRC is ongoing, with HR functions taken over by IFRC personnel and additional activities implemented. The first rotation of the vessel allowed to test a new operational setup and integrate additional activities, the transition will continue in the next vessel rotation. Taking up Lessons Learnt from the first rotation of the vessel with IFRC personnel on board, onboard processes, including amendments of HR composition onboard, are finetuned.

With no improvement in the overall operational environment in the Mediterranean and persisting needs for humanitarian assistance along the Central Mediterranean Route, the Emergency Appeal Operation will be extended (with no additional costs) until the 31 December 2021. Thereafter the HSP@Sea Operation is foreseen to be continued and framed as part of the multiregional Plan of Action outlined in the "Case for Support".

Operational engagement on the Ocean Viking in partnership with SOS MEDITERRANEE is foreseen for at least a one-year period (until August 2022), unless the situation in the Mediterranean changes (significant decrease of departures, systematic building of SAR capacities) or operational / funding constraints necessitate the termination of activities.

The current funding limitations, with potential limitations for contributions to the running costs of the vessel, necessitate amendments in the partnership arrangements with SOS MEDITERRANEE, and enhanced focus on ensuring funding to sustain the operation beyond 2021. A temporary shift towards an HR-focused collaboration may be required. Human resources onboard will be ensured through Surge capacities until the end of the year 2021, thereafter, finetuning of onboard structure and task division, amendments to the HR set-up may be necessary, focusing on small pools of rotational onboard personnel.

## FINANCIAL REPORT

The interim financial report is [enclosed](#) to this report.<sup>11</sup>

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<sup>11</sup> The financial report covers the period between July and August 2021. The majority of spending incurred in September 2021. However, as September has not yet been closed, it is not included in the enclosed report.

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### Reference



- [Humanitarian Service Point @ Sea \(Emergency Appeal\)](#)
- [Humanitarian Assistance and Protection for People on the Move](#)

## How we work

All IFRC assistance seeks to adhere the **Code of Conduct** for the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement and Non-Governmental Organizations (NGO's) in Disaster Relief, the **Humanitarian Charter and Minimum Standards in Humanitarian Response (Sphere)** in delivering assistance to the most vulnerable, to **Principles of Humanitarian Action** and **IFRC policies and procedures**. The IFRC's vision is to inspire, encourage, facilitate, and promote at all times all forms of humanitarian activities by National Societies, with a view to preventing and alleviating human suffering, and thereby contributing to the maintenance and promotion of human dignity and peace in the world.

# Emergency Appeal

## Interim FINANCIAL REPORT

| Selected Parameters |          |           |          |
|---------------------|----------|-----------|----------|
| Reporting Timeframe | 2021/7-8 | Operation | MDR65005 |
| Budget Timeframe    | 2021/7-8 | Budget    | APPROVED |

Prepared on 06 Oct 2021

All figures are in Swiss Francs (CHF)

### MDR65005 - Europe - Humanitarian Service Point @ Sea

Operating Timeframe: 09 Jul 2021 to 31 Oct 2021; appeal launch date: 19 Jul 2021

## I. Emergency Appeal Funding Requirements

| Thematic Area Code                                    | Requirements CHF |
|---|------------------|
| AOF1 - Disaster risk reduction                        | 0                |
| AOF2 - Shelter  | 0                |
| AOF3 - Livelihoods and basic needs                    | 0                |
| AOF4 - Health   | 331,000          |
| AOF5 - Water, sanitation and hygiene                  | 0                |
| AOF6 - Protection, Gender & Inclusion                 | 559,000          |
| AOF7 - Migration                                      | 0                |
| SFI1 - Strengthen National Societies                  | 86,000           |
| SFI2 - Effective international disaster management    | 944,000          |
| SFI3 - Influence others as leading strategic partners | 80,000           |
| SFI4 - Ensure a strong IFRC                           | 0                |
| <b>Total Funding Requirements</b>                     | <b>2,000,000</b> |
| <b>Donor Response* as per 06 Oct 2021</b>             | <b>42,119</b>    |
| <b>Appeal Coverage</b>                                | <b>2.11%</b>     |

## II. IFRC Operating Budget Implementation

| Thematic Area Code                                    | Budget         | Expenditure | Variance       |
|---|----------------|-------------|----------------|
| AOF1 - Disaster risk reduction                        | 0              | 0           | 0              |
| AOF2 - Shelter  | 0              | 0           | 0              |
| AOF3 - Livelihoods and basic needs                    | 0              | 0           | 0              |
| AOF4 - Health   | 0              | 0           | 0              |
| AOF5 - Water, sanitation and hygiene                  | 0              | 0           | 0              |
| AOF6 - Protection, Gender & Inclusion                 | 0              | 0           | 0              |
| AOF7 - Migration                                      | 334,359        | 704         | 333,654        |
| SFI1 - Strengthen National Societies                  | 0              | 0           | 0              |
| SFI2 - Effective international disaster management    | 0              | 0           | 0              |
| SFI3 - Influence others as leading strategic partners | 0              | 0           | 0              |
| SFI4 - Ensure a strong IFRC                           | 0              | 0           | 0              |
| <b>Grand Total</b>                                    | <b>334,359</b> | <b>704</b>  | <b>333,654</b> |

## III. Operating Movement & Closing Balance per 2021/08

|   |                |
|---|----------------|
| Opening Balance                                 | 0              |
| Income (includes outstanding DREF Loan per IV.) | 541,483        |
| Expenditure                                     | -704           |
| <b>Closing Balance</b>                          | <b>540,779</b> |
| Deferred Income                                 | 0              |
| Funds Available                                 | 540,779        |

## IV. DREF Loan

|                                  |        |         |              |   |                      |         |
|----------------------------------|--------|---------|--------------|---|----------------------|---------|
| * not included in Donor Response | Loan : | 500,000 | Reimbursed : | 0 | <b>Outstanding :</b> | 500,000 |
|----------------------------------|--------|---------|--------------|---|----------------------|---------|

# Emergency Appeal

## Interim FINANCIAL REPORT

| Selected Parameters |          |           |          |
|---------------------|----------|-----------|----------|
| Reporting Timeframe | 2021/7-8 | Operation | MDR65005 |
| Budget Timeframe    | 2021/7-8 | Budget    | APPROVED |

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All figures are in Swiss Francs (CHF)

### MDR65005 - Europe - Humanitarian Service Point @ Sea

Operating Timeframe: 09 Jul 2021 to 31 Oct 2021; appeal launch date: 19 Jul 2021

#### V. Contributions by Donor and Other Income

| Opening Balance                             |               |              |                  |                |                | 0               |  |
|---|---------------|--------------|------------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|--|
| Income Type                                 | Cash          | InKind Goods | InKind Personnel | Other Income   | TOTAL          | Deferred Income |  |
| DREF Allocations                            |               |              |                  | 500,000        | 500,000        |                 |  |
| Japanese Red Cross Society                  | 41,478        |              |                  |                | 41,478         |                 |  |
| On Line donations                           | 5             |              |                  |                | 5              |                 |  |
| <b>Total Contributions and Other Income</b> | <b>41,483</b> | <b>0</b>     | <b>0</b>         | <b>500,000</b> | <b>541,483</b> | <b>0</b>        |  |
| <b>Total Income and Deferred Income</b>     |               |              |                  |                | <b>541,483</b> | <b>0</b>        |  |