Situation Update: Unaccompanied Children (UAC) in Greece
15 February 2020

Key Facts

- 2,102 children in long term or temporary accommodation
- 74 children in Emergency UAC accommodation sites
- 1,790* children in RICs
- 223* children in Protective custody
- 143* children in Open temporary accommodation facilities
- 1,092* children in Insecure housing conditions

*The above numbers include 411 separated children, and 81 pending transfer to long term or temporary accommodation

4,524 children in total out of which:
- 92.7% Boys
- 7.3% Girls
- 9.0% <14 years old

Number of places
- 1,563 Total number of places in long term accommodation (Shelters/SIL)
- 841 Total number of places in temporary accommodation (Safe zones/Emergency hotels)

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

Reported place of stay of children in UAC accommodation facilities, open accommodation facilities, protective custody and RICs
Total: 4,332

- 106 Shelters
- 1,298 Hotels
- 421 Safe zones
- 277 Emergency UAC accommodation sites
- 34 of which pending transfer

Additionally, 1,092 UAC (16 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 60 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 15 February 2020

UAC shelters
- Current: 53 UAC shelters with total 1,395 places
- Planned: 23 SIL apartments with total 92 places

SIL (Supported Independent Living) apartments
- Current: 42 SIL apartments for UAC older than 16 years old with total 168 places
- Planned: 23 SIL apartments with total 92 places

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

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

Current capacity compared to previous months

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

- **2019**
  - January: 575
  - February: 495
  - March: 591
  - April: 549
  - May: 537
  - June: 669
  - July: 963
  - August: 877
  - September: 986
  - October: 1058
  - November: 1246
  - December: 1271

- **2020**
  - January: 1062

**28,687 Total number of UAC referrals** received between January 2016 and January 2020.

**Monthly UAC referrals to EKKA by nationality**
1 February 2019 – 31 January 2020
(updated on a monthly basis)

- **2019**
  - February: 30%
  - March: 37%
  - April: 30%
  - May: 26%
  - June: 7%
  - July: 18%
  - August: 11%
  - September: 23%
  - October: 48%
  - November: 23%
  - December: 26%

- **2020**
  - January: 18%

**Referrals processed* per month in the last 6 months**
(updated on a monthly basis)

- **2019**
  - August: 482
  - September: 616
  - October: 930
  - November: 878
  - December: 873

- **2020**
  - January: 1,272

*Placement issued or referral cancelled upon verification

**Estimated UAC population disaggregated by nationality**
5424 UAC

- **Pakistan**: 21%
- **Afghanistan**: 44%
- **Syria**: 11%
- **Other**: 24%

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