**Refugee and migrant children in Greece**

As of 31 March 2019

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**Key figures**

- **28,000** estimated number of refugee and migrant children across Greece. Among them, **3,535** unaccompanied children.
- **88** accompanied children have been returned to Turkey, in the framework of the EU - Turkey statement (20 March 2016 - 31 March 2019).
- **137** unaccompanied children received international protection in Greece on first instance in 2019.

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**Number of available places in long term accommodation for UAC (shelters and Supported Independent Living programme (SIL), March 2019)**

- Places in shelters: **1085**
- Places in SIL: **36**

**Number of available places in temporary accommodation for UAC (safe zones and UAC hotels, March 2019)**

- Places in safe zones: **300**
- Places in hotels for UAC: **660**

**Total number of UAC in need of long term accommodation (March 2019)**

- **2414**

Out of the estimated **3,535** unaccompanied children in Greece, approximately **2,414** (including **82** in protective custody) are still in need of long term accommodation.

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40% of the total sea arrivals in 2019 were children. Among total sea arrivals 6% were unaccompanied children.

The main countries of origin of children arriving by sea in Greece during Jan-Feb 2019 were Afghanistan (64%), Iraq (14%), Syria (10%) and other countries (12%).

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