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April 2020 – April 2021: One year of EU Relocation - 3,654 people have been relocated from Greece to 13 European countries.



During April the project [Voluntary relocation scheme from Greece to other European Countries](#) completed one year of implementation. During this period 3,654 people were relocated from Greece to 13 European countries, carrying hopes & dreams of a better future.

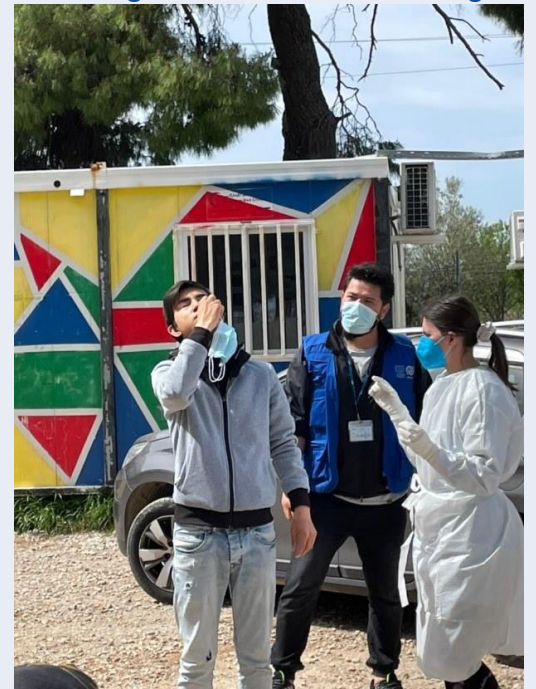
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The action is implemented by IOM with the funding of the European Commission & the support of the Greek Government, the Ministry of Migration and Asylum, the Special Secretary for the protection of UMC and the General Secretary of Migration Policy. In partnership with European Asylum Support Office - EASO, UNHCR and UNICEF.

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Practicing to COVID – 19 self-testing



IOM organized in Ritsona open facility information sessions about the pandemic and the importance of self-testing. In collaboration with EODY, a specialized team provided high-school students a step-by-step guidance on how to use home test kits.

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IOM operates in Ritsona as the official site management support SMS agency. IOM implements the [Supporting the Greek Authorities in Managing the National Reception System for Asylum Seekers and Vulnerable Migrants \(SMS\)](#) project with the funding from the European Commission – DG HOME.

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This is our story – Booklet

SMS - SUPPORTING THE GREEK AUTHORITIES IN MANAGING THE NATIONAL RECEPTION SYSTEM FOR ASYLUM SEEKERS AND VULNERABLE MIGRANTS

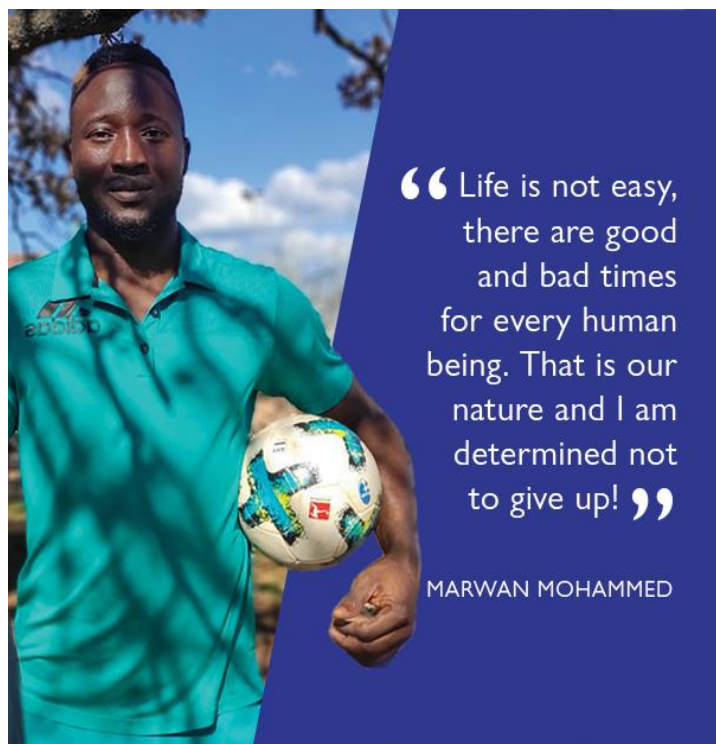


IOM Greece created a [booklet](#) with migrants' stories who have been living in open accommodation sites all over Greece during 2020, under [SMS](#) project which is implemented with the support of the European Commission.

15 interviews have been conducted with migrants who wanted to share their stories in public.

People with special talents and thirst for knowledge, children with dreams for a better future, men and women who seek to be active in their everyday life and develop their skills, take the floor and share their experiences.

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HELIOS project

IOM launched the collective photo exhibition "[Exploring our cities](#)", with works of 38 amateur photographers, both local Greeks and refugees who found a new home in Greece.

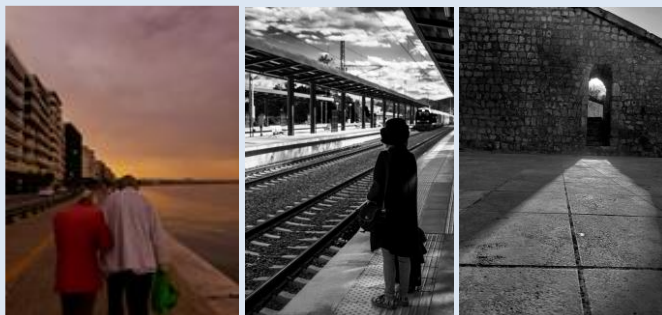
In the framework of the HELIOS Project [Hellenic Integration Support for Beneficiaries of International Protection], and in collaboration with seven (7) municipalities across Greece and the Cities Network for Integration, IOM sets a photographic journey in the cities of Athens, Heraklion, Ioannina, Katerini, Livadeia, Piraeus and Thessaloniki.



Through the [Hellenic Integration Support for Beneficiaries of International Protection \(HELIOS\)](#) project, IOM aims to promote the integration of beneficiaries of international protection into the Greek society through integration courses, housing and employability support. IOM's HELIOS project is implemented with the support of the European Commission - DG HOME.

Download [HELIOS factsheet](#).

Learn more about the [project](#).



MERIMNA project

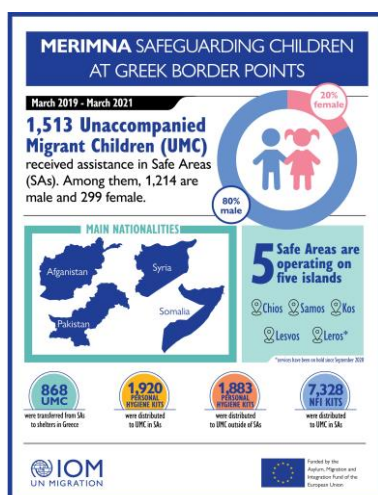


IOM celebrated the day of Happiness organizing painting activities for the children residing on the Safe Areas of Lesbos, Chios, Kos, Samos!

In total 1,513 unaccompanied children received support in all 5 Safe Areas, since the beginning of the project. More specifically, in Lesbos: 533, Chios: 449, Kos: 189, Leros: 105 and Samos: 237, where 4 teams are operating on all islands (Lesbos, Chios, Kos and Samos). Among them, 1,214 are male and 299 are female.

The Safe Area teams operate under IOM's project [MERIMNA](#) with the support of European Commission – DG HOME.

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VaccinEquity

IOM is supporting WHO's #VaccinEquity and health equity messaging, contributing a new IOM campaign, focused on the inclusion of migrants and forcibly displaced persons in COVID-19 vaccination efforts.

