

The President of the Hellenic Republic visited an IOM's UMC shelter

The President of the Hellenic Republic, Katerina Sakellaropoulou, visited a shelter in Athens, where unaccompanied boys are residing. The visit confirms her genuine interest in a particularly vulnerable group of people. The Deputy Minister of Migration and Asylum, Sofia Voultepsi and the Special Secretary for the Protection of Unaccompanied Minors, Iraklis Moskof, also attended the visit. IOM operates in the shelter with the support of EU - AMIF.



International Migrants Day Harnessing the Potential of Human Mobility

On 18th of December IOM celebrated the International Migrants Day under the message "Harnessing the Potential of Human Mobility". Migrants contribute with their knowledge, networks, and skills to build stronger, more resilient communities. The global social and economic landscape can be shaped through impactful decisions to address the challenges and opportunities presented by global mobility and people on the move.

The International Organization for Migration (IOM) has assisted millions of migrants since it emerged 70 years ago to assist the vast number of Europeans displaced by the Second World War and continues to lead the way in promoting a humane and orderly management of migration for the benefit of all, including the communities of origin, transit and destination.

Two-day employability action “CareFair”

On 24th and 25th of November 2021, the HELIOS project organized the two-day employability action “CareFair” focusing on the care professions. The objective of the event was to inform the beneficiaries about the caregiving respective institutions’ representatives, as well as other professionals of the sector. Companies and educational institutions connected with people who belong to the refugee population and are looking for work and / or training opportunities in the care professions in Greece.



2,434 people relocated from Greece to other European states during 2021



Up to the 31st of December 2021 and through “Voluntary relocation scheme from Greece to other European Countries” project, 2,434 people relocated to other European states, including 1,179 unaccompanied migrant children. 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

Integration4all

A useful platform for the Greek labor market

The International Organization for Migration and CITY College, University of York Europe Campus in Thessaloniki joined forces and created the www.integration4all.gr platform, aiming at providing practical information towards the successful inclusion of recognized refugees and asylum seekers into the labor market and the Greek society.

The online platform which has been developed by students of the Computer Science Department of CITY College addresses potential employees and employers and contains information about working in Greece - including legal rights and obligations - and guidance on how to search for a job, write a CV, or prepare for an interview. A special section is dedicated to the educational component and learning opportunities, where refugees and asylum seekers can further enhance their skills.



AVRR: IOM Greece welcomes Bulgarian delegation

IOM Greece welcomed a delegation from IOM Bulgaria and the Migration Directorate of the Ministry of Interior of Bulgaria to study best practices in Assisted Voluntary Return and Reintegration (AVRR).

As part of the close cooperation with the Greek authorities in the framework of the project, the delegation had the opportunity to meet with representatives of EDPD - Ministry for Climate Crisis and Civil protection and the Ministry of Migration and Asylum.

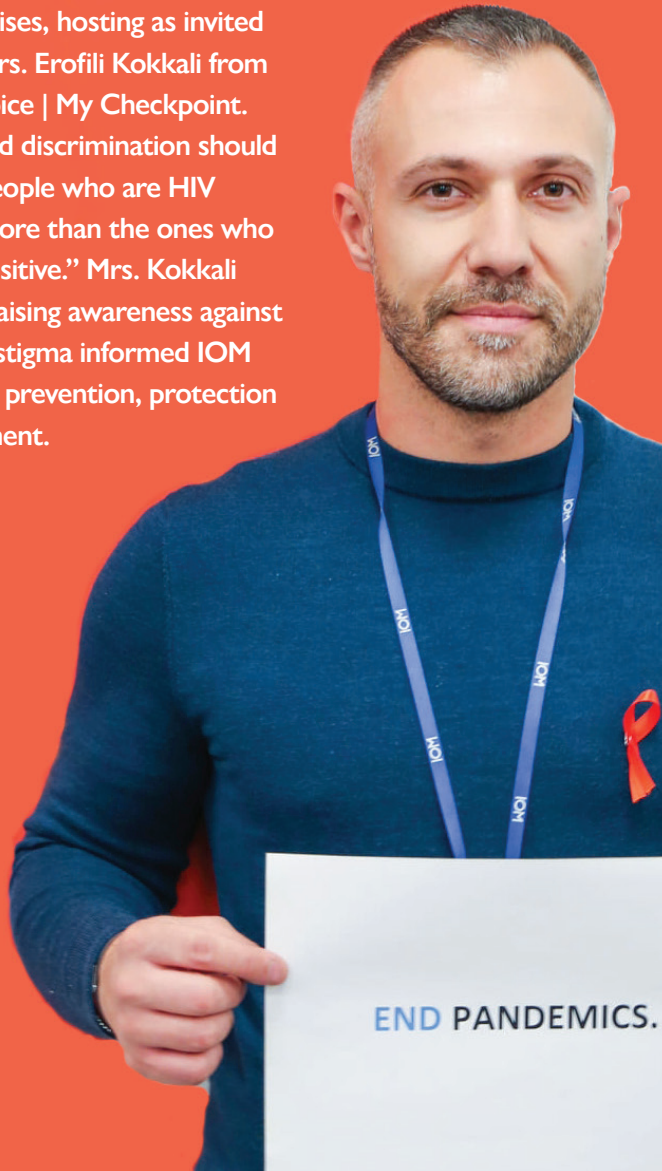
During the reporting period, 522 migrants were assisted to return to their home countries. In total, 6,253 migrants

have been assisted since the beginning of the project (September 2019 -December 2021). Amongst them, 28 % were from Pakistan, following 23% from Georgia, 18% from Iraq, 5% from Iran and 26% from various other countries. The project is co-funded 75% by European Funds (Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund) and 25% by Greek National Funds.



End inequalities. End AIDS. End pandemics.

IOM Greece organized HIV session at its premises, hosting as invited speaker, Mrs. Erofilis Kokkali from Positive Voice | My Checkpoint. "Stigma and discrimination should concern people who are HIV negative more than the ones who are HIV positive." Mrs. Kokkali aiming at raising awareness against HIV/AIDS stigma informed IOM staff about prevention, protection and treatment.



Collaborative Songwriting Activity

IOM Greece team collaborated with children in Nea Kavala, Kleidi, Nea Malakasa and Korinthos camps and created an inspiring song. The "Abracadabra" lyrics is the result of the dreams and aspirations of the young migrant children that despite the challenges they have faced they never stop believing in miracles.

IOM operates in the facilities with the support of the European Commission – DG Home.



Working Together for a contingency plan

IOM Greece organized field visits for the assessment of potential risk regarding natural and manmade disasters.

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