

Cash Assistance Update

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A Syrian family in Northern Greece visits a local shop to buy groceries, using the cash card they have received under the ESTIA programme.

Overview

In January, 63,853 eligible refugees and asylum-seekers (30,762 families) received cash assistance in Greece, in 110 locations.

UNHCR provides cash assistance in Greece, as part of the ESTIA programme, funded by the European Commission. Cash assistance restores dignity and empowers asylum-seekers and refugees who can now choose how to cover their basic needs. It also contributes directly to the economy of the host community through the purchase of services and goods. UNHCR in Greece works with the Greece Cash Alliance partners the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) and Catholic Relief Services (CRS).

63,853

Number of individuals assisted ¹

30,762

Number of cash cards ¹

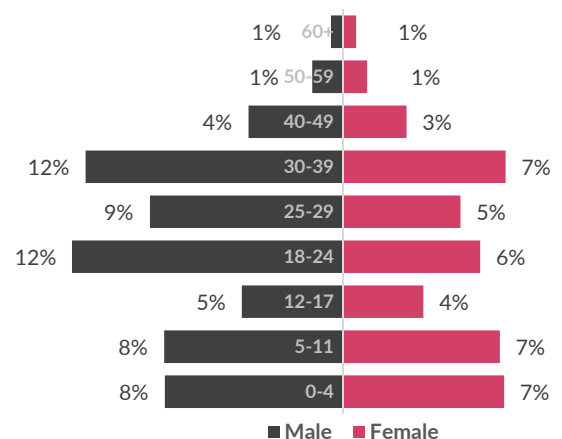
6.4 M €

Cash distributed (Euros) ¹

Demographics of Refugees and Asylum-Seekers Assisted with Cash

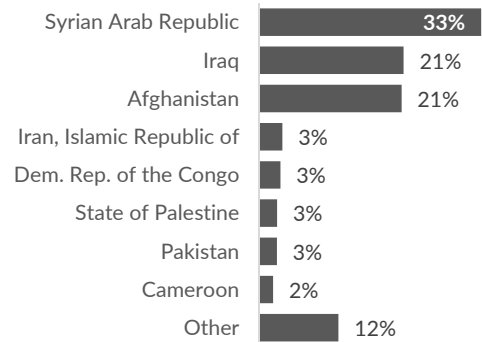
Since April 2017, 102,732 eligible individuals have received cash assistance in Greece at least once. Eligibility is assessed on the basis of one's date of entry in the country, legal status and current location. Of the 63,853 individuals who received cash assistance this month, 11,400 have international protection in Greece. Out of 30,762 families, 23% were women, 38% men and 39% children. 32% of all who received cash assistance this month were families of five members or more and a further 30% were single adults.

The amount of cash assistance distributed to each household is proportionate to the family size. It ranges between 90 euros for an individual in catered accommodation, to 550 euros for a family of seven members or more in self-catered accommodation.



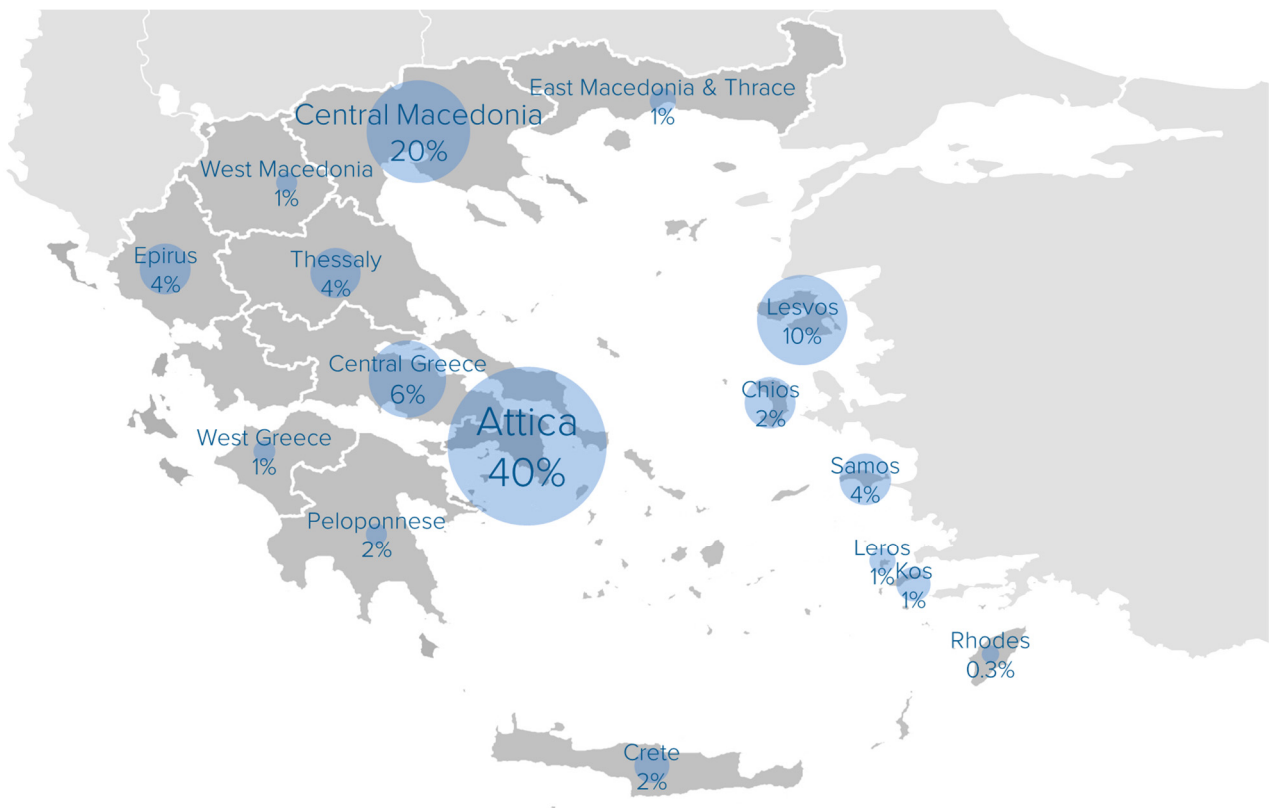
Demographics of Individuals Receiving Cash Assistance

78% of individuals in the cash assistance scheme are Syrian, Iraqi, Afghan or Iranian.



Location of Individuals Receiving Cash Assistance

Asylum-seekers and refugees receiving cash assistance reside in 110 locations in Greece. 40% of those receiving cash assistance are located in Attica, with 21% currently on the islands and a further 20% in Central Macedonia.



Partners



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More information

The Greece Cash Alliance: Meeting Basic Needs through Harmonized Cash Assistance

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