2018 | 2ND QUARTER

1 JAN. - 30 JUN. 2018

ASSISTED VOLUNTARY RETURN AND REINTEGRATION(AVRR)

BULLETIN

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18,596* MIGRANTS ASSISTED WITH AVRR,** SECOND QUARTER OF 2018

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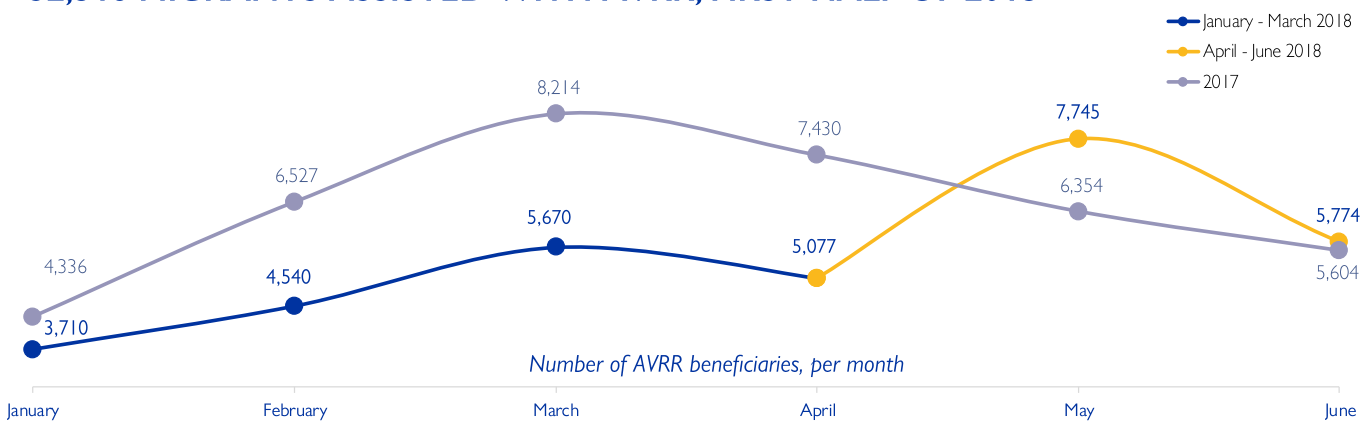
32,516 MIGRANTS ASSISTED WITH AVRR, FIRST HALF OF 2018



Main trends – The number of voluntary returns in the first half of 2018 remained relatively stable as compared to the first half of 2017.

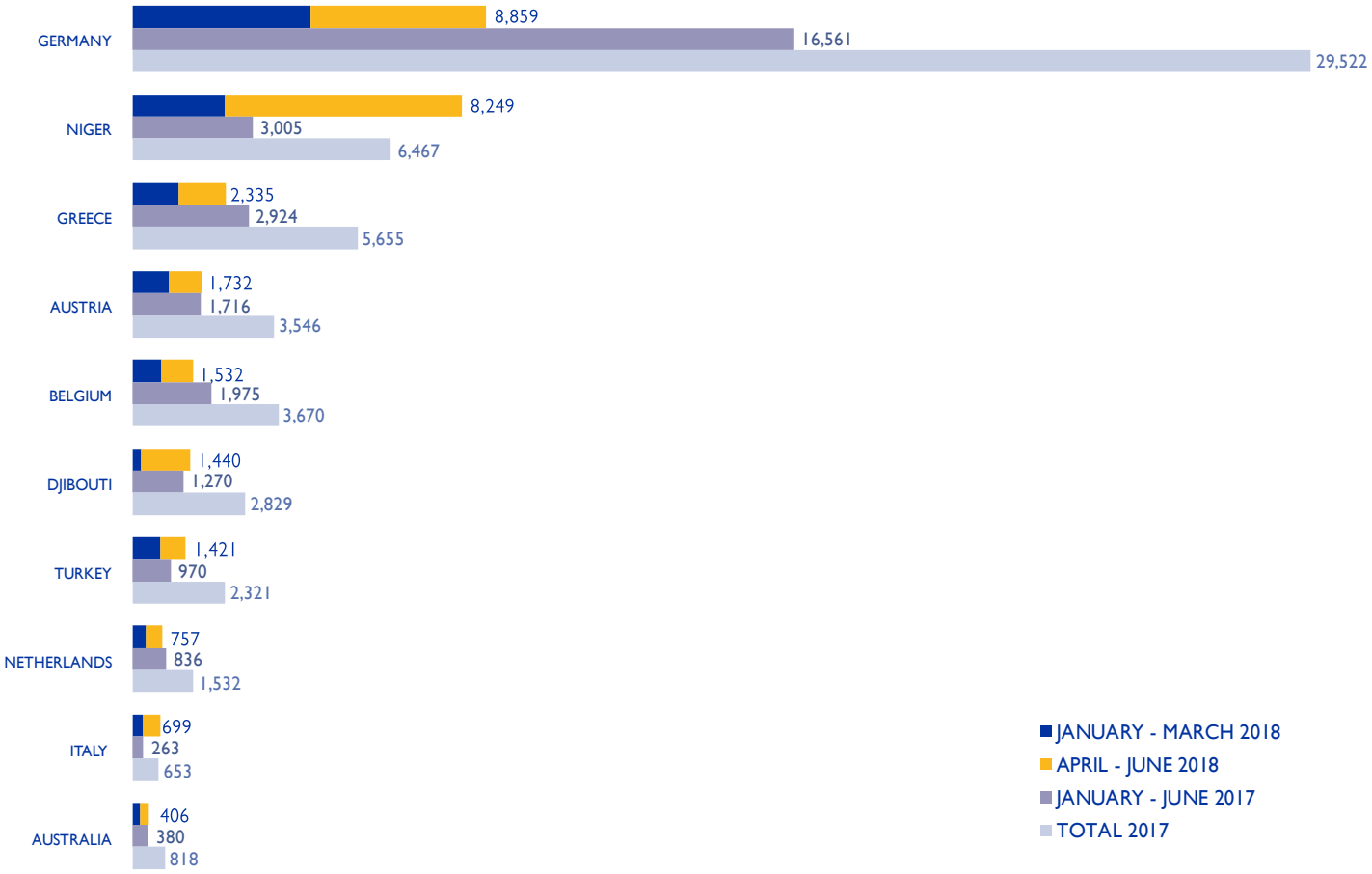
Figures presented in this Bulletin confirm the decrease in the number of AVRR beneficiaries from the European Economic Area (EEA) and Switzerland. Similarly to last year, such decrease can be explained by a combination of structural and contextual factors, varying from country to country: lower influx of migrant arrivals and asylum applications ; and changes in national migration and asylum policies, including increased emphasis on forced returns or restrictions in AVRR eligibility criteria. By contrast, data confirms the increasing number of voluntary returns from transit countries, particularly from Niger, and the increasing number of South-South voluntary returns, mainly within Africa.

Last, a sudden peak can be noticed for the month of May in the graph above. This can mainly be explained by the temporary scale-up of AVRR operations from Niger, due to high numbers of migrants hosted in IOM's transit centres in the country.

* Data provided in this bulletin is provisional and should therefore be considered as an estimation.

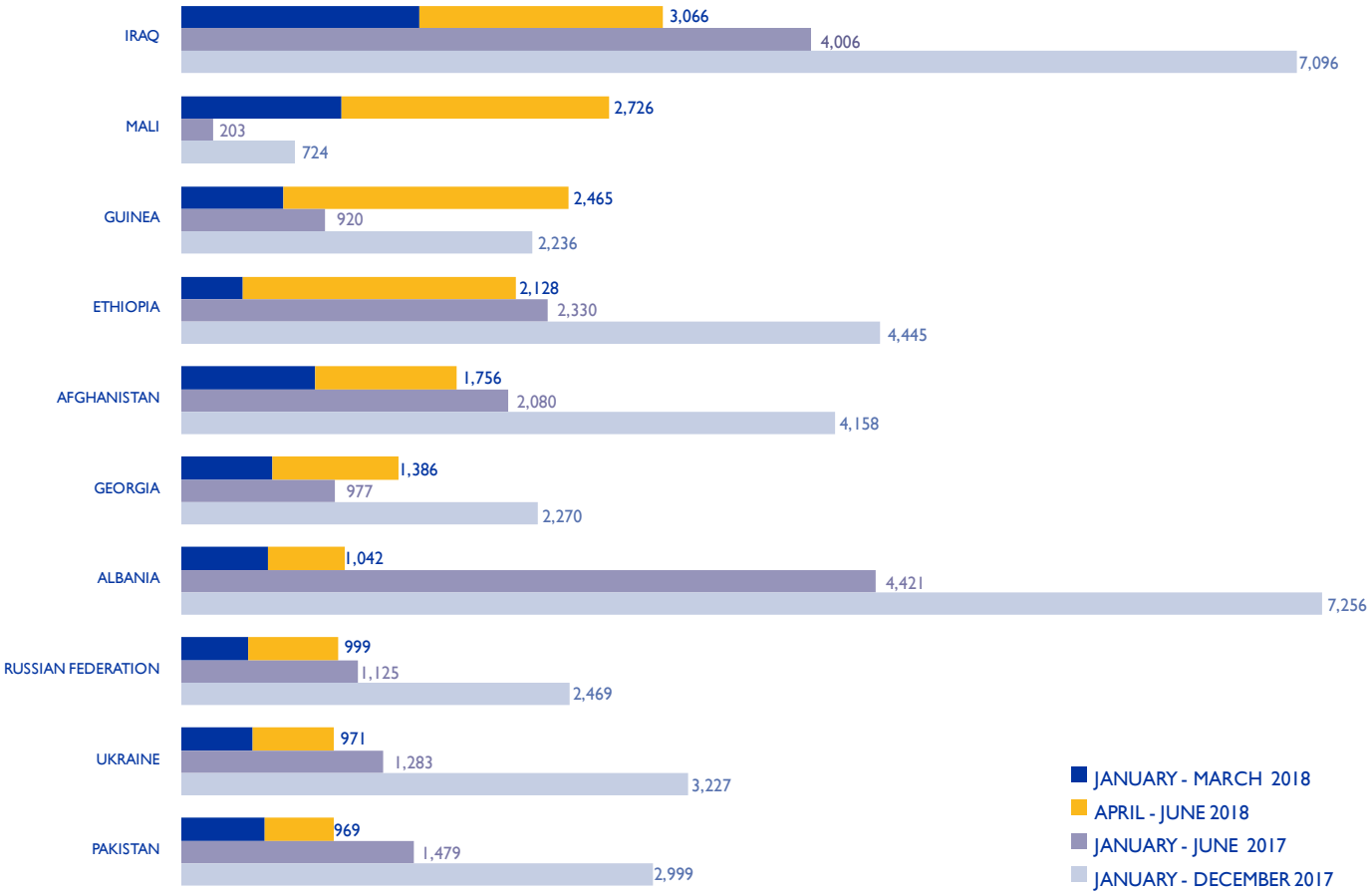
** Figures on reintegration assistance are consolidated at the global level and presented in the annual AVRR Key Highlights.

03 TOP 10 HOST COUNTRIES FOR AVRR 1 JAN. - 30 JUN. 2018, IN COMPARISON WITH 2017



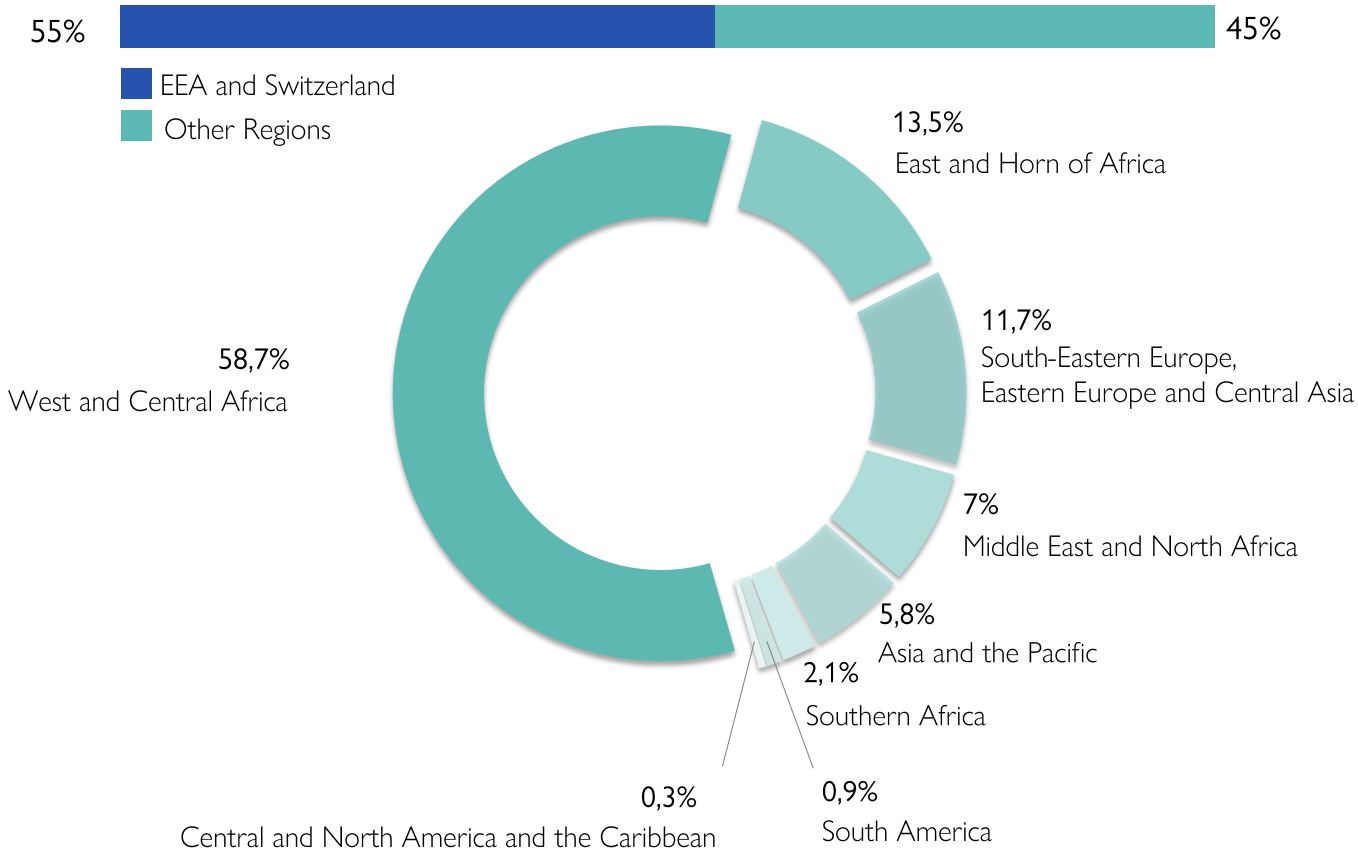
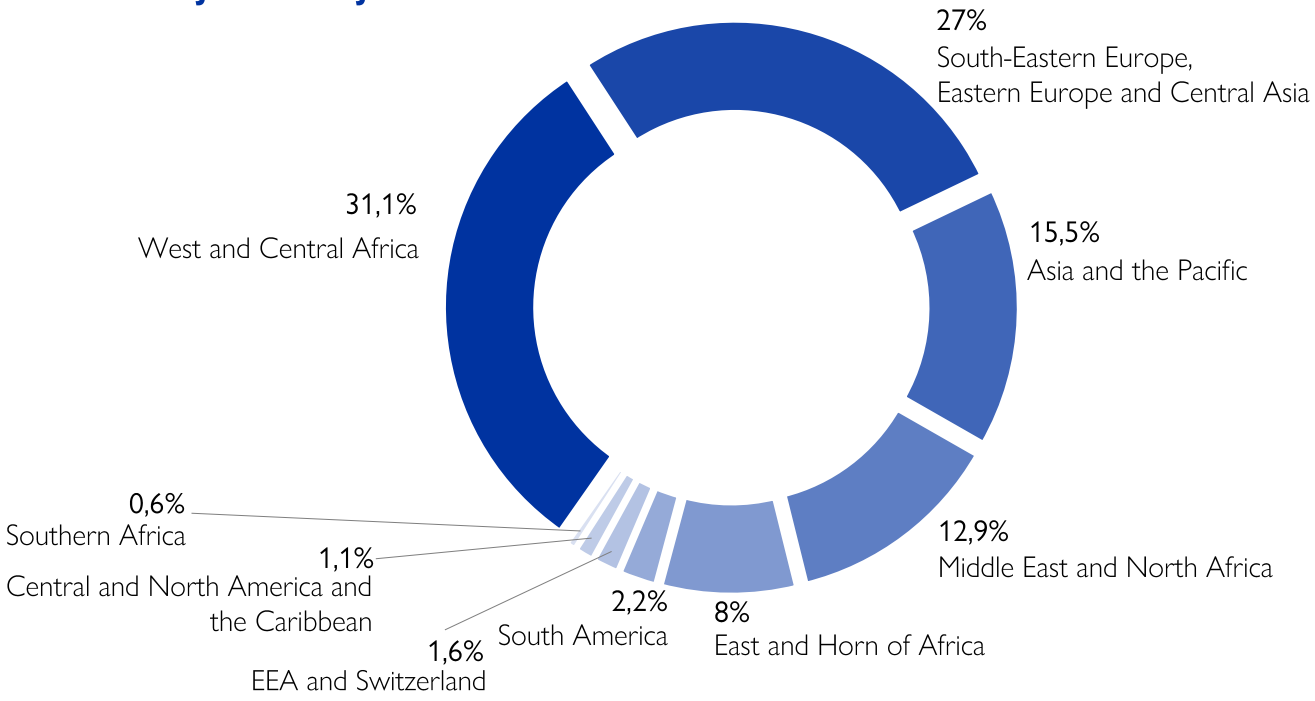
Host country	Quarter 1	Quarter 2
Germany	4,457	4,402
Niger	2,309	5,940
Greece	1,153	1,182
Austria	924	808
Belgium	719	813
Djibouti	207	1,233
Turkey	705	716
The Netherlands	349	408
Italy	253	446
Australia	186	220

04 TOP 10 COUNTRIES/TERRITORIES OF ORIGIN FOR AVRR 1 JAN. - 30 JUN. 2018, IN COMPARISON WITH 2017



Country of origin	Quarter 1	Quarter 2
Iraq	1,517	1,549
Mali	1,018	1,708
Guinea	654	1,811
Ethiopia	392	1,736
Afghanistan	854	902
Georgia	583	803
Albania	557	485
Russian Federation	426	573
Ukraine	453	518
Pakistan	535	434

05 HOST REGIONS (IN %) FOR AVRR 1 JAN. - 30 JUN. 2018



06 REGIONS OF ORIGIN (IN %) FOR AVRR 1 JAN. - 30 JUN. 2018