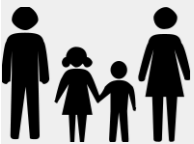




SECTOR KEY FIGURES



60,496

of Persons of Concern (POCs) in Greece as of 18 October 2016
Source of data: Governmental figures



37 (10 Urban areas & 27 sites)

of sites covered by Child Protection Sector
Source of data: Activityinfo



3

of UN agencies participating in CP SWG at national and sub-national levels



2

of Government Counterparts



15

of agencies participating in CP SWG at national and sub-national levels
Source of data: Activityinfo



6

of Blue Dots
Source of data: Activityinfo

JULY-SEPTEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

In total, 1,225 unaccompanied children were pre-registered on the mainland by the Greek Asylum Service as of 30 July with the support of a range of child protection actors.

Full registration of asylum seekers started in September, unaccompanied children are being prioritized in the coming months.

A total of 43 shelters (transit and long term) providing alternative care are running for 1,047 unaccompanied boys and girls across Greece.

Under the umbrella of the CPSWG, the Case Management in Emergencies Task Force, developed pilot tools and forms for case management and conducted trainings on case management for front line workers (humanitarian staff) in Thessaloniki, Chios, Lesbos and Attica. Trainings are being planned for other locations as well as the continuation to further standardize case management and referral mechanism as to provide timely support and adequate services; to improve recording and documentation of cases as well as monitoring and follow-up and mitigate risks for families and children in a multi-sectorial manner. The case management system will be aligned with existing case management practices in Greece and where possible complement and strengthen existing systems.

Three pilot “safe spaces” were established in 3 open sites; Lagkadikia, Diavata and Alexandria near Thessaloniki. The safe spaces were to function as transit facilities for a limited period of time for children in need of alternative care until they were moved to a long-term facility or implementation of durable solutions. The CP SWG members planned to conduct a rapid assessment in terms of lesson learned and provide recommendations as to inform current efforts by authorities to establish new safe spaces in open sites.

Cash programming for UASC: the joint task force by members of the CP SWG and the CASH WG started drafting recommendations on how to deliver cash assistance for UASC, the recommendations will take into consideration who should receive cash as well as the modality on how to deliver the cash, taken children’s perspective into account. There is many issues to consider legally as well as different protection concerns.

Footnote: This number is inclusive of both unaccompanied and separated children. According to Greek legislation, “Separated Child” does not exist as a category and the administrative and legal treatment by authorities therefore applies as for a “Unaccompanied Child.”

NEEDS ANALYSIS

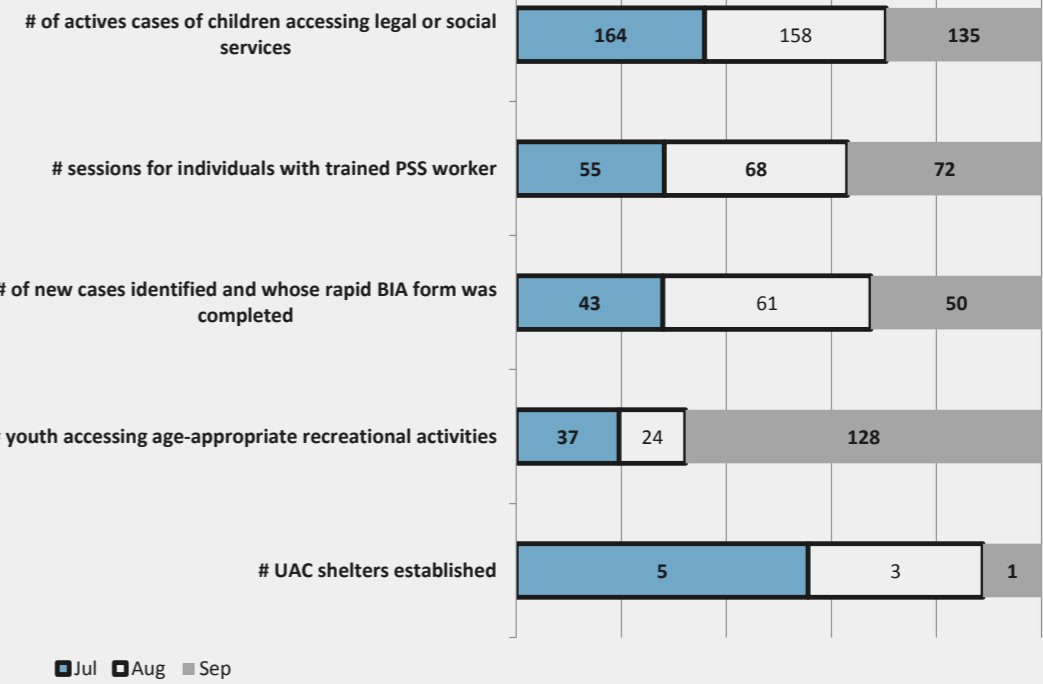
Child protection case management needs strengthening, including legal information and legal aid for UASC and improved access to asylum services, in particular on the islands. The CPSWG will continue to support the Government in strengthening the national child protection system to better protect children at risk in Greece, including UASC refugee and migrant children.

Security and safety in reception sites and hotspots needs to be improved as to reinforce the protection of PoC, including families and children.

Alternative care services needs to be strengthened. Currently, alternative care in shelters is the main form of alternative care for UAC (particularly for highly vulnerable children and children in 'protective custody' in police cells and other detention facilities), however other forms of care will also needs to be explored, e.g. supervised independent living for UAC.

Improved psychosocial support to children and adolescents, including increase of recreational activities and targeted programs for youths.

SECTOR ACHIEVEMENTS



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Syrian boy playing in a tent in Idomeni Site.

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