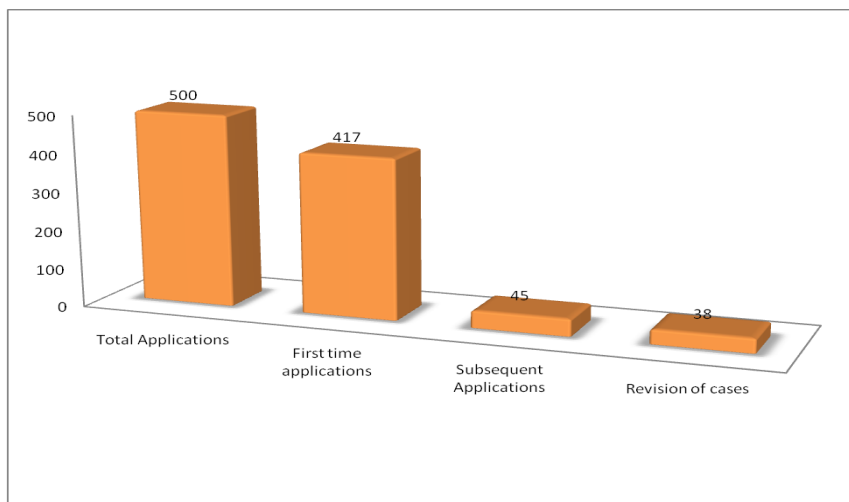




The Office of the Refugee Commissioner Statistical Overview

From 01st April to 30th June 2016, the Office of the Refugee Commissioner received 500 applications for international protection. Of these 417 were first time applications, 45 were subsequent applications¹ and 38 revisions of cases. The revision of 38 cases was done following monitoring of certain countries of origin where the security situation remains unstable and volatile.

It must be noted that 20 first time applications were made by third country nationals who were located from Italy and Greece, following the EU Council Decision to relocate a number of asylum applicants from Greece and Italy.

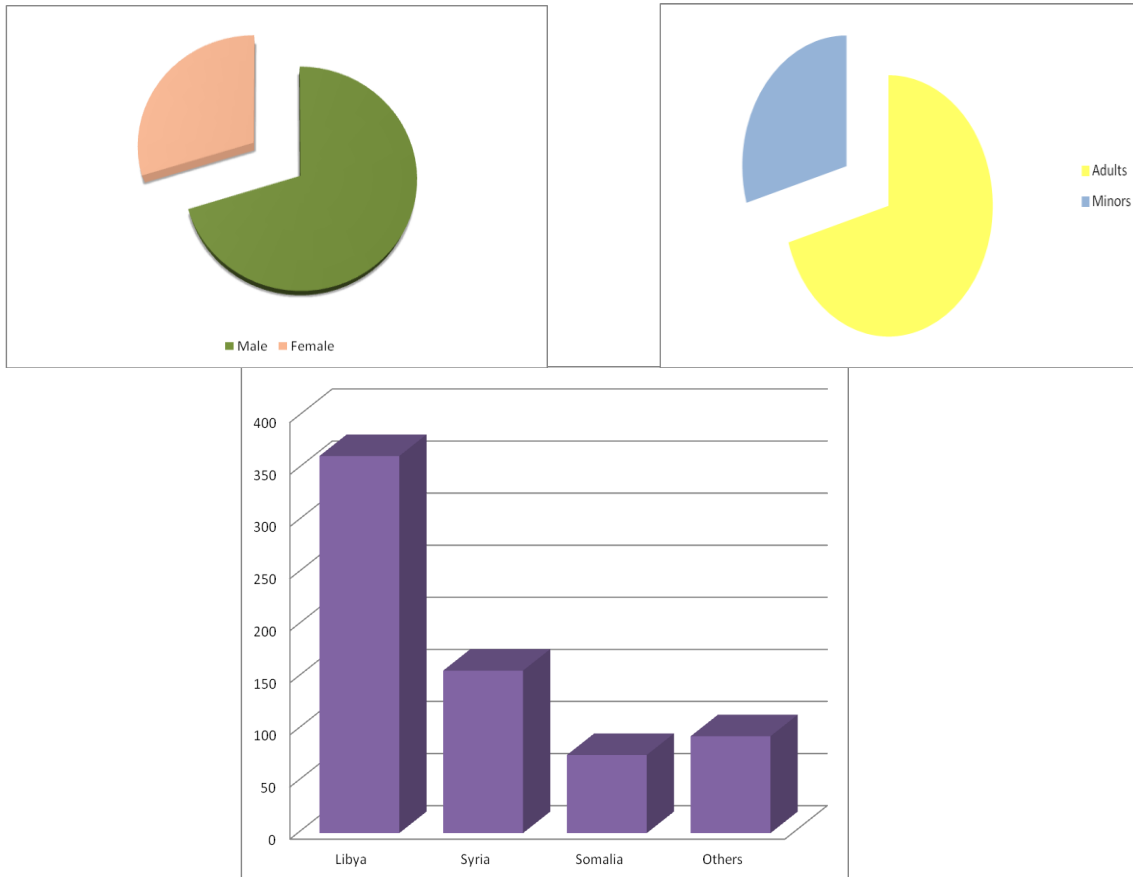


The top nationalities were Libya, Syria and Somalia respectively. The number of applications for international protection received by Libyan nationals mark 46% of the total applications received

¹ Article 7(A)(1) of the Refugees Act, Chapter 420 of the Laws of Malta states 'a person who has applied for international protection may make a subsequent application after a final decision to the Commissioner for Refugees: Provided that such application shall only be considered on the presentation of new elements or findings, relating to the examination of whether the person making the subsequent application qualifies as a beneficiary of international protection, and of which the applicant could not have been aware or which he could not have submitted'.



so far this year (till end of June). Also the applications received by Syrian nationals mark 20% and those received by Somali nationals mark 10% of the total applications received so far this year.



From the total new applications 552 were lodged by male applicants (432 adults and 120 minors) and 234 by female applicants (122 adults and 112 minors).

The absolute majority of the applications for international protection lodged so far this year (till end of June) were made by persons who approached the Office personally to seek international protection. On average, thirty (30) persons a week, approach the Office of the Refugee Commissioner and express their desire to make an application for international protection. Such persons are registered by the Office as asylum-seekers/applicants and are issued with an Asylum-Seekers Document in accordance with Article 6 of the EU Council Directive 2013/33/EU.



All persons who expressed their desire to make an application for international protection in Malta were provided with information by the Office of the Refugee Commissioner. Such persons were provided with information about the asylum procedure and about their rights and obligations as asylum-seekers in Malta.

During the months under review, the Office continued to conclude cases within six months. From 01st April till the end of June 2016, the Office concluded 437 cases. Of these 257 were granted subsidiary protection status, 53 were recognised as refugees and 36 were rejected. 33 were granted local temporary humanitarian protection, 10 were withdrawn, 30 were inadmissible, and 18 were Dublin Closure.

