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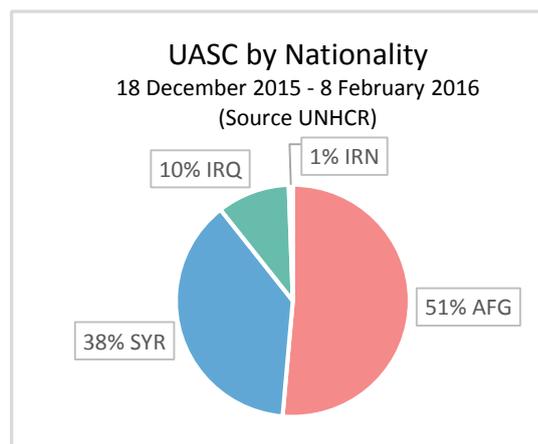
UNACCOMPANIED AND SEPARATED CHILDREN (UASC)

18 December 2015 – 8 February 2016

Profile of UASC:

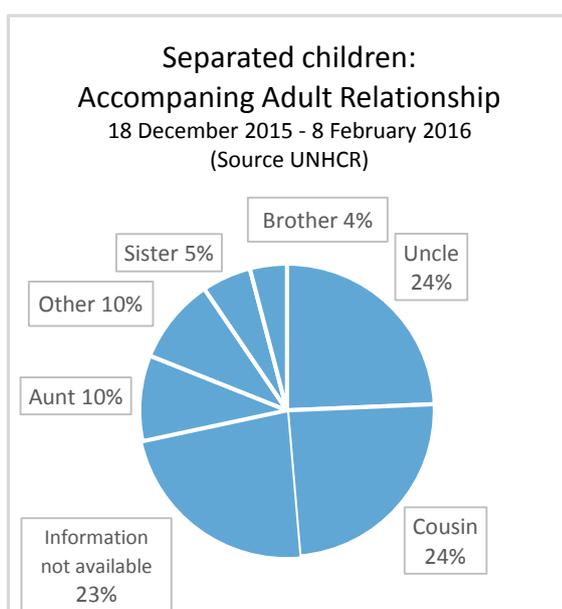
A total of **358 Unaccompanied and Separated Children (UASC)** were identified and interviewed in Vinojug and Tabanovce Transit centres between 18 December 2015 and 8 February 2016.

- 97% are boys (347) and 3% are girls (11).
- 85% are in the 15-17 years age group (295 boys and 9 girls).
- The majority (51%) are from Afghanistan (184), 38% from Syria (136), 10% from Iraq (36) and 1% from Iran (2).
- The majority of the Unaccompanied children are Afghan nationals¹ (155: 151 boys and 4 girls), followed by Syria (100: 98 boys and 2 girls), Iraq (27 boys), and Iran (2 boys), whereas the majority of Separated children are from Syria (36: 32 boys and 4 girls), followed by Afghanistan² (29: 28 boys and 1 girl), and Iraq (9 boys).



Age	Children
15-17 years	304
10-14 years	51
6-9	3
Total	358

Gender	Children
Male	347
Female	11
Total	358



- 79% (284) were Unaccompanied Children (UAC) and 21% (74) were Separated Children (SC)³.
- 68% of Separated children (50) were traveling with an adult relative (cousin, uncle/aunt or similar), whereas 9% (7) were travelling with brothers or sisters. Information is not available for 23% (17) of the Separated children.
- 78% of Separated children declared their parents were living in the Country of Origin (Syria, Iraq, Afghanistan, Iran).
- 14% of Syrian Separated children declared their parents were living outside Syria (Turkey, Lebanon, Iraq, Germany, Sweden).

¹ Out of the 155 with Afghan nationality, 15 are coming from Iran and 1 from Pakistan.

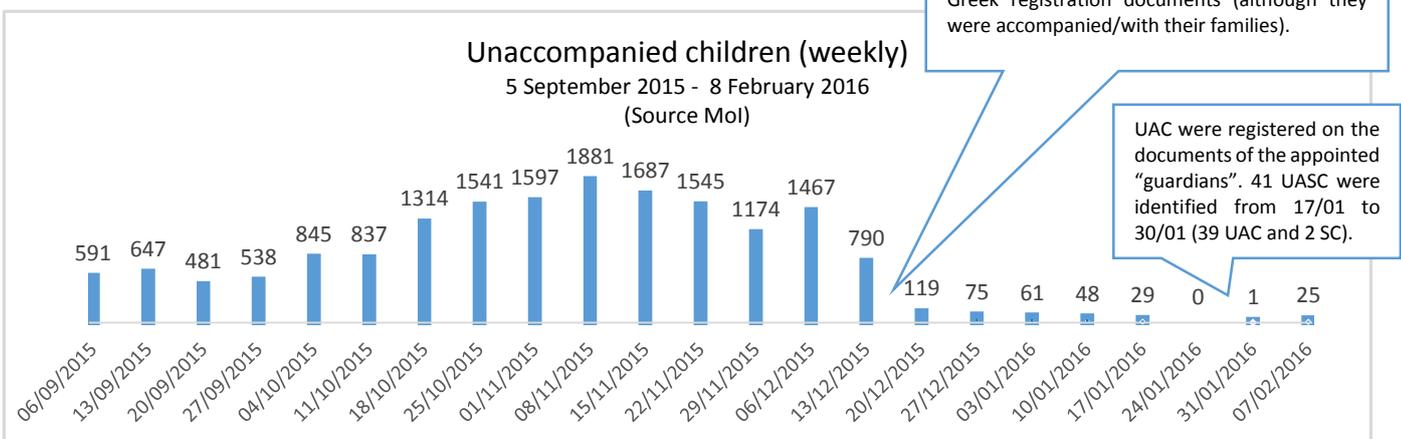
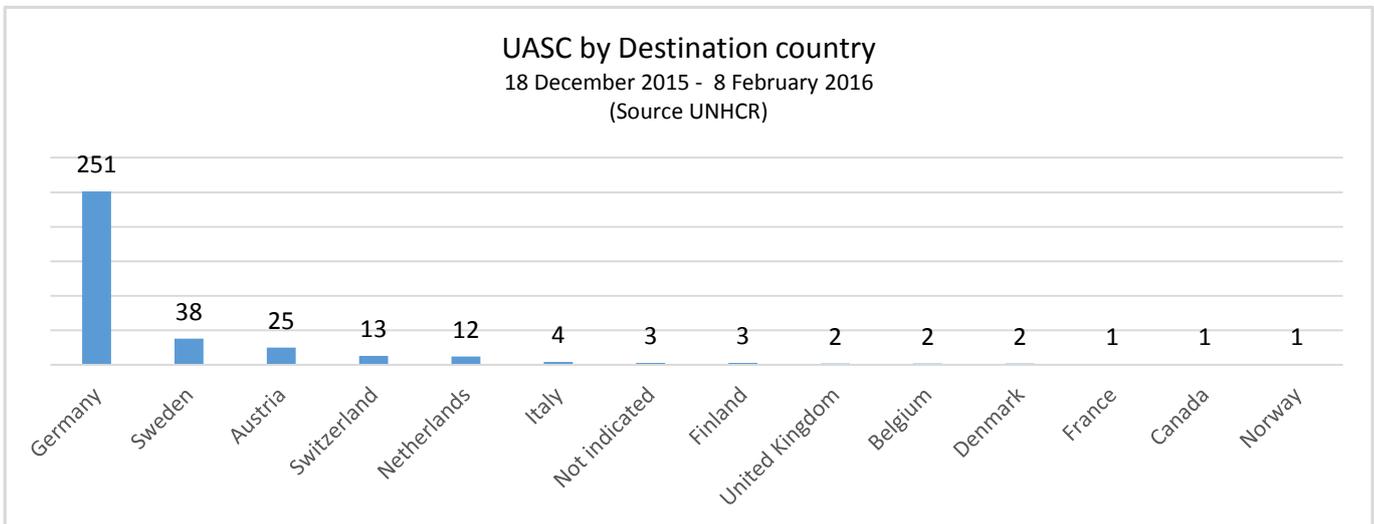
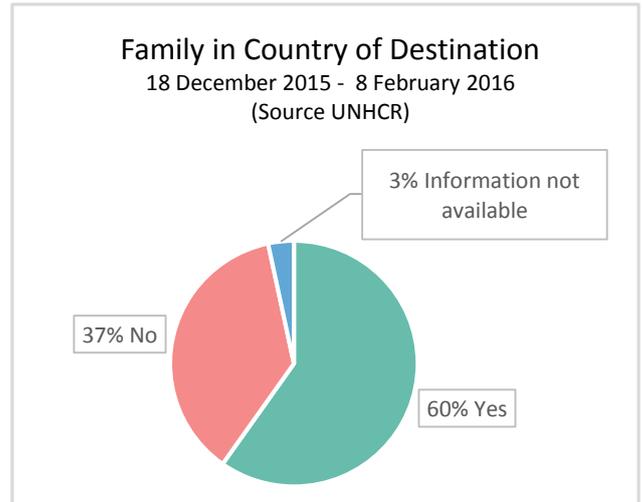
² Out of the 29 Afghan nationals, 2 are coming from Iran.

³ **Unaccompanied children:** are those who have been separated from both parents and other relatives and are not being cared for by an adult who, by law or custom, is responsible for doing so.

Separated children: are those separated from both parents, or from their previous legal or customary primary caregiver, but not necessarily from other relatives. These may, therefore, include children accompanied by other adult family members.

UASC on the move:

- 74% (264) of UASC declared to have both parents living in the country of origin. Two were 6 and 9 years old.
- 60% (214) of UASC stated to have one or more family members or relatives in the country of final destination. However 30% of them (61) claimed they did not have their contact.
- 37% (132) declared they had no family members or relatives in the country of destination, including 6 girls (2 separated and 4 unaccompanied).⁴
- 73% UASC without family members in the country of destination are Afghan nationals⁵ (96: 5 girls and 91 boys), 18% from Syria (24: 1 girl, 23 boys), and 9% from Iraq (12 boys).
- 70% (251 UASC) declared Germany was their final destination.



⁴ Information is not available for 12 cases.

⁵ Out of 96, 8 are coming from Iran.