Situation Update: Unaccompanied Children (UAC) in Greece
31 July 2018

Key Facts

3,400* Estimated number of UAC currently in Greece
Out of the total:
94.0% Boys
6.0% Girls
7.6% <14 years old

1,191 Total number of places in UAC shelters and SIL apartments

2,351* UAC in the waiting list for shelter, out of which:
350 in RICs
135 in Protective custody

14,566 Total number of UAC referrals received and processed between January 2016 and 31 July 2018.
Out of which:
12,215 have been processed and completed,
2,351* have been processed and are in the waiting list for shelter

*The numbers of total estimated children and children in the waiting list include 220 separated children

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

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Number of places in UAC shelters and SIL apartments vs. Waiting list
31 October 2017 – 31 July 2018

As of 31 July, there were 56 vacant and 84 suspended places in shelters

Reported place of stay of children in the waiting list – Total: 2351

- Protective custody
- 39 to be moved to Safe zones or Hotels
- 135
- Reception and Identification Centers
- 3 to be moved to Safe zones or Hotels
- 350
- Open temporary accommodation facilities
- 157
- Safe zones
- 260
- Hotels (Emergency accommodation)
- 430
- Reported as homeless
- 477
- Informal housing arrangements
- 253
- No location reported
- 289

Waiting list disaggregated by sex and type

Boys
- UAC
- Separated

Girls
- UAC
- Separated

Number of UAC in Reception and Identification Centers/Protective Custody
31 October 2017 – 31 July 2018

3 UAC in RICs and 39 in Protective custody are already planned to be transferred to a safe zone or hotel

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Key Facts
as of 31 July 2018

UAC shelters
- Current: 53 UAC shelters with total 1,175 places

SIL (Supported Independent Living) apartments
- Current: 4 SIL apartments for UAC older than 16 years old with total 16 places

Safe zones* (short-term)
- Current: 10 Safe Zones for UAC with total 300 places

Hotels** (emergency)
- Current: 12 Hotels for UAC with total 550 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
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Number of UAC Referrals to EKKA by month
(updated on a monthly basis)

Referrals processed* per month in 2018
(updated on a monthly basis)

*Placement issued or referral cancelled upon verification

Monthly UAC referrals to EKKA by nationality
1 August 2017 – 31 July 2018
(updated on a monthly basis)

Estimated UAC population disaggregated by nationality
3400 UAC

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