Situation Update: Unaccompanied Children (UAC) in Greece

31 July 2020

Number of UAC per accommodation type
31 October 2019 – 31 July 2020

Number of UAC in Reception and Identification Centers/Protective Custody
31 October 2019 – 31 July 2020

Additional information:

- **1005** UAC (57 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 37 UAC with no location reported by the referral agent. EKKA is in the process of updating this information.

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**Key Facts**

- **2266** children in long term or temporary accommodation
- **904** children in RICs
- **193** children in Protective custody
- **190** children in Open temporary accommodation facilities
- **1005** children in Insecure housing conditions

*The above numbers include **229** separated children, and **227** pending transfer to long term or temporary accommodation

- **4558** children in total out of which:
  - **93.1%** Boys
  - **6.9%** Girls
  - **7.6%** <14 years old

**Number of places**

- **1,703** Total number of places in long term accommodation (Shelters/SIL)
- **899** Total number of places in temporary accommodation (Safe zones/Emergency hotels/Emergency Accommodation Sites)

Figures dynamically change and may be adjusted based on verification by EKKA. All figures are based on referrals.
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Number and places of UAC shelters, safe zones, hotels and emergency accommodation sites, 31 July 2020

Key Facts
as of 31 July 2020

UAC shelters
- Current: 57 UAC shelters with total 1519 places

SIL (Supported Independent Living) apartments
- Current: 46 SIL apartments for UAC older than 16 years old with total 184 places
- Planned: 19 SIL apartments with total 76 places

Safe zones*
- Current: 13 Safe Zones for UAC with total 390 places

Hotels** and emergency accommodation sites (E.A.S.)
- Current: 10 Hotels for UAC with total 479 places (1 acts as a transit hub for UAC relocation)
- Current: 1 E.A.S. for UAC with total 30 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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Total number of UAC referrals received between January 2016 and July 2020: 31,483

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

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

Monthly UAC referrals to EKKA by nationality
1 August 2019 – 31 July 2020 (updated on a monthly basis)

Estimated UAC population disaggregated by nationality
4,558 UAC

Referrals processed: Placement issued or referral cancelled upon verification

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