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A DI ACCOGLIENZA R IS FOR RECEPTION



Host, offer a word of welcome, smile at those seeking a better future, or even just a future.

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B DI **B**ENVENUTI/E
W IS FOR *W*ELCOME



The word we say to every person who arrives in Lampedusa, along all the borders where we operate, or at the airport to those who arrive via humanitarian corridors.

B DI BOSNIA B IS FOR BOSNIA

Along the so-called Balkan Route, one of the places where we decided to be. Alongside the people who are transiting through these territories, trying to get to Europe.



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B DI BEIRUT *B IS FOR BEIRUT*

The city from which humanitarian corridor flights have departed since 2016 and where we have the Medical Hope medical mission. It is the city where some of our aid workers live, and to which we are now linked.



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C DI CORRIDOI UMANITARI

C IS FOR HUMANITARIAN CORRIDORS

One of the best-known projects among the activities we carry out: safe and legal routes into Italy. They signify giving dignity and respect to people who migrate, to the most vulnerable.



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C DI CASA DELLE CULTURE

C IS FOR THE HOUSE OF MANY CULTURES

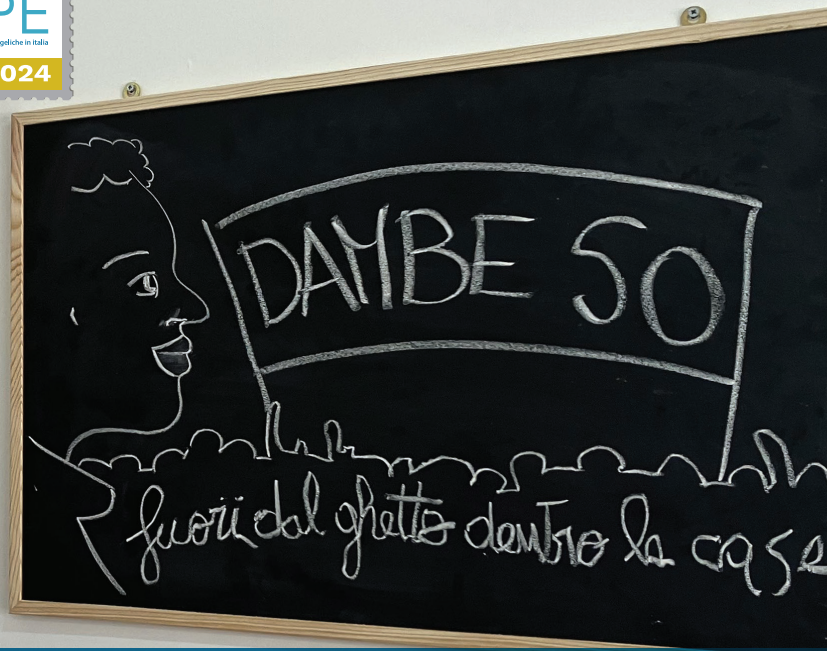
More than a reception facility, it is a home, in Scicli, Sicily, for those who arrive in Italy through humanitarian corridors and others who need protection.



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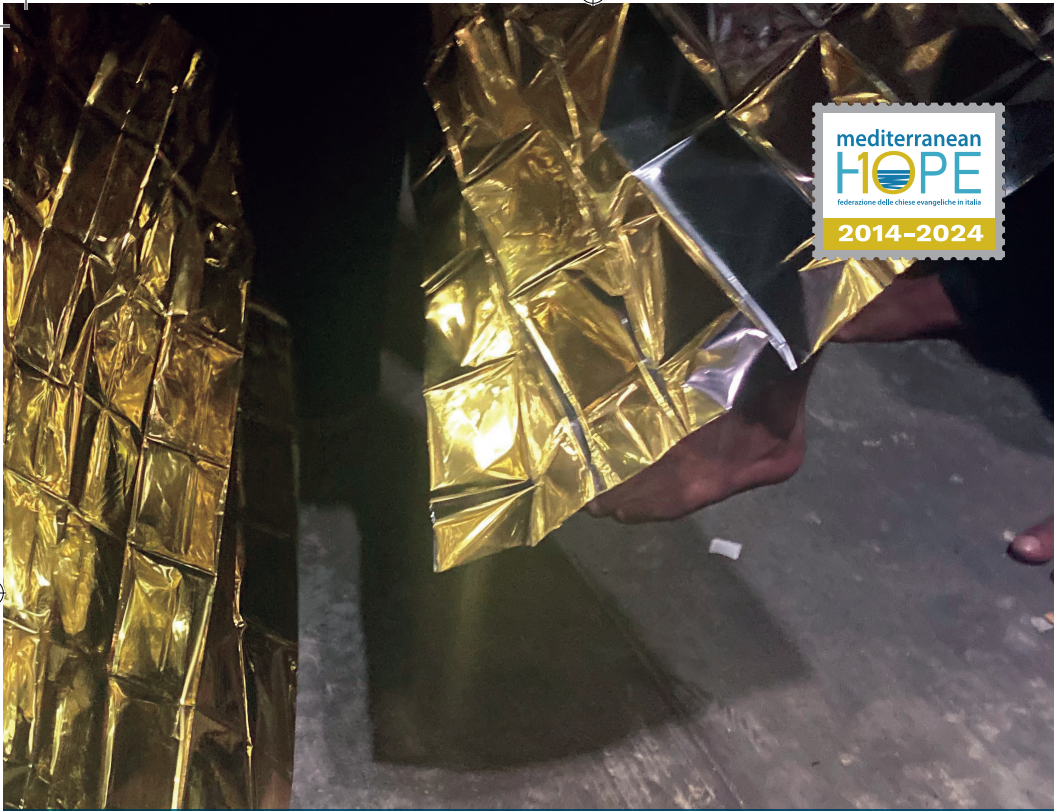
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D DI DAMBE SO D IS FOR DAMBE SO

"House of Dignity" in the Bambara language, it is the social hostel we opened in the Plain of Gioia Tauro for seasonal workers.





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E DI EMERGENZA *E IS FOR EMERGENCY*

The only real emergency concerns the people who continue to die at sea, or along other borders; the trauma, the violence, the abuse that many are forced to endure. For us, this is an urgent issue.





F DI FAVOLA *F IS FOR FAIRY-TALE*

Migration's "happy ending" does not always happen. In fact, it almost never happens. People have traumas, limitations, expectations and desires like everyone else. Let's try to recount the lives of those on the move with respect and truth.

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G DI GIUSTIZIA J IS FOR JUSTICE



There is no inclusion without social, gender, redistributive justice. We believe that migration pathways are pathways to citizenship. The struggle for rights must be intersectional, inclusive and not exclusionary.



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H DI HOPE H IS FOR HOPE

Hope: no coincidence that this is one of the two words that make up the name of our project. Hope means opening the future to those who think they do not have one; citizenship of a new and more just world that has yet to establish itself.



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| DI | SOLA | IS FOR | SLAND

Like Lampedusa. Like other Mediterranean islands - not just landing stages for those forced to cross the sea in search of a different future. No two islands are the same, and they can also be a place to find refuge; a happy island where people see their rights fully guaranteed.





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I DI ITALIA IS FOR ITALY

We want a country that welcomes, not rejects. That protects, that sets an example for other EU states, as is the case with humanitarian corridors. That respects people's rights and promotes virtuous practices of welcome and inclusion.



L DI LAMPEDUSA L IS FOR LAMPEDUSA



The place where we were established, as Mediterranean Hope; the "gateway to Europe"; the rock (in Lampedusan dialect "Scogghio") to which we owe so much.



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L DI LIBIA
L IS FOR LIBYA

The stories we collect about what is happening in Libya speak of violence, fear, rights denied. A rights-based Europe cannot tolerate - far less support - this.



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L DI LIBANO

L IS FOR LEBANON



The country from which humanitarian corridors for the Syrian population depart and where thousands of refugees live. The deepening social, political and economic crisis has made life in Lebanon increasingly difficult.

M DI MAR MEDITERRANEO M IS FOR MEDITERRANEAN SEA

A graveyard. The world's deadliest route, it is not the sea which kills but unjust policies and laws. In the name of our project, however, "Mediterranean" stands together with "Hope".



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N DI NARRAZIONE N IS FOR NARRATIVE

We want to change it. Get out of pietism, neocolonialism, the rhetoric of invasion and even paternalism. Migrant people are not all the same, they are not all good, they do not all have the same ambitions. People, not numbers.

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O DI OBLIO
O IS FOR OBLIVION

A reality for all who are missing and dead. In the Mediterranean, in deserts, wherever there are those who leave and do not arrive at their destination. We want to remember them and cherish their memory.



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P DI PACE

P IS FOR **P**EACE

From war one can only flee. Therefore, working for a lasting and just peace, everywhere, is an imperative commitment.

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Q DI QUADERNO N IS FOR NOTEPAD

Like those on which the girls and boys we welcome write, colour and draw. And on which they and the adults study, especially the Italian language.



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R DI RIFUGIATI *R IS FOR REFUGEES*

"I'm not a refugee, I'm not **just** a refugee." We are often told this by people seeking asylum in Italy. Migration is a path, not a characteristic. Refugee status exists but is not an exhaustive label for people's lives. No person is a single story.





S DI SIRIA S IS FOR SYRIA

A conflict that has lasted for years, a war that still causes deaths and injuries. People arriving from that place bear the marks of a trauma that has lasted too long. The international community bears responsibility for its inability to build and secure peace.





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T DI TESTIMONIANZA
T IS FOR TESTIMONY

Gospel testimony: a life lived in the footsteps of Christ, following Jesus to be in the right place at the right time.



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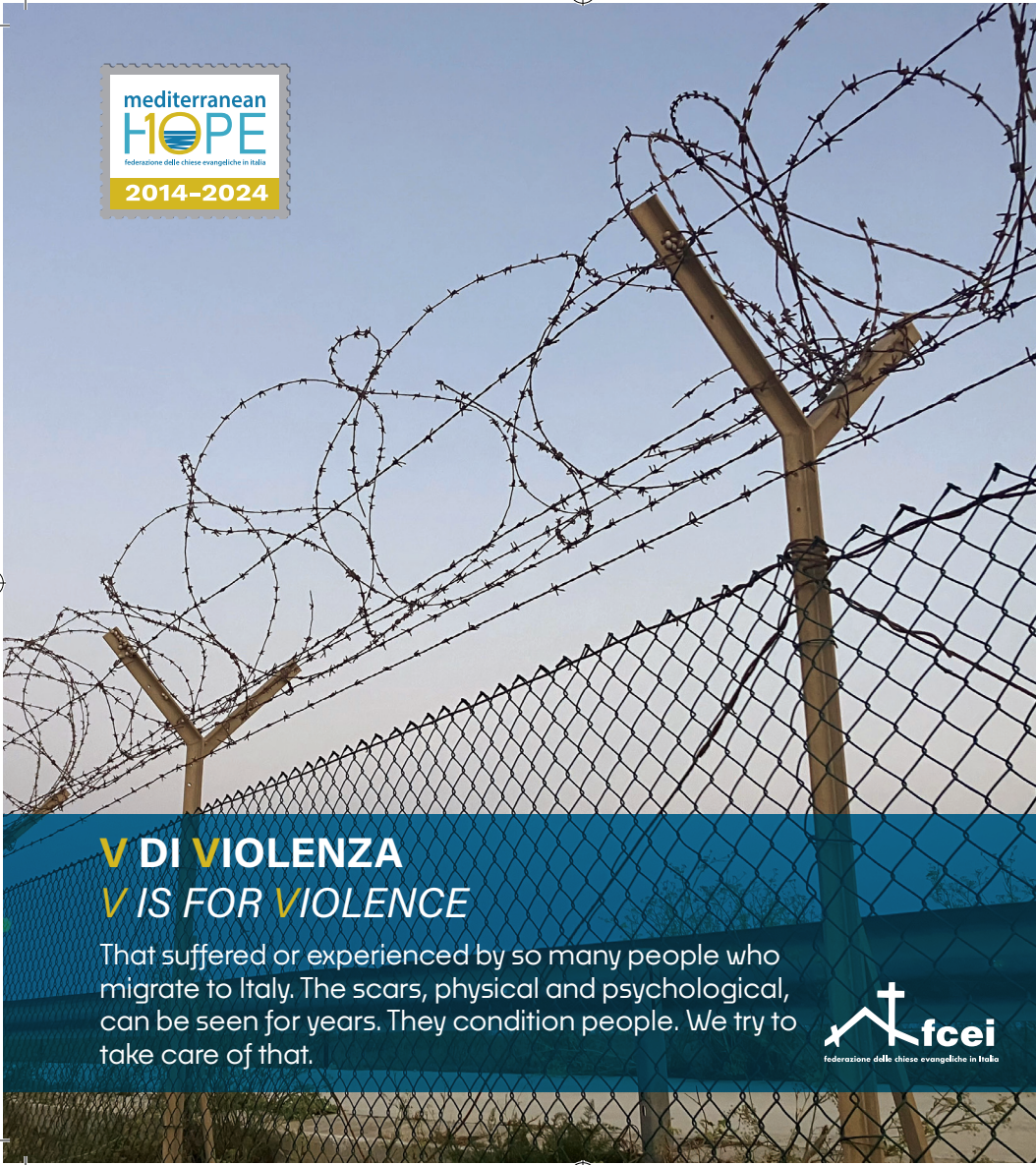
U DI UNICITÀ U IS FOR UNIQUENESS

The uniqueness of every story, in which one must be able to both protagonist and author. It is for others neither to tell nor to determine. With full respect for those who are not given a voice but, sooner or later, will be able to be heard.



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V DI VIOLENZA V IS FOR VIOLENCE

That suffered or experienced by so many people who migrate to Italy. The scars, physical and psychological, can be seen for years. They condition people. We try to take care of that.



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Z DI ZAINETTO B IS FOR BACKPACK

Like the backpack we give to the little boys and girls who arrive in Lampedusa, or Scicli, with a book inside. A small piece of luggage, a symbolic object, for those who arrive with nothing but will, we hope, be able to travel and live as they wish.

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