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# Interviewing unaccompanied foreign minors.

# • MIGRANT PEOPLE

Any person who is moving, or has moved, across an international border or within a country, away from his or her usual place of residence.

## Now we are going to talk about real situations of migrants.

## • Elisabeth, 13 years old.

Elisabeth fled conflict in the Central African Republic two years ago. She was separated from her family during the journey, although she found refuge with a host family. However, she had to pay a high price: she got engaged to a man she didn't know, "I know that education is the only way to achieve my dreams".

#### • Yusuf, 4 years old.

Yusuf dreams of returning to his country of origin, Guinea. His father, Baboucar, wanted to reach Spain but ran out of money in Mauritania and had to start working as a bricklayer to make ends meet. Six years have passed and he has given up hope of reaching Europe. Now he just wants to go home to his family.

#### • Issaa, 14 years old.

Issaa's mother died two years ago in Niger. Soon after, the young man decided to leave the country to help his 5 younger siblings. "My father collected money for my trip, wished me good luck and let me go," he says in a detention centre for migrants in Libya, where his dream of reaching Europe has been cut short for the time being.

## Here is an interview with two migrant people.

- What is your name?
  - **1**.My name is Sudan Madi.
  - **2**. My name is Ddam Hassan Chad.
- How old are you?
  - 1. I am 20 years old.
  - **2**. I am 19 years old.
- Where do you come from?
  - **1.** I come from Comoros.
  - **2**. I am from Marocco.

# • Why did you decide to leave your country?

**1.** I decided to leave my country because of the living conditions, I was living very badly, because the living conditions at home were very bad. So I decided to leave my country to look for a future for my parents and my little brothers and sisters.

**2**. Because it's my dream, if possible I want to play soccer in Barcelona, it's my dream. In Barcelona, Catalonia.

### To reflect on the situation of these people...

- If you arrive alone in a country you don't know, how would you like to be treated?
- Would you be able to leave your country and your family with the risks involved?

"It takes a lot of courage to emigrate; not everyone dares to leave their comfort zone and head for the unknown."