**Situation Update: Unaccompanied Children (UAC) in Greece**

15 October 2017

### Key Facts

- **2,950** Estimated number of UAC currently in Greece based on analysis from referrals to EKKA (as of 15 October 2017)
- **1,114** Total number of places available in UAC shelters (filled, pending assigned cases as of 15 October, including 20 vacant places)
- **1,822** Total number of UAC on waiting list for shelter (as of 15 October 2017) including:
  - **287** in Reception and Identification Centers
  - **116** in protective custody
- **9,295** Total number of UAC referrals to EKKA from 1 Jan 2016 to 15 October 2017.
  - Out of the total:
    - **8,670** boys (93%)
    - **625** girls (7%)
    - **550 <14 years old (6%)**

Waiting list does not include referrals of unknown location carried out during pre-registration exercise. Waiting list includes also separated children.

### Figures dynamically change and may be adjusted based on verification by EKKA.
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*Number and places of UAC Shelters and Safe Zones, 15 October 2017*

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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.

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**Percentage of UAC referrals by region (waiting list)**

0.1 - 5%

5.1 - 10%

60%

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**Shelter(s) by location**

**Safe zone(s) by region**
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**Number of UAC Referrals to EKKA by month**

- January 2017: 395
- February 2017: 339
- March 2017: 475
- April 2017: 416
- May 2017: 301
- June 2017: 396
- July 2017: 474
- August 2017: 484
- September 2017: 587
- October 2017: 436
- November 2017: 460
- December 2017: 575

*Increase in July 2016 due to pre-registration exercise and referrals from the Asylum service

**Total UAC referrals to EKKA during the period 1 January to 30 September 2017**
disaggregated by referral Status/Sex/Age

1 January 2017 – 30 September 2017
Total referrals received in 2017: 3892

- Boys >= 14 years old: 1512
- Boys < 14 years old: 1114
- Girls >= 14 years old: 916
- Girls < 14 years old: 35

The number of girls and boys < 14 includes separated children

* Cancelled either by the referral agent or UAC reached adulthood before placement

**UAC referrals to EKKA by nationality**

- Pakistan: 40%
- Afghanistan: 19%
- Syria: 14%
- Algeria: 7%
- Bangladesh: 4%
- Iraq: 4%
- Other: 11%

**Monthly UAC referrals to EKKA by nationality**

- January 2017 – 30 September 2017

- Syria: 42%
- Afghanistan: 22%
- Pakistan: 14%
- Other: 17%

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