



Emergency response training for refugees on Samos

The first team of recognized refugees in Samos, trained for responding to emergencies, welcomed the Deputy Minister of the Ministry of Migration & Asylum, Sophia Voultepsi, and the Chief of IOM Mission in Greece, Gianluca Rocco. The training was realized thanks to the collaboration with the Ministry of Migration & Asylum and aims at the promotion of social integration of recognized refugees into the civil protection mechanisms and raising awareness through capacity building. The action is implemented in the framework of the National Recovery and Resilience Greece 2.0 with the funding of the European Union – NextGenerationEU.



Supporting the access of Ukrainian nationals to the Greek labor market

The International Organization for Migration, in the scope of the HELIOS integration project, which is funded by the Ministry of Migration and Asylum, conducted an online job fair which addressed, for the first time, exclusively beneficiaries of temporary protection from Ukraine. The event, organized and coordinated by the employability component of the HELIOS Project, was attended by 100 beneficiaries of the project. Particularly significant was the presence of representatives of shipping and fruit processing companies, who responded positively to IOM's invitation and joined the event to inform the attendees about the current available job positions, required skills, and the working conditions they offer.



5,000 voluntary relocations

During October and since the beginning of the project, IOM reached 5,000 voluntary relocations from Greece to other European countries. Among the beneficiaries were 1,274 unaccompanied minors. The action is implemented by IOM with the funding of the European Commission & the support of the Greek Government, the Ministry of Migration and Asylum, the Special Secretary for the protection of UMC and the General Secretary of Migration Policy in partnership with European Asylum Support Office - EASO, UNHCR and UNICEF.

“Assisted Voluntary Return and Reintegration of Migrants in situations of vulnerability” project

Dato and his family are among the 62 migrants who have returned home with safety and dignity since the beginning of the project in September 2022. 200 migrants including 40 families in situations of vulnerability will receive personalized return and reintegration support, through the project “Assisted Voluntary Return and Reintegration of Migrants in situations of vulnerability”. The project “Assisted Voluntary Return and Reintegration of Migrants in situations of vulnerability” is being implemented under the programme Asylum and Migration (Addressing urgent needs for the reception and screening of asylum seekers and for the accommodation of vulnerable groups) of the EEA Grants by IOM.





AVRR charter flight to Georgia

A charter organized by IOM Greece departed from Athens to Tbilisi supporting 130 Georgian nationals to return to their home country with safety and dignity. Since the beginning of the current AVRR project in September 2019, more than 8,680 migrants have safely returned to their home country while more than 2,400 migrants have successfully implemented their reintegration plans. IOM in Greece has been implementing AVRR programmes since 2010, assisting more than 55,000 third-country nationals. The project is co-funded 75% by European Funds (Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund) and 25% by Greek National Funds.



Business orientation courses

IOM Greece in collaboration with IEK Praxis in Chalkida uplifts migrant women by offering them beauty and hairdressing courses. A 20-hour-workshop was organized for 15 women that are currently staying at Ritsona facility and took place at the premises of IEK Praxis. "I take pride in seeing these women learning something new," said one of the teachers. Each woman received a certification on completion. "It's difficult coming to a new country and finding a job. It's important to have skills," she added. IOM operates in the facility, implementing Skills Development and Labour Market Orientation activities under the Harmonizing Protection Practices in Greece (HARP) project, with the support of the European Commission.



Greek lessons for unaccompanied children

The Greek lessons for the children residing in emergency accommodation facilities in Greece continue. IOM Greece educators develop fun activities allowing them to learn and practice, with the aim of triggering the learning process. The IOM emergency accommodation facilities operating under the National Emergency Response Mechanism for unaccompanied minors are coordinated by the SSPUAM with the funding from the Ministry of Migration & Asylum through a donation of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark.



Workshop for 33 Site Managers

IOM and the Ministry of Migration & Asylum with the participation of 33 Site Managers of migrants' accommodation facilities across Greece, organized a workshop focused on the Local Contingency Plans. The importance of integrated prevention, preparedness, response and recovery actions is now ensured. Working together with local authorities IOM ensures Emergency Preparedness & safety of migrant accommodation sites. With the support of the European Commission – DG Reform support.