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A workshop enhancing employability was successfully organized by Skywalker.gr with the support of IOM Greece. HELIOS Project's recognized refugees from 20 different countries, participated in the job fair and gathered information about the job opportunities available in Greece, attended workshops regarding labor rights and submitted their CVs to companies enrolled in the fair. Up to the end of February 7,396 beneficiaries have been enrolled in the project, while 1,096 beneficiaries have received rental subsidies upon finding independent housing.

Read <u>more</u> about Helios project *Funded by <u>Directorate General Migration and Home Affairs of the European*</u> Commission (DG HOME)



Transportation to Greek schools for 3,590 children



From October up to the reporting period, IOM Greece, with the support of 154 bus escorts, provided transportation to 3,590 refugee/migrant children to Greek schools, currently residing in open accommodation facilities in the mainland of Greece. Access to education is a right for every child.

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Workshop on Field Monitoring



On February 6th 2020 a workshop took place at Serafeio Event Center on monitoring the overall findings associated with the Site Management Support Emergency Project. Up to the end of February 25,052 people have been provided accommodation protection services in all 30 open accommodation centers in the Greek mainland.

Read here the latest SMS <u>factsheets</u>. Read more about the project here which is implemented with the support of **DG HOME**.

Training Seminar:

"The implementation of assisted voluntary returns including reintegration measures and operation of Open Center in the Prefecture of Attica for applicants of voluntary return (AVRR/OCAVRR)"



A training seminar between representatives of IOM Mission in Greece and the cooperating institutions was implemented on February. Representatives of METADRASI, Asylum Service, First Reception and Identification Service, MdM, GCR, E.D.P.D., PRAKSIS, Aliens Division, Hellenic Police Airport attended. IOM Greece aimed at bringing together the representatives of the cooperating institutions as well as AVRR team to improve and develop the participants' knowledge on issues related to assisted voluntary returns and reintegration. During the reporting period, 634 third country nationals have returned voluntarily to their countries of origin. 155 were from Georgia, 130 from Pakistan and 116 from Iraq.

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2nd International Seminar on Health Crisis Management



The second International Seminar on Health Crisis Management was conducted on February at the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens. Health Focal Points from IOM attended the seminar and made statements on rising health matters.

Temporary accommodation to some 5,690 vulnerable population



During the reporting period, IOM operated in 57 temporary accommodation facilities all over Greece providing accommodation services, psychosocial support, interpretation services and legal counselling to 5,690 vulnerable asylum seekers.

Read more about ${\color{red}{\rm FILOXENIA}}$ project

Information visits in Greece under AVRR/OCAVRR project



During the reporting period, IOM Greece conducted four information visits in Kavala, Samos, Kos and on the island of Crete. AVRR officers had the chance to meet local actors and authorities and discuss challenges faced under the scheme of voluntary return programme. Eligible beneficiaries were also informed about the provisions of the project.

The Church of Greece and IOM signed a MoU on cooperation for Unaccompanied Migrant Children



The International Organization for Migration (IOM) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Church of Greece to strengthen cooperation in programs aiming at assisting unaccompanied migrant children in Greece. IOM will support the re-construction and refurbishing of buildings identified by the Church of Greece as possible shelters for UMCs, while the management of the shelters will be organized by the Church of Greece through AMIF National funding. Read more



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