

Cash Assistance Update



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Twenty-six-year-old Reem teaches her younger brother Hussein how to make bread, in the kitchen of the apartment they share with their mother, sister and brother-in-law. The Syrian family fled Homs to find safety and a new home in Axioupoli, Northern Greece, with the support of the ESTIA programme that provides urban accommodation and cash assistance to asylum seekers in Greece.

Overview

In May, 70,000 eligible refugees and asylum-seekers (34,474 families) received cash assistance in Greece, in 114 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).

70,000

Number of individuals assisted ¹

34,474

Number of cash cards ¹

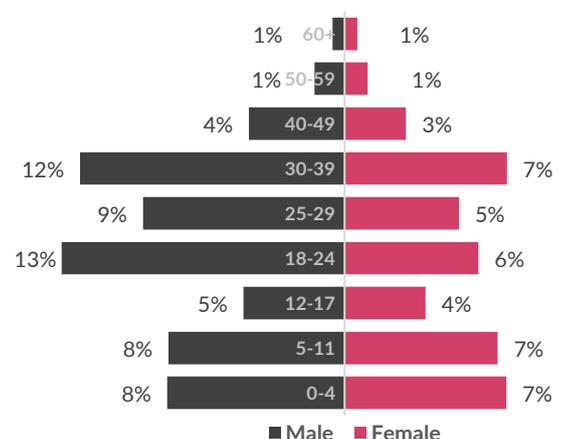
7.1 M €

Cash distributed (Euros) ¹

Demographics of Refugees and Asylum-Seekers Assisted with Cash

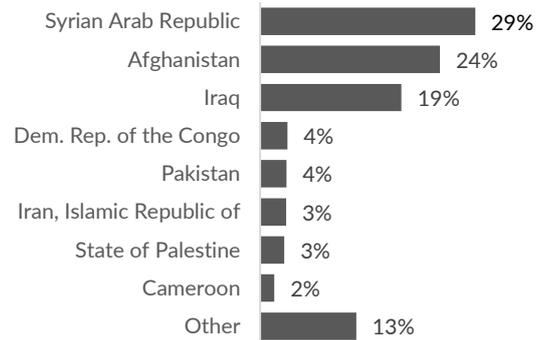
Since April 2017, 116,776 eligible individuals have received cash assistance in Greece at least once. Eligibility is assessed on the basis of one's date of entry in the country, legal status and current location. Of the 70,000 individuals who received cash assistance this month, 13,338 have international protection in Greece. Out of 34,474 families, 22% were women, 40% men and 38% children. 31% of all who received cash assistance this month were families of five members or more and a further 32% 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.



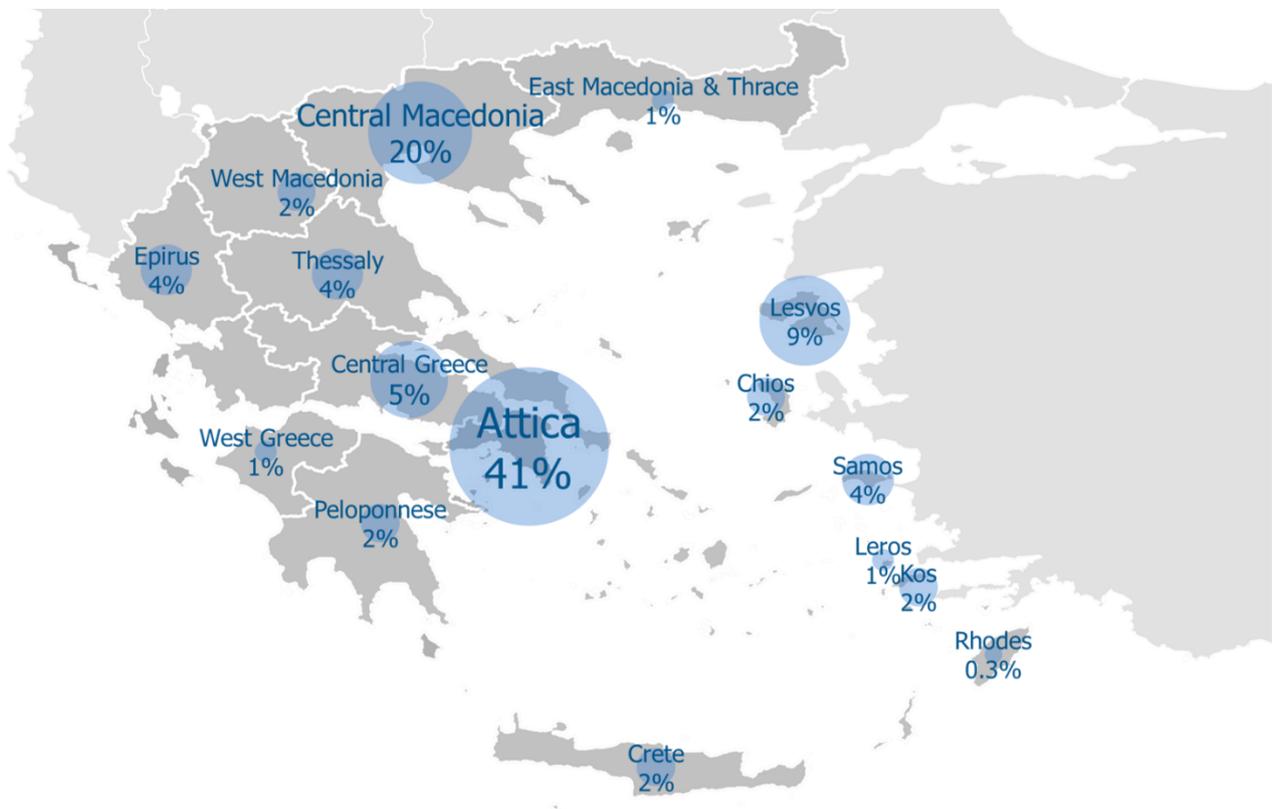
Demographics of Individuals Receiving Cash Assistance

76% of individuals in the cash assistance scheme are from Syrian Arab Republic, Afghanistan, Iraq and Democratic Republic of Congo.



Location of Individuals Receiving Cash Assistance

Asylum-seekers and refugees receiving cash assistance reside in 114 locations in Greece. 41% of those receiving cash assistance are located in Attica, with 20% currently on the islands and a further 20% in Central Macedonia.



Partners



More information

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

ESTIA cash assistance and accommodation is funded by the European Commission