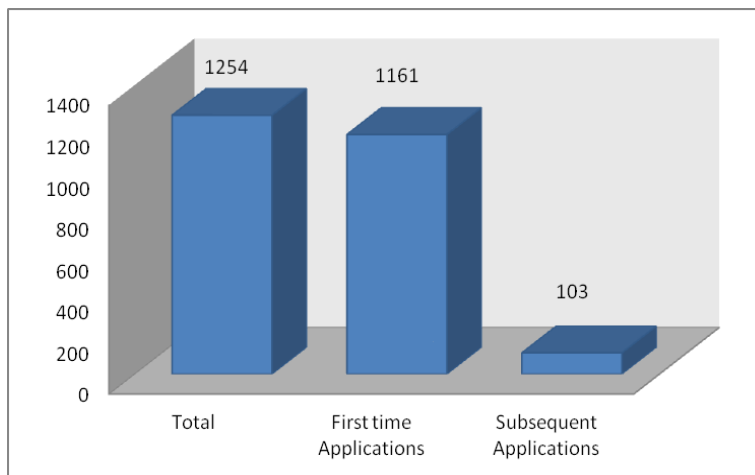


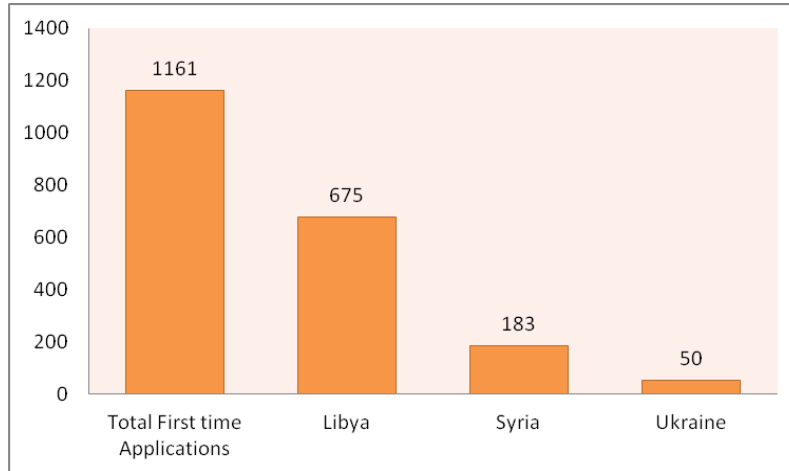


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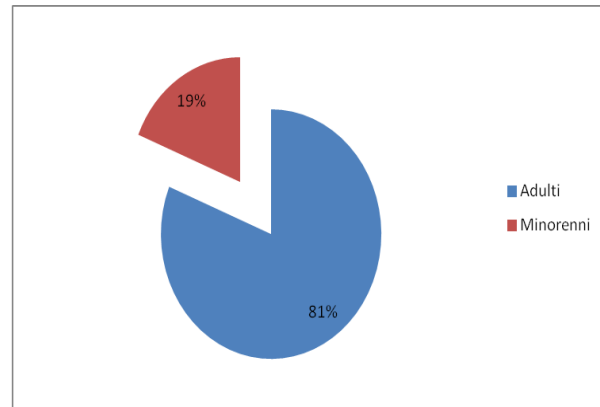
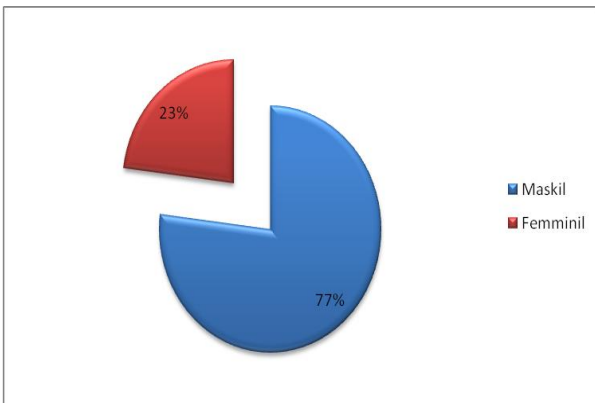
From 01<sup>st</sup> January to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2015, the Office of the Refugee Commissioner received 1254 applications for international protection. Of these 1161 were first time applications and 103 were subsequent applications. The Office also reviewed 304 cases following monitoring of certain countries of origin where the security situation remains unstable and volatile.



The top number of applications for international protection was received by nationals of Libya, Syria and Ukraine respectively. The crisis going on in Libya is one of the main challenges faced by this Office. The number of applications for international protection received by Libyan nationals marks more than 58% of the total applications received so far this year (till end of September). Also the applications received by Syrian nationals mark 17% and those received by Ukrainian nationals mark 4% of the total applications received so far this year.



Of these applications 892 were lodged by male applicants (776 adults and 116 minors) and 267 by female applicants (165 adults and 102 minors).

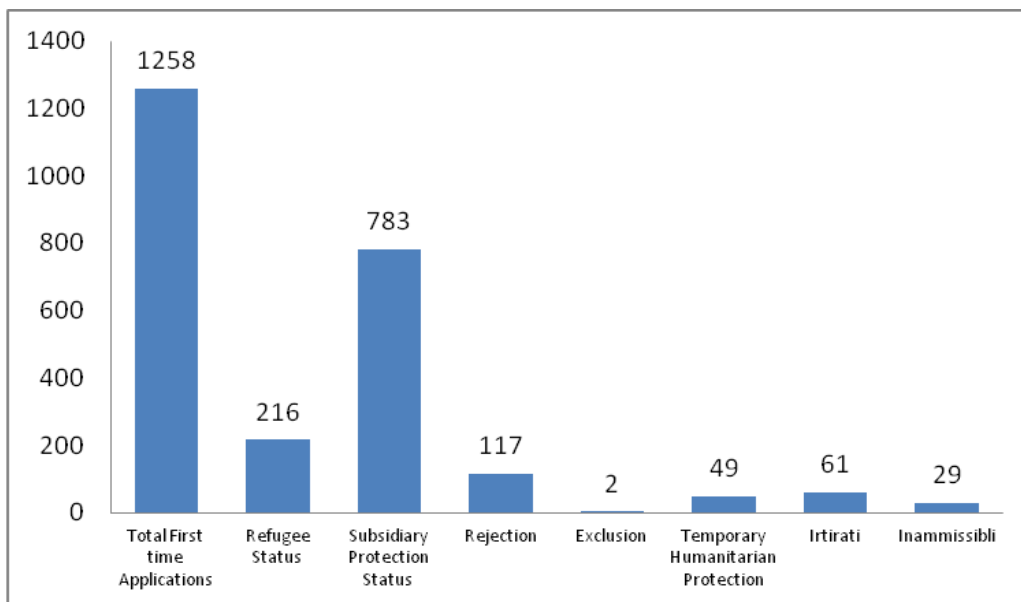


The absolute majority of the applications for international protection lodged so far this year (till end of September) were made by persons who were already living in the community. On average, forty (40) persons a week, approach the Office of the Refugee Commissioner and express their desire to make an application for international protection. This is in line with Article 6 of the Directive 2013/32/EU on common procedures for granting and withdrawing international protection. Such persons are registered by the Office as asylum-seekers/applicants and are issued with an Asylum-Seekers Document.



Applicants 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 their rights and obligations as asylum-seekers in Malta.

During the months under review, the Office continued to conclude cases within six months. From 01<sup>st</sup> January till the end of September, the Office concluded 1258 cases. Of these 783 were granted subsidiary protection status, 216 were recognized as refugees and 117 were rejected. Two cases were excluded<sup>1</sup> from protection in line with Article 17 of the Directive 2011/95/EU on standards for the qualification of third-country nationals or stateless persons as beneficiaries of international protection, for a uniform status for refugees or for persons eligible for subsidiary protection, and for the content of the protection granted. 49 were granted local temporary humanitarian protection, 61 were withdrawn and 29 were inadmissible.



<sup>1</sup> The exclusion clauses apply in the case of persons who due to acts committed are not deserving of international protection.