Situation Update: Unaccompanied Children (UAC) in Greece
31 July 2019

Key Facts

- 1,826 children in long term or temporary accommodation
- 866* children in RICs
- 177* children in Protective custody
- 129* children in Open temporary accommodation facilities
- 1131* children in Insecure housing conditions

*The above numbers include 254 separated children, and 91 pending transfer to long term or temporary accommodation

4129 children in total out of which:
- 93.5% Boys
- 6.5% Girls
- 6.7% <14 years old

Number of places
- 1,163 Total number of places in long term accommodation (Shelters/SIL)
- 820 Total number of places in temporary accommodation (Safe zones/Emergency hotels)

Figures dynamically change and may be adjusted based on verification by EKKA. All figures are based on referrals.

Additionally, 1131 UAC (10 of which pending transfer have been reported as living in informal/insecure housing conditions such as living temporarily in apartments with others, living in squats, being homeless and moving frequently between different types of accommodation. The above number includes 107 UAC with no location reported by the referral agent. EKKA is in the process of updating this information.

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Number and places of UAC shelters, safe zones and hotels, 31 July 2019

Key Facts
as of 31 July 2019

UAC shelters
- Current: 47 UAC shelters with total 1,115 places
- Planned: 2 UAC shelters with total 80 places

SIL (Supported Independent Living) apartments
- Current: 12 SIL apartments for UAC older than 16 years old with total 48 places

Safe zones*
- Current: 10 Safe Zones for UAC with total 300 places

Hotels**
- Current: 16 Hotels for UAC with total 520 places

*Safe Zones are designated supervised spaces within accommodation sites which provide UAC with 24/7 emergency protection and care. They should be used as short term (maximum 3 months) measures to care for UAC in light of the insufficient number of available shelter places. Safe Zone priority is given to UAC in detention as well as other vulnerable children, in line with their best interests.

**Hotels are emergency accommodation spaces being used as a measure to care for UAC in light of the insufficient number of available shelter places. Priority is given to UAC in Reception and Identification Centers.

Available places by type and region

Central Macedonia:
- 4 shelters- 120 places
- 3 safe zones- 90 places
- 7 hotels- 230 places

Lesvos:
- 7 shelters- 147 places

Chios:
- 1 shelter- 18 places

Samos:
- 1 shelter- 18 places

Western Macedonia:
- 2 shelters - 80 places
- 1 safe zone- 30 places
- 3 hotels- 82 places

Thessaly:
- 2 shelters- 60 places

Western Greece:
- 2 shelters- 49 places

Central Greece:
- 2 safe zones- 60 places
- 1 hotel- 36 places

Attica:
- 23 shelters- 497 places
- 12 SIL- 48 places
- 2 safe zones- 60 places
- 4 hotels- 148 places

Crete:
- 1 shelter- 25 places

East Macedonia and Thrace:
- 3 shelters- 61 places
- 2 safe zone- 60 places

Available places by type and region

Current capacity compared to previous months

Total Long term places (Shelters/SIL)  Total temporary places (Safe zones/Hotels)


850  780  780  820  860  895  890  962  960  960  960  960  820

1191  1191  1191  1213  1213  1064  1035  1085  1121  1121  1165  1163  1163

820  820  820  820  820  820  820  820  820  820  820  820  820
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22,074 Total number of UAC referrals received between January 2016 and July 2019.

Number of UAC Referrals to EKKA by month
(updated on a monthly basis)

Referrals processed* per month in 2019
(updated on a monthly basis)

*Placement issued or referral cancelled upon verification

Estimated UAC population disaggregated by nationality
4129 UAC

Pakistan | Afghanistan | Syria | Other
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29% | 38% | 8% | 25%

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