

TARGETED POPULATION Top 6 arrival nationalities in April **↑ 12,623** # of Persons of Concern (POC) in 4% Greece as of 30 April 2016

956 Total # PoC assisted to acc social rights as reported by (Jan-April 2017)

Total Total # PoC receiving legal aid case management as reported by Protection Sector partners (Jan-April 2017)

221 Total # of PoC accessing ocial support

523 Total # PoC accessing the EU relocation scheme



109 Total Total # PoC accessing family

SECTOR KEY FIGURES



67 (21 Urban areas, 39 sites and 8 Accommodation) # of sites covered by Protection WG Sector



8 # of partners reported under Protection WG Sector



846 Total # of cultural mediation services provided



Total # of projects benefiting local&displaced communities

SECTOR HIGHLIGHTS



<u>Asylum procedures:</u> The PWG undertook an analyses regarding the recommendations of the Joint action Plan to implement the EU-Turkey Statement and its eventual impact on the asylum procedure. The Director of the Asylum Office was invited in the PWG and brief partners on the current asylum procedures, and the challenges.

<u>Cash assistance and protection</u>: the PWG prepared SOPs on protection and cash, to ensure protection actors monitor and support the implementation of cash assistance and discontinuation of catering. There are concerns on data privacy currently being discussed with agencies providing cash. In addition, there are challenges for specific groups as UAC that are not eligible for cash, this decision may increase their vulnerability. The SOPs also provide guidance for PwSN that

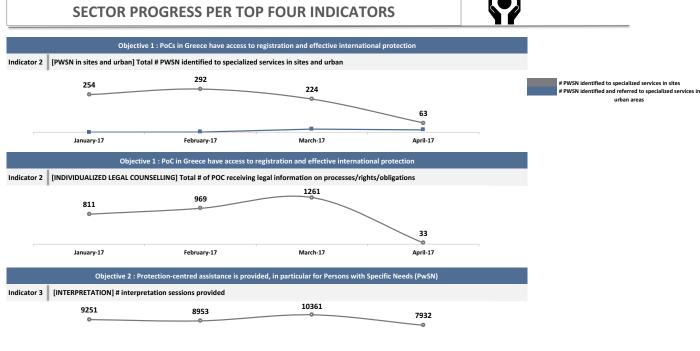
Legal Aid Taskforce: was established by the PWG, with the participation of Greek, international non-governmental organisations and UN actors that offer legal assistance pertaining to asylum law and other relevant legal concerns faced by asylum seekers, refugees and migrants in Greece. The Taskforce has undertaken a mapping of ongoing legal services across Greece, including both the Aegean islands and the urban context. A briefing paper on systemic legal challenges in the Greek refugee response is currently under draft for advocacy purposes.

Participatory Assessments: UNHCR and 35 partners conducted participatory assessments across Greece, consulting 1,921 persons of concern, including asylum seekers, refugees and also host community, in 241 focus group discussions across 40 sites/RIC and in urban accommodation. There are 10 regional reports and a national summary of the participatory assessment, with a series of recommendations that will be followed up in local action plans.

 $\underline{\textbf{Referral pathways and case management}}: \textbf{Regional PWG completed referral pathways for Child Protection}, \textbf{SGBV and Completed Referral pathways for Child Protection}, \textbf{SGBV and$ PwSN for all the sites in the Greece operation. The PWG established a taskforce that has finalised SOPs for safe identification and referral of PwSN.







January-17 February-17 April-17 Objective 3: Durable solutions(Integration and social cohesion) is supported for PoC & host com Indicator 5 [RECEPTION CONDITIONS] # protection interventions to improve reception conditions 264 240 276 240 April-17 January-17 February-17 March-17

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