Needs-Based Approach

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Irregular Immigration/1
• Malta: population 400,000
• Ca. 12,000 arrivals since March 4, 2002
• 2007: 1702 arrivals in 68 boats
• 2008: 2522 arrivals in 80 boats …
• 2009: Around 900 arrivals so far …
• Departure Libya, destination mainland Europe
• Rescue/landing
• Immigration Police
• Detention
• Asylum Claim
• Open Centre
• Resettlement/return/integration
OIWAS

1. Identification, development, management of reception centres
2. Identification, assessment, care of vulnerable asylum seekers and beneficiaries of international protection
3. Integration-oriented policy and measures
Identification, assessment and care of vulnerable asylum seekers and beneficiaries of international protection

= Families/single parents with minor children, unaccompanied minors, elderly, disability, victims of trauma
  - Referred by all stakeholders and assessed by OIWAS’ Age Assessment Team or Vulnerable Adults Assessment Team
  - Fast track procedure to move from closed ➔ open centre
  - Very complex issues surrounding the care of these persons.
  - Increasing in number in terms of arrivals/year
Suspected trafficking within context of irregular immigration

- Main agencies involved: Appoġġ (National Welfare Agency) and Police.
- Malta is not considered to be a targeted route for trafficking, since irregular immigrants land on the island only after having failed to make it to the mainland.
- However, OIWAS refers even the slightest hint of trafficking to above-mentioned. Appoġġ and OIWAS provide safe house, Police investigate.
- OIWAS undertakes own assessment ivo of possible necessary action within immigration frameworks, e.g. referral for resettlement, integration support, etc, and to prevent exploitation.
• Challenges:
  – Training
  – Identification of stakeholders for closest possible collaboration
  – Development of appropriate protocols
  – Facilities/resources to support victims
  – Legislation
  – Resolution within wider context of irregular immigration
Thank You Ladies & Gentlemen

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