Situation Update: Unaccompanied Children (UAC) in Greece
31 January 2019

Key Facts

3,718* Estimated number of UAC currently in Greece
Out of the total:
93,9% Boys
6,1% Girls
7,3% <14 years old

1,035* Total number of places in long term accommodation (Shelters/SIL)
890 Total number of places in temporary accommodation (Safe zones/Emergency hotels)

1,983* children out of long term or temporary accommodation, out of which:
711 in RICs
86 in Protective custody
115 pending transfer to long term or temporary accommodation

*The numbers include 254 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 and places of UAC shelters, safe zones and hotels, 31 January 2019

Key Facts
as of 31 January 2019

UAC shelters
- Current: 46 UAC shelters with total 1,007 places
- Planned: 3 UAC shelters with total 92 places

SIL (Supported Independent Living) apartments
- Current: 7 SIL apartments for UAC older than 16 years old with total 28 places

Safe zones*
- Current: 10 Safe Zones for UAC with total 300 places

Hotels**
- Current: 15 Hotels for UAC with total 590 places
- Planned: 1 Hotels for UAC with total 35 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 2019
(updated on a monthly basis)

*Placement issued or referral cancelled upon verification

18,295 Total number of UAC referrals received between January 2016 and January 2019.

Monthly UAC referrals to EKKA by nationality
1 February 2018 – 31 January 2019
(updated on a monthly basis)

Estimated UAC population disaggregated by nationality
3718 UAC

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