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

Key Facts

- **2,034** children in long term or temporary accommodation
- **77** children in Emergency UAC accommodation sites
- **1,809** children in RICs
- **195** children in Protective custody
- **141** children in Open temporary accommodation facilities
- **1,045** children in Insecure housing conditions

*The above numbers include **486** separated children, and **199** pending transfer to long term or temporary accommodation

- **5,301** children in total out of which:
  - **92.6%** Boys
  - **7.4%** Girls
  - **8.7%** <14 years old

Number of places

- **1,488** Total number of places in long term accommodation (Shelters/SIL)
- **841** 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, **1,045** UAC (20 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 67 UAC with no location reported by the referral agent. EKKA is in the process of updating this information.

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**Key Facts**
as of 31 December 2019

**UAC shelters**
- **Current:** 52 UAC shelters with total 1,352 places
- **Planned:** 1 UAC shelters with total 36 places

**SIL (Supported Independent Living) apartments**
- **Current:** 34 SIL apartments for UAC older than 16 years old with total 136 places
- **Planned:** 31 SIL apartments with total 124 places

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

**Hotels**
- **Current:** 14 Hotels for UAC with total 541 places

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**Available places by type and region**

**Central Macedonia:**
- 4 shelters - 120 places
- 5 SIL - 20 places
- 3 safe zones - 90 places
- 6 hotels - 232 places

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

**Lesvos:**
- 6 shelters - 146 places

**Samos:**
- 1 shelter - 18 places

**Chios:**
- 1 shelter - 18 places

**Western Greece:**
- 2 shelters - 49 places

**Thessaly:**
- 3 shelters - 100 places

**Attica:**
- 28 shelters - 684 places
- 28 SIL - 108 places
- 2 safe zones - 60 places
- 3 hotels - 119 places

**Western Macedonia:**
- 2 shelters - 80 places
- 2 SIL - 8 places
- 1 safe zone - 30 places
- 3 hotels - 110 places

**Epirus:**
- 2 shelters - 80 places

**Central Greece:**
- 2 safe zones - 60 places
- 1 hotel - 45 places

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*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.

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

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

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*Placement issued or referral cancelled upon verification*

27,539 Total number of UAC referrals received between January 2016 and December 2019.

**Monthly UAC referrals to EKKA by nationality**
1 January 2019 – 31 December 2019
(updated on a monthly basis)

- Syria: 42%
- Afghanistan: 30%
- Pakistan: 22%
- Other: 6%

**Estimated UAC population disaggregated by nationality**
5301 UAC

- Pakistan: 22%
- Afghanistan: 42%
- Syria: 12%
- Other: 24%

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