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# ONLINE AFRICAN SCHOOL *on Migration Statistics*

2nd edition

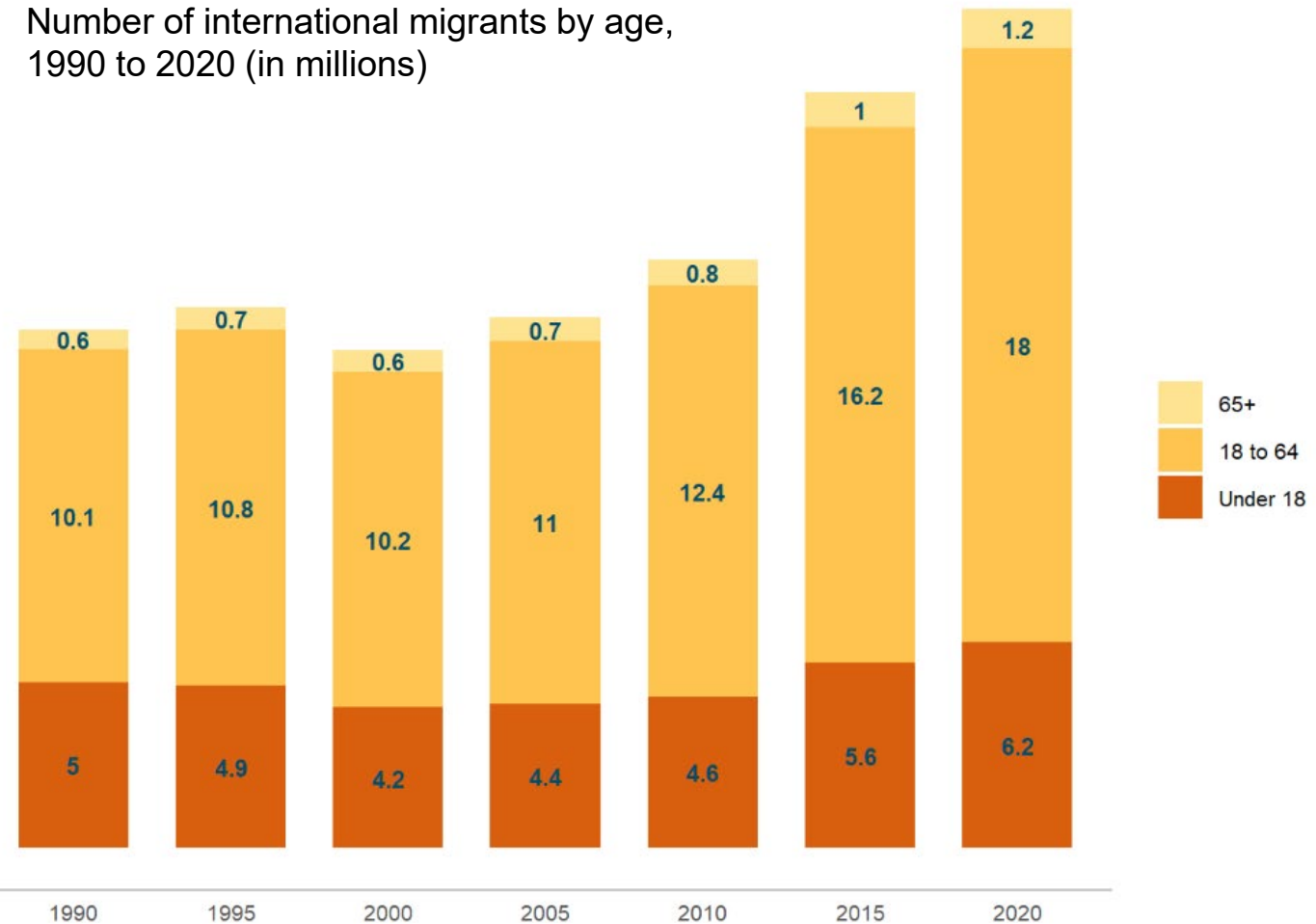
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## WHAT is the situation?

In 2020, the number of international migrants including refugees in Africa reached 25 million – 6 million of them were children

Number of international migrants by age, 1990 to 2020 (in millions)



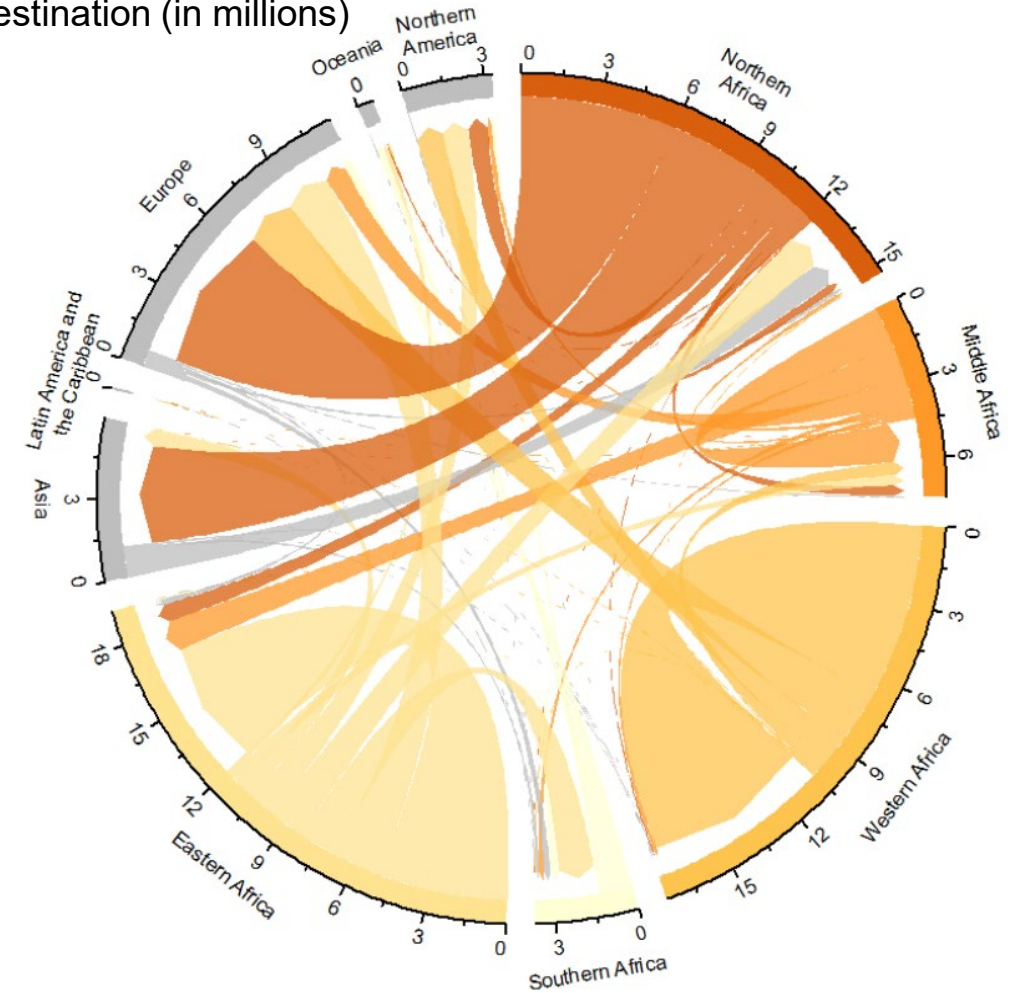
# Migration data: a focus on children

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## 1 in 4 migrants in Africa is a child

Around half of all migrants from Africa stay within the continent.

Number of international migrants by origin and destination (in millions)



As of 2019,  
**14 million children** in Africa had been **displaced**  
**as a result of conflict and violence**



**3.8 million**  
refugee children

**300 thousand**  
asylum seekers

**9.9 million**  
IDP children

**1 million**  
Children displaced as  
consequence of  
natural disasters

**1 in 41**

children in Africa were  
living in forced displacement,  
as of 2019

## Some data gaps

Uprooted and Invisible:

Gaps in data on children living in migration or forced displacement are hampering our response



**1 IN 5** countries and territories do not have age-disaggregated migrant stock data



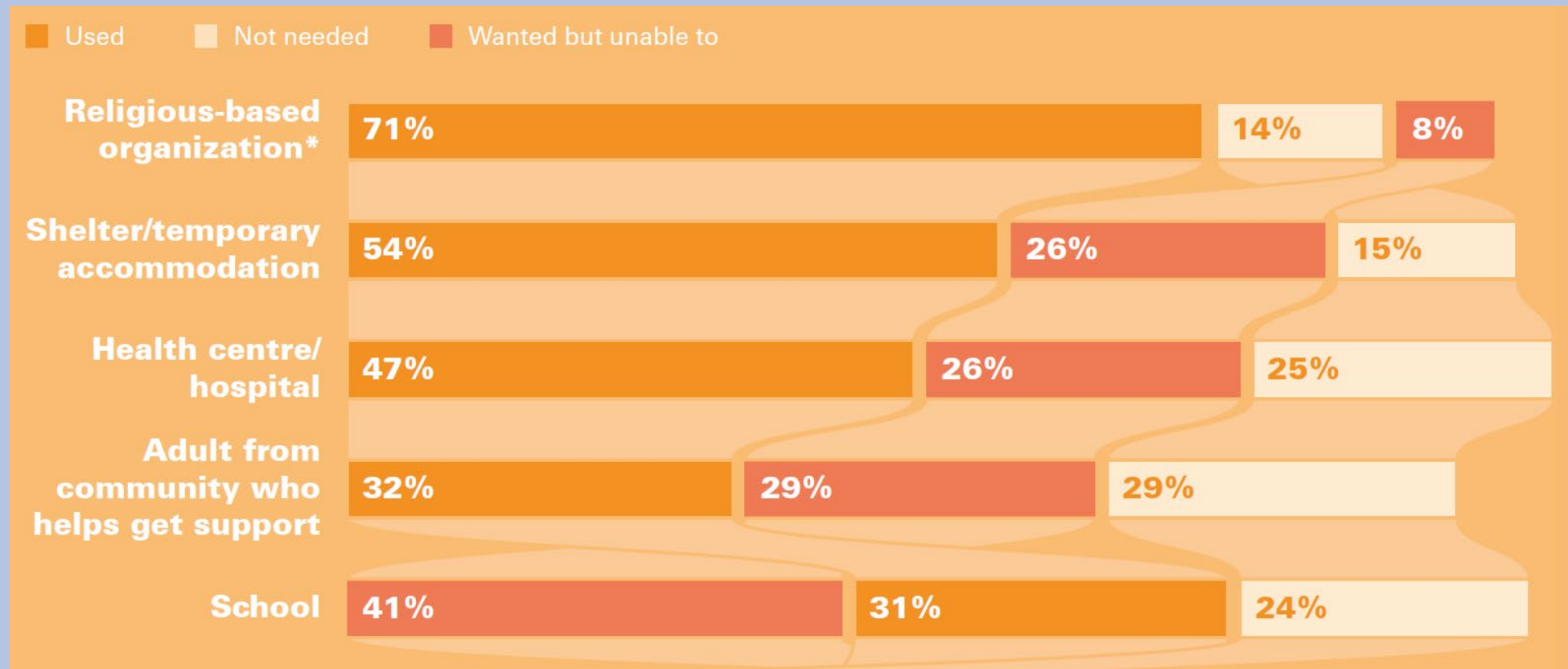
**2 IN 5** countries with data on refugees do not have information on age



**OVER 4 IN 5** countries and territories with conflict-related internally displaced persons do not disaggregate the data by age

## More data gaps

Example: Horn of Africa, 2020



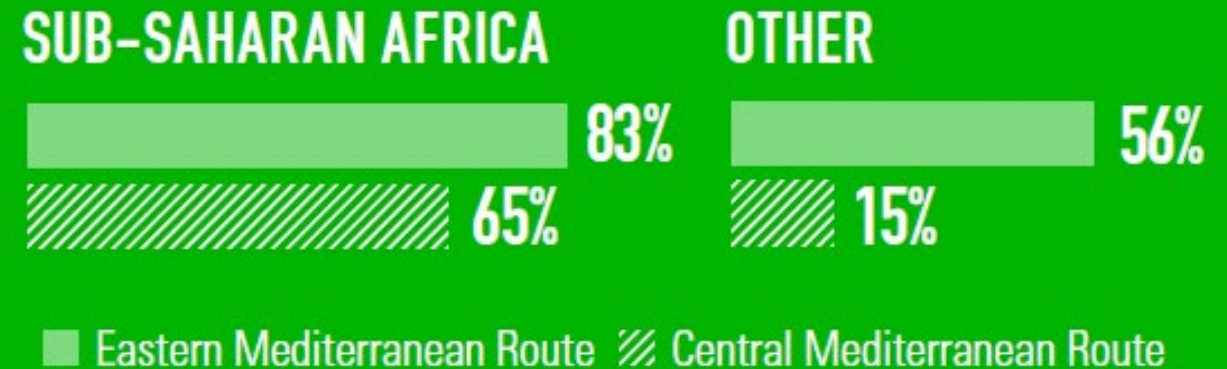
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Source: Hovil et al., Reimagining Migration Responses, UNICEF Innocenti, 2021



Example: Mixed migration movements to Europe, 2016-17

Region of origin and percentages of those who reported experiencing trafficking and exploitation



UNICEF/IOM, Harrowing Journeys, 2018.

## WHY is it important to know about children on the move?

- Protection
- Child's rights
- Services





## Different kind of movements

- Regular migration
- Irregular migration
- Seasonal migration
- Circular migration
- Mixed migration movements (e.g. Horn of Africa)
- Labour migration (e.g. into Arabian Gulf; within ECOWAS region)
- Return migration
- Displacements (internally and across borders)

## Interlinkage of national and local governments

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- With the goal of inclusion of migrant children in planning and implementation in relevant national policy processes.

## UNICEF's six policy asks for children on the move

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- 1. PRESS FOR ACTION ON THE CAUSES THAT UPROOT CHILDREN FROM THEIR**
- 2. HELP UPROOTED CHILDREN TO STAY IN SCHOOL AND STAY HEALTHY**
- 3. KEEP FAMILIES TOGETHER**
- 4. END THE DETENTION OF REFUGEE AND MIGRANT CHILDREN BY CREATING PRACTICAL ALTERNATIVES**
- 5. COMBAT XENOPHOBIA AND DISCRIMINATION**
- 6. PROTECT UPROOTED CHILDREN FROM EXPLOITATION AND VIOLENCE**

## HOW to improve data on children on the move

- Use of existing data
- New/improved data collection (new indicator, disaggregation)
- Innovative data collection methods
- Sharing of data (between level of governments – local, regional, national); between national agencies and ministries; across borders; with international agencies)
- Dissemination of data

## Tools and partners

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- IDEAS
- IDAC

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## THE INTERNATIONAL DATA ALLIANCE FOR CHILDREN ON THE MOVE

Leveraging data  
to protect and  
empower migrant  
and displaced  
children





## IDAC work plan 2021-2023

- Strengthening **national data systems and capacities** to protect migrant and forcibly displaced children;
- Promoting and establishing **collaborative, innovative methods** for child-specific data work;
- Improving **data visibility, availability, accessibility and usability**.

### IDAC PLEDGES TO...



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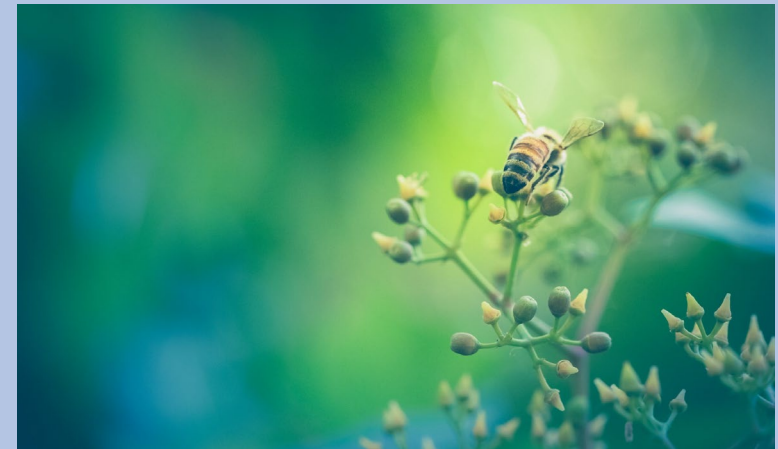


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