Situation Update: Unaccompanied Children (UAC) in Greece

15 August 2020

**Key Facts**

- **2227** children in long term or temporary accommodation
- **900** children in Reception and Identification Centers (RICs)
- **205** children in Protective custody
- **189** children in Open temporary accommodation facilities
- **990** children in Insecure housing conditions

*The above numbers include **225** separated children, and **178** pending transfer to long term or temporary accommodation

- **4511** children in total out of which:
  - **93.0%** Boys
  - **7.0%** Girls
  - **7.7%** <14 years old

**Number of places**

- **1,751** 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.

Additionally, **990** UAC (31 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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**Key Facts**

**as of 15 August 2020**

**UAC shelters**
- Current: 58 UAC shelters with total 1559 places

**SIL (Supported Independent Living) apartments**
- Current: 48 SIL apartments for UAC older than 16 years old with total 192 places
- Planned: 17 SIL apartments with total 68 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.

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Number and places of UAC shelters, safe zones, hotels and emergency accommodation sites, 15 August 2020

**Available places by type and region**

- **Western Macedonia**: 2 shelters - 76 places
- **Epirus**: 3 shelters - 120 places 7 SIL - 28 places 1 safe zone - 30 places 2 hotels - 80 places
- **Thessaly**: 3 shelters - 100 places
- **Central Macedonia**: 5 shelters - 135 places 13 SIL - 52 places 4 safe zones - 120 places 5 hotels - 200 places
- **Lesvos**: 6 shelters - 148 places 1 E.A.S. - 30 places
- **Chios**: 1 shelter - 18 places
- **Samos**: 1 shelter - 17 places
- **Peloponnesus**: 1 SIL - 4 places
- **Central Greece**: 2 safe zones - 60 places
- **Attica**: 32 shelters - 835 places 27 SIL - 108 places 4 safe zones - 120 places 3 hotels - 199 places
- **East Macedonia and Thrace**: 3 shelters - 61 places 2 safe zone - 60 places
- **Western Greece**: 2 shelters - 49 places
- **Epirus**: 6 shelters - 317 places 13 SIL - 144 places 5 safe zones - 105 places 2 hotels - 126 places
- **Peloponnesus**: 1 shelter - 4 places

**Current capacity compared to previous months**

- **Total Long term places (Shelters/SIL)**
- **Total temporary places (Safe zones/Hotels/E.A.S.)**
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**Number of UAC Referrals to EKKA by month**
(updated on a monthly basis)

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

31483 Total number of UAC referrals received between January 2016 and July 2020.

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

**Estimated UAC population disaggregated by nationality**
4511 UAC

*Placement issued or referral cancelled upon verification

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