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FILOXENIA Project Temporary Shelter and Protection for the Most Vulnerable Migrants in Greece



Through this action, IOM aimed to alleviate suffering of vulnerable migrants and refugees residing under lamentable conditions in Reception and Identification Centers (RICs) by urgently providing dignified accommodation as well as basic assistance and protection services in accommodation facilities on the mainland, as part of the Government's overall emergency planning for the decongestion of the reception facilities on the islands.

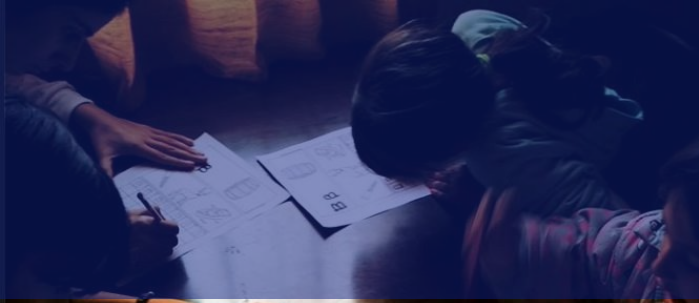
COMPONENTS

Emergency shelter: Provision of dignified living conditions in temporary accommodation facilities through the activation of 6,000 places in hotels.

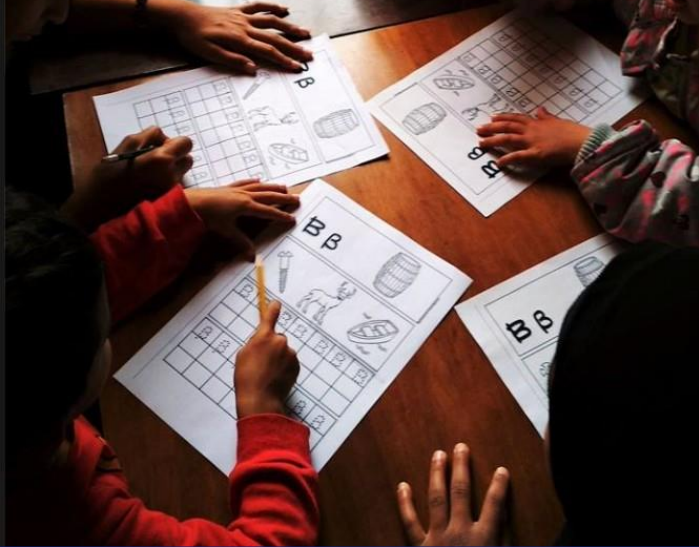
Protection: Core protection services ensuring identification and assistance of the vulnerable population residing in all targeted facilities, providing case management and monitoring, including child protection, general protection against violence and abuse, as well as referrals to relevant agencies/ public services as per needs.

Interpretation: Provision of interpretation services facilitating communication of beneficiaries.

The project is funded by the **Directorate General Migration and Home Affairs of the European Commission (DG HOME)**.



During the reporting period, FILOXENIA project provided safe accommodation to **8,339** migrants and asylum seekers, among which **3,147** were migrant children. The project's beneficiaries were hosted in 78 hotels all over Greece.



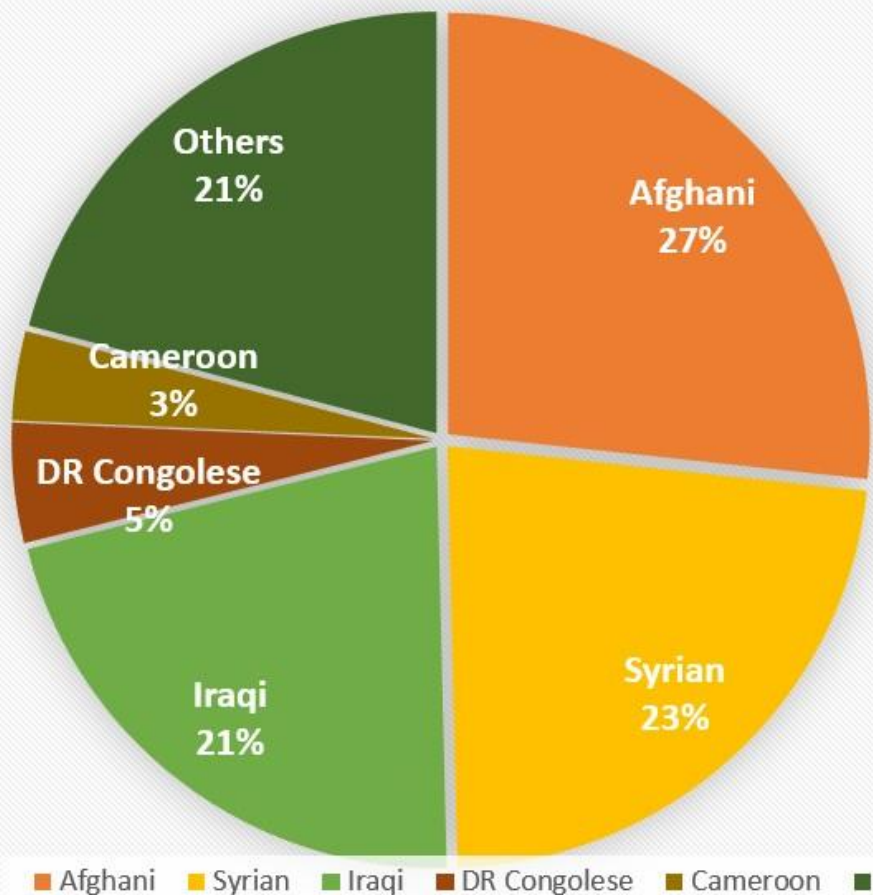
FILOXENIA project supported people from different cultures and backgrounds. In total, the project supported people from 50 different nationalities.



This pie represents the breakdown of top 5 nationalities as well as the remaining ones (45 nationalities) that **FILOXENIA** project supported.

Among the beneficiaries were vulnerable people from **Zimbabwe, Uganda, Myanmar and Chad.**

Top 5 nationalities





We listened to FILOXENIA project's beneficiaries' personal stories and created their histories, through narrative both in Greek and English.

See [here](#) more.

Extracurricular activities

IOM staff has been constantly organizing extracurricular activities strengthening qualitatively beneficiaries' everyday life, building in parallel strong bridges through their integration procedure.

On that framework, on June 25th a photo exhibition, took place in Kypseli's Municipal Market, where beneficiaries participated in photo workshops organized by IOM Greece, exposed their work capturing Athens everyday moments.



IOM was present in all 78 facilities with facility coordinators, interpreters, social workers, psychologists, providing also, legal support and referring beneficiaries to public services when necessary.



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