

Table 1: Especial services for refugees in Greece

NAME OF THE SERVICE	SHORT DESCRIPTION
<p>Doctors of the World / Médecins du Monde – Greece (http://mdmgreece.gr/en/)</p>	<p>Founded in 1990, MdM – Greece is a medical humanitarian non-governmental organization. It provides humanitarian aid – with a focus on primary healthcare services – and promotes social welfare through a wide range of activities, including the operation of 8 open polyclinics for patients that face multiple health disparities, a night shelter for "sleeping rough" individuals, 3 accommodation facilities for vulnerable cases of asylum seekers and unaccompanied minors, mobile medical units. Furthermore, it also provides primary health care and psychosocial support to third-country nationals in different sites all over Greece, including 2 centers of Reception and Identification Service in Lesvos and Chios.</p>
<p>Caritas Hellas – Caritas Greece http://www.caritas.gr/en</p>	<p>Founded in 1976 by the Catholic Bishops in Greece, Caritas Hellas (Caritas Greece) has a mission to promote, and safeguard human dignity through social support services to migrants and refugees, advocate on behalf of the poor and those in need, and provide humanitarian aid. It has an extensive range of programmes that include food and clothes distribution, education, counselling and social support services to a rapidly growing population of refugees and migrants, young people in need, the elderly and families. In addition, Caritas Hellas has a prison-visiting program that offers ethical support and facilitates links with the families of the inmates.</p>
<p>METADRASI – Action for Migration and Development (http://metadrasi.org/en/home/)</p>	<p>METAdrasi is a Greek NGO founded in 2010 that focuses on services not covered by the Public Authorities or other NGOs in Greece. It retains a permanent front-line presence in all key entry and exit locations. METAdrasi's two main aims are the provision of interpretation services and the protection of unaccompanied children. It offers specially trained interpreters in 33 languages and dialects to provide vital communication with refugees, legal support, and certification of victims of torture. It also escorts unaccompanied and separated children (UASC) from border detention centers to appropriate accommodation facilities throughout Greece and operates Transit Accommodation Facilities for UASC. Its work includes two innovative activities that have been implemented for the first time in Greece: Guardianship and placement of children in foster families.</p>
<p>Greek Council for Refugees (http://www.gcr.gr/index.php/en/)</p>	<p>Its mission is to defend the rights of people who are entitled to protection in our country (refugees, beneficiaries of international protection in general – unaccompanied minors, victims of trafficking, victims of torture, etc.), to promote their integration into local society, and offer social and legal counselling and support. Furthermore, it advocates in favour of a positive evolution of the existing institutional framework for the beneficiaries of international protection. In the same time, it works to raise awareness against xenophobia and incidents of racist violence against refugees and migrants, register and report those incidents as well as be responsible for the legal representation of the victims.</p>
<p>International Organization for Migration – Greek Delegation (https://www.amnesty.gr/)</p>	<p>The Greek Delegation of Amnesty International takes action against police violence and arbitrariness, and hate crimes. It advocates for the rights of refugees and immigrants, for the rights of women and LGBT and the right to conscientious objection. The Department is ever present in the global movement campaigns such as the campaign against the death penalty and the World Marathon Letters in support of human rights defenders around the world.</p>

<p>Safety for the care of Minors (https://www.sma-athens.org/en/)</p>	<p>The purpose of the Society is the provision of welfare, care, accommodation, education, and support to 17 unaccompanied teenagers and children from countries affected by war and natural disasters. Each foster person acquires a residence and work permit, as well as the necessary training and help so as to easily integrate into Greek society, in case the family reunification cannot be completed. The aim of the organization is to cover the needs of guests in line with the Convention on the Rights of the Child, relevant laws and agreements of the European Union and any relevant recommendations and guidelines of the European Commission.</p>
<p>ARSIS (http://arsis.gr/en/home/)</p>	<p>A Non-Governmental Organization, specializing in the social support of youths that are in difficulty or danger and in the advocacy of their rights. The main target is the prevention of youth marginalization, the elaboration of policies which defend youth rights and the active social support towards disadvantaged young people.</p>
<p>Asylum Service (http://asylo.gov.gr/en/?page_id=129)</p>	<p>Public body with the jurisdiction to examine and adjudicate on applications for international protection. The A.S. undertakes the examination of applications lodged after 7.6.2013.</p>
<p>Solidarity Now (http://www.solidaritynow.org/en/)</p>	<p>Solidarity Now designs, and implements programs that provide assistance, and support to those most affected by the economic downturn and the humanitarian crisis. The organization collaborate with international humanitarian agencies (e.g. UNHCR, UNICEF, CARE International) to implement programs aiming to respond to the ongoing refugee crisis, provide access to basic health services and food aid, defend human rights and freedoms, and support the integration of minorities and vulnerable groups. Solidarity Now helps connect young people with educational programs and the working environment.</p>
<p>PRAKSIS (http://www.praksis.gr/en/)</p>	<p>PRAKSIS is an independent Non-Governmental Organization whose main goal is the design, and implementation of humanitarian programs and medical interventions through the free provision of social services and primary health care in the areas of therapy and prevention to nationals, third-country nationals, migrants, refugees, vulnerable groups, etc.</p>
<p>Reception and Identification Service (http://www.firstreception.gov.gr/index.php?lang=en)</p>	<p>Reception and Identification Services is an independent agency under the Deputy Ministry of Migration Policy General Secretariat of Reception. Mission of the Reception and Identification Service is the effective management of third country nationals who cross the Hellenic borders without legal documents and/or procedures, under conditions that respect their dignity, by carrying out first reception procedures.</p>
<p>Doctors without Borders/_Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) – Greece (https://www.msf.gr/)</p>	<p>MSF-Greece is an international medical humanitarian organization. It provides independent, impartial assistance to people whose survival is threatened by violence, neglect, or catastrophe, primarily due to armed conflict, epidemics, malnutrition, exclusion from health care, or natural disasters. MSF also speaks out to bring attention to neglected crises, challenge inadequacies or abuse of the aid system, and to advocate for improved medical treatments and protocols.</p>
<p>International Organization for Migration – Office in Greece (https://greece.iom.int/en)</p>	<p>IOM cooperates with the Greek Government, the European Commission, and various Greek NGOs, agencies and organizations in order to implement programs aimed at the successful integration of migrants in society and the labour market, the fight against phenomena of racism and xenophobia in Greece, and human trafficking. Through various programs IOM, also, provides the option of voluntary return.</p>

<p>UNHCR – Greece (https://www.unhcr.gr/)</p>	<p>The Office of UNHCR operates in Greece since March 1952. It cooperates with state authorities, NGOs and other agencies and organizations to ensure the protection of refugees, asylum seekers and all persons falling within the mandate of UNHCR. It also seeks to inform and sensitize public opinion about the refugee issue in order to create a climate of tolerance and respect for the rights of refugees.</p>
<p>Hellenic League for Human Rights (http://www.hlhr.gr/)</p>	<p>The Hellenic League for Human Rights is the oldest Non-Governmental Organization for the protection of human rights in Greece. The HLHR was founded in 1936. The Organization studies the citizens' problems on individual and collective level, submits proposals for their resolution, provides legal assistance, raises public awareness, and tries to deepen the public debate about human rights through lectures, conferences, publications, and other events. To fulfill these objectives the HLHR seeks cooperation with other bodies active in the field of human rights (rights organizations, Ombudsman, National Commission on Human Rights) and international organizations (the Council of Europe, and the United Nations).</p>
<p>Greek Forum for Refugees (http://refugees.gr/)</p>	<p>The aim of the Forum is to create a Panhellenic network of individuals, legal professionals and communities, working to support asylum seekers, political refugees, stateless persons, etc. The pivotal role of the Association is: the provision of solidarity and support to the aforementioned population, the unity and self-organization of actions in order to integrate and participate in the Greek society, the development of cooperation and solidarity between the organizations and the communities of this population, the effort to solve the problems at both individual and collective levels, and the contribution in the amelioration of asylum policies in both Greece and Europe, and the claim of the right of population to participate in discussions that concern it.</p>
<p>Ecumenical Refugee Program – Church of Greece (http://www.ccme.be/members-info/greece/)</p>	<p>The Ecumenical Refugee Program (ERP), is a special service of the Holy Synod of the Orthodox Church of Greece that provides assistance to refugees and asylum seekers. The program runs different projects that have been financed by various sources, including UNHCR, the European Commission, the European Refugee Fund (during the last 6 years until today) etc. The ERP primarily provides legal assistance and representation to asylum seekers and refugees, and is one of the main Organizations in this field in Athens. Since March 2011, ERP is an implementing partner of UNHCR within the <i>Asylum Reform Project</i>, for legal assistance and representation to asylum seekers and refugees in Greece.</p>
<p>KLIMAKA (http://www.klimaka.org.gr/)</p>	<p>KLIMAKA is a Non- Governmental Organization founded in 2000 with activities aimed both to the provision of mental health services and the implementation of programs for the social inclusion of vulnerable groups. The Organizations provide medical, psychiatric and psychosocial support services (counseling, accommodation, education, professional integration, legal assistance, etc.) to vulnerable groups (homeless people and people in danger, refugees and migrants, victims of domestic abuse or trafficking, natural disasters and war victims, inmates, released prisoners, people with mental health issues, etc.) that require systematic and comprehensive intervention.</p>

<p>Hellenic Red Cross http://www.redcross.gr/default.asp?pid=1&la=1</p>	<p>The Hellenic Red Cross, founded in 1877, is the largest non-governmental organization in Greece. Mobilized in time both of war and peace it aims to the relief of human suffering, supporting the wounded, the sick, refugees, the elderly, people with financial difficulties and vulnerable groups. Its activity has been associated with vigilance, solidarity and altruism. The HRC recognizing that integration is a two-way process involving both the host country and the refugees themselves, provides the following services through the Multifunctional Refugee Centre Hellenic Red Cross – Department of Social Welfare: Information, counseling, psychosocial support and mediation, provision of means of subsistence, rent subsidies through social service, information, guidelines in the native language of callers via the telephone refugee information and support line, preparation and labor market integration, groups for the support of the education of adults and children, and edification through the participation in cultural activities.</p>
<p>BABEL (http://syn-eirmos.gr/babel/)</p>	<p>The Babel Day Centre is a mental health unit which aims to serve the mental health needs of migrants residing in Athens. Established in the context of actions undertaken by the “Syn-eirmos” NGO and forming part of the “Psychargos” program, BABEL is supervised by the Mental Health Department of Ministry of Health and Social Solidarity, and provides the following services: diagnosis, treatment and psychosocial rehabilitation for mental disorders, continuing care and follow up of people with mental disorders, day care services, personalized escort services for the support of those attending other services, counseling for individuals, families, groups and organizations. It, also, advocates on mental health issues, and sensitizes key persons and organizations to the specific issues or difficulties associated with the mental health needs and problems of migrants. The Centre provides its services to individuals, families and communities.</p>
<p>Greek Forum for Migrants http://www.migrant.gr/cgi-bin/pages/index.pl?arlang=English&type=index</p>	<p>Greek Forum of Migrants (GFM) is a Network of Migrant Organizations and Communities. Its aims include: Improving policies, self-organizing and activating the migrant communities for their equal inclusion and participation in the Greek society, familiarizing with institutions and strengthening the leadership of the migrant communities, addressing the problems of migrants in individual and collective level, advocating on migrants’ rights, working with NGOs and institutions, developing actions to combat racism and xenophobia, and promoting the values of multiculturalism, and the democratic coexistence of social justice and equal citizenship.</p>