UNHCR welcomes initiatives to expand SAI network and strengthens cooperation with ANCI on inclusion

UNHCR welcomed initiatives by the Ministry of the Interior to strengthen the Reception and Integration System (SAI). It highlighted the crucial role of municipalities in promoting the integration of refugees into local communities.

UNHCR confirmed its support for the call for applications to expand the SAI network with 3,200 additional places, including 2,40 ordinary places, 500 for unaccompanied foreign minors, and 300 for people with specific physical and mental health needs.

Finally, UNHCR and ANCI will continue to collaborate closely to ensure continuity of joint training initiatives, an essential element in strengthening a common and multidisciplinary approach to protection and integration throughout the country.

Following the meeting, several MOU were signed between UNHCR and different municipalities:

- UNHCR and the municipality of Naples signs a MOU for integration of refugees
- Florence join the Charter for the integration of refugees promoted by UNHCR
- The Municipality of Padua and UNHCR strengthen their cooperation for the inclusion of refugees

A memorandum of understanding was also signed between UNHCR and CISL to strengthen access to rights, welfare services, and opportunities for social and employment inclusion through CISL's services, experience and regional network.

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