

Maritime Piracy – still a concern?

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Maritime Piracy Humanitarian Response Programme

- Partnership of 34 industry and welfare organisations
- Good Practice Guides
- Pre-departure training for seafarers
- Piracy awareness training
- Welfare responders (182 of them trained)
- Assistance for families during incidents
- Assistance for survivors on return home
- Funding for seafarers – CGPCS, MPHR Fund and others

Good news

- Lowest level since 1995 (IMB)
- Incidents in first 6 months: 2016 : 98, 2015 : 134
- Somalia: no new hijackings
- Employers doing it better
- Reducing need for services among seafarers and families
- Industry less concerned
- Seafarers used to the risk?
- Most hostages back at sea
- Attacks – 4 in 1,000 merchant seafarers affected in 2015
- Encouraging naval response in Nigeria



Bad news

- Somalia: 40 hostages still there
- Somalia – complacency?
- 2016 Jan – Jun: Nigeria and Indonesia – 24 incidents each
- 10 kidnappings; 8 Gulf of Guinea, 2 Indonesia
- 23 seafarers killed in GoG, 2015
- Underreporting of attacks
- Welfare response not good in Nigeria
- Fishers, tug crew targeted
- Lack of prosecutions



Continuing with...



- South East Asia and South Asia survivors and families
- Work in partnership with missions, employers, governments and other welfare agencies, e.g. Nigeria and Bangladesh
- Pre-sea training materials for seafarers to increase resilience