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Update on the National Guardianship System

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- Implementing and promoting the national guardianship system
- Safeguarding the best interests of unaccompanied minors
- Ensuring access to their rights
- Providing institutional guarantees
- Liaising and coordinating with competent authorities and relevant actors

Situation of UAC in Greece, **September 2024**

MoMA statistics for UAC (https://migration.gov.gr/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/SGVP_Statistics-September_EN.pdf)

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Situation Update: Unaccompanied Minors (UAM) in Greece

Reference Date: 01.09.2024

DIRECTORATE GENERAL ICT

Key Facts

*** 1.892 minors in total out of which:**
91% Boys
9% Girls
16% <15 years old
1.211 minors in **Accommodation Center**
149 minors in σε **Semi-Independent Living apartments (SIL)**
149 minors in **Emergency Accommodation Facilities**
337 minors in **Reception and Identification Centers & Closed Controlled Access Centers of Islands**
46 minors in **Controlled Accommodation Facilities for Asylum Seekers**

The number includes 99 **separated minors, who are accompanied by an adult who is not their primary legal guardian.* **& their care has not been assigned by a prosecutor's order.**
The number includes 3 **unaccompanied minors and 9 **minors with 3 caretakers from Ukraine.***

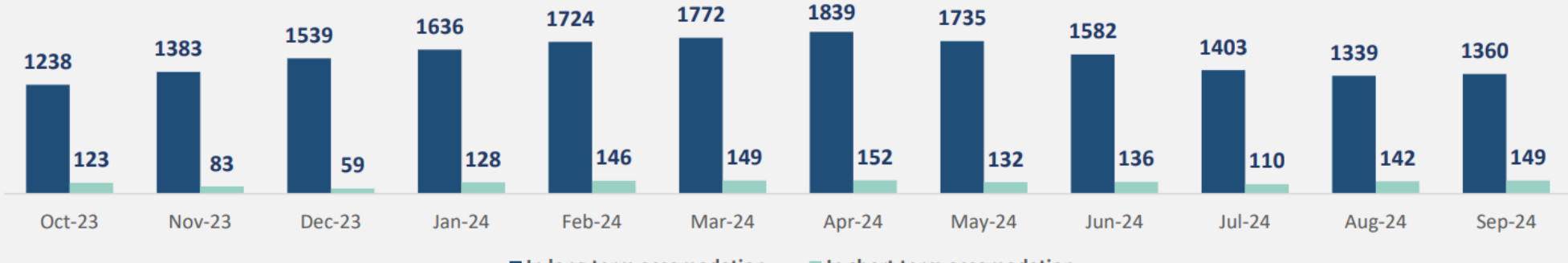
Number of places

1.767 places in **Accommodation Facilities** (Accommodation Centers/SIL apartments)
155 places in **Emergency Accommodation Facilities**

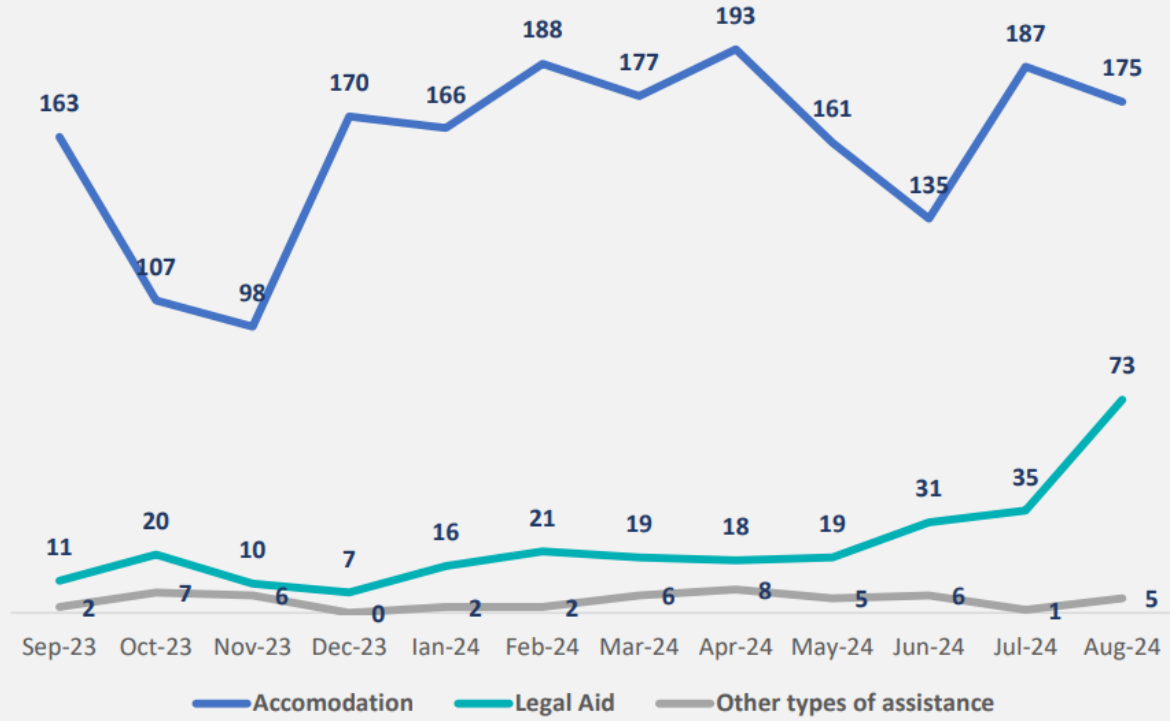
Figures dynamically change and may be adjusted based on verification by SSPUAM. All figures are based on referrals.

Number of UAM per accommodation type

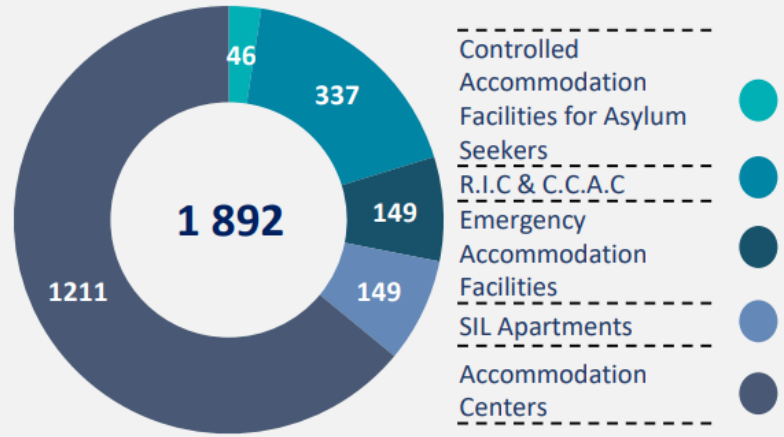
October 2023 – September 2024



National Emergency Response Mechanism



UAM analysis per accommodation type



The National Emergency Response Mechanism for Unaccompanied Minors (UAM) in precarious living conditions launched the telephone line in April 2021. Until today, the Mechanism received 12.450 calls, which concern 9.121 different cases of (UAMs), out of which 7.560 concern accommodation requests, 905 legal aid, and 652 other types of assistance. Since 02.03.2022, the line has received referrals for 4 unaccompanied, 10 orphans (with escorts) directly from an orphanage of Ukraine and 587 separated minors from Ukraine.*

*there are cases of unaccompanied minors whose status changes from unaccompanied to separated following their initial referral as well as due to their adulthood

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Number and places of UAM shelters, apartments SIL, emergency accommodation facilities, *September 2024*

Key Facts

UAM Shelters
-Current: 60 UAM shelters with total 1.537 places

SIL (Supported Independent Living apartments)
-Current: 58 SIL apartments for UAM with total 230 places

Emergency Accommodation facilities
-Current: 4 emergency accommodation facilities with total 155 places

Available places by type and region

Current Capacity compared to previous months

October 2023 – September 2024

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Number of UAM Referrals for accommodation to SGVP by month (2023 – 2024)

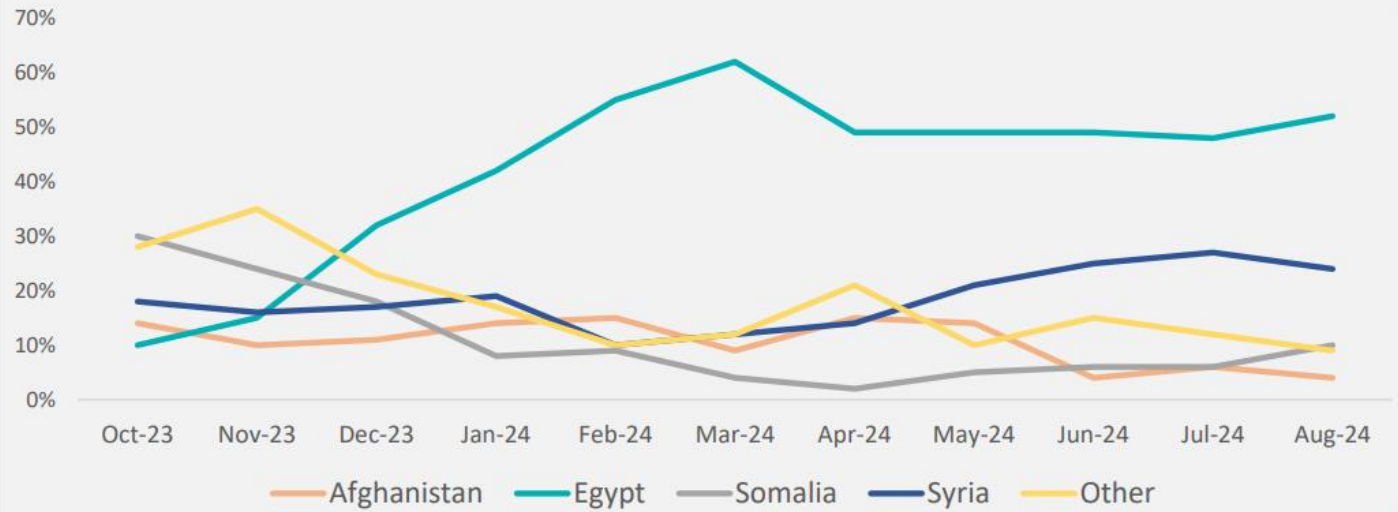
Referrals processed* per child and by month (2024)

53 712 Total number of UAM referrals
January 2016 - August 2024

*Placement issued or referral cancelled upon verification

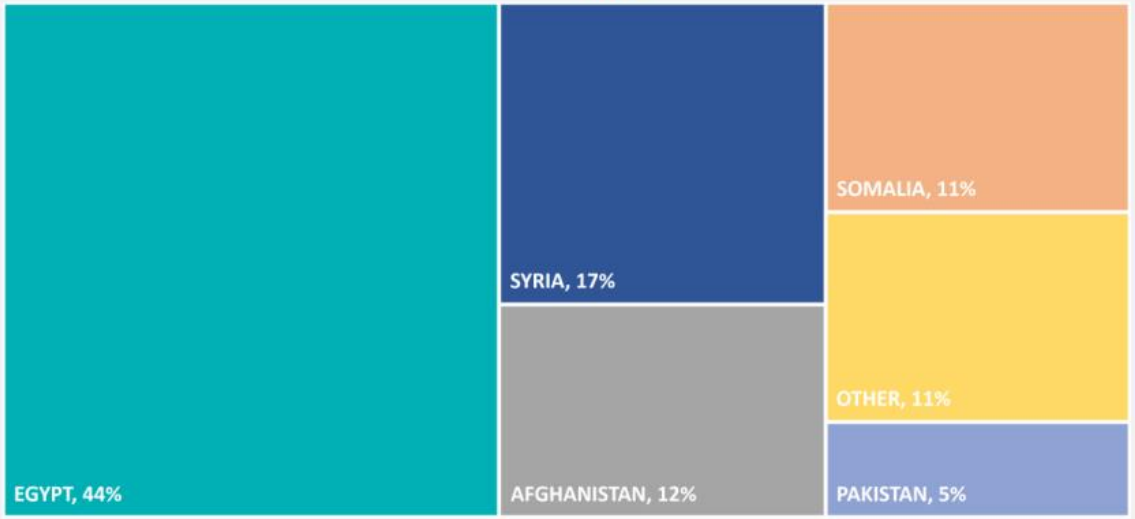
UAM referrals (%) for accommodation to SGVP by month and nationality

October 2023 – August 2024



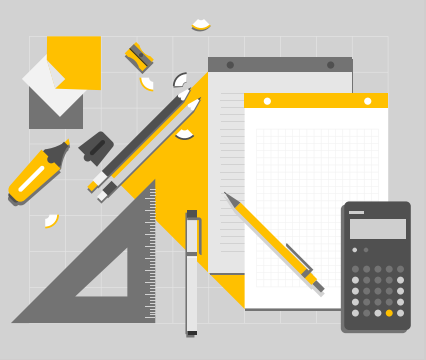
Estimated UAM population disaggregated by nationality

1.892



National Guardianship System for UAC in numbers…

- The implementation started **in January 2024.**
- 2 Guardianship Service Providers, **PRAKSIS and METAdrasi**
- 9 months of implementation and **more than 3.500 UAC** have been appointed a Guardian.
- Current number of UAC under Guardianship today: **2.021**
- Current number of active Guardianship Mandated Persons throughout Greece: **143**



Guardianship Mandated Persons throughout Greece

MAINLAND

- 71 Attica
- 3 Ritsona (Oinofyta, Thiva, Malakasa)
- 14 Thessaloniki (Lagkadikia, Diavata etc.)
- 1 Alexandria (Veroia, Imathia, etc.)
- 2 Alexandroupoli
- 1 Igoumenitsa
- 2 Serres
- 7 Ioannina
- 1 Kavala
- 2 Kalavryta
- 3 Kozani
- 3 Larisa
- 2 Makrinitsa
- 2 Orestiada
- 2 Patras
- 2 Chalkidiki

ISLANDS

- 8 Lesvos
- 3 Leros
- 2 Kos
- 6 Samos
- 4 Chios
- 2 Crete

Identified challenges

- **Delays** in the appointment of a Guardian by the Public Prosecutor's Office
- **Collaboration** between the Guardianship Mandated Persons and the staff of long-term accommodation facilities.
- Acknowledgment of the Guardian's role by the **authorities**.
- Continuous **movement of UAC within Greece** within Greece in relation to the provision of Guardianship services**.**
- **Administrative burden** related to the appointment of a Guardian.
- **Provision of continuous support and training** for Guardianship Mandated Persons.

Positive Impact of the National Guardianship System

- **Direct reporting** of incidents of neglect or abuse (of any form) of children.
- **Assessing the best interests** of the child before making an important decision through harmonised Best Interest Procedures.
- **Identifying gaps in the Child Protection system** (e.g. RICs, ACCACs, children in foster care, etc.).
- **Sharing of vital information is ensured** in cases involving UAC.
- Protection framework for separated children strengthened.

Any questions?

Thank you very much!

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