



# Unaccompanied Migrant Children and Youth: Programmatic Responses for Durable Solutions

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# Programmatic Responses for Durable Solutions

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- Best Interest of the child
- Relevant and effective
- Sustainable

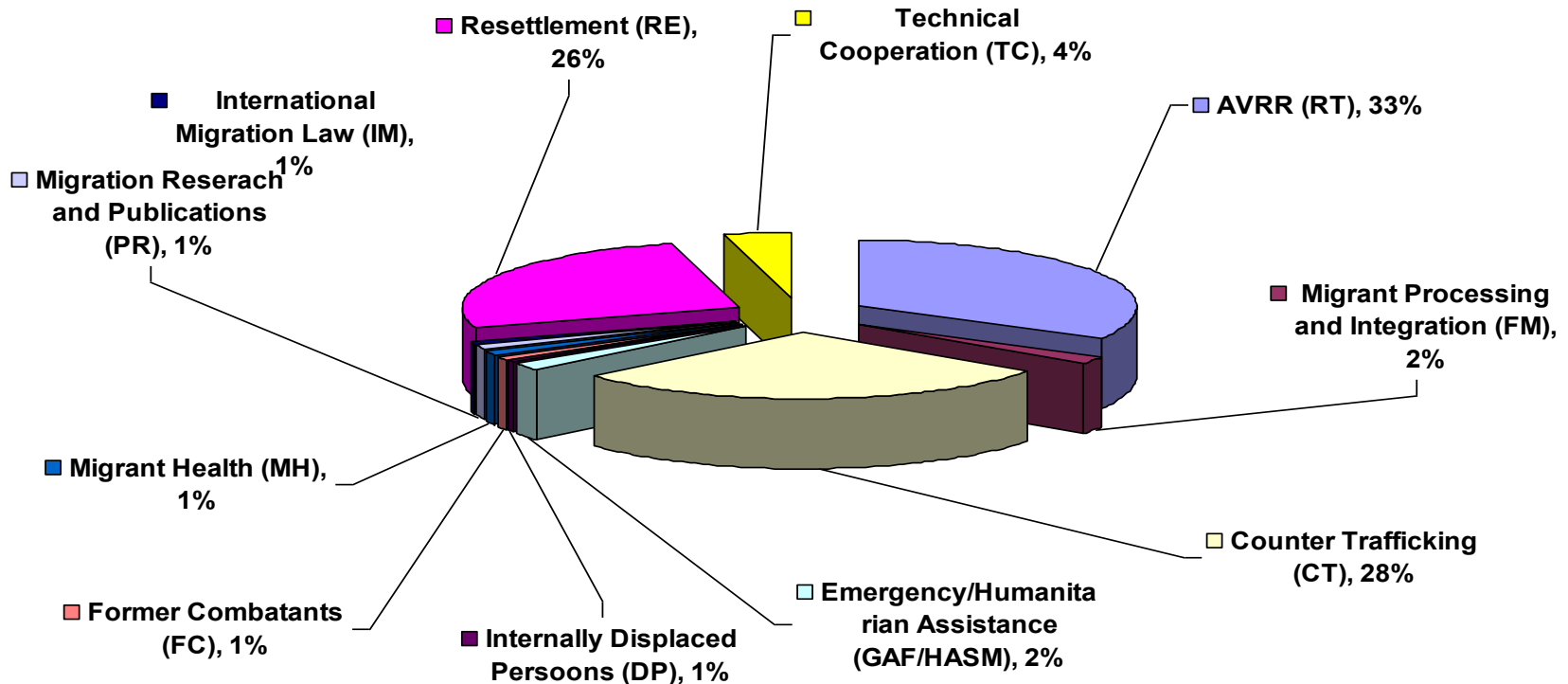
# Context

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- 2006/09: 20,000 unaccompanied migrant children
- Special care and protection
- Vulnerabilities and needs vary: multi-dimensional phenomenon
- Fragmented and inconsistent policy responses
- Lack of evidence based policies

# IOM's Intervention

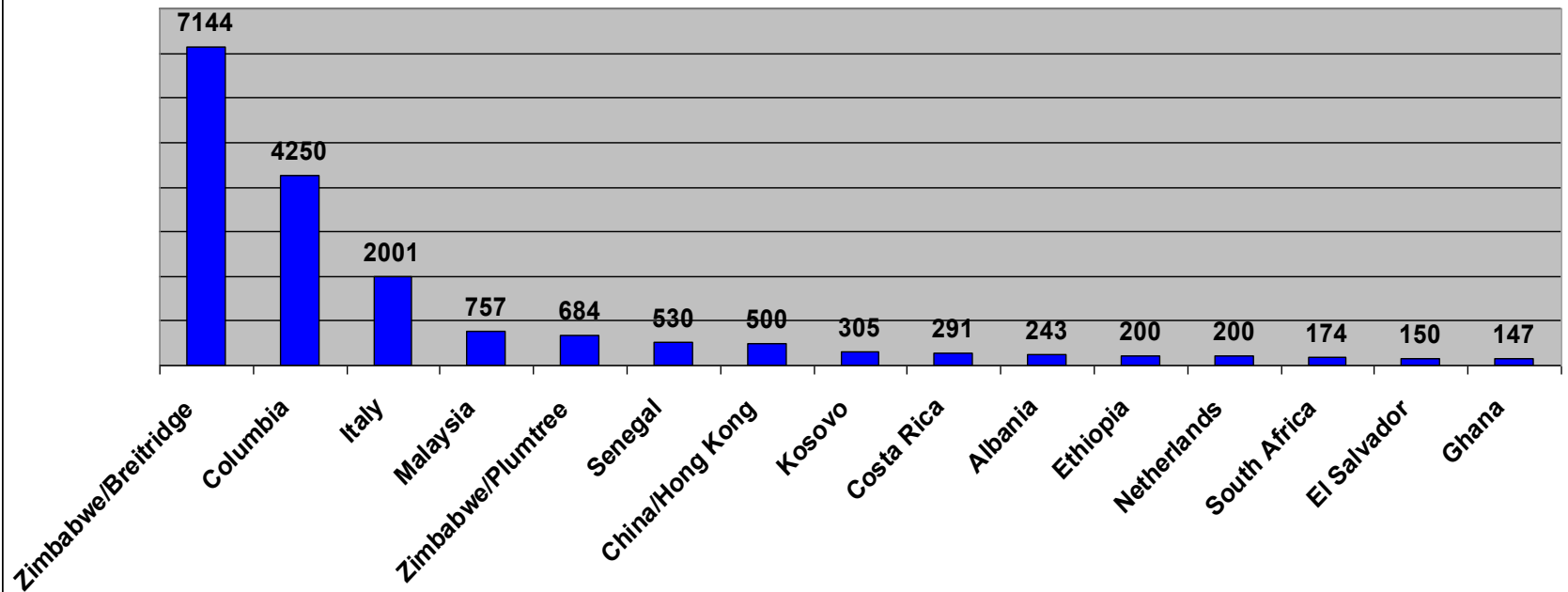
## Types of Projects



Unit: Projects listed by IOM offices answering the questionnaire.

# Where

Missions of assisting UAMs - top 15



Unit: UAM beneficiaries.

# International Law principles

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Principle of non-discrimination

Best interests of the child

Life and full development

Family unity

Participation

Confidentiality

# Best Interest Determination

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- ❑ Involvement of legal guardians and state entities for the welfare of the child
- ❑ Compliance with international law principles
- ❑ Participation of the child

# Relevant and effective responses

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□ Tailored to:

**Personal circumstances**

**Migratory motivations and expectations**

□ Based on:

**relevant research**

**young migrant views and recommendations**

# Sustainable actions

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- **Capacity building** for State, Civil Society, and young migrant networks
- **Building partnerships** for a Coordinated Vision
- **Comprehensive** approaches starting in countries of origin and including the circle of migration.

# Finding durable solutions is about:

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- Allowing young migrants to feel secure, and find options for them to fulfil their rights and expectations
- Working together for long lasting solutions for all parties affected by this phenomenon