

# Cash Assistance Update



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Wiam, an eleven-year-old refugee from Syria, tests her new glasses in an optic shop in Tripoli, Peloponnese, where she lives with her family. The family of nine fled Syria in 2017 and are now settled in an apartment in Tripoli, where Wiam and her siblings are attending school. UNHCR provides cash-assistance to restore dignity, increase empowerment and allow people the choice of how to cover their basic needs, as part of the EU-funded ESTIA programme.

## Overview

In March, 96,324 eligible refugees and asylum-seekers (48,928 families) received cash assistance in Greece, in 119 locations.

UNHCR provides cash assistance in Greece, as part of the ESTIA programme, funded by the European Commission. Cash assistance restores dignity and empowers asylum-seekers and refugees who can now choose how to cover their basic needs. It also contributes directly to the economy of the host community through the purchase of services and goods. UNHCR in Greece works with the Greece Cash Alliance partners the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), Catholic Relief Services (CRS) and METAdrasi.

**96,324**

Number of individuals assisted <sup>1</sup>

**48,928**

Number of cash cards <sup>1</sup>

**9.3 M €**

Cash distributed (Euros) <sup>1</sup>

## Demographics of Refugees and Asylum-Seekers Assisted with Cash

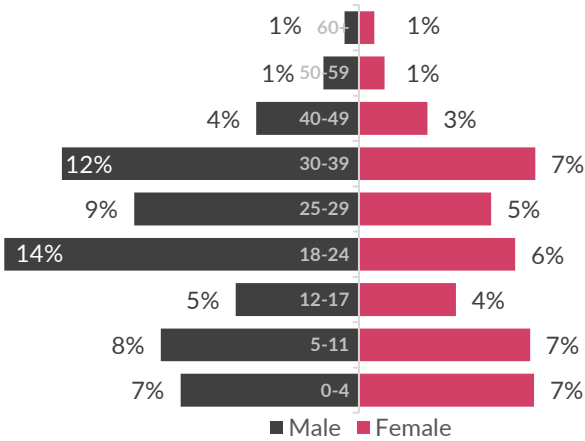
Since April 2017, 177,218 eligible individuals have received cash assistance in Greece at least once. Eligibility is assessed on the basis of one's date of entry in the country, legal status and current location.

Of the 96,324 individuals who received cash assistance this month, 12,436 have international protection in Greece. Out of 48,928 families, 23% were women, 40% men and 37% children.

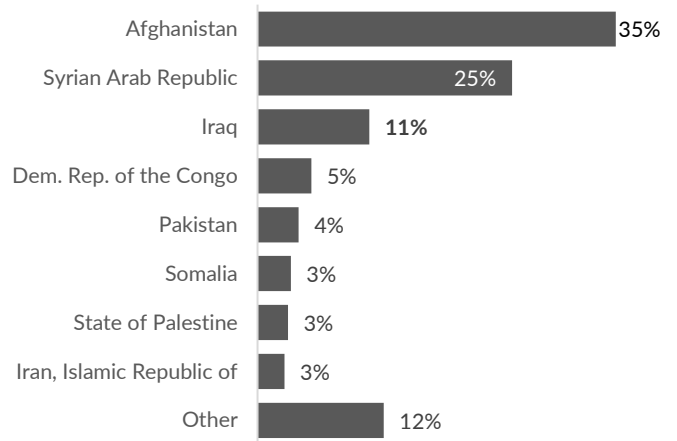
31% of all who received cash assistance this month were families of five members or more and a further 33% were single adults. 76% of individuals in the cash assistance scheme are from, Afghanistan, Syrian Arab Republic, Iraq and Democratic Republic of Congo.

The amount of cash assistance distributed to each household is proportionate to the family size. It ranges between 90 euros for an individual in catered accommodation, to 550 euros for a family of seven members or more in self-catered accommodation.

Age & Gender breakdown

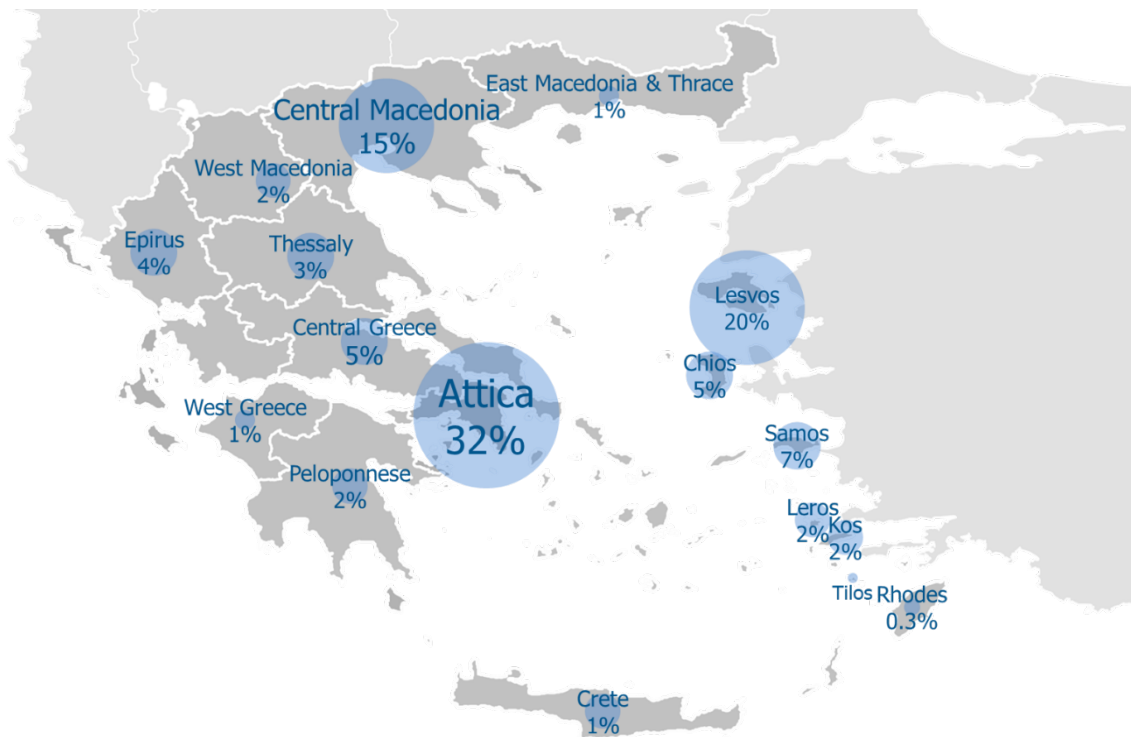


Nationality breakdown



## Location of Individuals Receiving Cash Assistance

Asylum-seekers and refugees receiving cash assistance reside in 119 locations in Greece. 32% of those receiving cash assistance are located in Attica, with 37% currently on the islands and a further 15% in Central Macedonia.



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