

Table 1: Especial services for refugees in Cyprus

NAME OF THE SERVICE	SHORT DESCRIPTION
<p>UNHCR http://www.unhcr.org/cy/</p>	<p>The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees Representation in Cyprus is an office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) opened in August 1974 upon the request of the Government of Cyprus and the Secretary-General of the United Nations. UNHCR Representation in Cyprus was designated as Coordinator of the United Nations Humanitarian Assistance for Cyprus. Parallel to the above, UNHCR was also responsible upon the request of the Cyprus Government to examine applications for refugee status.</p> <p>OBJECTIVES:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide protection and help to the refugees all over the world • Ensure respect of the fundamental rights of refugees, including their ability to seek asylum and their right not to be returned involuntarily to a country where they have reason to fear persecution. • Promotes international refugee agreements, monitors government compliance with international law • Promotes and supports social inclusion policies of the refugees in Cyprus. • <p>SERVICES:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. provides material assistance such as food, water, shelter and medical care to fleeing civilians 2. promotes international refugee agreements, monitors government compliance with international law and provides material assistance such as food, water, shelter and medical care to fleeing civilians. 3. helps people rebuild their lives elsewhere - either in countries where they first sought asylum or in a third country willing to accept them. 4. gives presentations in primary and secondary education, in order the students understand the causes and consequences of the uprooting, the needs and the difficulties faced by those forced to flee their homes, breaking stereotypes and contributing to the culture of tolerance and solidarity climate. 5. organizes campaigns involving and schools and offers educational materials (manuals, brochures, posters) and a large collection of refugee photos, helping teachers to introduce the issue of refugees in the classroom, familiarizing students with human rights, diversity and the importance of social integration of refugees and immigrants

<p>Future Words Centre</p>	<p>Future Worlds Centre is the implementing organization of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees Representation in Cyprus.</p> <p>OBJECTIVES:</p> <p>Evision, design and implement projects that promote the the culture of peace and reconciliation in Cyprus, the region and the globe.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • implements projects that aim strengthening asylum for for refugees and asylum seekers on the island. . <p>SERVICES:</p> <p>It offers free legal, social, and psychological assistance to refugees and asylum-seekers. FWC is the only NGO to offer these services in the entire country, and the high stakes for clients and constant demand can be stressful at times. If a client is rejected, he/she may appeal the decision with the help of a lawyer.</p>
<p>Cyprus Asylum Service http://www.moi.gov.cy/moi/asylum/asylumservice.nsf/asylumservice01_gr/asylumservice01_gr?OpenDocument</p>	<p>It is responsible for the coordination of all government agencies involved directly or indirectly in the field of asylum. Regarding the procedures that are followed, it is noted that in all cases respect of the principle of non-refoulment, as required by the Refugee Law is ensured. The Asylum Service intervenes in every case that comes to its attention in order to respect this principle. The Refugee Law also provides that in cases of unaccompanied minor asylum seekers, the Director of Social Welfare Services acts as guardian of the minor</p> <p>OBJECTIVES:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Examination of applications for international protection at first instance • Coordination and supervision of the operation and management of reception and accommodation centres for applicants of international protection and their families according to the Refugee Law • Implementation of the Dublin Regulation for establishing the criteria and mechanisms for determining the Member State Responsible for the examination of an application for international protection • Preparation of Draft Bills • Participation in working groups of the EU • Coordination of the Services involved in asylum-related matters. <p>SERVICES:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kofinou Reception and Accommodation Center for Applications for International Protection operates under the supervision of the Asylum Service. (http://www.moi.gov.cy/moi/asylum/asylumservice.nsf/asylumservice05_en/asylumservice05_en?OpenDocument) • Guides and gives information to the applicants for international protection

- (http://www.moi.gov.cy/moi/asylum/asylumservice.nsf/asylumservice10_en/asylumservice10_en?OpenDocument)
- Provides leaflets on 'DUBLIN Regulation' and 'EURODAC Regulation'
- Keeps statistical data
- The Ministry of Health of Cyprus has taken the action for provision of Nursing Services at the Asylum Seekers Reception Centre in Kofinou for the period from 1 January 2017 to 31 December 2017. The project is financed by the Fund Asylum, Immigration and Integration. The following services are offered:
- *General Nursing care from Monday until Friday between the hours 7am until 1pm.*
- *Mental Health Nursing care every Tuesday and Thursday from 7am until 1pm.*
- *Health Visitors services every Friday from 4pm until 8pm*
- The applicants are entitled to free medical treatment in all public medical institutions, when they don't have sufficient resources. All asylum seekers are obliged to undergo some medical tests, immediately after the submission of their application and this process is necessary in order to complete the request.

<http://www.cyprus.gov.cy/moi/pio/pio2013.nsf/All/C8BA27F968D1476AC2258099005057C1?Opendocument&L=G>

Cyprus Red Cross

<http://www.redcross.org.cy/en/home>

It was funded in 1950 as a branch of the British Red Cross. The C.R.C.S. was recognized on the 23 February 2012, by the International Committee Red Cross (ICRC) and admitted on the 12 November 2013 in the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) and constitutes the 188th member of the International Red Cross Red Crescent Movement.

OBJECTIVES:

- humanitarian action for combating of issues affecting vulnerable groups and empowering them for their smooth social integration
- prevent and alleviate human suffering and to support and prepare individuals and communities to respond effectively to emergencies, in times of peace and war, without any discrimination as to race, class, gender, religion or faith or political opinions or beliefs or any other similar grounds.
- C.R.C.S. takes part in campaigns to do with xenophobia, racism and social exclusion.

SERVICES:

- The International Red Cross federation and Red Crescent has proceeded to the creation of the Platform for European Red Cross Cooperation on refugee issues, asylum seekers and

migrants (PERCO - Platform for European Red Cross Cooperation on refugee issues, asylum seekers and migrants)

- medical scheme of help which the C.R.C.S. has ensured the voluntary service of doctors with a variety of specialties and the provision of wheelchairs. In parallel, volunteers of the C.R.C.S. try to visit the reception centers of asylum seekers at least once a month.
- distribution of food and clothes which are given to individual people and families that come to the local offices of the C.R.C.S.
- C.R.C.S. responds immediately to requests to trace people who are lost as a result of migration flow and also tries to reconnect families <http://www.redcross.org.cy/en/what-we-do/migrants--refugees-and-asylum-seekers>

KISA
<http://kisa.org.cy/>

KISA is a NGO, established in 1998, and its vision is the promotion of an all-inclusive, multicultural society, free of racism, xenophobia and discrimination and where, through the interaction and mutual respect of diverse cultures, there will be equality and respect for the rights of all, irrespective of race, nationality or ethnicity, colour, creed or beliefs, gender, sexual preference or orientation, age, inability or any other diversity.

OBJECTIVES:

- KISA's action is focused on the fields of Migration, Asylum, Racism, Discrimination and Trafficking, and it includes awareness-raising of the Cypriot society as well as lobbying in order to influence the legal and structural framework, the policies and practices in these fields.

SERVICES:

- KISA operates a Migrant and Refugee Centre that provides free information, support, advocacy and mediation services to migrants, refugees, victims of trafficking and racism / discrimination and ethnic minorities in general, as well as promotion of the integration, empowerment and self-organisation of migrants and refugees.

HOUSING

On the issue of housing asylum seekers, there is no structured referral system for housing. The Asylum Seekers Reception Centre located in the Kophinou is the only one to operate in Cyprus and its capacity is limited to about 80 people.

<http://www.asylumaware.eu/en/%CE%BD%CF%8C%CE%BC%CE%BF%CE%B9-%CE%B4%CE%B9%CE%BA%CE%B1%CE%B9%CF%8E%CE%BC%CE%B1%CF%84%CE%B1/%CE%BA%CF%85%CF%80%CF%81%CE%B9%CE%B1%CE%BA%CE%AE-%CE%B4%CE%B7%CE%BC%CE%BF%CE%BA%CF%81%CE%B1%CF%84%CE%AF%CE%B1/>