Situation Update: Unaccompanied Children (UAC) in Greece

31 August 2020

Number of UAC per accommodation type
30 November 2019 – 31 August 2020

Number of UAC in Reception and Identification Centers/Protective Custody
30 November 2019 – 31 August 2020

Additionally, 1031 UAC (39 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 36 UAC with no location reported by the referral agent. EKKA is in the process of updating this information.

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Number and places of UAC shelters, safe zones, hotels and emergency accommodation sites, 31 August 2020

Key Facts
as of 31 August 2020

UAC shelters
- Current: 59 UAC shelters with total 1599 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: 8 Hotels for UAC with total 395 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.

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Available places by type and region

Current capacity compared to previous months

Peloponnesus:
- 1 SIL - 4 places

Central Greece:
- 2 safe zones - 60 places

Chios:
- 1 shelter - 18 places

Lesvos:
- 6 shelters - 152 places
  1 E.A.S. - 30 places

East Macedonia and Thrace:
- 3 shelters - 61 places
  2 safe zone - 60 places

Central Macedonia:
- 6 shelters - 171 places
  13 SIL - 52 places
  4 safe zones - 120 places
  4 hotels - 155 places

Epirus:
- 3 shelters - 120 places
  7 SIL - 28 places
  1 safe zone - 30 places
  2 hotels - 80 places

Thessaly:
- 3 shelters - 100 places

Western Greece:
- 2 shelters - 49 places

Samos:
- 1 shelter - 17 places

Western Macedonia:
- 2 shelters - 76 places

Attica:
- 32 shelters - 835 places
  25 SIL - 100 places
  4 safe zones - 120 places
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Total Long term places (Shelters/SIL)

Total temporary places (Safe zones/Hotels/E.A.S.)

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31937 Total number of UAC referrals received between January 2016 and August 2020.

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 September 2019 – 31 August 2020
(updated on a monthly basis)

Estimated UAC population disaggregated by nationality

*Placement issued or referral cancelled upon verification

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