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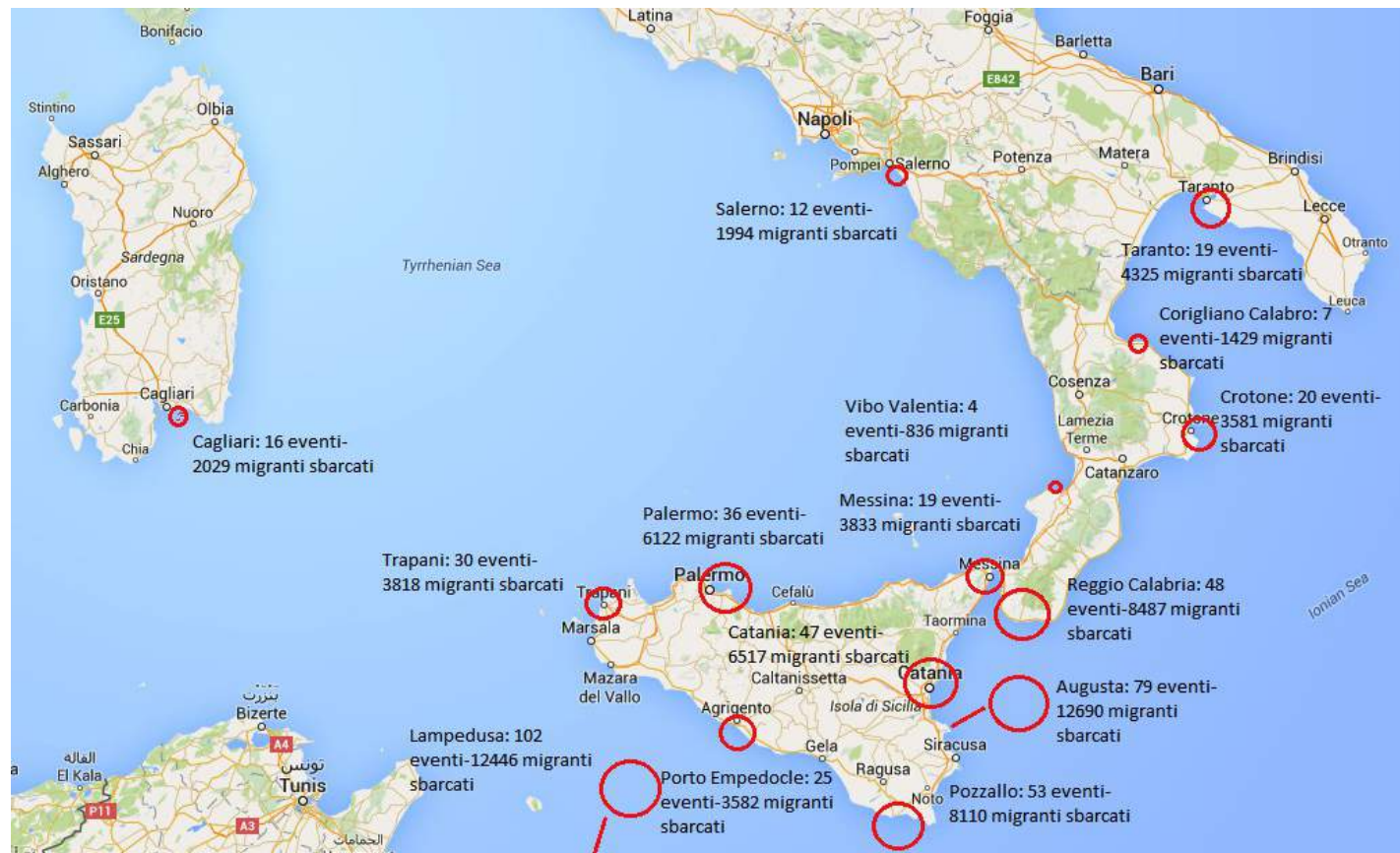
ASYLUM SEEKERS

AND

Experience of Médecins
Sans Frontières in the
Reception Centres of
Ragusa Province Sicily.

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SURVIVORS		DEAD	
2014	170.000	3.419	
Until July 2015	84.000	2.000	



Survivors of Sahara Desert

- Libya
- Mediterranean Sea



TRAUMATIC EVENT

Outside of the range of normal human experiences.

It causes impotence, lack of control, anxiety.

Threatens the life of the people.

It can be sudden or the result of a dangerous situation existing for a long time.

GENERALLY IN A WAR... OR IN A NATURAL DISASTER... OR...





...DURING MIGRATION





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PSYCHOLOGICAL REACTIONS



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Depending on all these factors, people may develop psychopathological syndromes or overcome the traumatic event maintaining a good mental balance.



We saw 286 people in small groups in the first 7 months of 2015.





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Survivors traumatic events	People screened	Patients
Before migration	52%	67%
During migration	89%	96%
Torture survivors	28%	51%



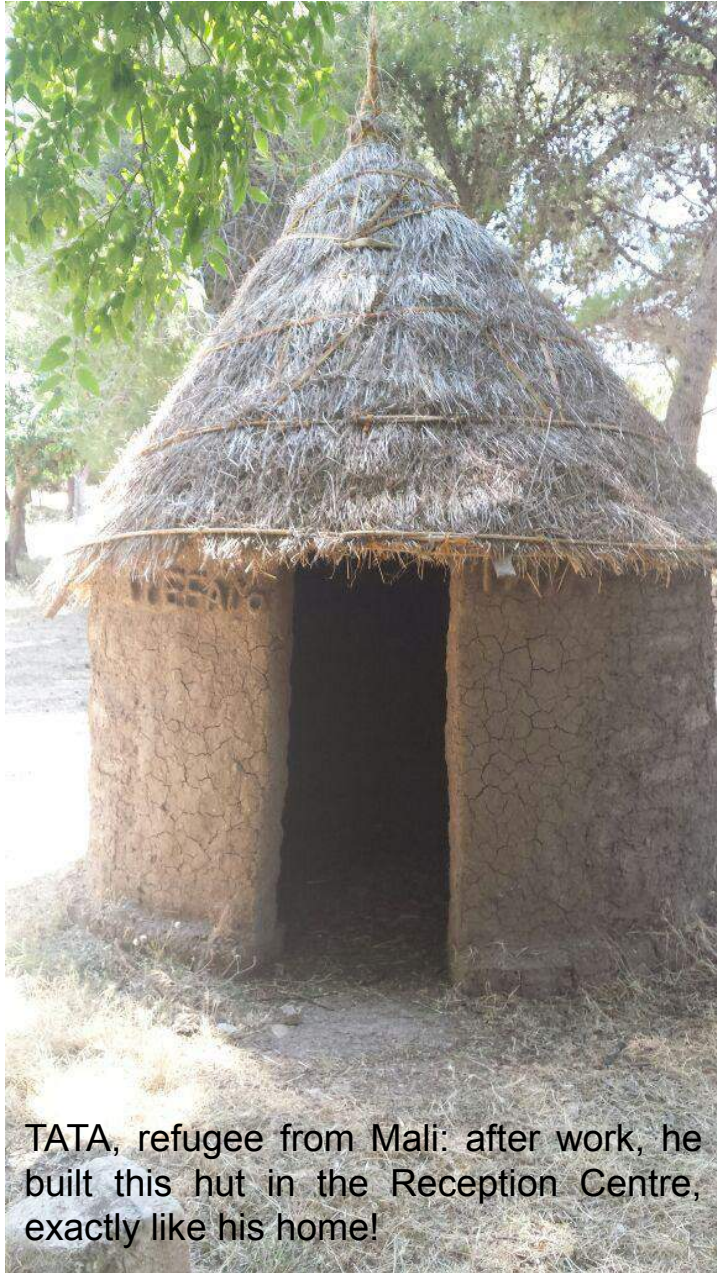
During migration...



NOSTALGIC DISORIENTATION



Director of Masters and PhD programmes in Refugee Care.
His most important book:
“Therapeutic Care for
Refugees: **No place like
home**”.



TATA, refugee from Mali: after work, he built this hut in the Reception Centre, exactly like his home!

NO PLACE LIKE HOME

Nostalgic disorientation is the consequence of loss of home. This is the **specific vulnerability of refugees.**

It is not a psychiatric disorder!

The loss of “Home” causes a state of disorientation characterized by great sorrow and a deep nostalgia.

“What do you mean by home?
Something haven’t to deserve”

Robert Frost *The death of the hired man*- 1955 P.38