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Italy Chapter

“In pursuance of national development”

REPORT ON NIGERIAN IMMIGRANTS IN ITALY PROJECT 2018



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ACKNOWLEDMENT



We would like to express our special thanks to the Nigerian Ambassador to the Holy See for giving us the opportunity to write this report on our project on Immigration, as it concerns Nigerian citizens in Italy. This will help us in the process and procedure in carrying out the said project effectively.

Also, would like to use this medium to solicit for support by granting us the letter of accreditation and authorisation to enable us proceed properly with this project. The Law on privacy and human rights is a serious issue here in Italy and Europe especially, since we do not want to be seen as infringing on anyone's privacy or rights, it will be the proper thing to maintain every Legal procedure in ensuring a continued bilateral relationship with our host country. The best result is our goal and will want to keep it that way for the benefit of all.



MISSION

Our mission is to visit camps and collate data of Nigerian immigrants presence in the Italian territory, to administer welfare services to the immigrants (Nigerians),
Help in the fight against human trafficking, educate Nigerians on proper integration and to set up a vocational training center to train Nigerians in various skill acquisitions.






FINDINGS



This report was put together by members and contributors of the committee, and does not necessarily reflect the views of international monitors on immigration, but was specifically tailored to illustrate the experience and plight of Nigerian immigrants in Italy (Legal and Illegal residents).

Since the beginning of the global economic crunch, immigration from Nigeria to Europe reached its peak from 2010, as a result of seeking greener pastures in Europe. Italy as a preferred destination for the illegal immigrants' entrance through the Mediterranean Sea has provoked a lot of deaths of our citizens (Nigerians) in the sea due to crossing the sea with rickety boats. And for those who succeeded in entering Italy alive, they are now faced with diverse problems starting from the Italian authorities who contract the welfare of the immigrants to private agents and NGO associations that in turn do not adequately care for them, resulting in a lot of complaints and sometimes violence in the camps across the country where they are accommodated.

The committee has visited about 9 camps so far to see the conditions of Nigerians there; our findings show that Nigerians are being treated as criminals, compared to other nationals. In a particular camp in the Zona Cornelia, Rome, Nigerians are sleeping outside



the fence of the camp and in abandoned buildings, in via tiburtina near Rebibbia and in via Pallavicina Eur. because they have been sent out after they were given 6 month temporary stay permit without any alternative arrangement for their welfare. this has prompted the men to become beggars and the girls exchanging sex for money in the streets. This is in spite of the huge amount of money given by the European Union for the welfare of immigrants in Italy.

This ugly trend is adding to the already bartered image of our dear country Nigeria, and nidoe Italy chapter is all out to reverse this unfortunate trend, logistics and finance is the major problem facing this committee As visiting the camps all over Italy to get the through numbers of Nigerians and their welfare is a serious challenge to the committee, we are therefore calling on the embassies of Nigeria in Italy (embassy of Nigeria Rome and embassy of Nigeria to the holy see) for moral and financial support. And to partner with nidoe Italy chapter to ameliorate the living condition of Nigerians in Italy. Other findings of the committee shows that the population of Nigerian immigrants in Italy is: 88,527 (excluding Nigerians that are not regular) and are scattered all over the twenty regions of Italy.





GENERAL OVERVIEW DATA



Abruzzo	–	1,190
Basilicata	–	740
Calabria	–	1,680
Campania	–	6,164
Emilia Romagna	–	12,606
Friuli Venezia giulia	–	1,236
Lazio	–	7,988
Liguria	–	2,138
Lombardia	–	11,390
Marche	–	3,563
Molise	–	378
Piemonte	–	10,079
Puglia	–	2, 374



Sardegna	–	1,599
Sicilia	–	3,819
Toscana	–	5,793
Trento alta Adige	–	775
Umbria	–	1,738
valle d’Aosta	–	71
veneto	–	13,198
MALE	=	50,118
FEMALE	=	38,409
TOTAL	=	88,527





CONCLUSION



As part of the principal project of Nidoe Italy Chapter on this issue to see to the welfare of our co-citizens, Nidoe Italy Chapter is calling on the Nigeria government, NAPTIP and all other agencies in Nigeria to engage Nidoe Italy Chapter as a mediator in the fight to reverse this ugly trend. This committee (Nidoe Italy) will be the eyes, ears and hands of the Nigerian agencies, that can give real-time and accurate situation report on ground, and suggest possible solutions to follow, because report given to Nigerian agencies by the NGO's here is far different from the reality on the ground.

This committee is willing and ready to work with all agencies or organization in any way possible for the interest and well-being of all Nigerians and to remove this shame that has enveloped us as a people.

Some of the areas where we would be actively involved Includes: -

1. Legal assistance
2. Integration
3. Voluntary Return facilitation
4. Skill Acquisition
5. Mediation between the Nigerian immigrants and the Italian government, International and local agencies etc.





NOTE



Due to the Italian privacy law, information on the Nigerian scholarship students could not be gotten, main reason is that required authorisation is needed for release of any such information from the Italian authorities.

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