



**UNHCR**  
The UN Refugee Agency

What we do  
Representation in Greece

UNHCR, the UN Refugee Agency, protects and assists people forced to flee their homes because of conflict and persecution. We work in over 130 countries, protecting millions of people by responding with life-saving support, safeguarding fundamental human rights and helping them build a better future.



We are present in Greece since 1952. UNHCR works with the Greek authorities, non-governmental and other organizations, volunteer networks and communities to ensure the protection and integration of refugees and asylum-seekers in the country. We also focus on raising awareness and advocate for the development of sustainable solutions and the improvement of policies, which will allow refugees to thrive in their new home.

## What we do

### Responding with life-saving support

- A key priority for UNHCR is to ensure that those who are forced to flee persecution, conflict or human rights abuses and seek asylum, can access the territory and fair procedures. Our staff are there to provide support to those who require special assistance.
- To those most at risk, such as unaccompanied children or survivors of sexual violence, we provide psychosocial support, emergency shelter and/or foster care.
- Within our child protection programmes we support the National Emergency Response Mechanism providing a safe haven to homeless unaccompanied children.

### Safeguarding fundamental human rights

- We deploy staff and provide training and advice to help strengthen State systems and expertise on asylum, reception and solutions for refugees.
- We provide legal aid to asylum-seekers and refugees through partners and support asylum authorities to improve quality in asylum procedures.
- We raise critical matters that affect the rights and well-being of refugees and asylum-seekers with the authorities and other key actors to encourage legal and policy change.

### Building better futures through integration

- Supporting refugees to integrate in Greece is a top priority of UNHCR. We cooperate with the Greek State to ensure that refugees have access to rights and necessary documentation enabling them to integrate and live in dignity, contributing to the local economy and society.
- In line with the National Integration Strategy, we support multiple integration projects, including on employability, language learning for adults and livelihoods.
- We support cities and municipalities throughout the country who lead on refugee inclusion.
- We support refugee communities to create and strengthen support networks, from addressing mental health issues to training youth to help their peers.
- We support the relocation of unaccompanied children and other vulnerable groups from Greece to other European States.
- We raise awareness among the host population, foster understanding and solidarity with refugees, and cultivate partnerships to mobilize wider support.



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