GREECE Accommodation update

In Kilkis, a small city in northern Greece, families uprooted by conflict in Syria have found peace and a place to call home. The families are accommodated in dignified conditions in apartments, managed by Omnes voluntary association, in collaboration with UNHCR's partner Iliaktida. Gradually they become part of the local community that had once welcomed refugees of Greek origin.

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Overview

By the end of September, UNHCR had created 17,661 places in the accommodation scheme as part of ESTIA, in 2,806 separate facilities and 19 cities across Greece. 83% of these places were occupied.

Vulnerable asylum-seekers and refugees in Greece can avail of rented housing through the accommodation scheme.[1] Urban accommodation helps provide people with a sense of normalcy and facilitates their access to services, including education and health. People also receive support from social workers, interpreters, and guardians if they are unaccompanied children. The teams help them access medical services, employment, language courses and recreational activities.

17,661
Number of accommodation places [2]

2,806
Number of units [2]

83%
Occupancy rate [3]

Demographics of refugees and asylum seekers accommodated

In total, since November 2015, 35,941 individuals have benefitted from the accommodation scheme. 13,342 persons were accommodated as of the end of September 2017. Of those, 50% were children, 25% were women and 25% were men. The vast majority of those accommodated are families, with the average family size of four people. Almost 2,000 single individuals were also accommodated.

24% of the residents have at least one of the vulnerabilities that make them eligible for the accommodation scheme. The three most common vulnerabilities are:
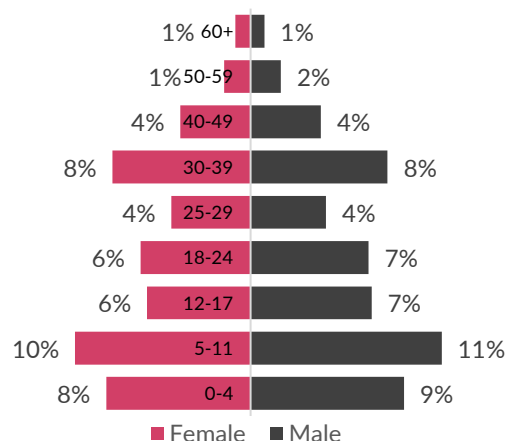
Age	Female	Male
60+	1%	1%
50-59	1%	2%
40-49	4%	4%
30-39	8%	8%
25-29	4%	4%
18-24	6%	7%
12-17	6%	7%
5-11	10%	11%
0-4	8%	9%

■ Female ■ Male

8%
Serious medical condition

5%
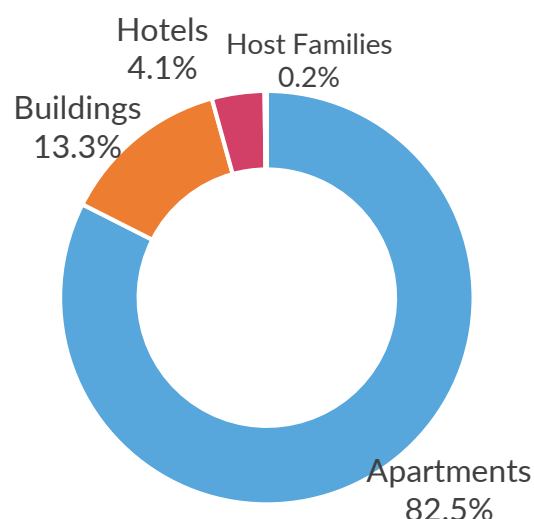Single parent or caregiver

4%
Woman at risk

Demographics of refugees and asylum seekers accommodated

90% of individuals in the accommodation scheme are Syrian, Iraqi, Afghan, Palestinian or Iranian. The individuals accommodated as of the end of September 2017 speak 31 different first languages.
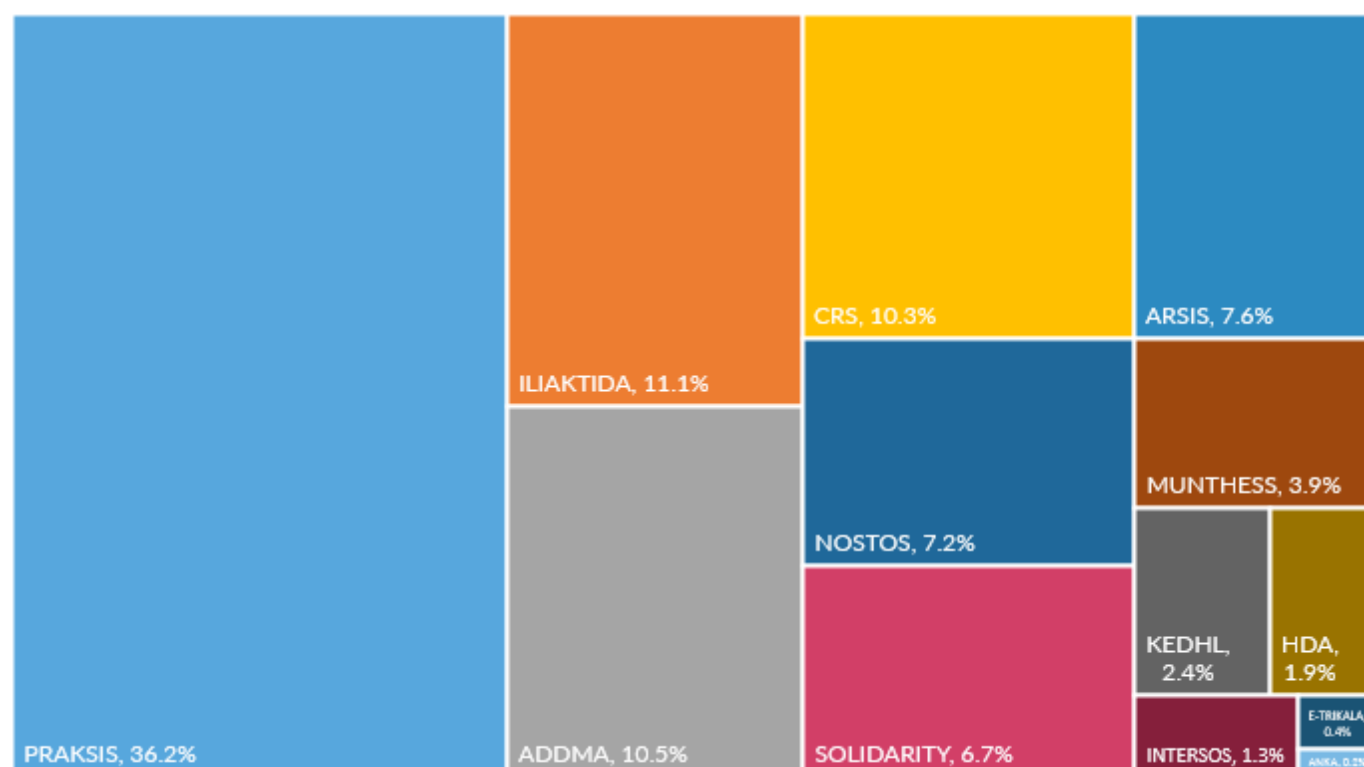
Syrian Arab Republic — 52%
Iraq — 17%
Afghanistan — 16%
Palestine — 2%
Iran, Islamic Republic of — 2%
Other — 10%

Type of accommodation units

Just over four in five accommodation units are apartments, followed by buildings and hotels (13% and 4% respectively).

Hotels 4.1%
Host Families 0.2%
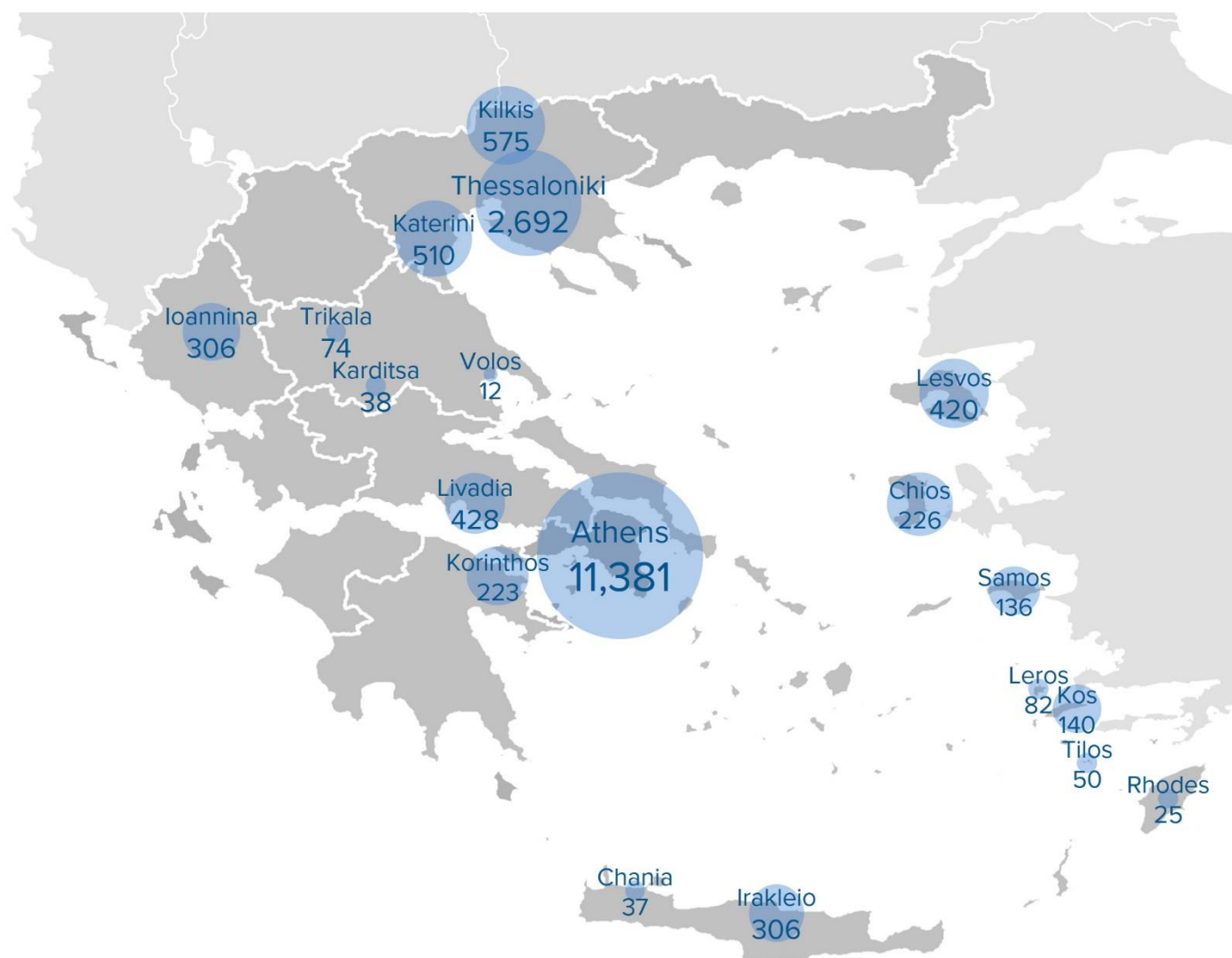Buildings 13.3%
Apartments 82.5%

Partners

At the end of September 2017, the accommodation scheme had 15 partners, seven national and international organizations and eight municipalities: Praksis, Iliaktida, CRS, Arsis, Solidarity Now, Nostos, Intersos, and the municipalities of Athens, Thessaloniki, Livadia, Trikala, Karditsa, and a consortium of municipalities in Crete. In total, partners managed by UNHCR provided 94% of the accommodation spaces in Greece. In September, two additional municipalities joined the scheme, those of Larissa and of Nea Philadelphia - Nea Chalkidona.

PRAKSIS, 36.2%
ILIAKTIDA, 11.1%
ADDMA, 10.5%
CRS, 10.3%
NOSTOS, 7.2%
SOLIDARITY, 6.7%
ARSIS, 7.6%
MUNTHESS, 3.9%
KEDHL, 2.4%
HDA, 1.9%
INTERSOS, 1.3%
E-TRIKALA, 0.4%
ANKA, 0.2%

Location of accommodation

Accommodation for asylum-seekers and refugees is provided in 19 cities in Greece. 64% of the accommodation places are located in Athens, with 6% currently on the islands.

Kilkis
575

Thessaloniki
2,692

Katerini
510

Ioannina
306

Trikala
74

Karditsa
38

Volos
12

Lesvos
420

Livadia
428

Athens
11,381

Korinthos
223

Chios
226

Samos
136

Leros
82

Kos
140

Tilos
50

Rhodes
25

Chania
37

Irakleio
306

Total beneficiaries

In total, since November 2015, 35,941 individuals have benefitted from the accommodation scheme.

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Total number of individuals accommodated

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