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PROGRAMME I : LOCAL DEVELOPMENT & POVERTY REDUCTION

PROGRAMME II : ASYLUM & MIGRATION

Projects' Status Update

Athens, 18th of November 2021

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Programme I: Local Development and Poverty Reduction






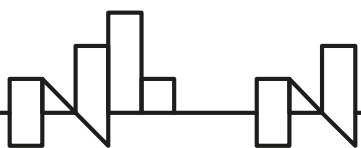
Programme I : Local Development and Poverty Reduction

Total budget: 6,500,000 EUR

The Programme aspires to contribute to enhancement of social cohesion and reduction of economic and social disparities, through the support of the following areas:

- ✓ Social and economic development in specific geographic areas
- ✓ Anti-discriminatory activities focusing on groups vulnerable to social and economic exclusion
- ✓ Interventions to increase job prospects
- ✓ Interventions to increase job capacity, especially among the most vulnerable
- ✓ Quality of and access to social/welfare services
- ✓ Networking and policy exchanges between municipalities

Overview			
Outcome 1 European Wergeland Center	Refugee Children in Education	1.5 M	Ongoing ✓
Outcome 2 SolidarityNow	Integration of Vulnerable People	2 M	Completed on July 2021 ✓
Outcome 3 Municipality of Athens	Employability of Vulnerable People	2.4 M	Ongoing ✓
Bilateral Outcome	Predefined PPs	50 K	Pending for 2022 ✗



European Wergeland Center

Project Grant: 1,500,000 EUR

GOAL: Integration of Refugee Children in Greek Schools

- **Summary results up to September 2021:**

- 18 schools were engaged & implemented a whole school approach for inclusive and democratic school culture; respective action school plans were developed
- 217 teachers were trained
- 16 Schools directors were trained
- 210 schools' teachers were trained
- 2 training modules for teachers and school directors designed
- 28 trainers engaged
- 2 Regional academies were organized
- 21 schools took part in the Academies
- 265 participants took part in educational workshops

- **The repeating lockdowns due to COVID-19 vitally affected the project during 2020-2021 school year as:**
 - the participation of school community in the project was escalated;
 - action plans & school activities were severely interrupted

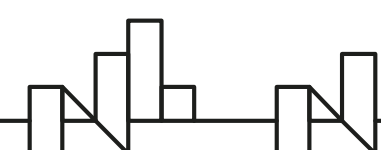


Implementation period : 17/4/2020 – 31/08/2022



NEXT STEPS (school year 2021 -2022)

Collaboration with the schools from this year's cycle (2021-2022) & support to the new schools from the first cycle (2020-2021)



Athens Solidarity Center – SolidarityNow

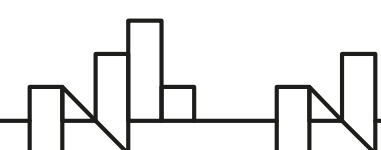
Project Grant: 2,000,000 EUR

The project has been completed on July 2021

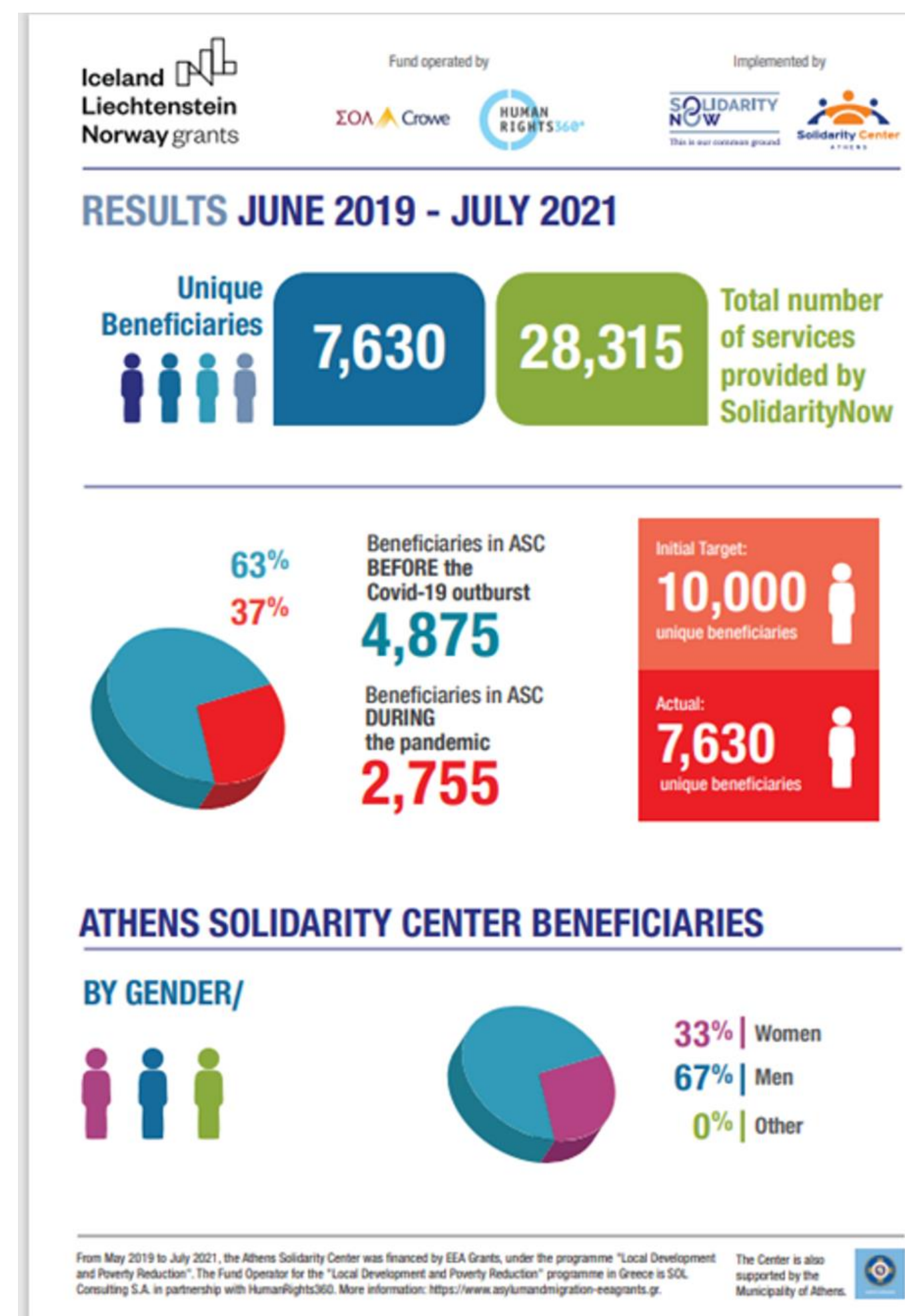
ASC demonstrated a readiness in adjusting its operation due to COVID-19

Results overview :

- 7,630 vulnerable people supported
- 28,315 number of services provided
- 1670 people obtained access to social benefits
- 318 people attended job interviews, and 34,11 % of them found a job.
- 975 legal representations
- 59,87 % of asylum and family reunification cases were successful
- 2,796 psychological sessions
- 1714 tax numbers were issued
- Child friendly Space was operational through a specialized partner (Network of Children's Rights)
- 6 organizations have implemented complementary activities
- 89% of surveyed beneficiaries are satisfied by the received services



Implementation period : 31/072019 – 31/07/2021



Municipality of Athens - ADDMA

Project Grant: 2,468,000 EUR

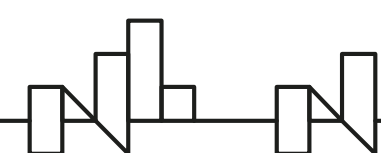
- The project will promote the employment of vulnerable unemployed residents of the City of Athens through awareness raising, training and certification, individualized psychosocial and employability support and job placement.

The project will include, inter alia, the following main activities:

- creating a labor market needs assessment on which the development of training curriculum will be based on;
- engaging with local businesses for the establishment of a Network of local businesses with identified skills needs;
- selecting vulnerable unemployed residents of the City of Athens that will benefit of the services. They will be selected using transparent procedures and with due respect to the principles of equal treatment and non-discrimination;
- offering certified trainings and psychosocial and employability support to vulnerable unemployed people. The design of the training methodology, the development of the training curriculums, as well as the delivery of the training activities will be assigned to selected academic/educational/training entities that present concrete and solid experience;
- developing of an information management system in order to facilitate the monitoring of the different
- project activities and outputs and to support sustainability as the system will be maintained after the
- project end in order to build on the results of the project;
- facilitate the matching of trained and certified unemployed people with hiring businesses

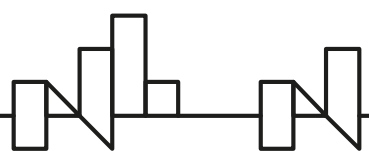


Implementation period :
24/09/2021 – 31/12/2023



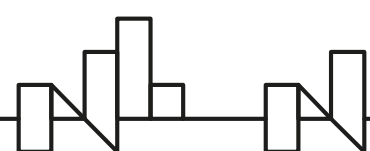
BUDGET DISBURSEMENT

Programme I



EEA Grants - Funds Absorbed

Outcome	Outcome/ Project Title	Project Promoter	Grant	Disbursed to Projects - up to Q2.2021
	Total Programme Sum		€ 5.968.000	€ 3.336.674
Outcome 1	Integration of refugee children in Greek schools improved	EWC	€ 1.500.000	€ 796.274
Outcome 2	Increased opportunities for integration and social inclusion for vulnerable individuals	SOLIDARITYNOW	€ 2.000.000	€ 1.800.000
Outcome 3	Increased employment among recently unemployed people	ADDMA	€ 2.468.000	€ 740.400






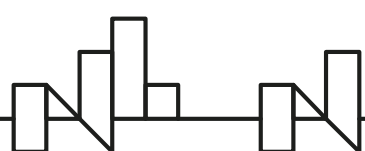
Programme II: Asylum and Migration

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Budget: 16,500,000 EUR

- The Programme "Asylum and Migration" aims to build on the results of the EEA GR05 programme, in the last period 2009-2014.
- The objective of the Programme Area "Asylum and Migration" is to:
 - ✓ ensure the functioning of national asylum and migration system, &
 - ✓ to safeguard the right to seek asylum.
- Particular focus is given to projects enhancing vulnerable asylum seekers' path to independence, encouraging their transition from supported living in centres, to their inclusion in the local community, as well as their path to return and re-integrate to the Countries of Origin (for rejected applicants).

Overview			
Outcome 1 Open Call	Shelters for Vulnerable Asylum Seekers	7.6 M	Ongoing ✓
Outcome 2 NORCAP	Capacity Building Reception Conditions	3.5 M	Ongoing ✓
Outcome 3 UNHCR	Quality in Asylum System	3 M	Completed ✓
Outcome 4 IOM	Migrants' Voluntary Returns	1 M	Pending for 2021 ✗
Bilateral Outcome	Open Call and predefined PPs	125 K	Pending for 2022 ✗

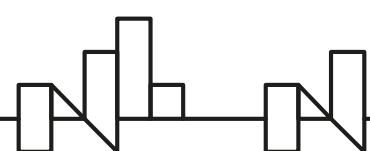


Pre-defined Projects

- ☐ NORCAP
- ☐ UNHCR
- ☐ IOM

Open Call Projects

- ☐ IRC
- ☐ MDM
- ☐ SMAN
- ☐ ARSIS
- ☐ METAdrasi



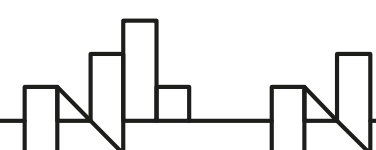
Project Grant: 3,500,000 EUR

Implementation period : 20/02/2019– 20/02/2022

Outcome 2: Capacity Development for dignified reception & protection of the rights of migrants & asylum seekers in Greece

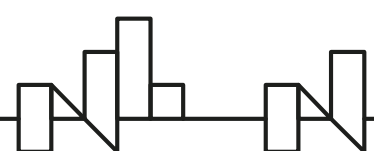
GOAL: Strengthen the Greek Government in creating and developing systems to manage migration and refugee flows, so as to provide dignified reception conditions according to international protection standards.

- ☐ Highly satisfactory performance; some of the targets have been already met
- ☐ Significant capacity building results to the two partnering authorities:
 - EKKA (National Centre for Social Solidarity)
 - Ministry of Migration & Asylum (Special Secretary for the Protection of UAMs & Reception & Identification Service)
- ☐ Deployment of 23 experts in total in close collaboration with EKKA & RIS.
- ☐ Development of stable relations between NORCAP experts & key institutional stakeholders (e.g. Secretary General for the reception of asylum seekers, Special Secretariat of UAMs, RIS Director, RIS camp managers, Deputy Minister of Migration);



Where we stand (mid November 2021)

- Deployment (currently) of 16 experts holding positions at the office of:
 - *the Secretary General for Migration of MoMA*
 - *the Director of Reception and Identification Service*
 - *the Special Secretary of Unaccompanied Minors*
 - *the Special Secretary of Stakeholders' Coordination*
 - *the Technical Dept of MoMA (site planning)*
 - *6 Camp Commanders of sites in mainland Greece and the islands*
 - *the National Centre of Social Solidarity (EKKA) of the Ministry of Labour*
- Strategic partnerships both with EKKA and RIS (MoUs signed), which demonstrates our intention to build in our respective strengths and reach common goals.
- Drafting of the General Regulation of mainland hosting facilities, a roadmap for the operation of sites in mainland Greece that has been approved by the Greek administration and came into force nationwide
- Coordination of the on-going site planning activities for the temporary hosting site of Mavrovouni in Lesvos, after the fires in Moria
- Set-up of the National Referral Mechanism for the protection of trafficking victims (EKKA – National Center for Social Solidarity)



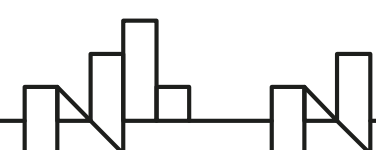
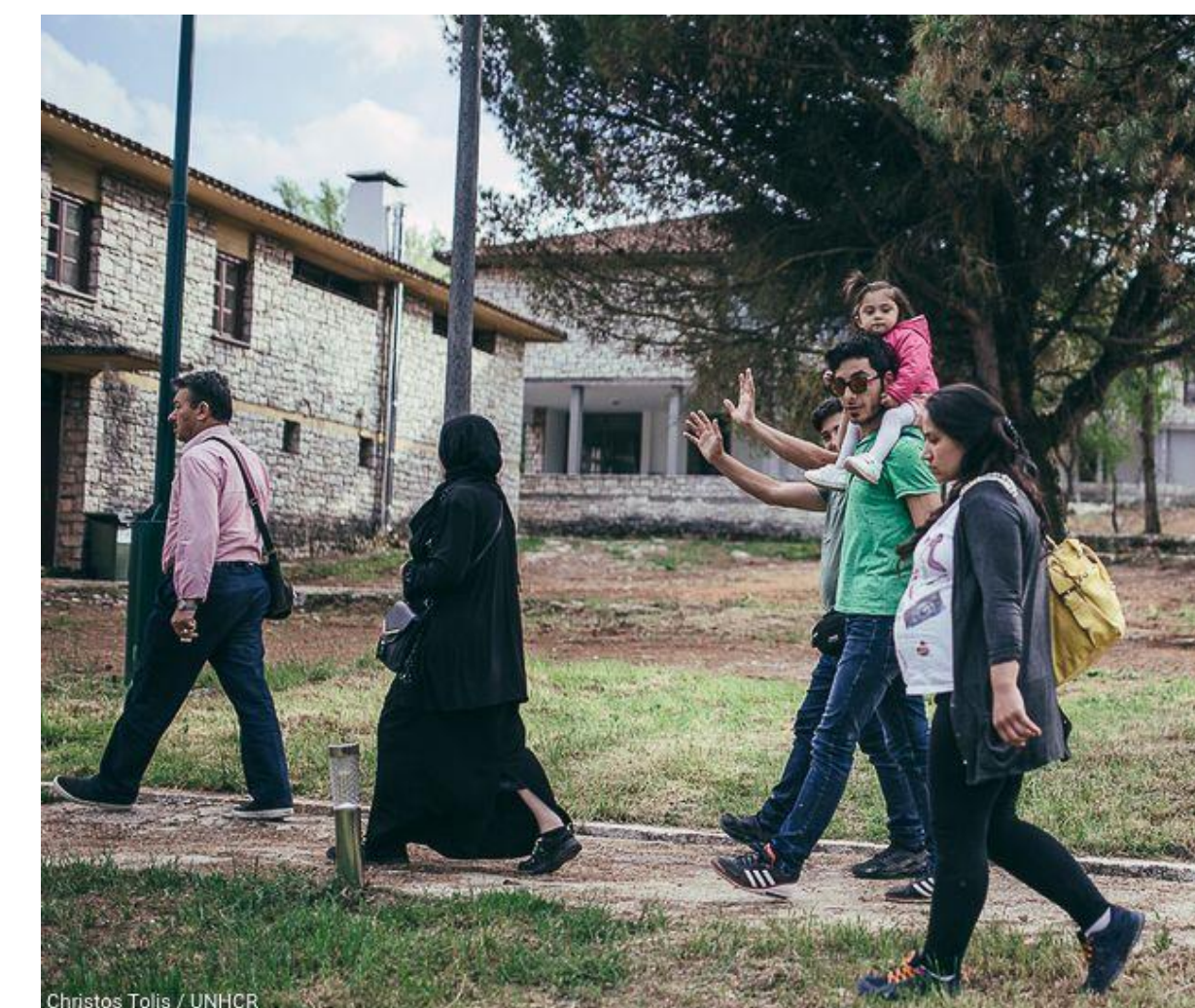
Outcome 3 Quality assurance support to the asylum procedures and legal aid support to asylum seekers in Greece

Project Grant: 3,000,000 EUR

Implementation period : 20/02/2019 – 29/02/2020

The project has been successfully completed with the indicative summary of achievements:

- ☐ 12490 instances of consultation
- ☐ 200 decisions reviewed
- ☐ 153 COI queries responded by the QA team
- ☐ 59 missions conducted in the frame of QA work
- ☐ 18 Associate Asylum Experts deployed to the Asylum Service all over Greece
- ☐ 5 UNHCR staff deployed to the Asylum Service centrally (e.g. Legal Advisor, Legal Expert, Documentation Experts)
- ☐ 41 Number of lawyers providing free legal aid
- ☐ 7415 PoCs/cases receiving legal assistance
- ☐ 275 cases at second instance supported
- ☐ 156 objections against detention before administrative authorities and Administrative Courts



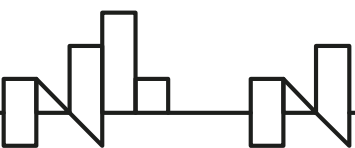
Outcome 4: Orderly and humane voluntary return of migrants or vulnerable groups is secured

Project Grant: 1,000,000 EUR

Implementation period : TBC

☐ Concept note & its relevant annexes have been reviewed & final arrangements prior to the contract’s execution are on the way

GOAL	# of total Beneficiaries	Breakdown of beneficiaries & cash provision
IOM seeks to provide AVRR assistance to migrants in situations of vulnerability, expressing the will to return to their country of origin and to contribute to their sustainable reintegration.	200	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 80 individual returnees will develop reintegration plans up to 1,700 EUR• 40 families (average 3 members) will develop reintegration plans up to 2,000 EUR• Provision of one-time cash grant of 1000 Euro per returnee



Open accommodation centres for vulnerable asylum seekers in Greece - Open Call Projects

Status of the ongoing projects & important metrics

International Rescue Committee Hellas



Doctors of the World - Greek Delegation



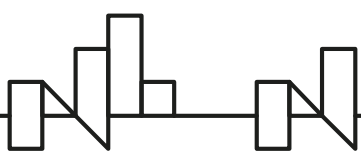
ARSIS - Association for the Social Support of Youth



SMAN - Society for the Care of Minors and Youth



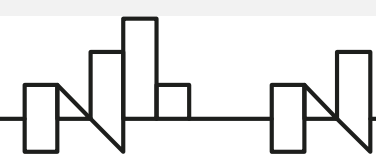
METAdrasi - Action for Migration and Development



Open accommodation centres for vulnerable asylum seekers in Greece

Current status of available places

	Project Promoter	ARSIS	IRC	MDM	Metadrasi	SMAN	Total
Number of AGREED places		77	40	44	40	16	217
Number of PROVIDED accommodation places in open reception centres		67	28	44	40	16	195
From which in UAM SIL apartments		36	28	0	0	0	64
From which in UAM shelters		15	0	0	40	16	71
From which in women shelter		0	0	44	0	0	44
From which in women apartments		16	0	0	0	0	16



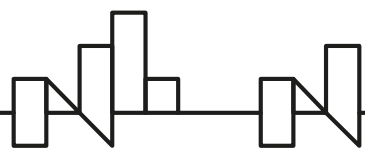
Annual Average Occupancy Rate 2021

	ANNUAL AVERAGE OCCUPANCY RATE 2021																	
	ARSIS			IRC			Metadrasi			SMAN			MDM			Total		
	Average Monthly Occupancy	Capacity	Rate	Average Monthly Occupancy	Capacity*	Rate	Average Monthly Occupancy	Capacity	Rate	Average Monthly Occupancy	Capacity	Rate	Average Monthly Occupancy	Capacity	Rate	Average Monthly Occupancy	Capacity	Rate
TOTAL	57	79	72%	18	36	49%	24	40	59%	13	16	83%	24	44	53%	132	215	61%
JANUARY	37	79	47%	8	36	22%	22	40	55%	15	16	94%	4	44	9%	86	215	40%
FEBRUARY	48	79	61%	11	36	31%	20	40	50%	12	16	75%	11	44	25%	102	215	47%
MARCH	57	79	72%	14	36	39%	19	40	48%	12	16	75%	16	44	36%	118	215	55%
APRIL	59	79	75%	21	36	58%	25	40	63%	12	16	75%	19	44	43%	136	215	63%
MAY	55	79	70%	25	36	69%	30	40	75%	12	16	75%	22	44	50%	144	215	67%
JUNE	60	79	76%	24	36	67%	24	40	60%	13	16	81%	26	44	59%	147	215	68%
JULY	60	79	76%	24	36	67%	28	40	70%	14	16	88%	31	44	70%	157	215	73%
AUGUST	54	79	68%	19	36	53%	24	40	60%	13	16	81%	24	44	55%	134	215	62%
SEPTEMBER	55	75	73%	17	36	47%	24	40	60%	15	16	94%	41	44	93%	152	211	72%
OCTOBER	54	75	72,0%	14	28	50%	19	40	48%	14	16	88%	41	44	93%	142	203	70%
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Changes in Capacity

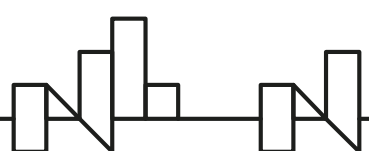
*Arsis decreased the capacity of the SIL Unit 2 in Thessaloniki by 4 places, starting from the month of September due to the termination of contract by the owner.

* IRC decreased capacity by 2 more appartments plus the 1 that was never established. In total now has available 7 appartments with 4 places each.



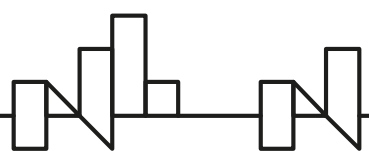
Factors affecting Occupancy Rate

- Delays in referrals;
- Lack of cash assistance for the minors residing in SIL Apartments under the EEA Grants scheme; UAMs are resistant to accept a position that provides less benefits than places funded by other donor;
- Placements in SILs were significantly hampered by lack of Guardians to perform the assessment and selection of UAMs to be allocated in SIL apartments;
- COVID-19: Pause of admissions and exits when a positive C-19 incident is confirmed;
- COVID-19 : All centers are obliged to reserve quarantine rooms for COVID-19 cases. This decreases the actual capacity and the maximum occupancy that can be achieved;

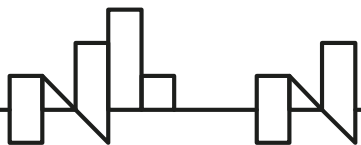


BUDGET DISBURSEMENT

Programme II

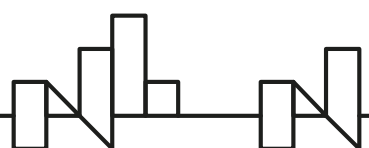


Programme Short Name	Outcome	Outcome/ Project Title	Project Promoter	Grant	Disbursed to Projects - up to Q2.2021
HOMEAFFAIRS		Total Programme Sum		€ 15.132.000	€ 9.678.829
	Outcome 1	Improved quality of accommodation and other services provided in open reception centres (EEA Grants)	OPEN CALL	€ 7.632.000	€ 3.528.829
		<i>FUTURA - Fostering the Transition of Unaccompanied childRen to Adulthood</i>	<i>IRC</i>	€ 1.722.661	€ 616.238,16
		<i>Diaplous</i>	<i>ARSIS</i>	€ 1.615.058	€ 1.296.569,70
		<i>A step Forward - Accommodation Facility for Women Asylum Seekers at Risk and for Mothers with their Chil</i>	<i>MDM</i>	€ 994.875	€ 379.857,35
		<i>HOUSE2</i>	<i>SMAN</i>	€ 1.074.903	€ 517.542,45
		<i>Transit Accommodation Facilities for Unaccompanied Minors in Samos and Chios</i>	<i>METAdrasi</i>	€ 2.224.503	€ 718.621,44
	Outcome 2	Capacity of key institutions to ensure protection of vulnerable asylum seekers, particularly UAMs, is strengthened (EEA Grants)	NORCAP	€ 3.500.000	€ 3.150.000
	Outcome 3	Operational procedures and capacity of the Greek Asylum Service and Appeal Committees improved (EEA Grants)	UNHCR	€ 3.000.000	€ 3.000.000
	Outcome 4	Orderly and humane voluntary return of migrants or vulnerable groups is secured (EEA Grants)	IOM	€ 1.000.000	€ 0





- **Bilateral Call for Programme I & II to be launched up to early 2022**
- **IOM's contract execution**
- **Repetitive monitoring visits to be conducted for Programme I & II onwards**
- **Cooperation Committee Meeting has been arranged for 1st of December 2021**



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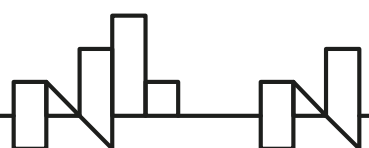
Communication achievements 2021

- Communication & Social media strategy updates
- Website updates & Social media boost
- Creation of EEA Grants Community (*monthly meetings*):
 - Launch of common events (#EEA Talks, Word refugee Day '21)
 - Launch of common activities (2021-2023)
- Building effective relationship with PPs (*monthly 1-to-1 meetings*)
- Human stories
- Press Releases & interviews on Press
- Launch of EEA Newsletter
- Media sponsorships



Continue our work, emphasizing to:

- Networking
- Community events
- Community activities
- Online campaigns
- Photos & videos production



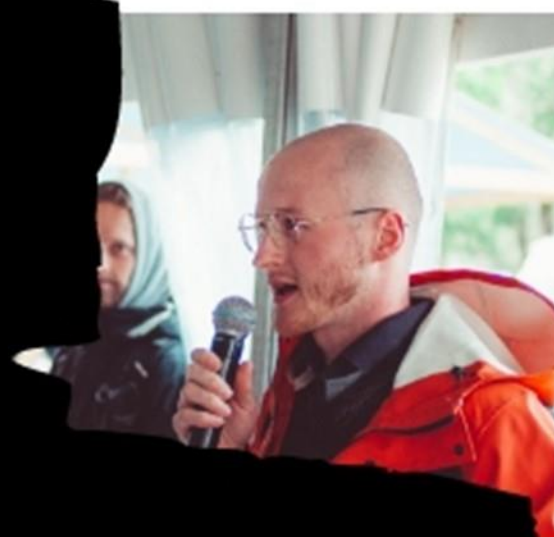
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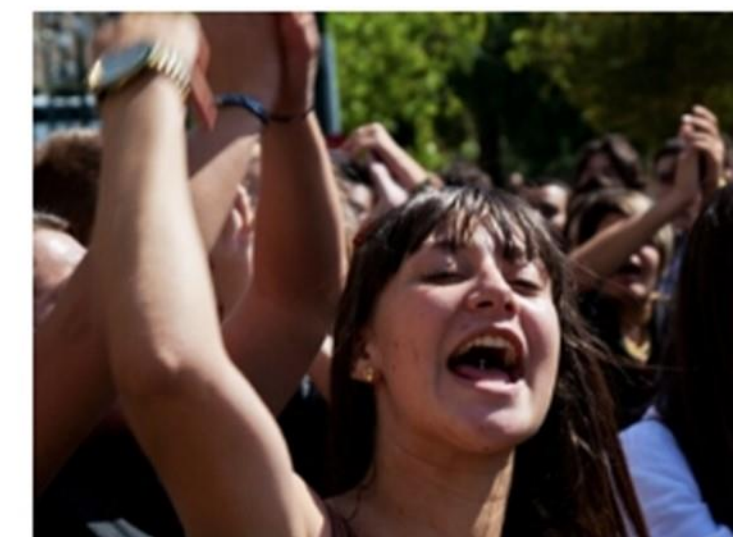
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