

African victims of human trafficking in Denmark

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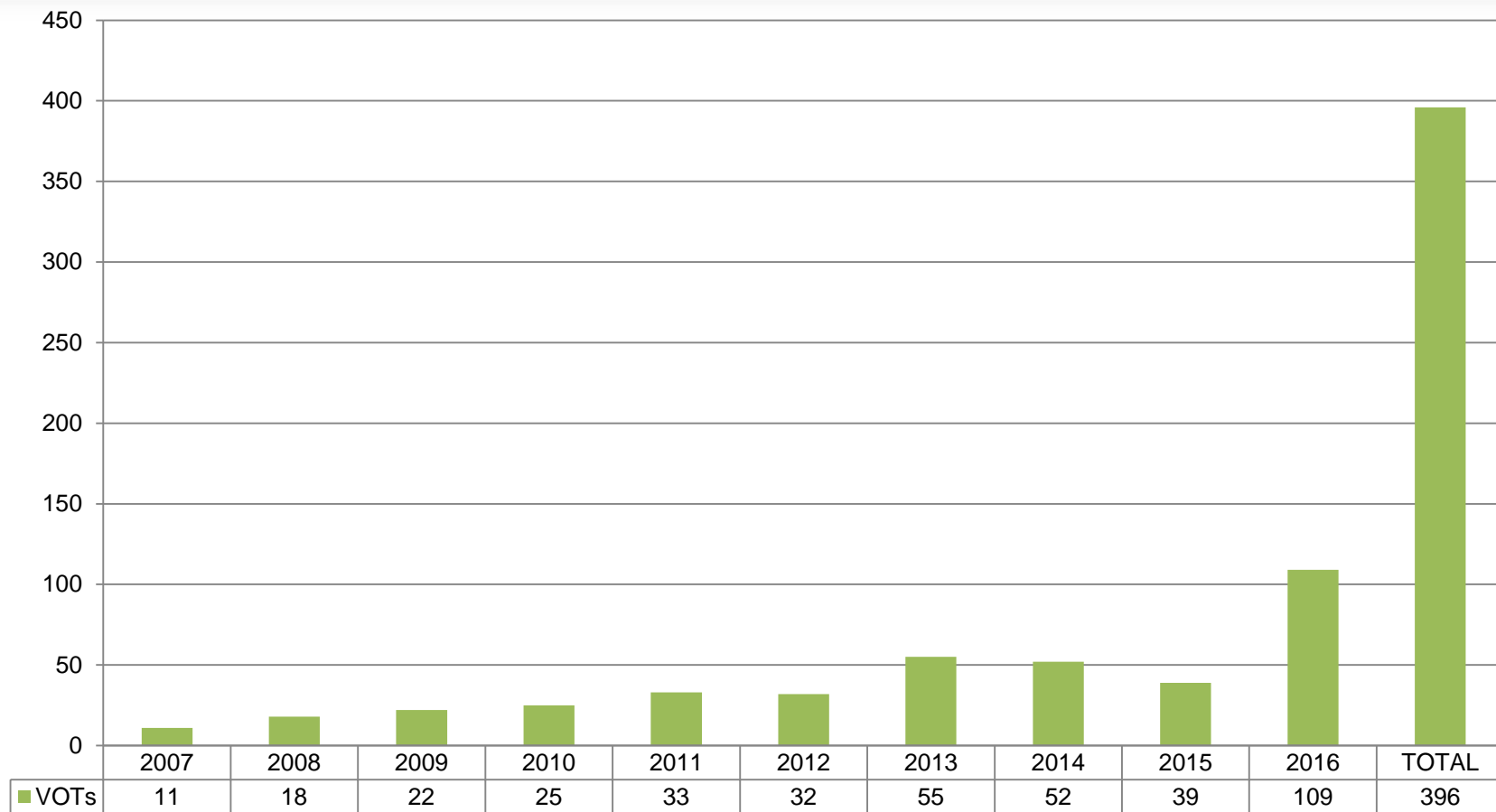
Objectives:

- To develop and improve the social efforts for victims
- To coordinate the collaboration between all agencies both authorities and NGO's
- To gather and disseminate knowledge

Topics

- African Vot's who are they
- 2 trends
- Challenges

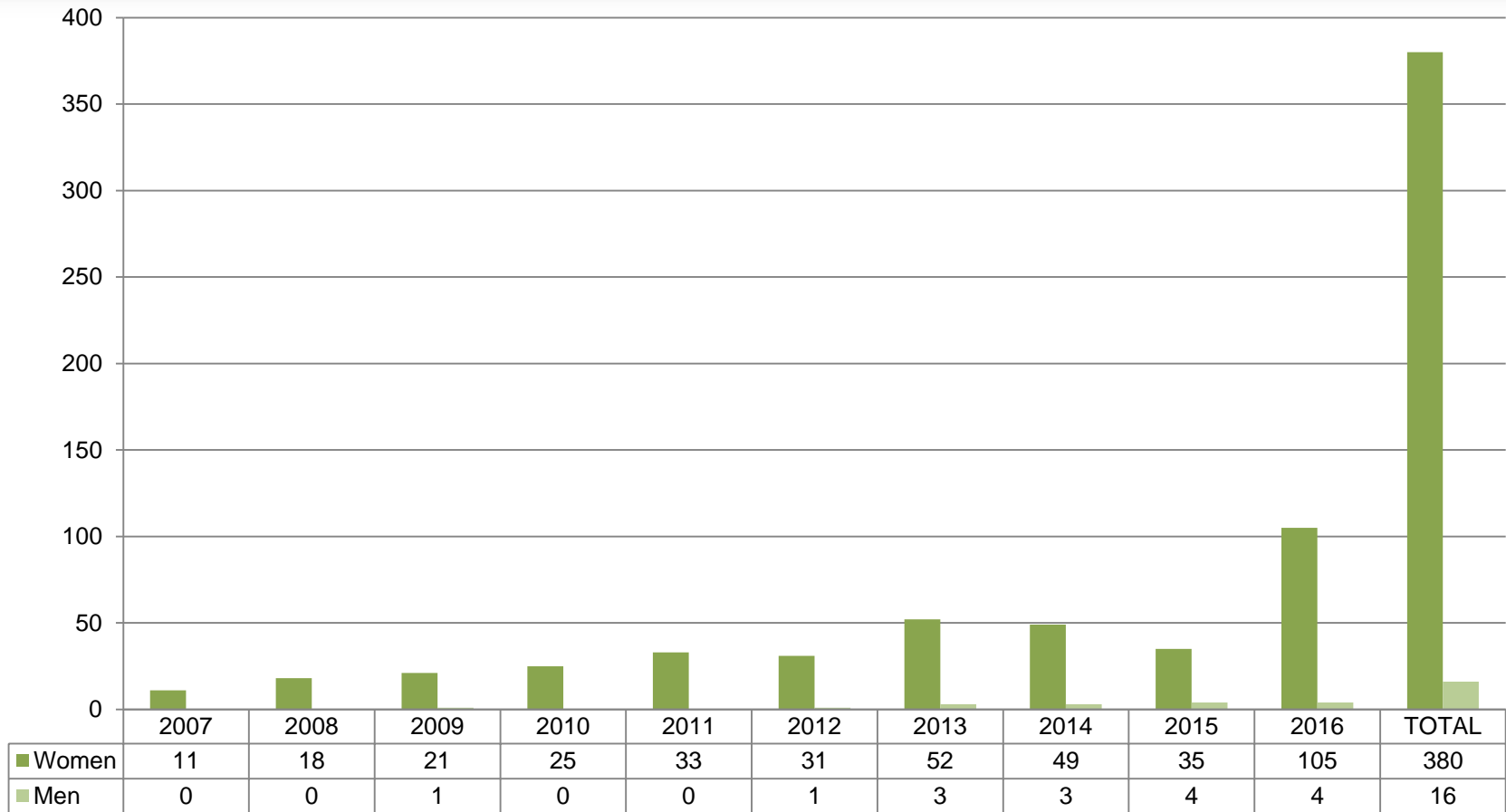
Vots from Africa breakdown year



VoTs Africa nationality

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	TOTAL
■ Nigeria	11	15	19	13	18	22	45	38	35	99	315
■ Uganda		2	1	2	8	2	3	5		3	26
■ Ghana				2	1	1	3	3			10
■ Kenya					2	1	3	3			9
■ Cameroun			1	3	2	2					8
■ Morocco				1				1	3	1	6
■ Ivory Coast			1			1	1				3
■ Ethiopia		1								1	2
■ Gambia						1		1			2
■ Liberia				1				1			2
■ Benin					1						1
■ Burundi				1							1
■ Eritrea				1						1	2
■ Guinea-Bissau						1					1
■ Mali					1						1
■ Togo						1					1
■ Tunis									1		1
■ Zimbabwe				1							1
■ Somalia										2	2
■ Sudan										1	1
■ Equatorial Guinea										1	1

VoTs from Africa breakdown gender



Age

VoTs Africa Age	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	TOTAL
Over 18	11	18	21	24	31	32	55	49	34	103	378
Under 18			1	1	2			3	5	6	18
TOTAL	11	18	22	25	33	32	55	52	39	109	396

Means of exploitation

VoTs Africa exploitation	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	TOTAL
Prostitution	11	18	21	24	30	27	50	48	35	104	368
Forced labour			1	1	3	3	2			2	12
Criminal activities						1	3	3	4	2	13
Other						1		1		1	3
TOTAL	11	18	22	25	33	32	55	52	39	109	396



Trends in 2013-2014

- 2013 37 of 45 nigerian VoTs had legal residency in Spain or Italy
- Longer stays in safe house
- Increase in women interested in returning to country of legal residency
- Speak the language
- Europe between 1 and 10 years
- 50% have children
- Edo State
- Debt between 30.000 and 70.000 EUR
- Some had cut contact to their trafficker
- Agreements to pay the remaining debt at a slower pace
- Traffickers reassume threats towards the VoT or the VoT's family
- Traffickers make use of the VoT's free mobility within Schengen
- No interest in cooperating with the Danish Police

What we did



What we learned

- Victims?
- Different identification procedure
- Small safe houses
- Direct contact with service providing ngos
- Individually tailored reintegration plans

Identification process Denmark - Italy

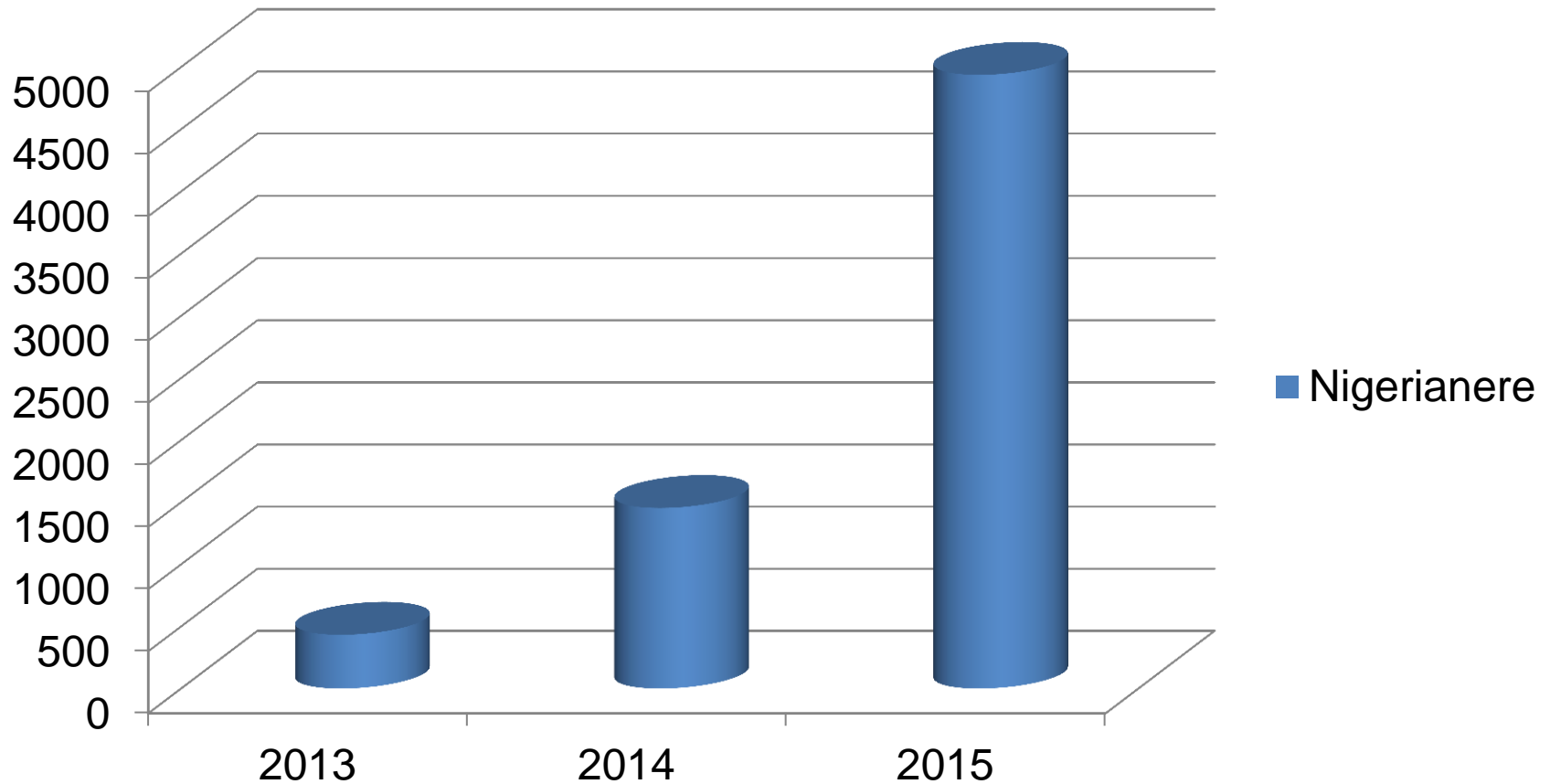
Denmark

- Focus to reduce irregular migration
- 2016 78% of all identified victims were referred by the police
- Violation of the Aliens act

Italy

- Social organizations doing outreach
- A person has to take the first step to be identified as a VoT
- Long proces several interviews including reporting to police

Number of Nigerians arriving in Italy



IOM report VoTs arriving by sea (Apr 2014 – Oct 2015)

- Significant increase in people from Benin City, Edo State, Nigeria
- Increase in minors
- Italy not final destination
- Instructed to call an Italian phone number

Trends in Denmark 2015 to present

Age	2014	2015	2016
10-19	6	6	11
20-29	19	17	62
30-39	23	13	31
40-49	4	4	5

Change in EU residency status

	2013	Jan – Feb 2016
No EU residency	14 of 93 15 %	34 of 76 45 %

Persons disappearing from safe house

2014	2015	2016
15 (29%)	20 (51%)	52 (47 %)

Commonalities

- Travel route
- Debt 15.000 – 30.000 EUR
- Between few days and 3 weeks in refugee camp
- Denmark is the destination
- Travel to Denmark in train, car or airplane
- Always escorted
- If airplane – documents – somebody else's
- Directly coerced and controlled – living with their madam
- Giving information to the police
- Shorter stays in safe house
- Several are caught by the police and identified 2 or more times.

Options

- AVR to Nigeria
- Asylum application in Denmark – buying time
- Continuing life as undocumented
- Returning to Italy employing the Dublin Convention

Challenges

- Who wants to give up on a dream?
- Who wants to give up on a massive investment?
- Who wants to take the chance and spite age old traditions?
- Low risk – high yield

Where does this take us?

- Closer control and coercion means more emphasis on safety
- Italy is a key player – work with this
- Sit on our hands
- Victim vs. exercising agency

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Thank you

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