

Child Protection - CHIOS

Chios RIC
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Children Population: developments, data and mobility

- Drop rate overview: **100** (estim. total)/ **60** (RIC) in Jan 2022
600 (estim. total)/ **500** (RIC) in Jan 2021
1350 (estim. total)/ **1150** (RIC) in Jan 2020

- Low number of arrivals, as of 15 March 2020
- High number of transfers to the mainland
- Swifter transfer of UAC to shelters in the mainland

Child Protection actors: competence and gaps

- PRAKSIS (UNHCR IP): case management (incl. legal aid & BIAs) for children at risk/within families and separated children – **with reduced capacity (staff)**
- IOM: management of UAC area, incl. case management activities – (currently 14 UAC)
- METAdrasi Guardian: representation of UAC, incl. Police/Frontex registration, legal aid/interview preparation & BIAs, **possible extension until Feb 2022**
- METAdrasi Shelter for UAC: 18 capacity – 17 occupancy – 11 staff
- RIS UASC Unit: administrative case management – 3 staff – recently unified with GBV unit/turned into «Vulnerabilities & UASC Unit»
- Cross-cutting challenge: reduced interpretation staff**

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Recent developments

- Conduct of asylum interviews of UAC on the island, as of October 2021
- Swift processing of UAC cases by the authorities (reception & asylum procedures, shelter placement decisions & transfers)
- Issuance and notification while still on the island of negative decisions for UAC (mainly Somali boys)
- Temporary reduction of schooling hours in NFE to 1-2 hrs per day (reduced METAdrasi NFE staff)

Preserved good practices

- Presence of METAdrasi Guardian during UAC registration by authorities
- Legal aid/representation of UAC (RIC and shelter) by METAdrasi Guardian
- Assessment of safe attachment/relationship between separated child and respective legal guardian before *and beyond* guardianship order, conducted by PRAKSIS – requested in written and endorsed by PP

Remaining challenges

- Living conditions for prolonged stay in the RIC - lack of CFS/space for recreational activities
- Age assessment procedure: significant number of children referred to Age Assessment procedure – conclusion of the procedure with the 3rd stage
- Lyceum-aged children of the RIC (mainly UAC) not attending formal education (Vocational Lyceum)

Thank you 😊