

Data and experience of the  
Athens Juvenile Probation Office

# **THE UNACCOMPANIED MINORS IN THE JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM**

# The Greek Juvenile Justice System

- A combination of the welfare and justice model
- Protection and rehabilitation of young offenders while safeguarding their rights during legal proceedings

- Youth aged 12-18 who are accused of committing a criminal act are processed through the juvenile justice system
- Trial may take place even after 18 (max. age 25) due to court delays (average delay 2 years)

◎ Youth aged 12-15 are not penally liable  
→ treated with  
reformatory/therapeutic measures

◎ Youth aged 15-18 are penally liable  
→ **BUT** imprisonment restricted to  
violent offences, crimes against life or  
physical integrity

# Reformatory & Therapeutic measures

- ◎ Reprimand or Warning
- ◎ Parental supervision
- ◎ Supervision by foster family
- ◎ Probation Supervision by:
  - Juvenile Protection Association (ΕΠΑ)
  - Institutions
  - Juvenile Probation Officers \*\*\*\*

# Reformatory & Therapeutic measures

- ◎ Victim – offender mediation
- ◎ Compensation or reparation of the damage caused
- ◎ Community service imposed
- ◎ Participation in social, educational, mental health or substance abuse rehabilitation programmes

# Reformatory & Therapeutic measures

- ◎ Attendance of professional training programmes
- ◎ Attendance of traffic safety training programmes
- ◎ Intensive probation supervision
- ◎ Placement in the Educational Institution for Male Minors at Volos (ΙΑΑΣΕ ΒΟΛΟΥ)

# Reformatory & Therapeutic measures

After diagnosis and advice by specialised inter-professional team

- ◎ Attendance at community therapeutic programmes
- ◎ Attendance at therapeutic or other adequate closed institution



# The way to the Juvenile Court



# Athens Juvenile Probation Service

- ◎ The main public organization to treat juvenile delinquents who have offended or in danger of offending.

# The Juvenile Probation Officers

- Professionals from distinct disciplines, such as sw, sociology, law, social anthropology, psychology etc.
- Every professional regardless his/her educational background works as juvenile probation officer and has his/her own caseload.

# Main duties

## ● **Pre-trial:**

Psychosocial assessment resulting in written report to the Judge including probation officer's recommendation regarding treatment of the minor

## ● **Post-trial:**

Monitoring the implementation of reformatory & therapeutic measures  
Extensive counseling in case of probation order/referrals to specialised services

# Unaccompanied minors in the Athens Juvenile Probation Office(AJPO)

2017

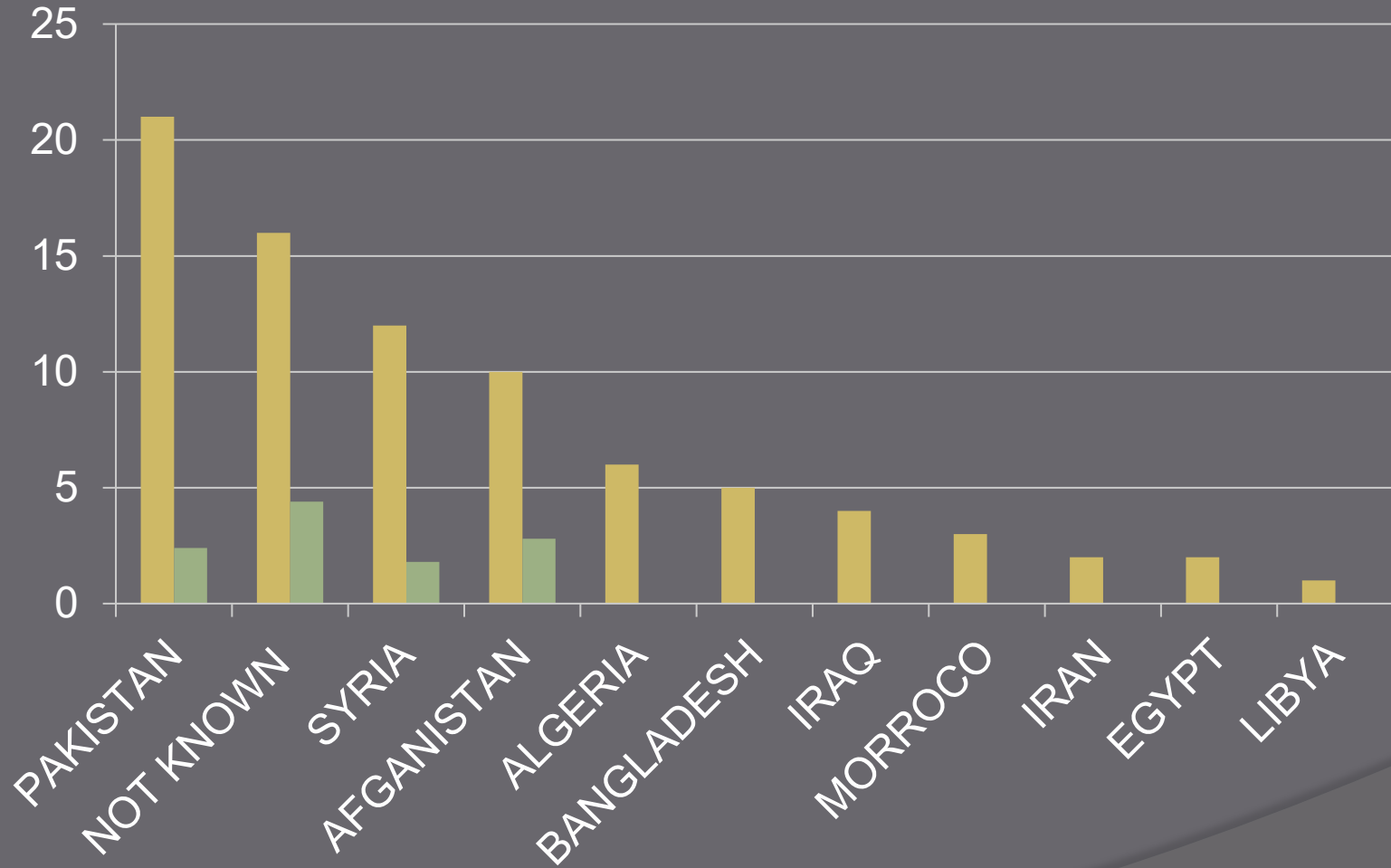
A growing number of unaccomp minors entered the justice system

Mainly referred to AJPO by the Magistrate due to felonies committed (drug selling & robberies)

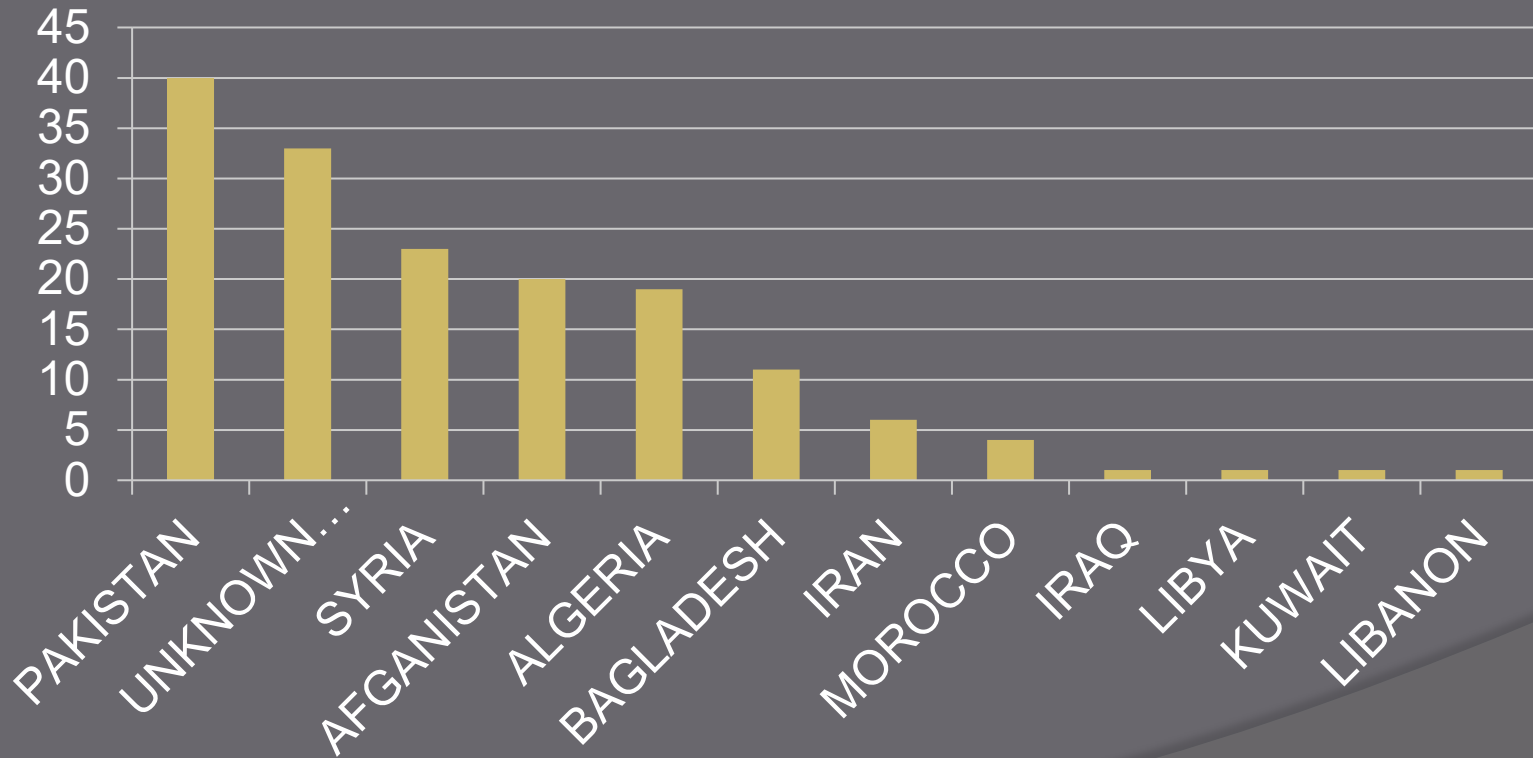
# Unaccompanied minors in the Athens Juvenile Probation Office

	2017	2018	2019	2020
TOTAL NEW ENTRIES	705	827	1.143	825
UNACOMP.MINORS	82	164	274	120

# 2017 NEW ENTRIES

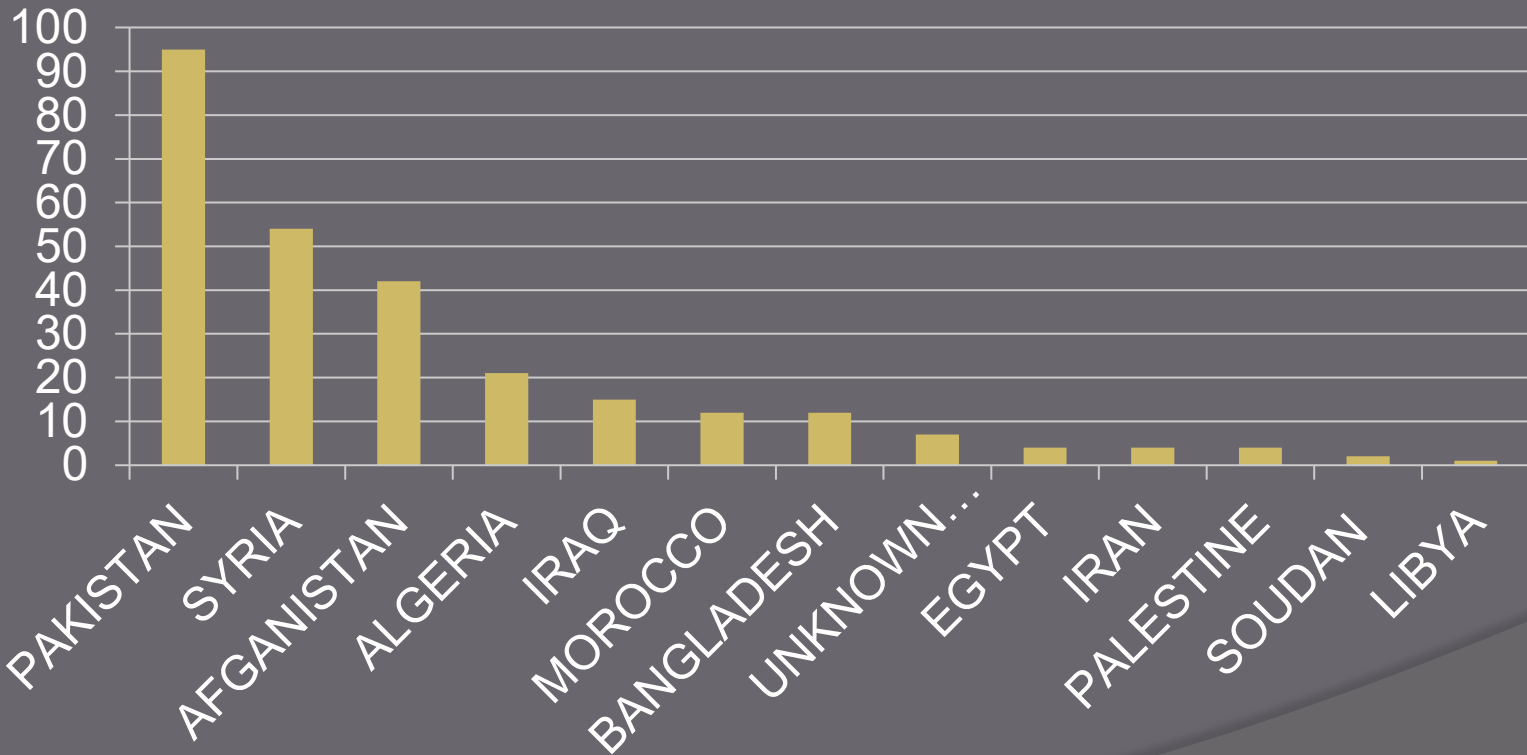


## 2018 NEW ENTRIES

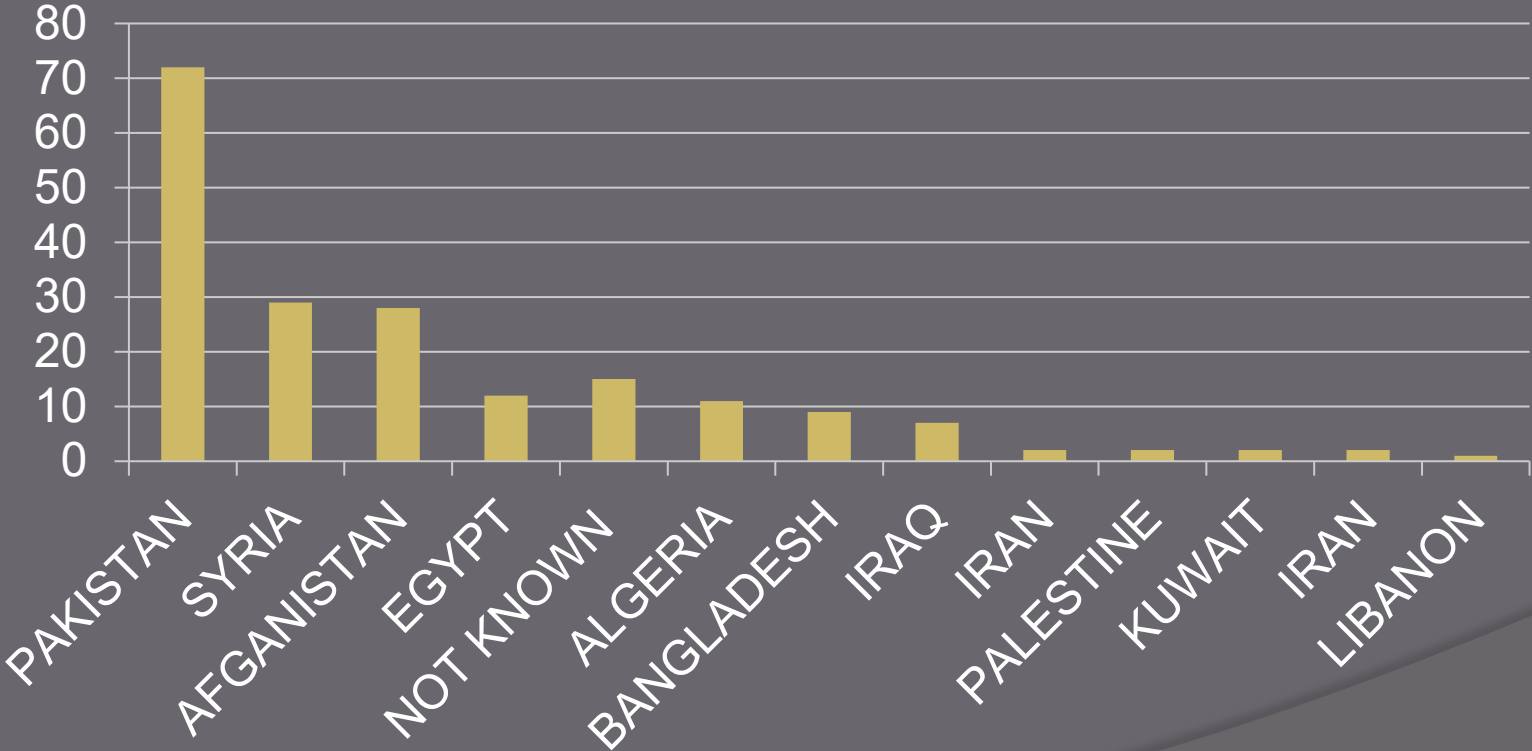




## 2019 NEW ENTRIES



# 2020 NEW ENTRIES



# Locating unaccompanied minors

1. Visits at the addresses declared
  2. Letters to the addresses declared
  3. Cooperation with the MMA
- The Special Secretariat for the protection of the unaccompanied minors
  - The Reception and Identification Service

# THE MAJORITY CANNOT BE LOCATED

- ❑ The search usually takes place average 2 years after the arrest
- ❑ False addresses/change of address even if the search takes place immediately
- ❑ Homelessness

# Minors at shelters

- ⦿ Minors who are accommodated are easier to find
- ⦿ Cooperation with child protection agents
- ⦿ The intervention is more likely to succeed

◎ Interpretation issues

◎ 18+ They leave the shelter

We lose information

Thank you for the attention!

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