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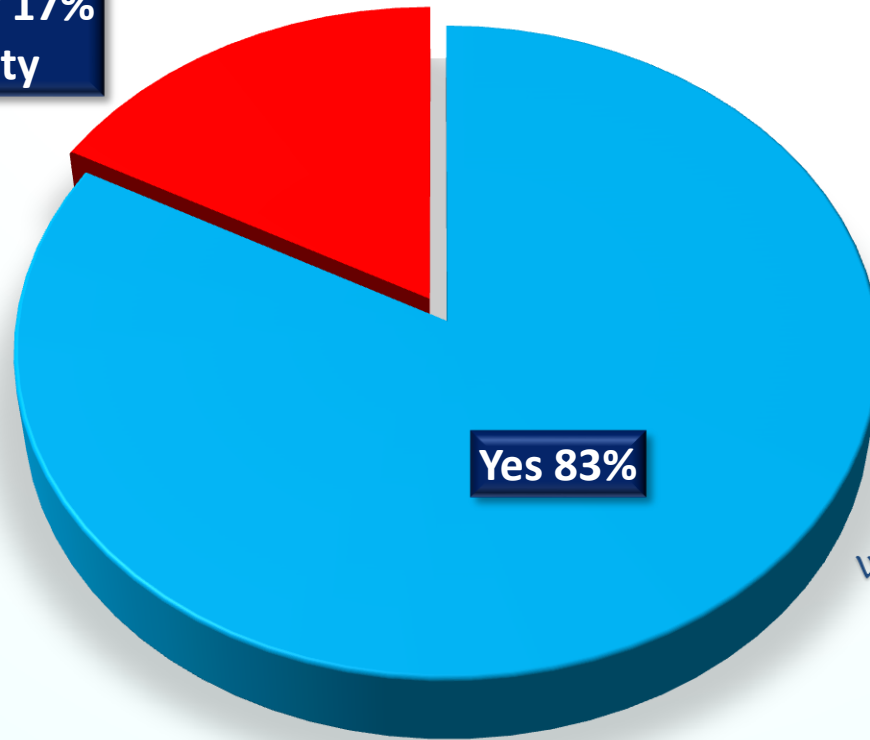
November 2019



Congregations involved with migrants in different ways

Total :
175 answers
142 congregations

Prayer only 17%
no activity

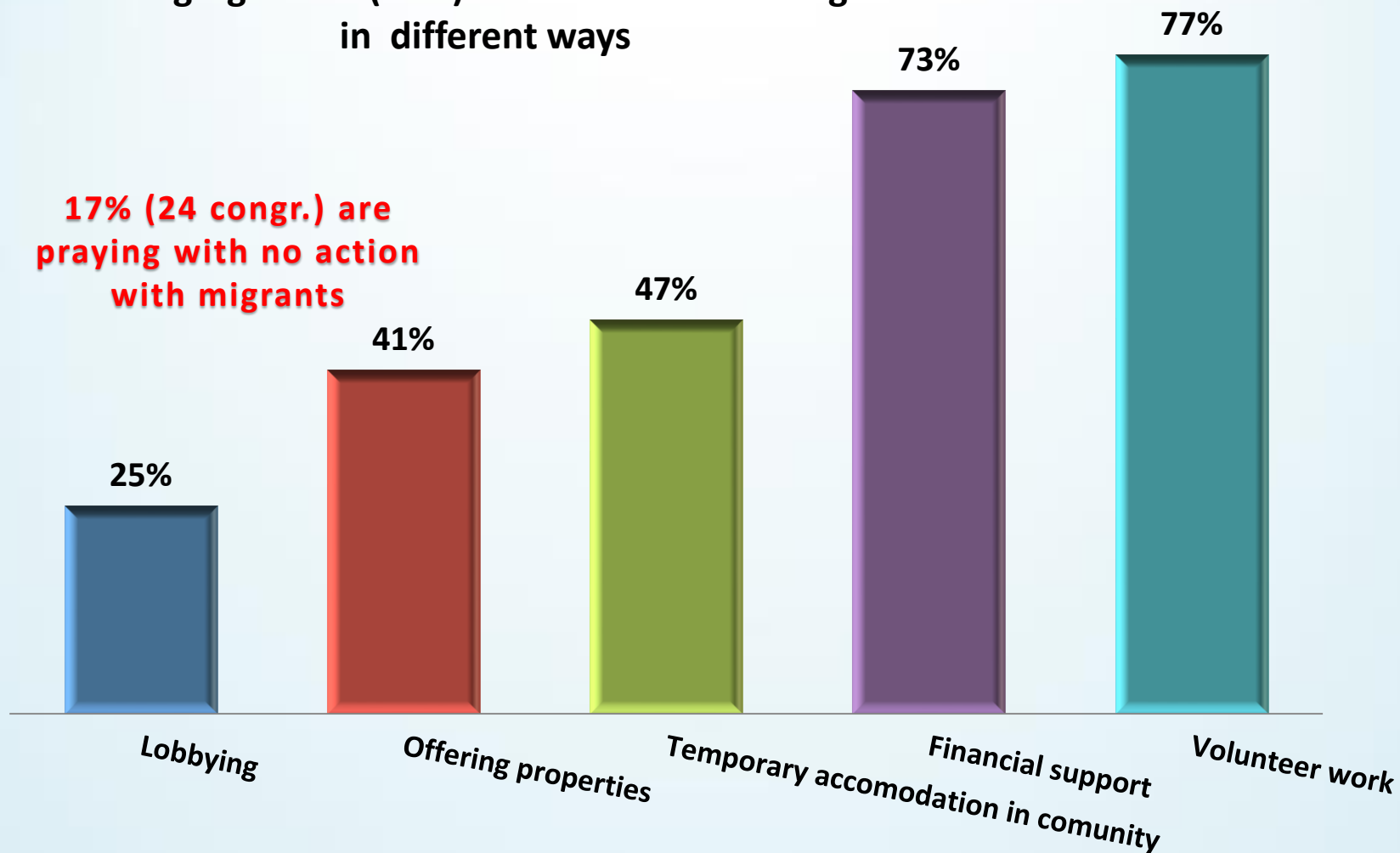


UISG SURVEY
december 2017

With the help of UCESM – CLAR

**118 Congregations (83%) are involved with migrants
in different ways**

**17% (24 Congr.) are
praying with no action
with migrants**



EUROPE

Answers : **132**

Countries : **16**

Belgique	11
España	11
France	59
Germany	2+ synthesis non included
Grecia	1
Hungary	2
Italia	15
Lettonie	2
Nederland	synthesis non included
Osterreich Austria	synthesis non included
Portugal	1
Slovakia	4
Slovenia	2
(Turquie)	1
Ireland/UK	2
United Kingdom	16

CLAR

Argentina	2
Brasil	25
Paraguay	1
Chile	1
Costa Rica	1
Ecuador	2
Mexico	2

Answers : 43

Countries : 15

OTHERS

Afrique du sud	1
Angola	2
Canada	1
Israel	1
LIBAN	1
Mozambique	1
RDC	1
Turquie	1



What to do ? How to do it ? How do we reach migrants ?



- A. Emergency : basic needs of migrants
- B. Long term: the challenge of integration for migrants
- C. Political action



The challenge of integration

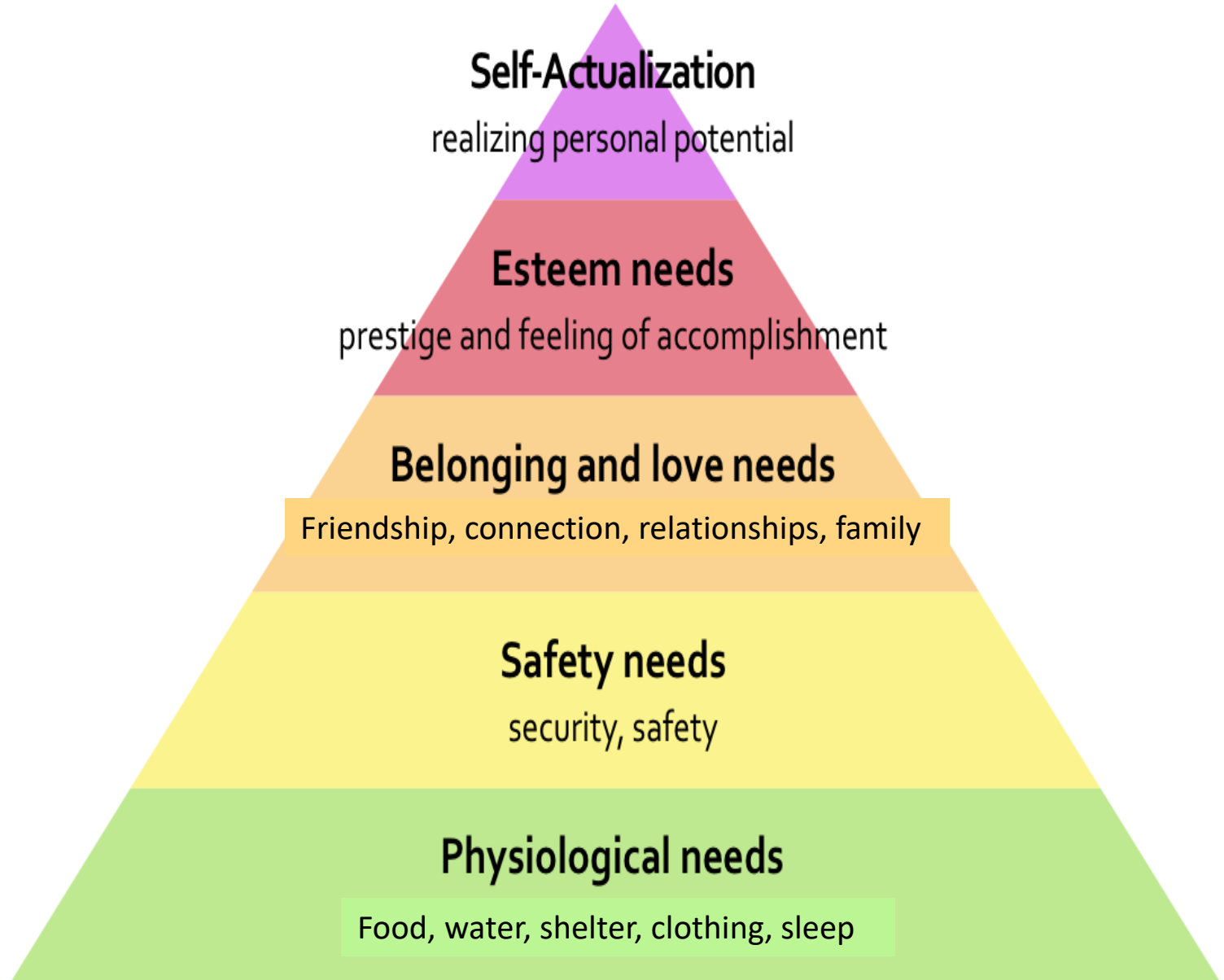
Is it important to be focus on integration
for the migrants?
Why ?



- Congregations have a **long experience of working in another culture and of interculturality**
- The experience of communal living
- **Social diversity** has often been part of our educational projects (with the **excluded and marginalised people**)
- **Multi-skilled** : Religious women and men are present in a multitude of sectors: educational, social, health, etc. ...

- Few NGO in this field
- Time-giving
- Positive examples of integration of migrants
- Listening
- Sign of communion, brotherhood and sisterhood

Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs



Message of Pope Francis for the 104th World Day of Migrants and Refugees:

**“Welcoming,
protecting,
promoting and
integrating
migrants and refugees”**



Lampedusa
October 3, 2013
365 people died
drowned in front
of the port

C - Political action

Lampedusa
October 10, 2019
28 people died
drowned in front of
the port



- We try not to play on emotions
- We start new projects and we stay in difficult places even with the feeling of failure
- We are present where the poor are forgotten
- We cope with daily violence
- We respond according to our charism

If we meet, greet, get to know one another, we will conquer the fear. Instead we will find understanding.

Together, we can change hearts and minds.

“We must strive and ask for the grace to create a culture of encounter... that restores to each person his or her own dignity”

Pope Francis



JRS is inspired by the leadership of Pope Francis to act with courage and enthusiasm ... for the cause of refugees.



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«The glory of God is the person fully alive»
(St Irenaeus) :









Lampedusa July 8th, 2013

“I had to come here to pray,”
“to make a gesture of closeness, but also to reawaken our consciences.”

Pope thanked the people of Lampedusa for taking them in and setting an example of solidarity to a selfish society sliding into
“the globalization of indifference”.



Angelus Sunday September 6th, 2015

May every parish, every religious community, every monastery, every sanctuary in Europe host a family, starting with my Diocese of Rome





Saturday 16th
April 2016
in Lesbos
Greece

