

Cash Assistance Update



29 years old Aya, an asylum-seeker that lives in Thessaloniki, shops in the local bakery with her three children, Liliana, Salima and Ali. UNHCR provides cash-assistance to restore dignity, increase empowerment and allow people the choice of how to cover their basic needs, as part of the co-funded by the EU ESTIA programme.

Overview

In February, 93,861 eligible refugees and asylum-seekers (47,463 families) received cash assistance in Greece, in 118 locations.

UNHCR provides cash assistance in Greece, as part of the ESTIA programme, funded by the European Commission. Cash assistance restores dignity and empowers asylum-seekers and refugees who can now choose how to cover their basic needs. It also contributes directly to the economy of the host community through the purchase of services and goods. UNHCR in Greece works with the Greece Cash Alliance partners the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), Catholic Relief Services (CRS) and METAdrasi.

93,861

Number of individuals assisted¹

47,463

Number of cash cards¹

9.1 M €

Cash distributed (Euros)¹

Demographics of Refugees and Asylum-Seekers Assisted with Cash

Since April 2017, 172,461 eligible individuals have received cash assistance in Greece at least once. Eligibility is assessed on the basis of one's date of entry in the country, legal status and current location.

Of the 93,861 individuals who received cash assistance this month, 13,000 have international protection in Greece. Out of 47,463 families, 23% were women, 40% men and 37% children.

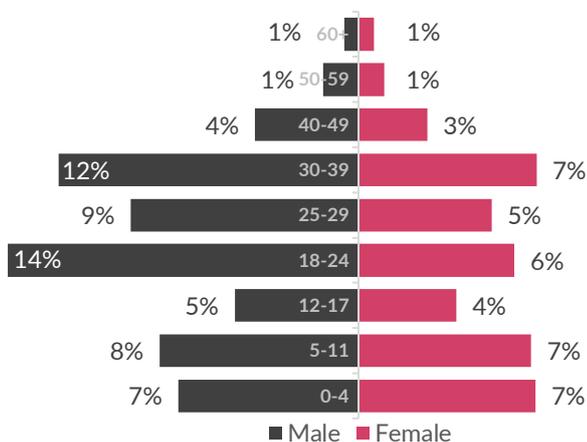
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¹ Source: Greek Cash Alliance during February 2020. Figures are subject to future adjustment and should not be considered final. Due to rounding, some totals may not correspond with the sum of the separate figures.

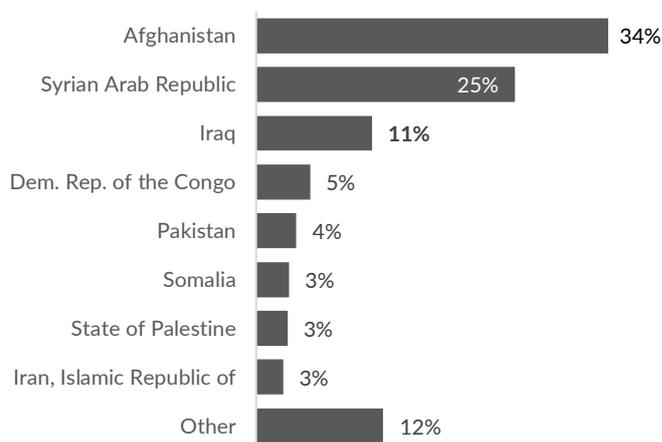
31% of all who received cash assistance this month were families of five members or more and a further 33% were single adults. 75% of individuals in the cash assistance scheme are from, Afghanistan, Syrian Arab Republic, Iraq and Democratic Republic of Congo.

The amount of cash assistance distributed to each household is proportionate to the family size. It ranges between 90 euros for an individual in catered accommodation, to 550 euros for a family of seven members or more in self-catered accommodation.

Age & Gender breakdown

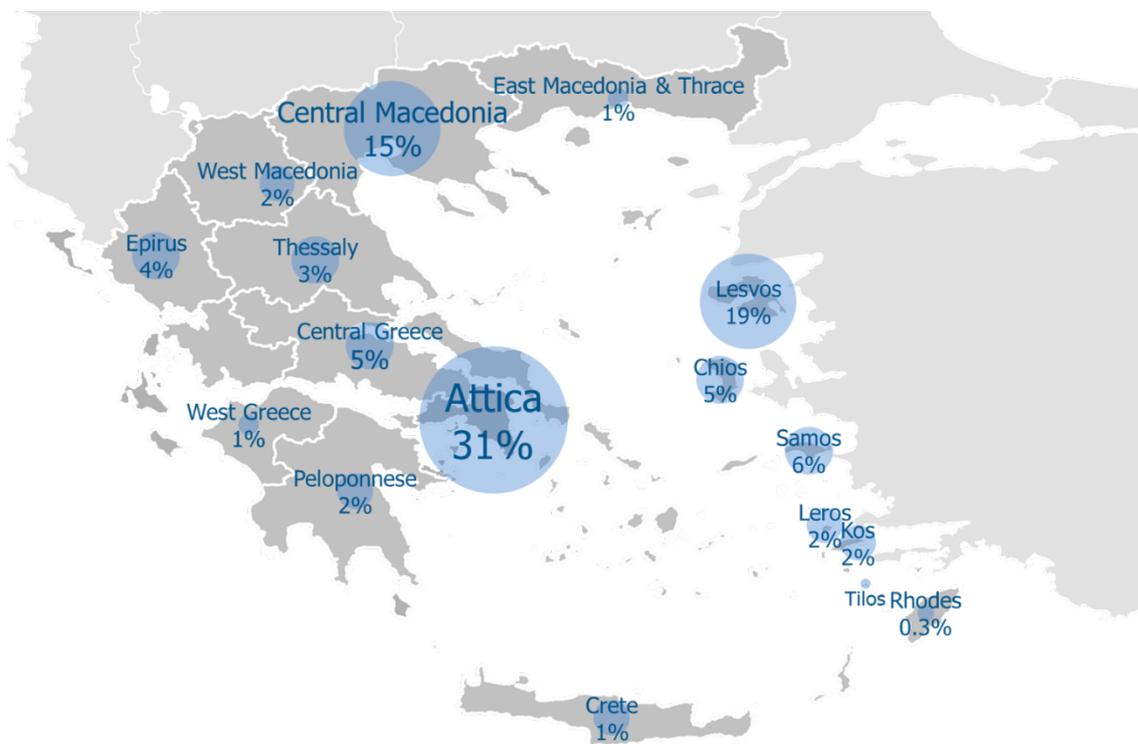


Nationality breakdown



Location of Individuals Receiving Cash Assistance

Asylum-seekers and refugees receiving cash assistance reside in 118 locations in Greece. 31% of those receiving cash assistance are located in Attica, with 35% currently on the islands and a further 15% in Central Macedonia.



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