VOLUNTARY SCHEME FOR THE RELOCATION FROM GREECE TO OTHER EUROPEAN COUNTRIES

With the twin objectives to support vulnerable groups and enhance solidarity among European Union (EU) Member States and associated countries, IOM, in collaboration with EASO, UNHCR and UNICEF is supporting the Greek Government, the Ministry of Migration and Asylum, the Special Secretary for the Protection of Unaccompanied Migrant Children and the General Secretary of Migration Policy in relocating asylum seekers from Greece to other EU Member States. The voluntary mechanism aims to prepare and relocate 1,600 Unaccompanied Migrant Children (UMC) and families. This includes applicants and beneficiaries of international protection, including children with severe medical conditions or other vulnerabilities who are accompanied by their family members. IOM is collaborating with its partners and other sub-contracted organizations (ARIS, Merimna, METAdrasi, PRAKIS, Syn-eirnomos, Terre des Hommes) to ensure beneficiaries travel in a safe and dignified manner and to prepare them before departure with enhanced skills and information to ease their integration in the Member State of Relocation (MSR). The project is funded by the Directorate for Migration and Home Affairs of the European Commission.

Steps in the EU Relocation Procedure
- Identification of beneficiaries
- Best interest assessment (BIA)
- Accompaniment of beneficiaries
- Accommodation prior to departure
- Pre-migration health activities
- Pre-departure orientation sessions (PDO) and pre-embarkation information
- Airport assistance and provision of escorts during the flight
- Movement management and reception assistance

NATIONALITY BREAKDOWN
- 51% Afghanistan
- 23% Syria
- 7% Iraq
- 6% Palestinian Territories
- 4% Somalia
- 9% Others

Up to: 18/12/2020
Data updated upon every relocation

TOTAL NUMBER OF RELOCATIONS
2,059

UMC Unaccompanied Migrant Children
- Male 95%
- Female 5%

FAMILIES Applicants of international protection
- Children 709
  - Male 33%
  - Female 27%
- Adults 477
  - Male 19%
  - Female 21%

FAMILIES Beneficiaries of international protection
- Children 169
  - Male 30%
  - Female 28%
- Adults 151
  - Male 15%
  - Female 27%