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Editorial

2015 was a news-filled year for Greece. Headline-making news. Some of these news stories were hopeful, but nonetheless tragic. The Greek people, brought to their knees by harsh austerity measures and now living on the edge of impoverishment, needs good news. But unfortunately, we don't always control events.

2015 indisputably set records for numbers of refugees, displaced persons, and migrants.

The number of people passing through Greece on their journey to Europe and quest for a better tomorrow cannot be fully verified.

According to the United Nations, the number of refugees and migrants entering the European Union passed the one million mark.

But sadly for many others—quite a few who were very young—this journey proved fatal as hundreds of shipwrecks were recorded in the Aegean Sea. Aylan Kurdi, a three-year-old Syrian boy, whose death moved Europe and the rest of the world is a typical example.

In 2015, we wondered whether what we faced was a crisis of European responsibility and governance.

It wasn't, of course, the first time that the EU had faced migration pressures from the Mediterranean south. Especially during the last decade, the phenomenon of undocumented migrants from countries of northern Africa, the Balkans, and Asia towards EU member-states (Greece, Italy, Spain, and Portugal) had escalated, turning the Mediterranean a region of both sending and receiving migrants.

Based on available data compiled by the UN High Commissioner for Refugees, from 2001 to 2010, the number of undocumented migrants from northern Africa and the Middle East to Europe rose by 42 per cent, that is, from 3.5 million to five million people. Of these, 91 per cent destined for the countries geographically closest to the sending regions—Spain, Italy, and Greece. The Arab uprisings in 2010 and the Syrian conflict that erupted in 2011 reinforced migrant flows towards Europe. As a result, in the five years spanning 2009 to 2014, the number of undocumented migrants to Europe passed the 800,000 mark. During this period, the greatest pressure was felt by Italy, which sits on the Central Mediterranean Route, and, secondly, by Greece, which sits on the Eastern Mediterranean Route through Turkey towards the eastern and southern Aegean islands as well as the northern Evros region.

In 2014, Italy saw triple the number of undocumented migrants (over 170,000) than Greece and the Mediterranean Sea accounted for the largest number of deaths (over

3,000, mostly drownings, of people from Syria, Eritrea, Afghanistan, sub-Saharan Africa, and Somalia). At the same time, the Syrian crisis which erupted in March 2011 forced more than 6.5 million Syrians to settle in neighboring countries, mainly Turkey, Lebanon, and Jordan with most eyeing a move towards “the European paradise” by any means possible.

“Fortress Europe” and the management of illegal migration

Through the end of 2014, and despite clear indications of an escalation, the European Union seemed to have adopted what Talleyrand had described as the Bourbon dynasty's attitude in the wake of the French Revolution: it learned nothing and changed nothing.

Indeed, persisting in the need to fortify itself against the migrant pressures, the European Union continued its hands-off management of the phenomenon of illegal migration, leaving the burden of intercepting and managing these pressures on the “front-line” states of the Mediterranean south—Italy and Greece.

Europe's policies thus continued unfolding on two levels: short-term, aimed at averting illegal migration and controlling the EU's external borders, and medium-term, where the EU “externalized” the tools and policies at its disposal.

The policies the EU developed to handle illegal migration proved ineffective, both short- and medium-term. In 2015, migration pressures on Europe's borders increased dramatically, injecting new problems into an EU already fractured politically by the economic recession.

A mass tragedy in April 2015, with the deaths of 700 migrants whose boat sunk en route to Italy, triggered the humanitarian reflexes of both EU citizens and leaders.

The European Union seemed to be waking from a slumber: in just three months from the tragic sinking, more institutional initiatives were taken than had been during the previous ten years. The European institutions moved forward with a series of proposals for urgently managing the migrant/refugee crisis, saving human lives, and combatting human trafficking networks.

Indeed, on April 20, Federica Mogherini, the High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, and Dimitris Avramopoulos, the European Commissioner for Migration, Home Affairs, and Citizenship, submitted a “Ten Point Action Plan” on migration. This was followed on April 28, by the “New European Agenda on Security” while on May 13, the European Commission adopted the “European Agenda on Migration” whose four main institutional pillars targeted the urgent need for action to prevent further loss of life, offered assistance to front-line countries through substantial measures such as increasing the number of ships under Frontex, provided emergency aid, and devised an action plan for eradicating illegal migrant-trafficking networks.

However, these admittedly dynamic interventions were exhausted at the level of policy announcements, setting a series of high yet not entirely reachable goals that could be barely, if at all, supported by the means and tools available to the EU. Meantime, these institutional proposals did not comprise a comprehensive, joint migration policy as provided for under Article 79 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union.

In the months that followed, the migrant and refugee crisis intensified in a dramatic way. With the migrant flows now effectively locked into the Eastern Mediterranean Sea Route

(Turkish coast to Greece's northern and eastern Aegean islands), at the end of the summer, Greece faced a sharp spike in the number of mixed—migrant and refugee—flows at its borders. Official data are astonishing: 138,081 people, that is, a 1,100 per cent increase over the same period of the previous year. Indeed, in the first eight months of 2015, more than 300,000 migrants and refugees crossed the Mediterranean sea borders, with more than 200,000 arriving in Greece and 110,000 in Italy. One million migrants and refugees crossed the EU's borders—972,551 by sea and 34,000 by land, most of whom (818,654) had entered by crossing the sea borders between Greece and Turkey.

As a result, in 2015, Greece was faced with an unprecedented emergency as the number of refugees arriving in the country hit record levels. The reception infrastructure and services, including the registration process, could not possibly meet the enormous needs as the islands became increasingly crowded. Greece, with its huge public debt, was unable to cover even the basic needs of the people arriving daily on its shores. In practice, these people were welcomed and offered assistance (food, water, blankets, information on reaching the registration centers) were mostly volunteers, activists, and other active members of the society of citizens as well as national and international non-governmental organizations. It became clear that the number of arrivals had exceeded all projections by the Greek or European authorities who were not prepared to face such an emergency. The situation essentially became a crisis because of the lack of a national or European management plan and a comprehensive common EU policy on migration and asylum.

Most of the people who arrived in Greece are refugees fleeing deadly clashes in countries like Syria, Afghanistan, and Iraq, or oppressive governments like Eritrea's.

The overwhelming number of those reaching Europe are from Syria. Between January 1 and September 30, 2015, out of a total of 393,000 arrivals in Greece, 277,899 were Syrians; the second largest number were Afghanis (76,720), followed by Iraqis (21,552), and Pakistanis (14,323). By contrast, documented arrivals for all of 2014 totaled 31,000—a significantly smaller number.

As noted earlier, the journey to the EU is arduous. Deaths are recorded almost daily as the transit is made under dire conditions, on unsafe and dilapidated boats and in rough weather. The IOM's Missing Migrants Project recorded 3,117 deaths in the Mediterranean (January-October 16, 2015), of which 278 were in the Aegean. But the harsh journey does not end for those lucky enough to reach European shores: a long and difficult process of identification, registration, detention or resettlement is then set in motion.

Most of the migrants and refugees arriving in Greece follow the sea route across the southeastern Mediterranean and land on the northeastern Aegean islands, mainly Lesbos, Kos, Chios, Samos, and Leros. According to UNHCR data, the highest number of arrivals is on Lesbos.

After arriving on a Greek island, migrants and refugees are forced to walk several kilometers or take a bus to a registration center. Seeing groups of people, including small children, marching along the roadside has become a part of the landscape on many of these islands. Through September 2015, they had to travel distances as great as 60 kilometers by foot as there was no bus service and locals or taxi drivers were afraid to take them for fear of being charged with illegal transport. Some may wait just a day for registration, others a week. In the interim, while awaiting authorization to board a Piraeus-bound ship, migrants and refugees live in "reception centers" or on the street or on the beach.

Overcrowding has resulted in appalling living and hygiene conditions, not only at reception centers but at various locations around these islands.

The increasing concentration of migrants and refugees on first-reception islands, combined with the abysmal reception conditions, often results in clashes with the police, especially on Lesbos and Kos.

The Greek authorities—after a three-month-delay—decided to schedule special sailings to temporarily defuse the crowding on islands with already large numbers of migrants and refugees. But the urgency remains as thousands continue arriving daily and no long-term solution has been implemented to date.

Arriving in Piraeus, they board trains and buses bound for northern Greece and continue their long journey overland across the borders with FYROM, Serbia, and Hungary. The Balkans have now become the main transit route to Europe, replacing the sea crossing from Greece to Italy.

Idomeni has now become the exit point for the mass flight to the European dream. And, of course, it is gradually turning into a massive crucible of souls as it now concentrates a considerable refugee population that has remained in the area in the wake of the borders' closing and the domino of refusals by other European countries to take them in.

The refugee crisis now has three fronts: the entry points (Aegean islands), the open reception/detention centers, and the exit point (Idomeni) along with the Greek interior where reception and hospitality camps are sprouting to serve these populations that have suddenly found themselves trapped in Greece. In most cases, living conditions at these camps do not meet international standards. They are overcrowded, with bad public health and hygiene facilities, inadequate access to food and healthcare. In other words, people living in these centers are subjected to inhuman and humiliating treatment.

A long and arduous journey

From day one, Praksis was present at the entry points as well as at Idomeni and Elaionas, providing medical and nursing staff and mobile medical intervention units staffed with psychosocial professionals and volunteers in order to help meet the urgent problems these populations face.

The challenges are many and huge. The vulnerable populations and their particular needs are even bigger.

Single-parent families, unaccompanied mothers, refugees with mobility problems and disabilities, people with chronic ailments, unaccompanied children.

Praksis tries to respond to all these challenges with specific interventions and a presence at all hot points of the refugee issue.

We chose to speak through testimonies, not numbers. In any case, 2015 was ushered out on a commitment and a promise: to rise to the challenges and relieve the worry and pain of the people enduring the consequences of Europe's unwillingness to offer a legal and safe passage so they can seek protection and a right to live!

About us

PRAKSIS (PROGRAMS OF DEVELOPMENT, SOCIAL SUPPORT AND MEDICAL COOPERATION) is an independent Non-Governmental Organization whose main goal is the design and implementation of humanitarian programs and medical interventions.

Our main goal is the elimination of social and economic exclusion of vulnerable social groups and the defense of their human rights.

Our beneficiaries are Greek poor, homeless, uninsured, economic immigrants, asylum seekers/ refugees, unaccompanied minors, trafficking victims, sex workers, children begging in the streets, injection drug users, Roma, HIV seropositive people/PLWA, Hepatitis B and C patients, MSM (Men having Sex with Men), prisoners, people released from prisons, Greek families that face the repercussions of the financial crisis, any person that faces social or/and financial exclusion and is deprived of basic goods.

The three axes of our mission are: Prevention, Direct intervention/support, Lobbying and Advocacy.

PRAKSIS implements programs throughout Greece and mostly in Attica, Central Macedonia, the islands of the Northern and Eastern Aegean Sea (such as Lesbos, Samos, Chios, Kos, Leros), Patras area and Northern Greece.

PRAKSIS participates in many secondary bodies in Greece and in a number of networks at the national and European level. Through the implementation of European programs, PRAKSIS also participates in corporate collaborations and networks with other EU members focusing on research, advocacy, exchange of good practices, propagation of information and results, lobbying, divulgation of information and sensitization on different issues, the development of horizontal and vertical information, lobbying and the recording of recommendations, which are oriented to the defense of vulnerable populations, and the promotion of policy changes from public bodies.

Our history

1996

Medicins Sans Frontieres Greece (MSF) creates the first Polyclinics created in Athens, providing primary medical facilities to migrants and refugees.

1997

MSF opened a second Polyclinic in Thessaloniki. At the same time, a pan-Hellenic research mission takes place, aiming to register the remaining populations that are not included in the social welfare networks and who lack basic medical services.

1998

On the occasion of the vote on the first Presidential decrees, which opens the way for legal counseling of migrants, MSF initiates the Legal Counseling of Migrants and Refugees program (Legal Information Centers) in Athens and Thessaloniki.

1999

Following an initial epidemiological analysis of the medical cases of the two Polyclinics, the Public Health Program begins operating in both cities (Athens and Thessaloniki). Research into the needs and problems faced by Romas in the area of Evosmos of Thessaloniki takes place. Volunteers and executives of Athens begin their interventions at the Open Therapeutic Program "Diavasi". Volunteers of the Greek programs participate in providing assistance to victims of the earthquakes.

2000

A research program about the children living on the street of Thessaloniki begins. Its important findings, and the lack of effective interventions, pave the way for the design of a program for this target group. Research is conducted at the Korydallos Prison in order to investigate and register the characteristics and needs regarding living and health conditions of the inmates.

2001

The "Children the Next Door" program begins. A program at the Korydallos Prisons begins conducting interventions for health promotion and mobilisation of both inmates and workers through seminars and information on health issues (transmittable diseases and damage reduction from drug use) take place. In Athens, at the Center of Multiple Intervention of KETHEA (Therapy Center for Dependent Individuals), educational programs regarding reduction of damage from drug use are conducted.

2002

The intervention program at the Korydallos Prisons continues, aiming to deliver speeches to the inmates regarding first aid, transmittable diseases, reduction of damage from drug use, and re-integration. The participation in the first cycle of three "Equal" programs is initiated: "An-drasi-Istos", a program for those seeking asylum, "Nemesis", a program for the rights and the smooth re-integration of inmates and ex-inmates, and "Forum", a program for social cohesion, against xenophobia and racism. The implementation of the Action Plan of Accompanying Support Services also begins: "Productive Integration Space for Migrants and Refugees" (targeting a group of 60 migrants and 60 refugees).

2003

Programs within borders are involved in the informal network for trafficking as well as in the Greek Forum for AIDS and Mobility. Missions to different points of entry of migrants and refugees take place and legal, psychological and health services are provided. The Board of Directors of

MSF decides to open the debate on the "next day" of the Within the Borders program. The Missions Director is assigned the task of searching for alternative solutions. The evaluation of the Greek programs begins and the mapping of the "landscape" of benefits and programs throughout Greece, for the populations served up to then by MSF, takes place. On the 1st of December, the Public Health Programs organizes an awareness campaign for World AIDS Day.

The internal inquiry and evaluation is completed. In March 2004, the Board of Directors of MSF receives a proposal for the creation of an independent organization which will include the to-date Programs Within Borders of the organization and will broaden its actions further to other excluded groups. In June 2004, the General Assembly of MSF decides to "give the green light" to the creation of the new body and approves a lump sum, funding its initiating operations and its sustainability for a year. A letter of the President of MSF, Kostas Papaioannou, announces the new organization named "PRAKSIS" and the new NGO is made public through a press conference. The total separation of the new body, both administratively as well as organizationally, is decided. Actions will be separate although there is an agreement that, as far as communication is concerned, MSF and PRAKSIS will continue to jointly honor their past accomplishments. In October 2004, PRAKSIS has its own legal charter and is registered in the Athens Court. ... and so PRAKSIS is born! PRAKSIS had already begun its association with six types of Development Synergies for its participation in the second cycle of the Community Initiative "Equal". PRAKSIS, now acting on its own, organizes for a second consecutive year, the Campaign to increase awareness and information for WorldAIDS Day.

PRAKSIS participates in certified Development Synergies. PRAKSIS begins implementing the program "STEGI", targeting the new incoming asylum seekers and promoting their independent living in sheltered flats. The established awareness campaign for World Aids Day is organised. PRAKSIS is awarded the "Islet of Quality" from "Citizens Society," by the President of the Hellenic Republic, Mr. Karolos Papoulias.

The Reception Center of ex-Prisoners operates in Athens (with its own funding). The implementation of the Action Plan of Accompanying Supportive Services "PRAKSIS ENTAXIS" begins, targeting 200 individuals (single parent families, inmates, ex-prisoners, migrants and refugees). The established awareness campaign for World AIDS Day reaches a nationwide span and becomes more complex. Other organizations are invited, and a four-day event attempts to reach out to all ages and levels of the population. The core message of the campaign is: "We stop AIDS, we keep promises, we take responsibility". PRAKSIS is funded for the programs of "Children of the Next Door" as well as for the Center of Legal Counseling in Thessaloniki by the Stavros Niarchos Foundation.

PRAKSIS participates in the first directly funded program by the EU, the "Daphne" program, under the name "Act For Children". Together with the General Secretariat of the New Generation of the Ministry of Culture, PRAKSIS implements in Chania and Kos a novel action entitled "My Town on a Bicycle", as well as the original information campaign for youth, "Ask First" ("Prota Rota"). The organization participates in actions relieving fire distressed populations in Ileia and Evoia. Together with the Greek Network for Corporate Social Responsibility, it implements the program "The Next Day". PRAKSIS is awarded for the second consecutive year the "Islet of Quality" from "Citizens Society" and receives the award from the President of the Hellenic Republic, Mr. Karolos Papoulias. The largest to date awareness campaign for World AIDS Day is organised, with the slogan "Hugs transmit love... condoms safety".

2004

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2008

PRAKSIS now operates eight (8) Core Programs

- 2 Polyclinics: Athens and Thessaloniki
- 2 Legal Aid Centers: Athens and Thessaloniki
- 2 Public Health Programs: Athens and Thessaloniki
- 1 Reception Center for ex-prisoners in Athens
- 1 Program "Children the Next Door" in Thessaloniki

Simultaneously, PRAKSIS implements 18 projects co-financed by Greek Ministries and the EU. A new campaign titled "Ask First" ("Prota Rota") is established as a juvenile awareness campaign by organizing novel events on the occasion of global days, themed evenings and a nationwide campaign during the summer months. PRAKSIS receives the first prize at the ACE Awards for the Media Campaign "Ask First" ("Prota Rota") as an International Volunteering Project in Genova.

2009

PRAKSIS intervenes at the points of entry of Samos island and Thrace with legal actions and advisory assistance to third-country nationals. An informative hotline for Hepatitis B 800 11 11 600 is established. PRAKSIS is a key partner of the EU project "Partnership for a Cohesive Society," which is targeted to encourage and support the participation of all those who have an active role in the social integration of socially vulnerable groups and in the formulation and implementation of policies, focusing on the unemployed and working poor; the elderly; female-headed families with children; migrants; and the disabled. PRAKSIS also implements awareness campaigns for third-country nationals through programs of the European Integration Fund.

2010

PRAKSIS actively implements the pilot program "Mobile Information Unit and Testing for HIV", thereby providing anyone wishing to be tested with free, fast and anonymous access to examination. The PRAKSIS Prevention and Information hotline, 800 11 11 600, is expanded to cover HIV issues as well as Hepatitis B. As a member of the network Volonteuropa, PRAKSIS welcomes volunteers from around the world at the "19th European Conference on Education in Voluntary Action", which is hosted in Greece. PRAKSIS, in cooperation with the NGO ARSIS, initiates the "Mobile School" program, which goes out on the streets to bring children that lack schooling into contact with various educational activities, with the goal of promoting their access to schools. Together with "Kentro Zois," PRAKSIS organizes the innovative campaign for awareness and prevention of HIV: "Information- Prevention-Testing: our motto of life".

2011

PRAKSIS continues its interventions and programs at the Athens and Thessaloniki Polyclinics while at the same time expanding its actions at entry and exit points along the Greek border. PRAKSIS travels to the borders in northern Greece and the Northeast Aegean islands with its Mobile Medical Units to provide primary health care, social support and legal counseling to newly arrived migrants. PRAKSIS begins its intervention program in Patras with the goal of providing protection for unaccompanied minors. Specifically, PRAKSIS creates a Day Center of information and support for these children; a "Drop in Center" aiming to identify, inform and connect with them, to provide primary health services, psychosocial care and legal counseling. The main scope of the program is to act in the best interest of the unaccompanied minors who find themselves in Patras and are in need of international protection. At the same time, PRAKSIS daily street work interventions help identify, inform and support unaccompanied minors.

2012

In the context of its Public Health Programs, PRAKSIS implements integrated awareness programs for HIV, Hepatitis B and C. At the same time, it collaborates with hospitals, providing immediate and free referrals for HIV detected cases. At the same time, the free of charge hot line 800 11 11 600 continues to inform the public on HIV and Hepatitis B, while also expanding the service to Hepatitis C issues. PRAKSIS also implements an awareness campaign for Hepatitis C. PRAKSIS begins the implementation of the "SYN STO PLIN" Program. Specifically, it operates two Day

Centers for the homeless in Athens and Piraeus. The goal of this program is the immediate intervention with those who become homeless. This is an intervention program to handle critical situations within the community, both through the Day Centers as well as through coordinated supportive streetwork interventions. In addition, and with the goal of aiding Greek families who are being victimized by the crisis and are in danger of becoming homeless, PRAKSIS implements the program "Social Housing" in Athens and Thessaloniki, through targeted supportive actions, aiming at returning these families to the labour market. Specifically, the program aims at the co-ordinated management and support of those families who are at the poverty line, while offering them a series of services and basic needs.

PRAKSIS initiates the operation of Day Centers for Unaccompanied Minors and vulnerable groups in Athens and Patras in a joint effort with the Greek Red Cross. PRAKSIS continues the support and provision of services with the inauguration of another medical unit in Thessaloniki. PRAKSIS promotes skills development, employment and entrepreneurship to beneficiaries through various intervention programs. PRAKSIS continues to intervene via its Mobile Medical Units in the large cities and at the borders, always depending on the current needs. The Day Centers for the Homeless in Athens and Piraeus are strengthened. PRAKSIS continues its efforts of lobbying, aiming at a change in policies and at the protection of the basic and fundamental rights of its target groups, by designing and strengthening its advocacy division. And the trip continues! You will find more information on all of the programs, interventions and actions of 2013, in this edition of our Annual Report.

Praksis continues operating reception centers for unaccompanied children and vulnerable groups in Athens and Patras in a joint effort with the Hellenic Red Cross.

Medical services offered in the Greek capital are expanded through the Medical Services Extended at the Athens Solidarity Center. The Employability Center project is also introduced to the center aimed at providing job counseling services and support for vulnerable populations excluded from the job market. The Thessaloniki Solidarity Center continues to provide support for vulnerable groups, including medical services.

The Business Coaching Center is launched in Athens. It provides free business training and advice for those seeking to acquire the necessary skills to implement their business idea.

Praksis also operated its Mobile Medical Units in large urban areas and near the Greek borders, according to need.

As part of its effort to address the increased need created by the large refugee waves arriving in Greece, Praksis expanded its operations to the Greek islands of Lesbos, Chios, Samos, Leros, and Kos.

Temporary accommodation centers for unaccompanied children were set up on Lesbos and Kos. At refugee camps on Lesbos, Samos, and Chios, Praksis launched interventions to identify and protect unaccompanied children as well as provide support for vulnerable families and children at risk.

Mobile Medical Units were sent to Kos, Leros, and Samos to provide medical, pharmaceutical, and psychosocial support for newly-arrived populations.

Praksis also provided solutions for emergency accommodation and support for extremely vulnerable population groups on the Greek islands and mainland.

A Praksis team also operates at Idomeni, providing medical and pharmaceutical support as well as meal distribution and other primary care materials to populations amassing there with the aim of crossing the northern border.

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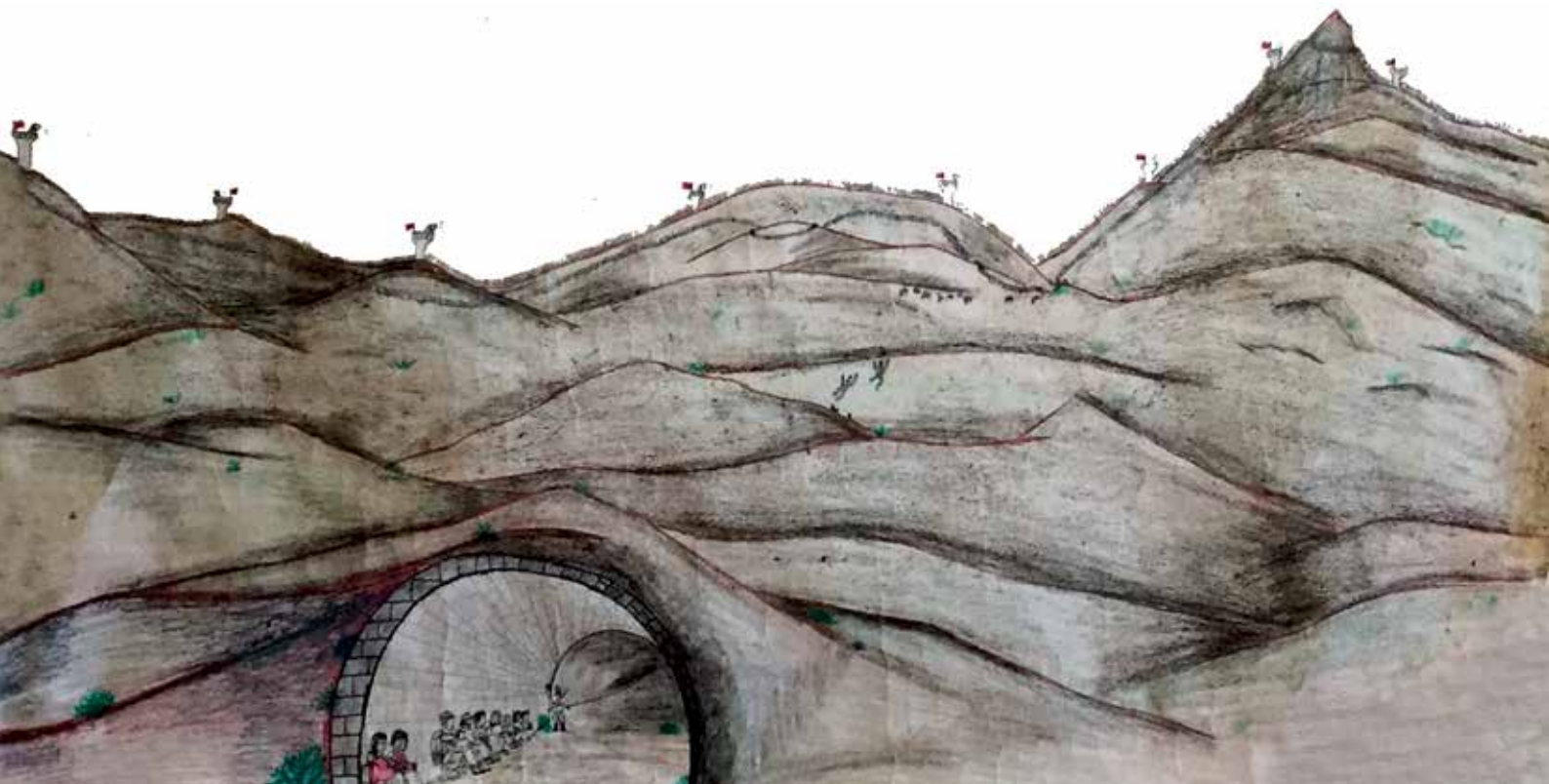


Up Close

The rapid increase in mixed migration flows during 2015 highlighted the urgent need for immediate, valid, and substantial support for these populations, especially vulnerable groups. A basic concern was providing legal support at entry points and reception areas where Praxis is active.

The images of the dire conditions suffered by thousands of our fellow human beings for months at Idomeni are deeply etched in my memory and shame contemporary European civilization. Yet the experience which I believe is important to share involves a nine-year-old Kurdish boy that I happened to meet at the Transit Center for Unaccompanied Children on Lesbos in December 2015. He had been transferred there as a result of our legal service's intervention with the local authorities. The image of such a young boy entering the country and being all alone in a strange land without a single familial face is shocking and illustrates the magnitude of human misery in our days. At the same time, didn't spontaneous laughter and childish innocence shone on his face. That is the loudest message to be broadcast on the occasion of World Peace Day—that hope and optimism always exist in children's souls. And they are the necessary ingredients for creating a truly better and peaceful world.

Dimitris Varadinis
Coordinator, Legal Services





Polyclinics in Athens and Thessaloniki

The “heart” of PRAKSIS

PRAKSIS Polyclinics in Athens and Thessaloniki have been operating ceaselessly since 1996. Every person facing a medical, social, psychological, work-related, or legal problem - regardless of which population or social group s/he is a member of - can seek support by the Polyclinics professional interdisciplinary staff who make every effort to manage it. Through their activities and provision of services, the Polyclinics try to mitigate the social and/or economic exclusion of vulnerable social groups as well as to protect the individual and social rights of such groups.

The Polyclinics, which are the “heart” of PRAKSIS, offer the following services, for free and without discrimination or criteria:

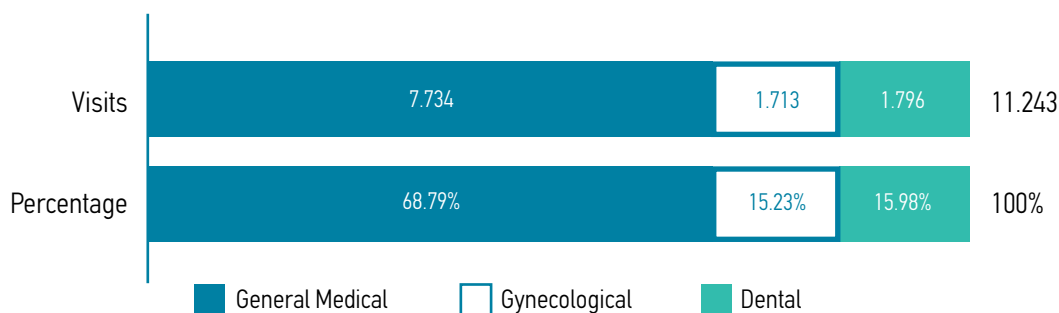
- Primary health care: general medical, gynecological, dental, pediatric
- Pharmaceutical care
- Psychosocial support
- Employment counselling
- Legal counselling
- Health education activities

In 2015, PRAKSIS Polyclinics in Athens and Thessaloniki received a total of 33,467 patients. Most of these medical visits referred to general healthcare requests. A significant number of patients visiting the pharmacies of the Polyclinics in Athens and Thessaloniki were in need of provision of free medicine.

The differentiations in the country of origin and the population groups of the patients visiting the two Polyclinics relate mainly to the location of each infrastructure:

Statistical Data: Athens Polyclinic

Distribution of beneficiaries by medical services

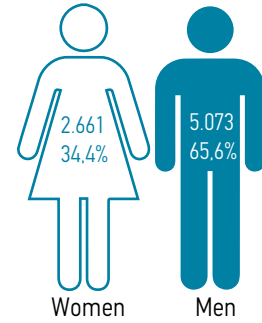




General Medical Unit Visitor Data

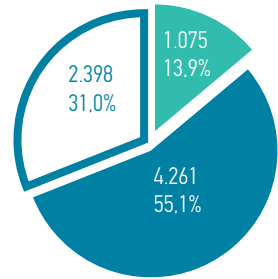
AILMENTS	FREQUENCY	PERCENTAGE %
Medical examination	861	11.13%
Infectious diseases	29	0.38%
Neoplasms	16	0.21%
Endocrine diseases	345	4.46%
Hematological	316	4.09%
Psychiatric disorders	49	0.63%
Nervous system diseases	352	4.55%
Circulatory system diseases	569	7.36%
Respiratory diseases	1.357	17.55%
Digestive disorders	1.290	16.68%
Urinary tract and prostate	386	4.99%
Prenatal, birth, and post-natal complications	26	0.33%
Dermatological diseases	564	7.29%
Muscular system diseases	867	11.21%
Undiagnosed symptoms	34	0.43%
Lesions, bruising, and poisoning	212	2.74%
Emergency care	39	0.50%
Other diseases or disorders	422	5.45%
TOTAL	7.734	100%

By Gender



TOTAL: 7.734

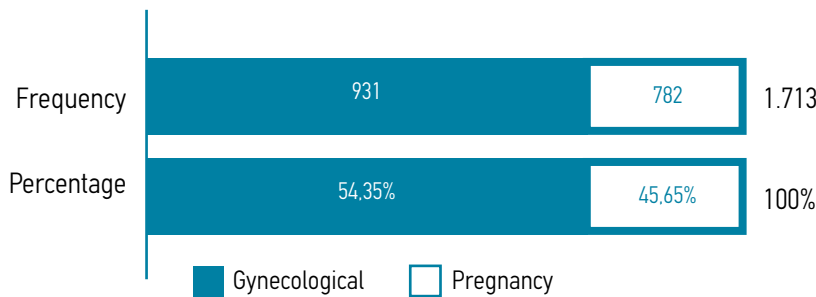
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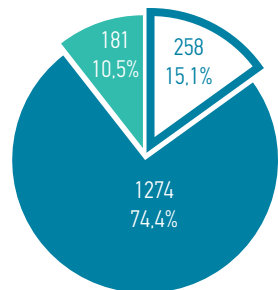
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Gynecological Unit Data

Reason for Visit



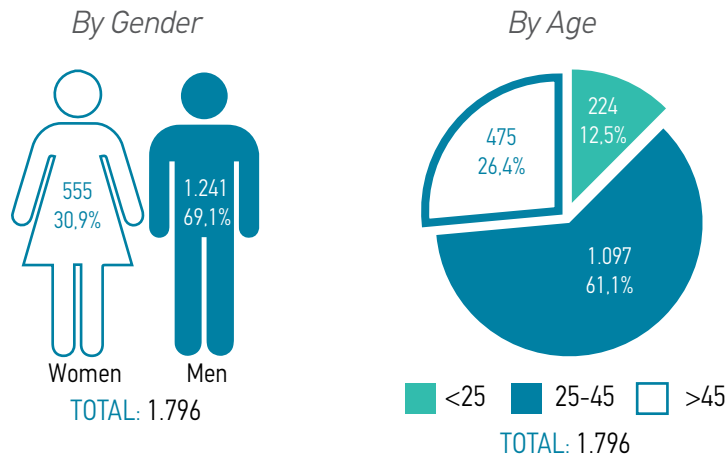
By Age



TOTAL: 1.713

Dental Unit Data

REASON FOR VISIT	FREQUENCY	PERCENTAGE %
Fillings	662	36.85%
Endodontic therapy	456	25.38%
Extraction	260	14.48%
Periodontic therapy	81	4.51%
Check up	293	16.33%
Other	1	0.06%
Pharmaceutical treatment only	43	2.39%
TOTAL	1.796	100%



Country of origin of patients visiting Athens Polyclinic

COUNTRY OF ORIGIN	FREQUENCY	PERCENTAGE %
Afghanistan	1.235	10,98%
Albania	957	8,51%
Eritrea	430	3,82%
Somalia	416	3,70%
Greece	935	8,31%
Iran	494	4,39%
Nigeria	835	7,43%
Pakistan	544	4,83%
Bangladesh	581	5,17%
Cameroon	202	1,80%
Congo	176	1,57%
Ethiopia	295	2,62%
Ghana	264	2,35%
Bulgaria	473	4,20%
Syria	629	5,60%
Iraq	258	2,30%
Guinea	136	1,20%
Senegal	96	0,85%
Romania	297	2,65%
Georgia	361	3,20%
Ukraine	126	1,12%
Gambia	76	0,67%
Poland	198	1,76%
Egypt	346	3,07%
Other countries	883	7,90%
TOTAL	11.243	100%

For the two years period (01/03/2014–30/04/2016), the operations of the Athens Polyclinics general medical, dental, and gynecological units are supported by Solidarity Now, the Municipality of Athens, and EEA Grants.





Athens Polyclinic Pediatric Unit

For the past three years, the Pediatric Unit at PRAKSIS Athens Polyclinic has met the healthcare needs of children who are not covered by the National Health System. Services provided include pediatric examinations and monitoring of chronic conditions, provision when necessary of the requisite references for the issue of individual student health cards. There is also a vaccination programme for children who would not otherwise have access to immunisation so the Unit promotes and safeguards public health as well.

Both the pediatrician and the Pediatric Unit of Social Services offer counselling, support, and guidance on childcare issues (social, welfare, medical, parental training in dispensing medication, care of sick children) as well as for children-members of vulnerable social groups with particular cultural characteristics.

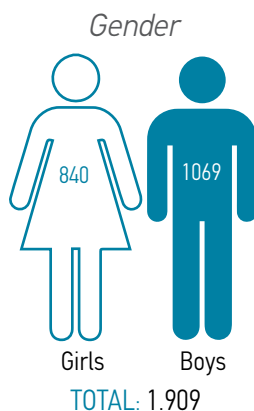
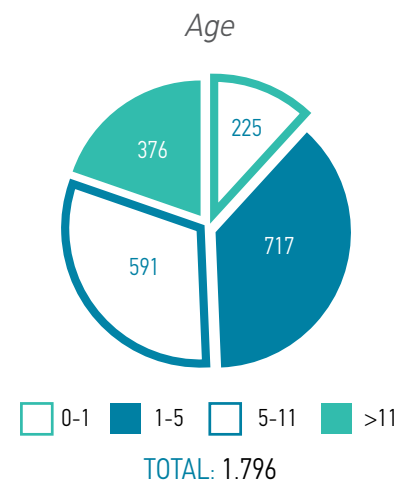
In 2015, PRAKSIS Polyclinic Pediatric Unit examined 1,909 children, mainly from Afghanistan, Nigeria, Syria, and Greece; 85 children were immunised with 123 multivalent vaccines.

The refugee crisis in 2015 had an impact on PRAKSIS Polyclinic Pediatric Unit and the total number of visits began to rise steadily from June 2015, peaking in December of the same year.

Through methodical interventions - outreach and streetwork - people at Pedio Areos Park as well as at Victoria and Omonoia Squares who faced similar respiratory diseases and gastroenteritis caused by poor travel conditions were informed about the Polyclinic. In addition to the standard medical examination administered during the visit, parents were also provided with information about hygiene and treating symptoms which appeared to be common to a number of children as parents lacked basic information about safeguarding their children's health (for example, ignorance of basic tools like thermometers or no experience in administering medicine).

Statistical Data: Pediatric Unit

DIAGNOSTIC CATEGORY	NUMBER OF VISITS	PERCENTAGE %
Regular Pediatric Exam	613	21,80%
Respiratory infection	877	31,19%
Gastro-enterological	462	16,43%
Other diseases	194	6,91%
Vaccinations	123	4,38%
Pharmaceutical treatment only	347	12,35%
Doctor referrals	126	4,49%
Hospital referrals	69	2,45%
TOTAL	2.811	100%



During the period 01/04/2014 to 31/12/2015, the funding for Athens Polyclinic Pediatric Unit was provided by John S. Latsis Public Benefit Foundation.



Statistical Data: Thessaloniki Polyclinic

Patients by Unit

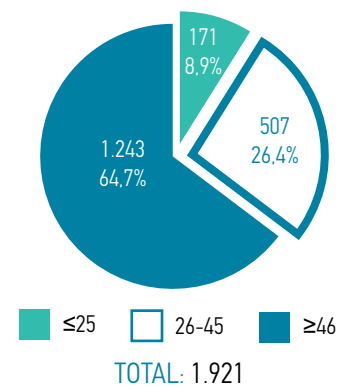


General Medical Unit Visitor Data

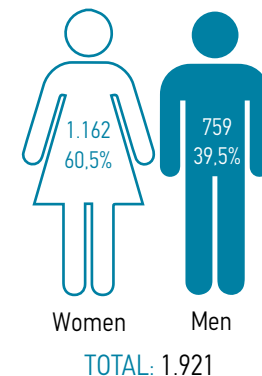
Types of medical conditions

AILMENTS	FREQUENCY	PERCENTAGE %
Medical examination	223	15.40%
Infectious diseases	29	1.50%
Neoplasms	16	0.83%
Endocrine diseases	137	7.13%
Hematological	128	6.67%
Psychiatric disorders	49	2.56%
Nervous system diseases	146	6.60%
Circulatory system diseases	98	5.10%
Respiratory diseases	217	10.30%
Digestive disorders	209	10.10%
Urinary tract and prostate	123	6.40%
Prenatal, birth, and post-natal complications	26	1.35%
Dermatological diseases	109	5.67%
Muscular system diseases	112	5.83%
Undiagnosed symptoms	34	1.77%
Lesions, bruising, and poisoning	85	4.42%
Emergency care	39	2.03%
Other diseases or disorders	141	6.34%
TOTAL	1,921	100%

Thessaloniki Polyclinic: Patients by age



Thessaloniki Polyclinic: Patients by gender



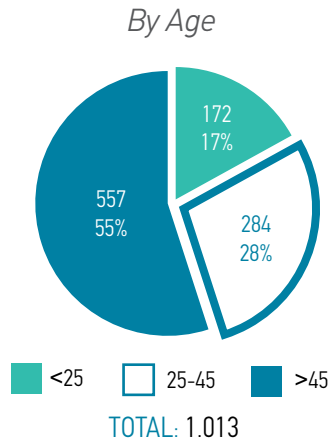
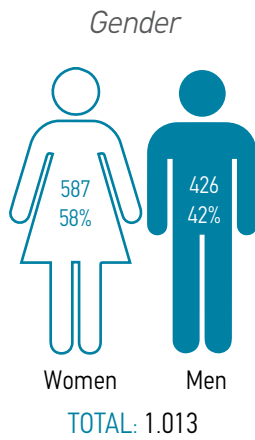
Thessaloniki Polyclinic: Main countries of origin

COUNTRY	NUMBER	PERCENTAGE %
Greece	664	34.6%
Albania	375	19.5%
Georgia	242	12.6%
Nigeria	163	8.5%
Pakistan	98	5.1%
Bulgaria	96	5%
Armenia	57	3%
Russia	45	2.3%
Ukraine	39	2%
Other countries	142	7.4%
TOTAL	1,921	100%

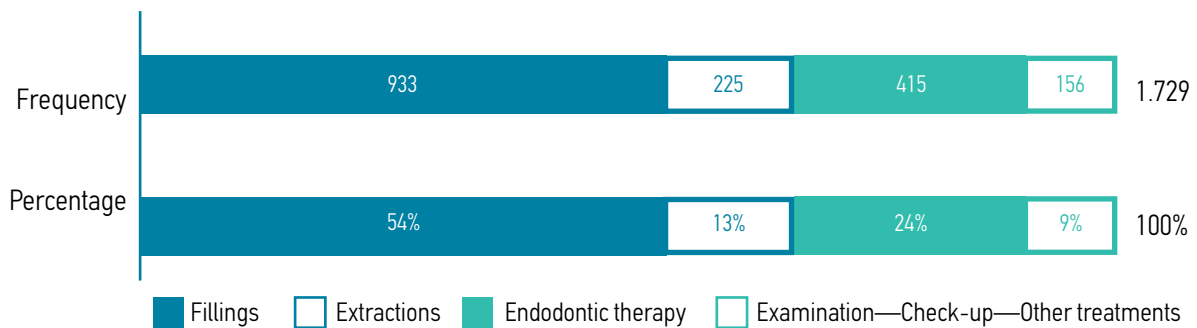


Thessaloniki Dental Clinic

The dentist administered a total of 1,729 dental exams and treatments to 1,013 patients from September 2014 to September 2015; 103 of these patients were subsequent visits.



Dental Unit Statistical Data



As part of the prevention approach,

- Staff of the Polyclinic delivered a talk to children at the 54th Thessaloniki Kindergarten about teeth, visiting the dentist, and dental hygiene.
- Two educational briefings (two-hours each) were organised for children aged 8-10 years of beneficiaries who use PRAKSIS services. .

PRAKSIS Pharmacies

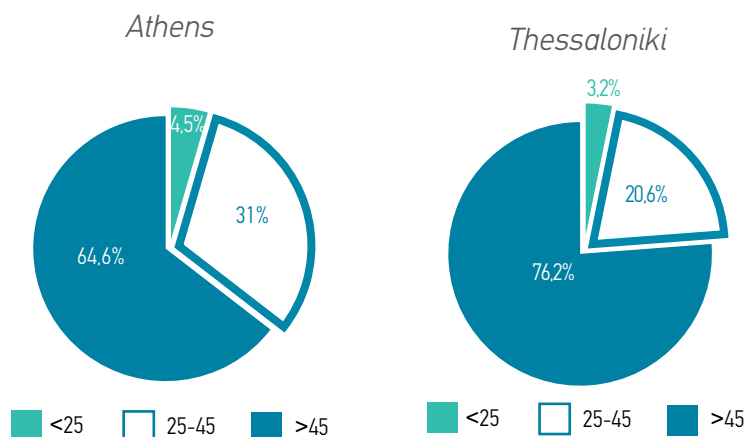
In 2015, PRAKSIS pharmacies in Athens and Thessaloniki dispensed **29,281** medications to **17,381** patients and of total cost of **€353,585.90**.

In 2015, PRAKSIS pharmacy in Athens dispensed **15,796** medications to **11,337** patients and of total cost of **€124,977.20**.

In 2015, PRAKSIS pharmacy in Thessaloniki dispensed **13,485** medications to **6,044** patients and of total cost of **€226,608.70**.

It is worth noting that main countries of origin of the beneficiaries were: (a) **at Athens** pharmacy – Greece (30.10%), Albania (24.20%), and Nigeria (4.80%) and (b) **at Thessaloniki** pharmacy – Greece (41.60%), Albania (28.20%), and Georgia (14.5%).

The beneficiaries age groups regarding PRAKSIS pharmacy in 2015 were as follows:



In Athens the majority of beneficiaries were men (62.50%), with women accounting for 37.50%; in Thessaloniki, men also accounted for the larger share (50.20%), with women comprising 49.80% of pharmacy beneficiaries.

Social Services in Athens and Thessaloniki

Social Services is the first phase for people when seeking assistance at PRAKSIS Polyclinics in Athens and Thessaloniki. Staff receiving arrivals try to determine newcomers' needs (medical, social, legal, housing, etc.) and make a timely diagnosis of any pressing or associated problems to facilitate their quick and effective resolution.

Social Services is a place of trust where PRAKSIS beneficiaries can testimony their personal stories. The guiding principle of PRAKSIS staff is to establish lasting communication channels with the beneficiaries and based on mutual trust so as to achieve the most effective intervention.

The main methodology tool is the holistic approach based on the axis of prevention-intervention-advocacy. There is a continuous stream of quantitative data and qualitative parameters from the Polyclinics to the Fundraising, Communication, and Advocacy Departments so that programmes and campaigns are designed to meet these specific needs or manage the pull factors.



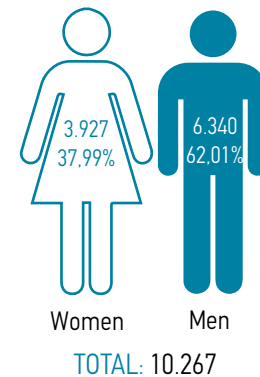
Statistical Data: Athens Social Services

All beneficiaries who visit the doctors also receive support by Social Services. In 2015, 10,267 beneficiaries were received by Social Services. The four more predominant countries of origin were Afghanistan, with Greece coming second, and followed by Syria and Albanian.

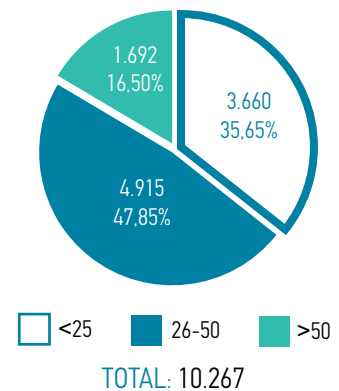
Main countries of origin of patients visiting Social Services at Athens Polyclinic:

NATIONALITY	FREQUENCY	PERCENTAGE %
Afghanistan	1.779	17,33%
Greece	968	9,43%
Syria	893	8,70%
Albania	773	7,53%
Bangladesh	545	5,31%
Nigeria	529	5,15%
Iraq	464	4,52%
Pakistan	365	3,56%
Bulgaria	335	3,26%
Georgia	282	2,75%
Egypt	276	2,69%
Somalia	253	2,47%
Iran	218	2,12%
Morocco	217	2,11%
Congo	192	1,88%
Romania	190	1,85%
Ghana	172	1,59%
Eritrea	174	1,69%
Ethiopia	166	1,62%
Sudan	121	1,79%
Kenya	100	0,97%
Other countries	1.255	12,17%
TOTAL	10.267	100%

Gender



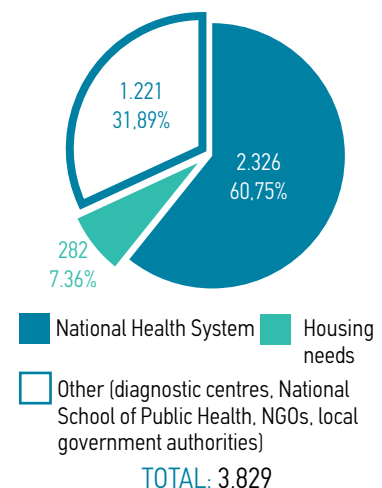
By Age



Athens Social Services - Legal Status of Beneficiaries

Recognised refugees	318	3,10%
Migrants	1.084	10,58%
Asylum seekers	1.419	13,82%
No legal framework	4.368	42,54%
European citizens	1.580	15,38%
Greek citizens	968	9,42%
Other	530	5,16%
TOTAL	10.267	100%

Athens Social Services - Referrals



Statistical Data: Thessaloniki Social Services

Main countries of origin of patients using the social services at the Athens Polyclinic

NATIONALITY	FREQUENCY	PERCENTAGE %
Greece	1.214	32%
Afghanistan	645	17%
Other countries	379	10%
Nigeria	341	9%
Albania	303	8%
Georgia	228	6%
Somalia	190	5%
Philippines	152	4%
Bulgaria	114	3%
Sudan	114	3%
Iran	38	1%
Syria	38	1%
Ukraine	38	1%
TOTAL	3.794	100%

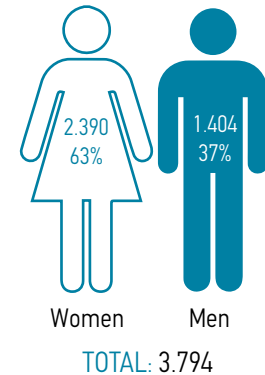
Thessaloniki Social Services - Referrals

REFERRED TO	TOTAL	PERCENTAGE %
Social insurance funds	392	89%
Other NGOs	69	4%
Public services	48	3%
Public hospitals	25	1%
Local authorities	22	1%
Other services	13	0,8%
Parishes	7	0,5%
Volunteer Associates	5	0,3%
Hostel/Shelter	2	0,2%
Private organizations	2	0,2%
TOTAL	585	100%

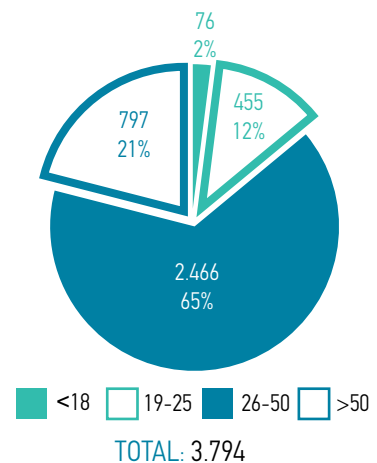
Thessaloniki Social Services - Legal Status of Beneficiaries

LEGAL STATUS	TOTAL	PERCENTAGE %
Asylum seekers	1.708	45%
Greek citizens	1.214	32%
European citizens	322	8,5%
Irregularly resident in Greece	266	7%
Migrants	266	7%
Ethnic Greeks	18	0,5%
TOTAL	3.794	100%

Beneficiaries by Gender



Beneficiaries by Age Group





In 2015, PRAKSIS Social Services in Athens and Thessaloniki provided services to 14,061 people. Greece was one of the main countries of origin of the beneficiaries visiting PRAKSIS Polyclinics; along with Afghanistan, Syria, and Albania. Unemployment and economic adversity continued to shape the then contemporary reality which was combined with the large waves of refugees arriving in Greece, so the two Polyclinics provided services to a significant number of people who did not have access to the National Health System.

Additionally, the lack of health insurance (such insurance is needed to access the National Health System) is due mainly to the following:

- debt to the Revenue Office or Social Insurance Bureau
- lack of unemployment card
- lack of tax/revenue report
- no home address
- expired legal documents or inability to renew them

Regarding the requests placed at Social Services, most were related to financial support and coverage of basic needs (housing, legal, socio-welfare, medical). In order to cover these needs, the Polyclinics Social Services provided psychosocial support, counselling, referrals to other agencies and organisations; and mediation with Social State Agencies and relevant stakeholders in order to facilitate access to specialised support.



Athens and Thessaloniki Public Health Services

Public Health programmes in Athens and Thessaloniki aim at promoting health education among socially and economically excluded population groups as well as to the general public. These programmes are implemented in cooperation with practitioners in various scientific disciplines (medicine, nursing, psychosocial).

In order to increase and enhance awareness on personal hygiene issues among populations living in high-risk conditions or on the street, PRAKSIS implemented Public Health activities. More specifically:

- public health needs groups are identified and recorded in the meeting places of the target populations.
- hygiene conditions are improved so as to minimise the risk of contagious diseases
- information on prevention methods is provided to target population groups.

Additionally, Public Health programmes include a series of prevention and information activities such as:

- public information and awareness campaigns and screenings for Hepatitis and HIV
- organised talks at schools, prisons, neighbourhoods, and rehabilitation communities.

Briefings for Target Groups/Organizations

- 26 briefings on HIV and Hepatitis B and Hepatitis C at Therapy Centre for Addicted Individuals (KETHEA) at Exarcheia and Rafina. These information sessions focused on how these diseases are transmitted; prevention methods, and First Aid. Workshops to school students whose families are beneficiaries of Solidarity Centre – Solidarity Now about First Aid, diversity, and oral hygiene.
- Experiential workshop to 11th and 12th graders at 27th Thessaloniki General Lyceum - "Why no one understands me".
- Oral hygiene awareness class to toddlers at 53rd Thessaloniki Day Kindergarten.
- Awareness class on volunteerism to secondary school pupils of 2nd Evosmos EPAL (vocational school).
- Experiential workshops on refugees at pupils of 6th Menemeni Elementary School.
- Experiential workshop at the Solidarity Centre – Solidarity Now on "Nutrition and Exercise" to parents of pre-school and school-aged children.
- Awareness class on "Safer Use-Harm Reduction" at Ithaki Therapy Centre for Addicted Individuals (KETHEA) Counselling Centre.
- Experiential workshops to children during the 2015 Parathinoupoli Children Festival (Municipality of Kalamaria).



- Experiential training workshop on children's rights at the 2nd Halkidona Lyceum and Gymnasium.
- Briefing sessions for the personnel of Thessaloniki Asylum Service on the topics of sexually transmitted diseases, tuberculosis, and scabies.
- Briefing sessions on the topics of sexually-transmitted diseases, tuberculosis, lice, and scabies as part of a pilot learning programme for homeless adults organised jointly by PRAKSIS, University of Macedonia and Thessaloniki Municipality.

Collaborations

PRAKSIS has developed a network of associates regarding the cooperation for the implementation of Public Health programmes::

- Non Governmental Organisations
- State stakeholders
- Office of Health Education for Primary and Secondary Education
- Schools
- State and private children daycare centres
- Migrant, refugee, Roma, etc. organisations and communities
- Support Centre for Roma and Vulnerable Groups - Paremvasis
- Scientific communities
- Specialised infrastructures and agencies such as Therapy Centres for Addicted Individuals (KETHEA), more specifically, Ithaki KETHEA Counselling Centre, Ithaki KETHEA Open Day Centre for Adults, and Prometheus KETHEA Centre for Social Reintegration.
- OKANA (Organization Against Drugs) community and street programmes for prevention and intervention aiming at reducing demand and supply of addictive substances.



Athens and Thessaloniki Solidarity Centres

Athens Solidarity Centre

Athens Solidarity Centre offers to new or existing grassroots groups in Greece operational space thus facilitating community-level cooperative solutions regarding urgent social and economic problems. The Centre was founded as part of the Open Society Foundations initiative and Solidarity Now, in cooperation with Athens Municipality and financial support by the European Economic Area Grants (EEA Grants). The Centre opened in December 2014 and it is situated in space provided by Athens Municipality on the first floor of the former Athens Garrison Building and was fully renovated by Solidarity Now. The Centre services are available to all citizens and anyone who is in need of them.

PRAKSIS implements two programmes at Athens Solidarity Center: **Extended Medical Services** and **Employability**.

Extended Medical Services

Extended Medical Services refers to all vulnerable social groups including Greeks living in poverty, homeless, uninsured, economic migrants, asylum seekers, refugees, undocumented individuals, and former inmates. Its services are offered free of charge to everyone regardless of colour, nationality, race, political or religious affiliation, gender identity, or sexual orientation. The programme primary aim is to combat social and/or economic exclusion of vulnerable social groups through the provision of unconditional and free access to primary health care.

Extended Medical Services is in essence an extension of the services provided at PRAKSIS Athens Polyclinic - general practitioner, gynecologist, dentist, and pharmacy. The fully equipped medical suites at Athens Solidarity Centre provide primary health care as well as pharmaceutical treatment if necessary. The medical specialisations provided by PRAKSIS at Athens Solidarity Centre are:

- cardiology
- orthopedics
- dermatology
- ophthalmology
- psychiatry
- general practitioner
- pharmaceutical and nursing support

Social Services consist of social science professionals who conduct the first intake and social history as well as providing individualised and holistic interventions to each beneficiary according to their need.



Statistical Data: January – December 2015

Athens Polyclinic

SPECIALISATION	TOTAL EXAMINATIONS
General MD	4.561
Gynecologist	1.345
Dentist	1.824
TOTAL	7.730

Additionally, the following tests were conducted:

- 54 HIV TEST
- 58 HBV TEST
- 58 HCV TEST

Athens Solidarity Center

SPECIALISATION	TOTAL EXAMINATIONS
Cardiologist	1.240
Orthopedist	1.863
Dermatologist	2.208
Psychiatrist	568
Ophthalmologist	1.657
General MD	1.821
TOTAL	9.357

Medical Services Extended programme operational period from 01/03/2014 to 30/04/2015 was supported by Solidarity Now, Athens Municipality and EEA Grants.

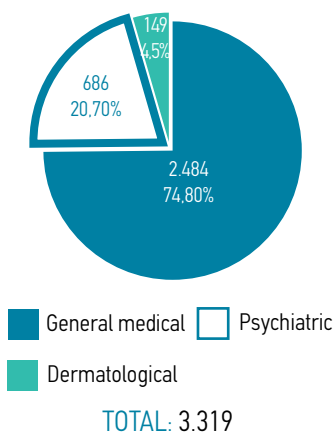


Medical Services at Thessaloniki Solidarity Centre

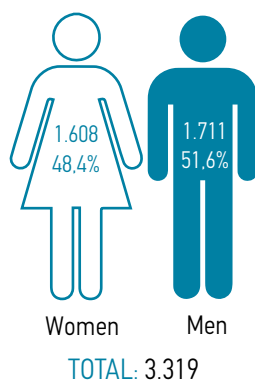
From January to November 2015, PRAKSIS provided medical services at Thessaloniki Solidarity Centre with financial support by Solidarity Now.

Solidarity Centre Medical Services were staffed by paid and volunteer specialist doctors: general practitioner, psychiatrist-psychotherapist and dermatologist (volunteer). The general medical practice provided primary health care and referrals (when needed) while the psychiatric practice conducted the necessary psychometric tests and offered an individualised therapy programme.

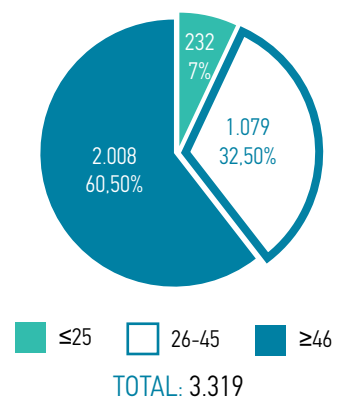
Medical Service (January–November 2015)



Beneficiaries by Gender



Beneficiaries by Age





COUNTRY OF ORIGIN	TOTAL	PERCENTAGE %
Greece	1.352	40,70%
Albania	554	16,70%
Georgia	296	8,90%
Nigeria	214	6,40%
Bulgaria	186	5,60%
Pakistan	146	4,40%
Syria	104	3,10%
Senegal	95	2,90%
Afghanistan	45	1,40%
Bangladesh	52	1,60%
Russia	51	1,50%
Ukraine	33	1,00%
Other countries	191	6,80%
TOTAL	3.319	100,00%

DISEASES	TOTAL	PERCENTAGE %
Medical exams	156	4,70%
Microbiological and parasitic infections	39	1,20%
Neoplasms	9	0,30%
Endocrine disorders	264	8,00%
Hematological disorders	13	0,40%
Psychiatric disorders	612	18,40%
Nervous and sensory disorders	226	6,80%
Circulatory disorders	595	17,90%
Respiratory diseases	370	11,10%
Gastro-enteric diseases	157	4,70%
Urinary and genital infections	68	2,00%
Pre- and post-natal complications	6	0,20%
Dermatological diseases	279	8,40%
Myoskeletal diseases	315	9,50%
Injuries	66	2,00%
Unclear symptoms	106	3,20%
Multiple causes	38	1,10%
TOTAL	3.319	100,00%

Along with the provision of medical services, Solidarity Centre provided as well **Social Services** - psychosocial support, referrals to other agencies or organisations so as to cover basic needs, counselling on employment and training issues, and mediation with state agencies and social organisations in order to facilitate access to specialised support.

Social Services serviced 1,153 beneficiaries.



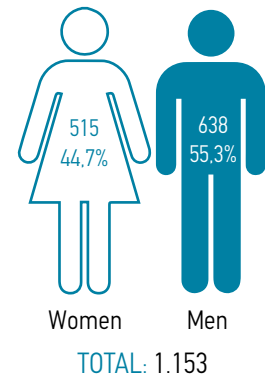
Social Services (January-October 2015)

COUNTRY OF ORIGIN	TOTAL	PERCENTAGE %
Greece	335	29,10%
Albania	152	13,20%
Georgia	118	10,20%
Syria	116	10,10%
Nigeria	110	9,50%
Bulgaria	79	6,90%
Pakistan	47	4,10%
Algeria	31	2,70%
Bangladesh	24	2,10%
Senegal	23	2,00%
Afghanistan	18	1,60%
Russia	11	1,00%
Other countries	89	7,50%
TOTAL	1.153	100,00%

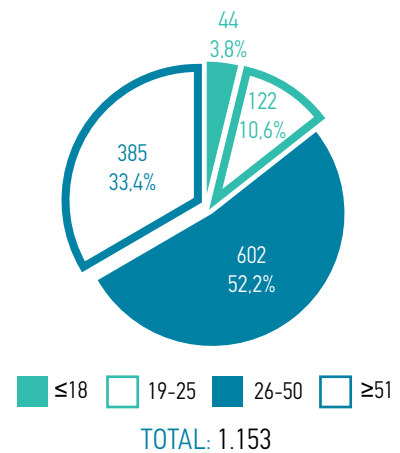
LEGAL STATUS	TOTAL	PERCENTAGE %
Migrants	339	29,40%
Greeks	335	29,10%
Refugees/Asylum-seekers	289	25,10%
Expatriates Greeks	99	8,60%
EU citizens	91	7,90%
TOTAL	1.153	100,00%

Referrals	TOTAL	PERCENTAGE %
Social insurance funds	32	13,40%
NGOs	62	25,90%
Parishes	6	2,50%
Local government authorities	24	10,00%
Public agencies	14	5,90%
Public hospitals	9	3,80%
PRAKSIS Day Center	89	37,20%
Other	3	1,3%
TOTAL	239	100,00%

Beneficiaries by Gender



Age Distribution



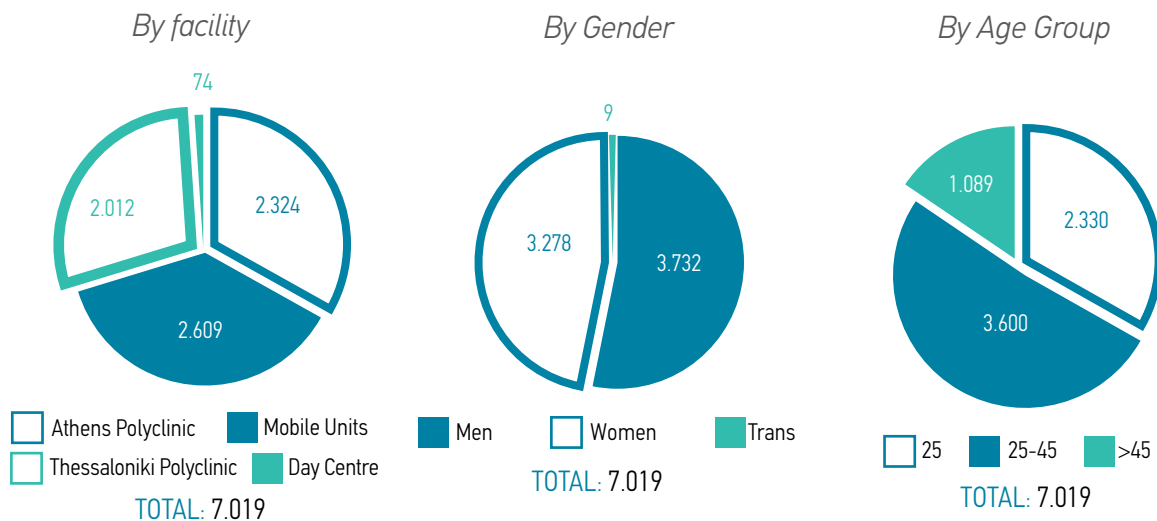


Ask First

HIV testing

PRAKSIS provides free, anonymous HIV testing on a drop-in basis as part of its Public Health and Prevention programmes. These tests are provided daily by all mobile medical units on the street in Athens and Thessaloniki as well as at PRAKSIS facilities: Athens and Thessaloniki Polyclinics; Day Centres for homeless in Athens, Piraeus, and Thessaloniki; Solidarity Centre in Athens; and Extended Medical Services. Social and population groups are thus able to obtain information about how HIV is transmitted and connect with the relevant agencies if treatment is needed.

In 2015, 7,019 individuals were tested.



By Education Level

Illiterate	612
Primary level	842
Secondary level	2.769
Tertiary level	2.582
Graduate level	214
TOTAL	7.019

By Employment Status

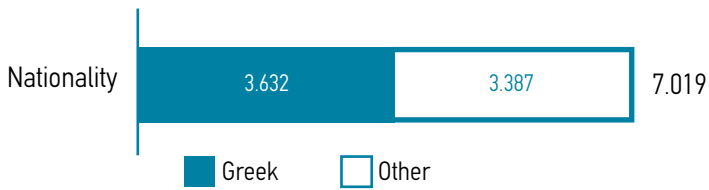
Employed	2.764
Unemployed	2.712
TOTAL	7.019

By Living Conditions

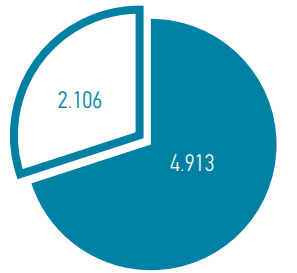
Homeowner	2762
Tenant	3248
Guest	423
Homeless	586
In detention	0
TOTAL	7.019



By Nationality

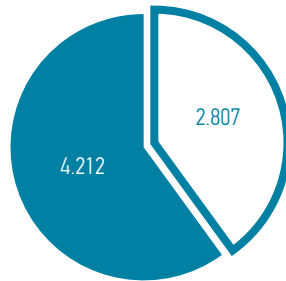


By Behaviour Classification



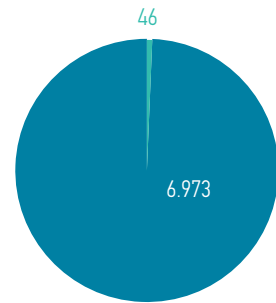
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TOTAL: 7,019

Previously Tested



■ Not previously tested □ Previously tested
TOTAL: 7,019

Antibody Detection



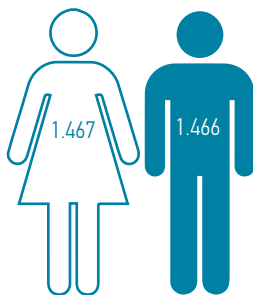
■ No antibodies detected ■ Antibody Detection
TOTAL: 7,019

Hepatitis B Testing

Since April 2013, PRAKSIS has been providing free and anonymous Hepatitis B tests on a drop-in basis as part of its Public Health and Prevention programmes. The tests are provided daily at all mobile medical units in Athens and Thessaloniki as well as at PRAKSIS facilities: Athens and Thessaloniki Polyclinics; Day Centres for homeless in Athens, Piraeus, and Thessaloniki; Solidarity Centre in Athens; and Extended Medical Services. Social and population groups are thus able to obtain information about how Hepatitis is transmitted and connect with the relevant agencies if treatment is needed.

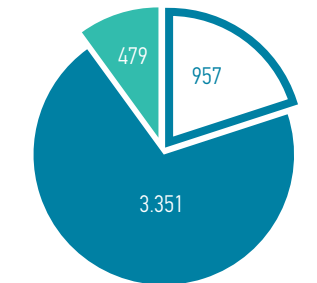
In 2015, 4,787 individuals were tested.

By Gender



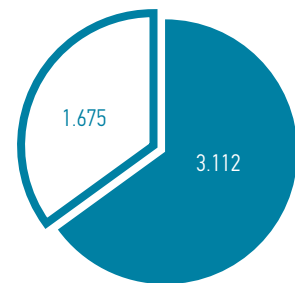
Women Men
TOTAL: 4,787

By Age Group



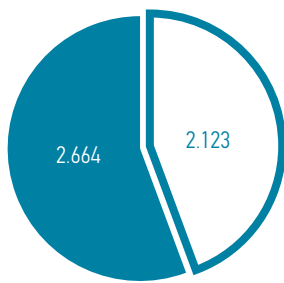
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TOTAL: 4,787

By Behaviour Classification



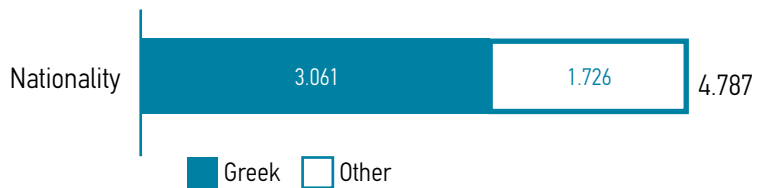
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Previously Tested

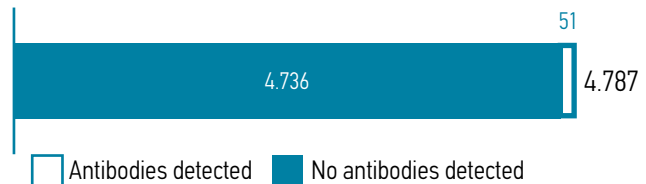


Previously tested
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TOTAL: 4.787

By Nationality



Antibody Detection

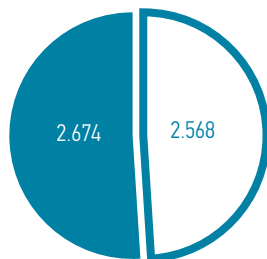


Hepatitis C Tests

Since March 2012, PRAKSIS has offered free anonymous Hepatitis C tests on a drop-in basis as part of its Public Health and Prevention programmes. The tests are provided daily at all mobile medical units in Athens and Thessaloniki as well as at PRAKSIS facilities: Athens and Thessaloniki Polyclinics; Day Centres for homeless in Athens, Piraeus, and Thessaloniki; Solidarity Centre in Athens; and Extended Medical Services. Social and population groups are thus able to obtain information about how Hepatitis is transmitted and connect with the relevant agencies if treatment is needed.

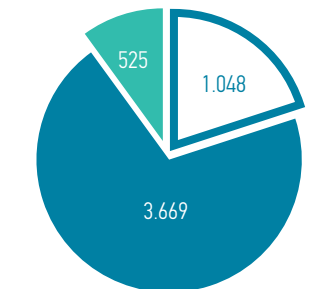
In 2015, 5,242 individuals were tested for Hepatitis C.

Previously Tested



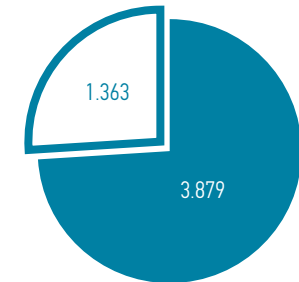
Previously tested
 Not previously tested
TOTAL: 5.242

By Age Group



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 25-45
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TOTAL: 5.242

By Behaviour Classification

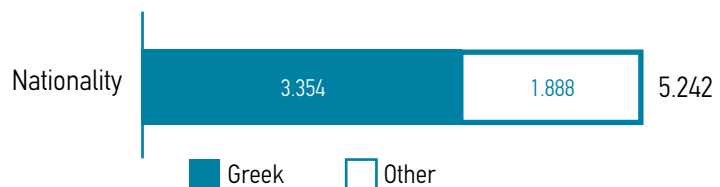


High risk
 Not high risk
TOTAL: 5.242

By Gender

Men	3,145
Women	2,085
Trans	12
TOTAL	5,242

By Nationality



Antibody Detection

Antibodies detected	119
No antibodies detected	5,123
TOTAL	5,242



Hprolipsis

Planning and Development of Viral Hepatitis B, C, and HIV Infections in the General Population and Transient Populations

Since March 2015, PRAKSIS has participated in the implementation of Hprolipsis, the National Epidemiological Study of the viral diseases Hepatitis B (HBV), Hepatitis C (HPC) and infectious HIV. The study was organised by the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens School of Medicine, in cooperation with other Medical Schools in Greece and **Doctors of the World** and **PRAKSIS NGOs**.

During the period from March to December 2015, as part of the Hprolipsis programme, blood samples were taken in Thessaloniki from 56 individuals coming from various African, Asian, and European countries. Results were presented to 20 of these 56 individuals:

- **Hepatitis B: 2 positive** (out of a sample of 20)
- **Hepatitis C: 2 positive** (out of a sample of 20)

Five more individuals were referred for further testing based on the hematology results and 11 were vaccinated with antibodies.

At Athens Polyclinic blood samples were taken from 174 individuals (both Polyclinic beneficiaries and migrant communities). Results were presented to 135 individuals.

Antibodies were detected:

- **HbsAg** in 8 people
- **Anti HBc** in 23 people
- **Anti HCV** in 9 people

27 people were given referrals for further examinations and 108 vaccinations were administered (phases a, b, and c). The tested individuals come from Asian countries (mainly Afghanistan), Africa (mainly sub-Saharan regions), and Europe.

The study was co-funded by the European Social Fund and national resources within the framework of the Operation Programme "Education and Lifelong Learning."



Prevention-Testing-Support

Prevention-Testing-Support was launched in October 2014 and due for completion in April 2016. The programme is implemented by PRAKSIS in cooperation with Doctors of the World-Greece, Thetiki Foni (Positive Voice), and Kentro Zois (Centre for Life) within the framework of the programme Increasing Social Welfare Services to Vulnerable Social Groups under EEA Grants 2009-2014. Prevention-Testing-Support is funded by the European Economic Area (Iceland, Lichtenstein, Norway). Bodossakis Foundation is the Fund Operator.

The aim of the programme was:

(a) timely diagnosis of HIV infections and increasing access to medical and psychosocial care for social groups in greater Athens and Patras at high risk of HIV and Hepatitis C and in Thessaloniki and Chania at high risk of HIV. Tests are conducting at facilities and mobile information and examination units.

(b) combatting social inequalities and social exclusion through specific actions:

- access to testing and information about preventing the transmission of HIV infections, with information tailored to the specifics of transmission among seropositive individuals and their social groups aimed at behavior modifications leading to the adoption of safe practices.
- post-test counselling as well as psychosocial support and legal advice.
- direct access to public health agencies with special infections units.
- increasing awareness among local communities and the general population in Athens, Piraeus, Thessaloniki, Hania, and Patras on how these diseases are transmitted, the importance of preventative tests, discrimination and stigmatization of seropositive individuals, eradication of prejudice.

The project was funded by Iceland, Lichtenstein, and Norway in the framework of the EEA Grants "We Are All Citizens" programme. Fund Operator was Bodossakis Foundation. "We Are All Citizens" aims at strengthening civil society and enhancing the contribution of NGOs to social justice, democracy, and sustainable development.





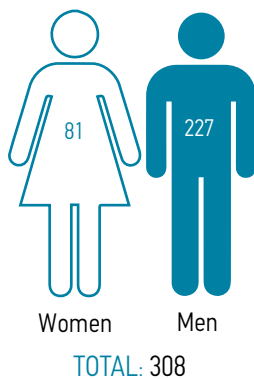
PRAKSIS Support

Since 2012, PRAKSIS has implemented PRAKSIS Support in order to provide psychosocial support to seropositive individuals in Athens and Thessaloniki. The programme is funded for the fourth consecutive year by Mac AIDS Fund.

PRAKSIS Support aims at a comprehensive approach of supporting people living with AIDS (PLWA) and their families. This approach comprises of a pre-counselling session, the testing and a post-counselling session. The process includes psychosocial support, legal advice and guidance regarding welfare and work-related issues. There are also escorts of beneficiaries when necessary by specialised staff. Additionally, there is medical advice and support provided for AIDS-related issues. All these aim at supporting seropositive individuals and people living with AIDS, with emphasis on their social (re)integration so that they may be functional at all levels.

During the three previous funding periods of PRAKSIS Support, the programme provided services to 942 beneficiaries in Athens and Thessaloniki, some of whom are still under the auspices of PRAKSIS Support. In 2015, the programme benefited 308 people.

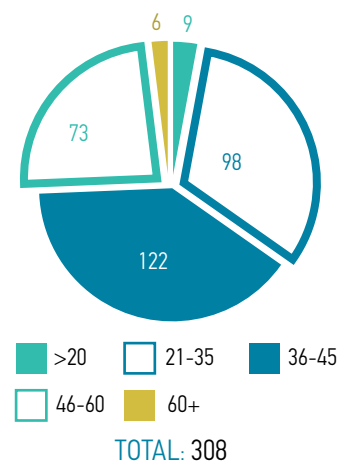
By Gender



By Country of Origin

COUNTRY	NUMBER
Greece	117
Afghanistan	38
Iran	21
Other countries	132
TOTAL	308

By Age Group





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In May 2015, I was asked to coordinate a new Praksis accommodation facility in Petralona for unaccompanied children. Mindful of this population group's vulnerability, before assuming my duties I tried to find as much information I could about the human geography, rights, legal framework, and prospects of these children who arrive in Greece after such peril.

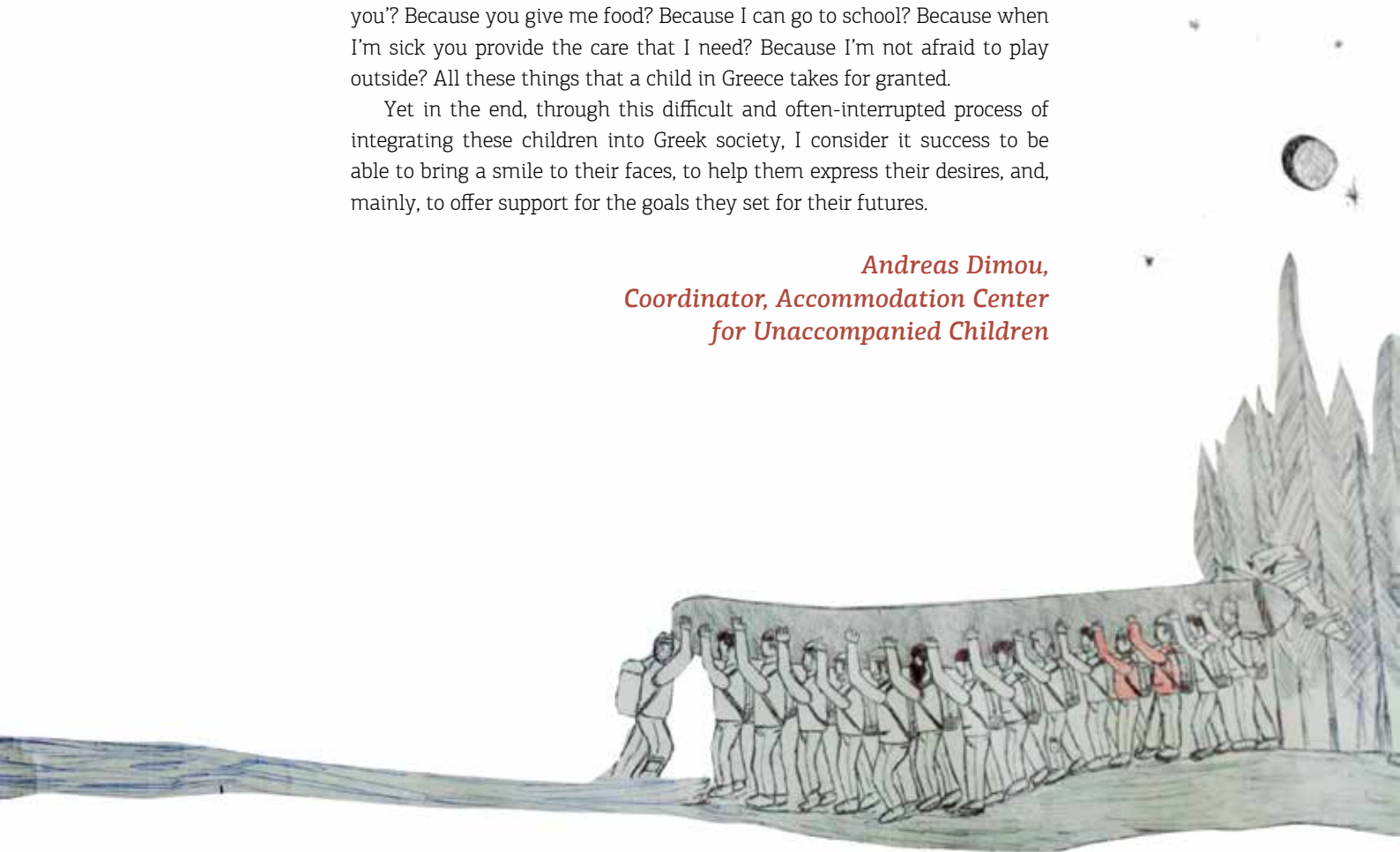
Nothing could have prepared me for what I would experience once I came into contact with these children through the Praksis P housing program. The first thing I learned from talking with them was that these children lose a big part of their childhood innocence just to survive such a dangerous trip. Traffickers, border guards with no respect for human life, adverse weather and travel conditions are all overcome with the sole hope of finding a land where their lives will no longer be fraught with danger.

After working at the Accommodation Center for Unaccompanied Children for about a year and collaborating with the multidisciplinary professional staff as well as volunteers, state agencies and international organizations, I realized that there are people who truly strive for these children's best interests and who are prepared to exceed themselves to meet these children's needs.

Through the process of their integration in a very different reality than what they've known, I was able to meet the "real" children hiding behind the sad and wild looks in their eyes. I've heard the words "thank you" from these children dozens of times and each makes me feel more "guilty". Why "thank you"? Because you give me food? Because I can go to school? Because when I'm sick you provide the care that I need? Because I'm not afraid to play outside? All these things that a child in Greece takes for granted.

Yet in the end, through this difficult and often-interrupted process of integrating these children into Greek society, I consider it success to be able to bring a smile to their faces, to help them express their desires, and, mainly, to offer support for the goals they set for their futures.

*Andreas Dimou,
Coordinator, Accommodation Center
for Unaccompanied Children*





Post-Release Centre

The Post-Release Centre (KYA) supports ex-prisoners in their transition from imprisonment to reintegration. This transition is an especially difficult and complex process, given the intensity of the social exclusion negatively reinforced through stereotypes and stigmatising and which results in ex-prisoners' social and personal isolation.

In its effort to meet this population group's increased needs, PRAKSIS operates the Athens Post-Release Centre in tandem with its activities in prisons.

The Post-Release Center's aim is two-fold: providing released inmates with services (psychosocial support, legal advice and information, primary medical and pharmaceutical care) and developing appropriate networks focused towards the effective (re)integration of both men and women. The Post-Release Centre's basic tools are a holistic approach and handling of the released prisoners' needs and support for their family environment. This networking includes as well strategic partnerships with related agencies and programmes at the local and broader level ultimately aiming at garnering multiple benefits in promoting the rights and satisfying the manifold needs of this particularly vulnerable population group.

In 2015, PRAKSIS received 85 persons at the Post-Release Centre. Most beneficiaries were men between the ages of 26 and 50. The most frequent applications for assistance concerned legal, medical, and work issues as well as housing. The beneficiaries' support networks (family and friends) ranged from inadequate to non-existent.





Interventions in Prisons

Since June 2012, PRAKSIS has been implementing interventions at Korydallos prison. The intervention in the women's prison was conducted through June 2013. Interventions in the jail infirmary continue to date. These interventions concern mainly seropositive inmates and aim at providing psychosocial support as well as legal counselling to this population group both during their imprisonment as well as after their release. The intervention team is cross-disciplinary and conducts weekly individual and group sessions inside the jail.

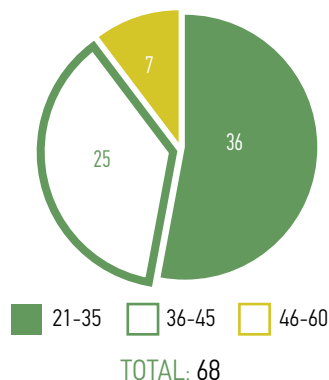
In 2015, PRAKSIS continued interventions at Ayios Pavlos Infirmary at Korydallos Prison. Thirty-six (36) new applications from inmates were completed. Group and individual sessions were held with 68 seropositive inmates. Subjects discussed at these counselling sessions concerned medical and welfare issues, post-release housing, issues related to their incarceration, substance-abuse rehabilitation programmes, social reintegration, legal decisions, and counselling regarding the issue of inmates' documents. Experiential exercises are also conducted aiming at enhancing inmates' reintegration after their release. An important participant in this process is the legal advisor on the interdisciplinary team as inmates have a range of outstanding legal issues and need consistent guidance in addressing them.

It should be noted that in 2015 a new wing - The Annex - for seropositive inmates was created in the Women's Prison at Korydallos.

Country of origin

COUNTRY	NUMBER OF INMATES
Greece	45
Afghanistan	6
Pakistan	4
Albania	3
Other countries	10
TOTAL	68

Age Distribution





European Fund for the Integration of Third-Country Nationals

Project 3.1.B/2013 Promotion of trans-cultural education and briefing on legal statutes governing healthcare issues for staff of selected hospitals engaging with third-country nationals.

The project titled *Promotion of trans-cultural education and briefing on legal statutes governing healthcare issues for staff of selected hospitals engaging with third-country nationals* was implemented during the period April to June 2015. It was financed by the European Fund for the Integration of Third-Country Nationals in the framework of project 3.1.B/13, Promotion of trans-cultural education and briefing on legal statutes governing healthcare issues for staff of selected hospitals engaging with third-country nationals.

The project target group was the hospital administrators, health centres, local authorities, and insurance funds involved in the healthcare of third-party nationals. The project aimed at enriching administrative staff's knowledge on the basic principles of transcultural theory and the legal framework governing migration and integration of third-country nationals in Greece. Seminars offered participants the opportunity to receive training in cross-cultural communication techniques and methods for resolving crises and problems linked to caring for third-country nationals.

Sixteen seminars were organized in ten cities (Athens, Piraeus, Thessaloniki, Patras, Larissa, Aigio, Chios, Ioannina, Trikala, and Drama) with the participation of a total of 359 civil service administrative staff representing 45 public health and organizations.

The content of the educational seminars focused on two areas: **legal training** and **cross-cultural education**. Additionally, the project translated the Migration and Integration Manual into **six languages** (English, French, Urdu, Albanian, Russian, and Arabic) for distribution to third-country nationals by the staff of the healthcare organizations.

Project partners

- Apospi Centre for Vocational Training (KEK), coordinator
- PRAKSIS
- Dimitra Educational Counselling S.A.

Project 3.1.B/13 2013 Promotion of trans-cultural education and briefing on legal statutes governing healthcare issues for staff of selected hospitals engaging with third-country nationals was implemented in the framework of Annual Programme of the European Fund for the Integration of Third-Country Nationals with monies from the EU funds (95%) and national funds (5%).





Citizens of the World

Project 1.4.B/2013 Radio programmes on issues related to migrants, reproduction and wide distribution of structured print, audio, and audio-visual material.

The cross-cultural radio programme *Citizens of the World* was implemented from January to June 2015 within the framework of Action 1.4.B/2013 Radio programmes on issues related to migrants, reproduction and wide distribution of structured print, audio, and audio-visual material and co-funded by the European Fund for the Integration of Third-Country Nationals and the Ministry of Interior and Administrative Restructuring.

The project's basic goal was to reinforce the integration process of third-country nationals, promote their harmonious coexistence with the receiving community, and familiarize them with issues of radio broadcasting and general technical mass media production.

Under this project, 140 radio broadcasts were produced on issues of direct interest to migrants living in Greece and aired on the radio station *Sto Kokkino* with the active participation of representatives of migrant communities and locals. This was preceded by training in radio broadcasting issues and community media by the Dimitra Centre for Education and Learning. At the end of this training, the 44 participants (24 migrants and 20 Greeks) had the opportunity to take in part in live radio shows.

As part of the project, a print and interactive manual for migrants was created around the migrant population's information needs. The manual was translated into eight languages (Albanian, Arabic, Punjabi, Urdu, Russian, English, French, and Swahili). A documentary with information and advice for aspiring community radio producers was also made.

Project partners

- BEE Group S.A., coordinator
- PRAKSIS
- Dimitra Educational Counselling S.A.

With the participation of *Sto Kokkino 105.5FM*.

Project 1.4.B/2013 Radio programmes on issues related to migrants, reproduction and wide distribution of structured print, audio, and audio-visual material was implemented through the Annual Programme 2013 of the European Fund for the Integration of Third-Country Nationals and co-funded by EU funds (95%) and national funds (5%).





One stop shop

Project 2.1/2013 Recording, charting, and evaluation of existing state services for migration and integration of third-country nationals with emphasis on one-stop shop services.

The project titled *Recording, charting, and evaluation of existing state services for migration and integration of third-country nationals with emphasis on one-stop shop services* was implemented during the period April to June 2015. It was financed by the European Fund for Integration of Third-Country Nationals in the framework of project 2.1/13 "Studies and research on aspects of migration and integration of legally-resident third-country nationals" and Priority 2, "Development of indices and methodologies for evaluating the progress, adaptation policies and measures, and facilitation of coordinating comparative learning."

The project's purpose was to evaluate the services of one-stop shops for recording possible problems and dysfunctions (e.g. material infrastructure, staff, etc.), identifying shortcomings in services provided to third-country nationals (e.g. delays in issuing permits), and compiling proposals for solving problems as well as the possible provision of additional services. A comprehensive methodological research framework that includes qualitative and quantitative field studies was developed under this project.

Project Partners

- CMT Prooptiki Ltd., coordinator
- PRAKSIS
- Dimitra Educational Counselling S.A.

Project 2.1/2013 Recording, Charting, and Evaluation of Existing State services for migration was implemented through the Annual Programme 2013 of the European Fund for the Integration of Third-Country Nationals and co-funded by EU funds (95%) and national funds (5%).





Art Crossroads

Project 1.4.A

The multicultural project titled Art Crossroads was implemented from May to June 2015 in two cities, Athens and Thessaloniki, within the framework of Project 1.4.A/13 which is included under Priority 1, Implementation of projects for the practical application of the common basic principles for integration policies of migrants in the European Union, and was financed by the European Fund for the Integration of Third-Country Nationals in Greece and the Ministry of Interior and Administrative Restructuring.

The project's aim was to increase interest among Greeks and migrants for participating in activities that promote culture and the coexistence of artists from different cultures so as to foster communication through art.

To this end, a series of theatre, music, and film/video-editing workshops were held for Greek and migrants participants, resulting in the creation of mixed artistic groups that staged theatrical performances and concerts.

Under this project, four theatre workshops were organised in Athens and Thessaloniki with the participation of 80 Greek and migrant artists; four music workshops were organized in Athens and Thessaloniki with the participation of 80 Greek and migrant musicians; and two video art workshops were held in these cities with the participation of 40 Greeks and migrants. A presentation DVD was also produced with the theatrical and musical performances staged by these groups and the results of the multicultural art programme.

Project Partners

- BEE Group Ltd., coordinator
- PRAKSIS
- Foundation of the Hellenic World

Project 1.4.A/13 Art Crossroads was implemented in framework of the Annual Programme 2013 of the European Fund for the Integration of Third-Country Nationals and co-funded by from EU funds (95%) and national funds (5%).





Housing and Reintegration

Housing and Reintegration is a pilot programme which combines for the first time the provision of dignified living conditions with services, and has received funding of total 9.8 million euros from the Ministry of Labour, Social Insurance and Solidarity.

The programme aims at fostering the immediate transition of its beneficiaries to autonomous living arrangements by providing them with housing and social care services while also fostering their reintegration into the social web through employment counselling services.

Its special goals are:

- immediate transition to autonomous living conditions through the provision of housing services and social care services.
- eintegration into the social web through the provision of requisite services.

The programme targets homeless families and individuals housed at short-term social hostels or sleep hostels or use the Homeless Day Centres or are registered with municipal social services or Social Welfare Centres (Art. 9 of Law 4109/2013, Government Gazette 16, issue A) and who are now offered a direct chance at reintegration. The programme further focuses on women in shelters for abused women; beneficiaries of Child Protection Facilities who have reached the age of eighteen and lack the ability to obtain safe housing.

Services provided to beneficiaries on a case-by-case basis include:

- housing
- provision of basic needs
- psychosocial support
- employment counselling
- legal counselling
- financial management
- links to relevant state services

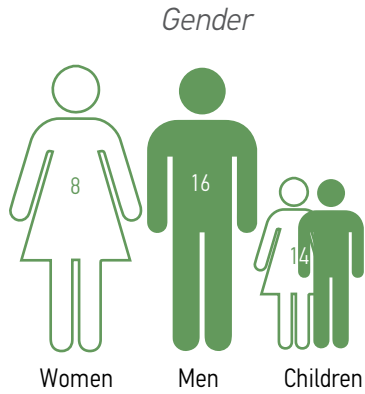
PRAKSIS participates in this programme's implementation with three action plans: one in Athens as leader (Project Code A-5) and two in Thessaloniki as partner (Project Code T-1 and T-2). Specifically,



A. Athens

Total Number of Beneficiaries: 38

Beneficiaries profile



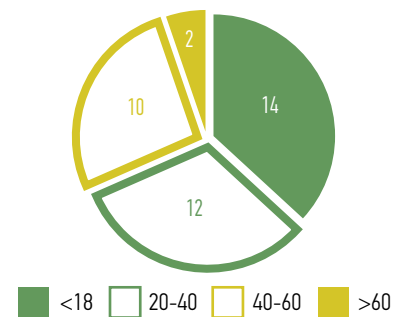
Country of Origin

COUNTRY OF ORIGIN	TOTAL
Greece	6
Republic of Congo	4
Ghana	3
Nigeria	3
Central African Republic	1
Mali	1
Ethiopia	1
Pakistan	2
Afghanistan	1
Bulgaria	2

Education

EDUCATION	TOTAL
Illiterate	1
Elementary school graduate	3
Secondary school graduate	11
Tertiary school graduate	9

Age Group



Programme Results (A-5)

MEETING TYPE	TOTAL SESSIONS
Psychosocial	120
Home visits/Evaluation	75
Signing of agreements	38
Employment guidance	400

RESULTS OF EMPLOYMENT COUNSELLING	TOTAL INDIVIDUALS
Created CV	37
Job search methods	23
Employment	10
Established own enterprise	1

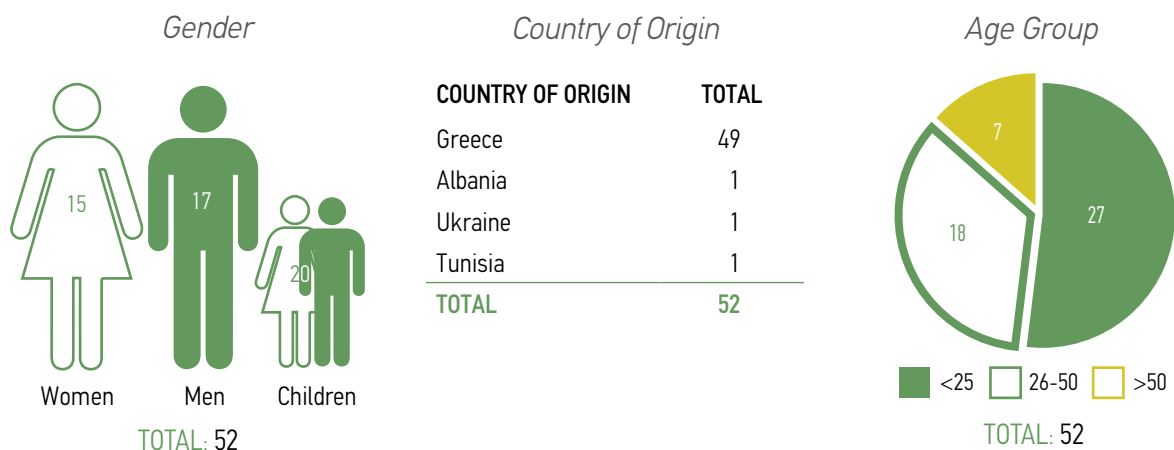


B. Thessaloniki

PRAKSIS participated as partner in two projects: (a) with the Municipality of Thessaloniki as leader and in cooperation with Arsis NGO (Project Code T-1) and (b) with the Central Macedonia Centre for Social Welfare as leader (Project Code T-2).

Analytically, the results of the Thessaloniki projects are as follows:

Beneficiaries Profile



Programme Results

MEETING TYPE	TOTAL SESSIONS	RESULTS OF EMPLOYMENT COUNSELLING	
			Total Individuals
Psychosocial	85	Created CV	25
Home visits/Evaluation	39	Job search methods	14
Signing of agreements	33	Enrollment in training/education programme	5
Employment guidance	105	Enrollment in second-chance school	1
		Employment	5

Total Budget by Project Code

PROJECT CODE	PRINCIPAL	PARTNERS	CITY	BENEFICIARIES	BUDGET
A-5	PRAKSIS	NGO Arsis	Athens	35	301.700,00
T-1	Municipality of Thessaloniki	PRAKSIS	Thessaloniki	40	344.800,00
T-2	Social Welfare Centre	PRAKSIS	Thessaloniki	30	258.600,00





From October 2015 to the end of the year, I was on Kos, Leros, and Samos with the medical mobile units offering primary health care and social support. During those months we faced even bigger numbers of arrivals and the borders were still open.

I could speak about the countless human stories describing arduous journeys, the days without food and water. I could speak about the difficult health cases—pregnancies, children with special needs, and people with chronic ailments without any information about where they would be tomorrow and how many more hardships they must face before reaching the end of his rough journey. I could speak about the problems coordinating with other organizations and the local authorities, especially in the beginning when the number of groups and volunteers spiked on the island.

But I will speak instead about smiles, hope, the excellent teamwork with the other groups and volunteers so we could meet as many needs as we could.

I will speak instead about the image that is most vividly etched in my mind: the ship from Leros to Athens that sailed three times a week. Hundreds of people who had spent cold nights on Farmakonisi and Leros boarding the boat for Athens, anxious but also relieved. Europe was a little closer. So were the faces of loved ones in Germany, Austria, Sweden. And the hope that soon they'd have a 'home' was also a little more visible.

Lenio Kapsaski
Coordinator, Medical Services





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There are women who hardly ever look at you. But those who do, look at you with gratitude and a faint smile. There are men, who despite being soaked to the bone, kiss your hands in gratitude for the pair of socks you gave them. And as you pull your hands back embarrassed, they grasp them even more tightly. And there are children... the ones who pull away seeking their mothers; others who hug you tightly and feel around for your hand so they can hold it while you clench your teeth to hold back the tears so they won't lose their source of support. But there are also, among the thousands of children, one or two who arrive one night and do nothing. They don't cry or pull away or hug you. They follow you and do whatever you tell them. They sit wet, shivering, with a calm gaze, without complaining. And just before you leave to go tend to the next group, they look at you in the eyes. And fling the world's guilt onto your shoulders.

Vaios Polychronidis
Rescue Team member





STEGI

Since 2005, PRAKSIS has offered independent and temporary accommodation to newly-arrived asylum seekers through Stegi programme. In 2015, Stegi programme completed the tenth funding period and began the eleventh one which will be completed in February 2016.

Under this programme, 25 apartments are available to beneficiaries: nineteen in metropolitan Athens, four in Thessaloniki, and two at Mytilene (Lesvos). These are apartments rented by PRAKSIS and offered as accommodation to newcomers who arrived in Greece after fleeing war zones or having faced human rights violations in their home country. Depending on each apartment's size, they may be used to accommodate more than one family. However, special attention is paid to the ethnic origin and native language of those accommodated in order to avoid conflicts or problems in sharing living quarters.

This programme accommodates the most vulnerable cases: unaccompanied mothers, single-parent families, families with many children, transgender persons, certified torture victims, and individuals with chronic health problems.

By providing this temporary housing, PRAKSIS seeks to offer beneficiaries a secure environment to help them prepare to be self-independent and integrated in Greece.

Unlike other forms of accommodation, apartment-living averts institutionalisation as it offers beneficiaries autonomy and self-independence. Nonetheless, the beneficiaries in these accommodations are also provided with support from PRAKSIS interdisciplinary team (social workers, psychologists, social mediators, social anthropologist, and lawyers) thus covering a broad spectrum of needs (legal, psychosocial, work) through other PRAKSIS programmes or referrals to a network of specialised relevant agencies and individuals. Ultimately, the programme's aim is to foster the self-independence and integration of beneficiaries into Greek society as fast as possible.

In 2015, the programme accommodated 282 asylum-seekers: 111 men, 60 women and 111 children. The majority of those accommodated by Stegi were vulnerable cases. More specifically,

- Single-parent families with the mother as head of household: 19 cases, in total 45 beneficiaries. Some of these cases were especially vulnerable: Seropositive mother who recently gave birth to twin boys; Mother with two young children, one suffering from congenital heart disease and Down syndrome; Mother who had suffered sexual abuse in her country of origin, and she is now with a young child.
- Single-parent families with father as head of household: 17 cases, in total 45 beneficiaries. Some of these cases were especially vulnerable: Father with young child suffering from hemophilia due to protein deficiency; Father with young child under psychiatric care.
- Eight cases of single women. The highest-vulnerability cases included: Victim of domestic violence; Two HIV-positive women; Victim of racial violence; Women in advanced state of pregnancy.
- Three siblings from Syria, two minors travelling under their sister's guardianship.
- Torture victims: 14 men and women.



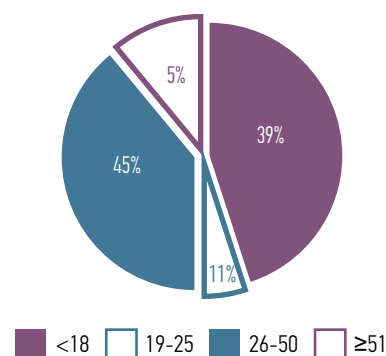
- Adult male, sexually abused in his country of origin because of his sexual orientation.
- Nine individuals with chronic health problems or disabilities, including: seropositive male with severe mobility problems and psychiatric symptomatology; victim of racial violence with severe mobility problems; patient in advanced stage of myeloid leukemia who had been in a state hospital after a long period of illness; kidney patient with psychiatric symptomatology; victim of racial violence with post-traumatic stress disorder; patient with Hepatitis B.
- Nuclear families: 15 cases, in total 67 beneficiaries. Vulnerability was further discerned in some family members (mother, human trafficking victim, mother with anxiety disorder, seropositive father with cerebral albinism who subsequently died after being hospitalised, seropositive mother with child suffering from congenital neurological-urinary disorder).
- Single-parent family with mother as head of household and two homosexual daughters, one of whom stated a desire to undergo sex reassignment surgery) and the other who is in a relationship with another mother travelling with her own family and child. This resulted in their persecution for their sexual preferences and were also victims of racial abuse.
- Six-member nuclear family – the father faced a spinal disorder which had created mobility problems, daughter with mental impairment.
- Four adults, three enrolled in Greek school and one who us student at Igoumenitsa Technical Educational Institute.

In 2015, a total of 282 individuals from 28 countries of origin were provided with accommodation. Ten languages - Greek, English, French, Farsi, Somali, Urdu, Bangla, Turkish, Arabic, and Albanian - are spoken at Stegi programme, while most beneficiaries are between 26 and 50 years-old.

Beneficiaries by country of origin, 2015

COUNTRY OF ORIGIN	TOTAL	COUNTRY OF ORIGIN	TOTAL
Ethiopia	11	Bangladesh	1
Ivory Coast	5	Benin	1
Albania	6	Nigeria	12
Algeria	2	Pakistan	3
Afghanistan	109	Palestine	4
Guinea	2	Rwanda	1
Eritrea	13	Senegal	2
Iraq	1	Sierra Leone	2
Iran	12	Somalia	15
Cameroon	13	Sudan	14
Congo	6	Syria	30
Libya	1	Turkey	6
Mali	1	Tunisia	2
Morocco	4	Philippines	3

Beneficiaries by age group, 2015



Stegi 9th period Action 1.A.1. was funded jointly by the Ministry of Labour, Social Insurance and Welfare (25%) and the European Refugee Fund (75%) in FY 2013 and from 01/01/2014 to 28/02/2015 with a total of €334,630.00.

Stegi 9th period received funds totaling €108,000 from the Ministry of Labour, Social Insurance and Social Solidarity programme for public investments from 1/3/2015 to 31/5/2015.

Stegi 10th period received funds totaling €295,000 from the Ministry of Labour, Social Insurance and Social Solidarity programme for public investments from 1/6/2015 to 31/12/2015.



PRAKSIS W.I.N.- Supporting Women in Need

This programme aims at supporting vulnerable women who are homeless or abused by providing accommodation and support services in order to help these women reach a level of self-independence which will remove them from the risk situation.

The programme provides accommodation in four apartments in metropolitan Athens and also covers basic needs. Psychosocial support and job counselling are also provided.

From 1st September till 31st December 2015, eighteen individuals (twelve women and six children) were offered accommodation.

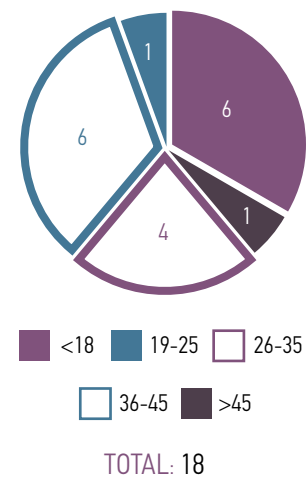
Individuals



Nationality

NATIONALITY	
Cameroonian	4
Congolese	2
Sierra Leonean	2
Kenyan	1
Somali	1
Eritrean	3
Ethiopian	2
Syria	1
Ukrainian	2
TOTAL	18

Age





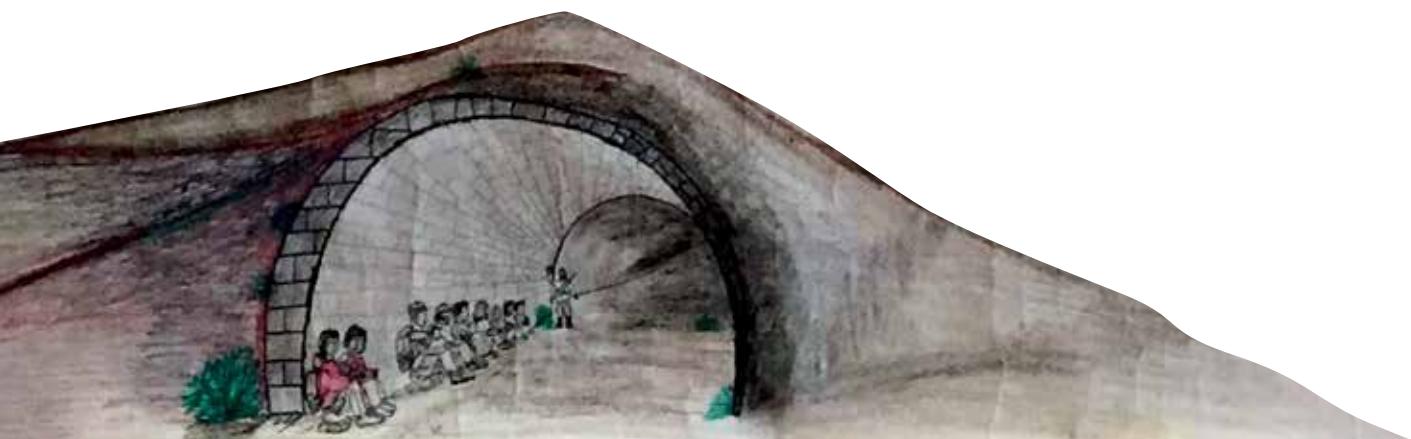
Up Close

One wintry morning in early February as the northerly winds were raging, and it was cold and snowing, it was obvious there was little chance a boat would arrive. We were patrolling the island's northern shore as part of the Rescue program. Suddenly, while we were at Katia arranging clothes and shoes in the van for distribution to the refugees, we got a message on the service phone that someone had spotted a boat up north. We immediately headed there convinced there had been some mistake because the weather made any approach impossible. As we made frequent stops to scan the sea with binoculars, the snow started falling harder. A short while later, one turn past Mystegna, the road was blocked by a car and there were people by the roadside. They were the refugees we had been looking for.

There were 13 people who had managed to reach the shore and find the road. There were two families from Afghanistan with elderly members and six children with their parents. The children ranged in age from two to twelve years. Those in the boat were dressed lightly, in clothes completely unsuitable for the weather and showed signs of hypothermia—shivering and cold, pale skin. All had something in common: they were in a terrible state. From the two-year-old girl to the eldest, all had bad teeth that suggested the two families' low standard of living. In our effort to restore their body temperatures to normal levels, we wrapped them in blankets; we then put them in the van and gave them food, water, and hot packs to comfort them. As soon as they were able to speak, we asked why they had decided to cross the stormy Aegean in these extremely adverse weather conditions. Their answer was shocking. The oldest girl, who was twelve, told us that the migrant trafficker that day had charged them 250 euros per person compared to the 2,500-3,000 euros charged on previous or subsequent days.

I was angered by the fact that some «human beings» valued a human soul at 250 euros. I can't describe how I was moved when, reaching the refugees, I hugged a four-year-old girl and saw a frozen tear in her eyes.

*Zoe Gioka
Nurse, Mantamados Rescue Program*





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Since October 2015, I have had the most intense experiences of my life. By visiting refugee camps and accommodations centres, I have come into contact with countless people, each one with their own story. Faces constantly change, but every single one leaves an impression. No one would have foreseen such multicultural contacts. No one would have foreseen such a coexistence. And yet... regardless of the political and economic games being played to the expense of these migrants, the situation gets highlighted by their strength and goodness.

My colleagues and I came face to face with the harsh effects of bureaucracy and the consequences of a fluid political situation. Delays by some agencies and lack of organisation force people to wait for days and weeks and months in adverse conditions - cold, rain, heat wave, detention, overcrowding -which, in turn, cause a multitude of dysfunction elements. The long period of waiting and uncertainty about what's next fosters physical and psychological illness. Extreme post-traumatic stress disorder won't be expressed until after the goal destination is reached, until one feels safe. Before then, arriving and staying on the island, the person is in transition and remains on edge. Symptoms of psychological disorders and anxiety attacks are evident and must be dealt with so the journey can continue.

Every accommodation facility is a living organism battling a normality. Children, with their easy adaptability, impressed us with their wise reaction. No matter where they find themselves, they'll still play, draw, and make new friends. Teenagers will still distrust the system and fall in love. Adults will still fight for a better tomorrow. The elderly will still guard their memories like treasure. Our goal is to support this polymorphous organism and tend to the wounds so it can stand on its feet. And this is not an easy achievement.

Mariliz Karakonti-Diolatzi
Mytilene, Lesvos





Employability Center

This programme provides support services for free - in Greek, English and French to unemployed persons while they seek for a job. Job counselling, assisted online job search, group thematic workshops, seminars, and networking events aim at maximising the potential for the unemployed in vulnerable social groups to find a job and enter the labour market. Employability also adds an innovative element through its online networking platform linking applicants to companies participating through their corporate social responsibility programmes.

Job counselling services referred to all social groups subject to discrimination or face additional obstacles in accessing the labour market. These include long-term unemployed, new entrants into the labour market, heads of single-parent families, unemployed with low skills, unemployed women facing social hurdles in their entry to the labour market, migrants, refugees, expatriate Greeks, Roma, unemployed with multiple discriminations because of age, health, gender, sexual orientation, cultural identity, economic adversity, etc.

The goal of the Employability Centre is to reinforce the chances of entering the labour market for 1,500 unemployed beneficiaries from vulnerable social groups through services such as:

1. Professional job counselling and the provision of proper tools for successful job search that include:
 - exploring professional interests
 - creating CVs and cover letters
 - teaching job-search techniques
 - preparing applicants for job interviews
 - professional orientation guidance
 - assistance in completing job application forms.
2. Access to online job search services at the Employability Centre's internet corner booth, supervised by specially-trained guidance counselors..
 - Use of internet job search with trained guidance counselor (by appointment)
3. Information about new jobs and training programmes.
4. Group counselling and training workshops to develop skills that bolster employment possibilities.
5. Connecting unemployed job-seekers with potential employers through PRAKSIS Employability online platform designed to promote beneficiaries' entry into the job market.
6. Posting CVs on the online networking platform which safeguards the privacy of applicants' personal data.
7. Promoting PRAKSIS Employability platform in business networks and summarising the staff hiring process in the CSR programmes supported by cooperating business, aiming at reinforcing the absorption of vulnerable social groups in new job positions.
8. Networking activities with agencies and organisations involved in employment issues as well as with public and private companies.
9. Referrals to specialised training organisations to bolster work skills and educational qualifications.



During the period January to December 2015:

number of new beneficiaries	1.517
number of counselling sessions	7.159
number of initial interviews to record background	1.082
number of individual job counselling sessions	2.673
number of online job-search sessions at the internet corner	3.404
number of referrals to training and lifelong learning programmes	443
number of postings to www.praksisemployability.gr	1.248
number of beneficiaries who found work	224

In 2015, there were 1,710 applications for job counselling. Beneficiaries came from 50 countries; mainly Greece, Nigeria, Albania, Egypt, Congo, Cameroon, Ethiopia, and Pakistan. A total of 886 unemployed persons took part in 2,710 individual counselling sessions and 3,404 online search sessions were carried out at the internet corner. More specifically

- 886 Holland career tests were completed.
 - 634 resume-writing, cover letter-writing, on-line job search sessions were held.
 - 502 interview preparation sessions and training and lifelong learning referral sessions were held.
 - 642 follow-up sessions with beneficiaries requesting additional support were held.
 - 886 comprehensive Personal Action Plans completed.
 - 519 programme evaluation questionnaires completed.
- Advocacy activities: More than 248 recorded instances of discriminative handling and violation of rights linked to employment.
 - 150 unemployed participated in seven networking workshops on issues of employability and communication with potential employers, racial discrimination in the labour market, labour relations and rights, cultural familiarisation with the processes and needs of the Greek labour market.
 - 260 beneficiaries participated in 47 group employment guidance workshops on methods of conducting online job searches.
 - 9 training seminars were held in cooperation with corporate social responsibility programmes of two companies; 85 beneficiaries participated and 20 were hired.

The Employability programme receives support by Solidarity Now, the Municipality of Athens, and EEA Grants for its operations from 01/11/2014 to 30/04/2016.





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PRAKSIS Business Coaching Center (BCC)

The PRAKSIS Business Coaching Center (BCC) is an initiative launched in 2014 by PRAKSIS aiming to support the unemployed from socially vulnerable sectors by helping to get them back into meaningful employment, specifically self-employment.

Our funders for the first two years (2014-2015) are the JPMorgan Chase Foundation, the US Embassy in Athens and VAPORI A.M.K.E.

The scope of the program is to empower aspiring entrepreneurs to establish viable business ventures and contribute to the economic development of the region. The BCC functions as a support center for the selected candidates offering training, consulting and coaching in order to help materialize their entrepreneurial goals and ultimately create Small and Medium sized enterprises. Meanwhile the center encourages synergies among individuals with similar business ideas and peer to peer cooperation in the form of joint ventures or cooperatives.

In times when the Greek financial crisis has profoundly changed the daily lives of so many and poverty has risen to unprecedented levels, the PRAKSIS BCC is standing by the socially and economically marginalized and helping to get them back into active society.

BCC Statistics (April 2014 – December 2015)

CATEGORY	NUMBERS
Total BCC participants	144
Total Business Ideas	81
Gender (Women / Men)	63% / 37%
Total BCC graduates	108
Businesses which started or are about to start	37 (46% of the business ideas)
Percentage of BCC participants who fulfilled one of the following: Business Plan, Marketing Plan, Financial Plan, Investment Plan	51%
Percentage of BCC participants whose business visibility increased following after completion of BCC program	49%



The One-up Crowdfunding platform

In our effort to aid new entrepreneurs find seed capital to start their new businesses, the Praksis Business Coaching Center implemented the first NGO Crowdfunding Platform in Greece with the grant of LIMMAT Foundation. The One-up crowd funding platform is an innovative form of raising capital based on the premise of "small monetary amounts from many people". Access to One Up crowdfunding platform is open to all BCC graduates and to graduates of other partner business incubators so long as they fulfill all One Up requirements and have participated in the specific One Up training.

In November 2015, the first 11 Crowdfunding One Up campaigns were launched with positive results for the majority.

The One Up in Numbers

CATEGORY	NUMBERS
Page Users	6,419
Page Views	29,800
Average duration page stay	180 seconds
Users aged 18-44	76,5%
Live Campaigns within 2015	13
Average amount per donation	58 euros

Partnerships

A basic strategic goal for 2015 of Business Coaching Center was the creation of synergies with institutions, foundations and other NGOs which support entrepreneurship through training, consulting and financial tools. Within these boundaries, BCC admitted beneficiaries with business ideas who wanted to drill monetary support through One Up crowdfunding platform and we promoted BCC graduates to other institutions for micro micro financing support.

Indicatively some of our synergies:

- ATHENS CENTER FOR ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND INNOVATION, Athens University of Economics and Business
- Orange grove
- Impact Hub
- Athens Finance Initiative (AFI)
- KEAK
- Solidarity Mission
- Develop Athens (EATA)
- Skywalker
- Epixeiro.gr

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On New Year's Day 2016, I was working as a doctor at PRAKSIS mobile medical unit at the refugee camp on the island of Leros. I was asked to examine the frostbite hands of a ten-year-old boy from Afghanistan who had just arrived by ship. The frostbite was from icy conditions the group had encountered crossing the mountains from Iran. When they reached the Turkish coast, doctors told them that some of his fingers would have to be amputated. The child and his family continued their journey.

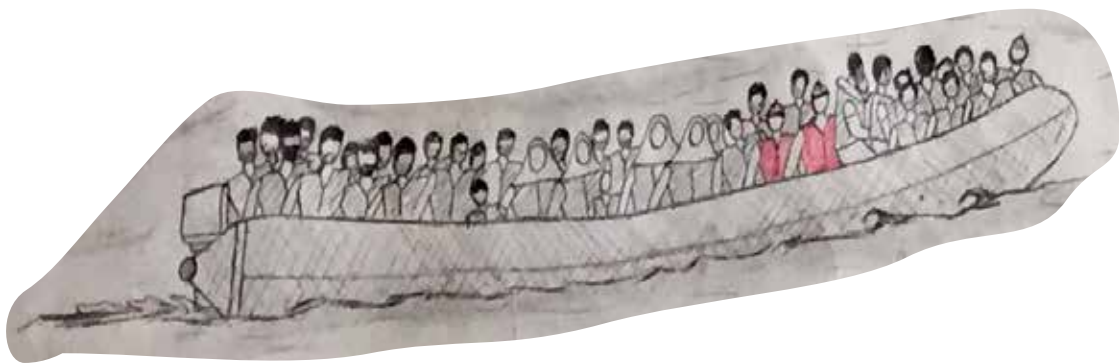
They thus arrived, guided by smugglers, on Farmakonisi, an islet that sits between Leros and the Turkish coast where smugglers often abandon refugees. The islet is uninhabited apart from a small army post.

A sailing ban due to high winds forced them to remain on the island for three days without water, food, or shelter from the cold and rain. These small hands were again exposed to icy conditions.

After our team had provided first aid and issued the necessary instructions, the child was also examined by colleagues at Leros hospital. Then, with his family, as the most vulnerable group, they were relocated from the camp to a PIKPA building that had been converted for receiving vulnerable refugee populations.

Luckily, after a few days of basic care and thanks to his young age (and hence young blood vessels), the child's fingers showed impressive improvement.

Dimitris Isakidis
Doctor, Mobile Medical Unit, Lesvos



Legal Assistance Centres

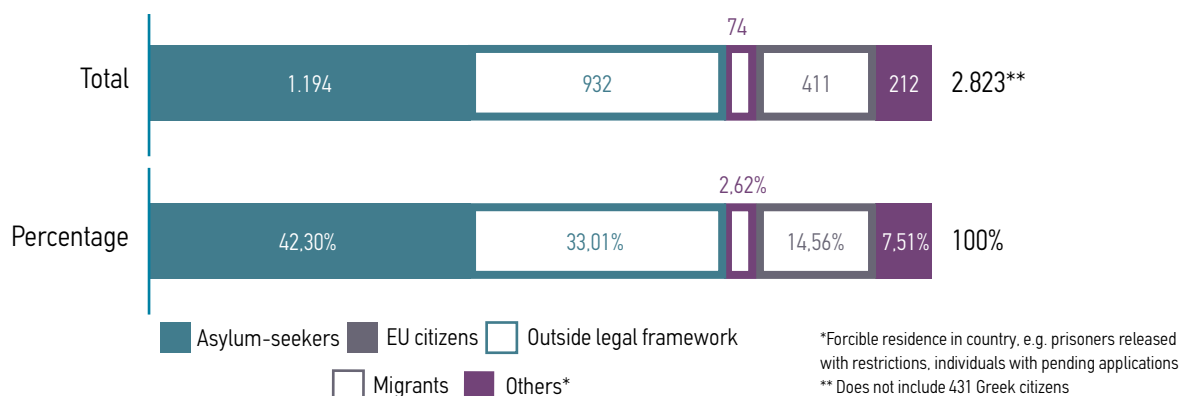
The Legal Assistance Centres provide free legal support and advice to all socially-excluded population groups in metropolitan Athens and Thessaloniki who experience legal problems in their day-to-day living. Beneficiaries of these services include third-country citizens covered by a specific protective status (e.g. asylum-seekers), individuals eligible for international protection, individuals granted residence permits for humanitarian reasons, as well as migrants, irregular third countries citizens, uninsured Greeks, homeless, addicts, and all excluded population groups such as Roma, victims of human trafficking, former inmates, unaccompanied minors, street children, and so on.

These support services are offered daily and on a permanent basis through Athens and Thessaloniki Polyclinics aiming at providing timely and substantial support to our beneficiaries. In this framework, the provision of legal counselling is a core support service for resolving legal issues. However, there are often cases where it is necessary to extend the counselling services we provide to active intervention; for instance, accompanying beneficiaries to public agencies, advocating and lobbying as a means of exerting pressure, representing beneficiaries before administrative or judicial authorities, researching cases and legal precedents in court.

It's worth noting that in 2015 the number of resident or native beneficiaries seeking assistance at the Legal Information Centres remained high. These were mainly individuals hit hard by economic recession who found themselves faced with a plethora of legal problems. At the same time, the rapid rise in the mobile population flows this year and other changes in the Greek legislative system prompted a large number of third country citizens to visit the Legal Information Centres for guidance on obtaining or renewing residence permits.

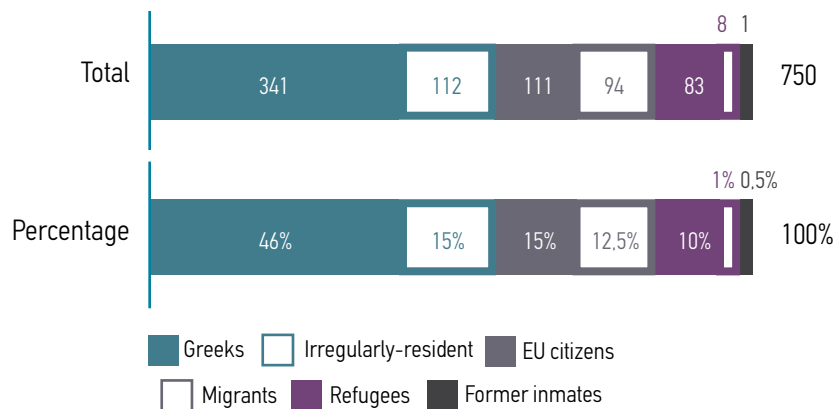
Athens Statistical Data

Legal Status of Beneficiaries



*Beneficiaries by Country of Origin*

COUNTRY	TOTAL	PERCENTAGE
Afghanistan	667	20,50%
Syria	612	18,81%
Greece	431	13,25%
Nigeria	193	5,93%
Bangladesh	167	5,13%
Albania	141	4,34%
Iran	102	3,13%
Pakistan	89	2,73%
Other countries	852	26,18%
TOTAL	3.254	100%

Thessaloniki Statistical Data*Legal Status of Beneficiaries**Beneficiaries by Country of Origin*

COUNTRY	TOTAL	PERCENTAGE
Greece	341	45,5%
Albania	102	13,5%
Other countries	97	13%
Georgia	87	11,5%
Nigeria	46	6%
Bulgaria	37	5%
Ukraine	25	3,5%
Afghanistan	15	2%
TOTAL	750	100%

REACT

REACT: *Recording, Intervention, Combatting Discrimination, Protecting Human Rights*

Starting in May 2015, project *REACT: Recording, Intervention, Combatting Discrimination, Protecting Human Rights* was implemented in cooperation with Civis Plus NGO.

REACT's primary goal was to record, offer support, and combat incidents of discrimination and provide psychosocial support to individuals who had experienced discriminatory behaviour as well as bring any legal action against if individuals wanted so. A further goal was to scientifically study discrimination in Greece in order to develop strategy recommendations at local, regional, and national levels.

Three information and support offices were set up in Athens, Thessaloniki, and Patras to handle discrimination issues as well as two phone lines for information on discrimination and reporting incidents (tel.: 800 100 1778 and tel.: 211 012 1442).

REACT was financed by Iceland, Lichtenstein, and Norway under the EEA Grants "We Are All Citizens" programme, with Bodossakis Foundation as Fund Operator. This programme aims at empowering civil society and enhancing the contribution of NGOs to social justice, democracy, and sustainable development.

For June to December 2015, REACT offices recorded 339 incidents of discrimination and provided individual support services. As part of a comprehensive approach, REACT staff provided psychosocial support to individuals subjected to discriminatory behaviour thus attempting to record beneficiaries' needs; they also assisted through referrals and connecting these individuals with private and public agencies or accompanying them to a related state agency.

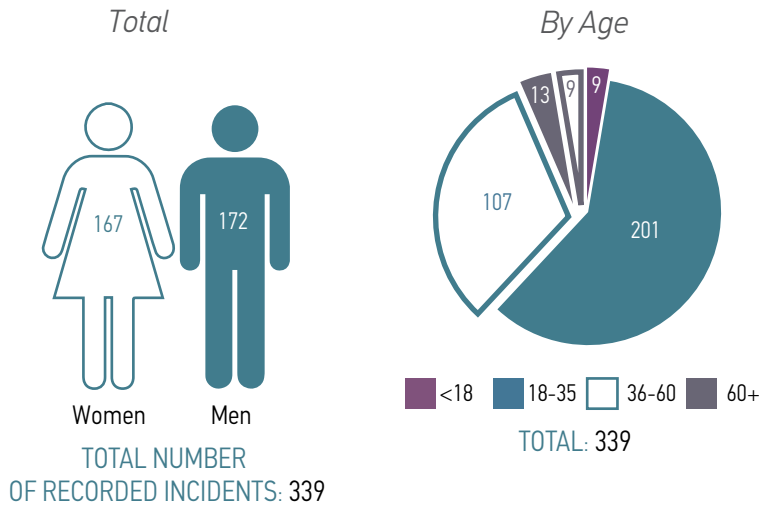
All beneficiaries were provided with information and counselling through individual sessions. In many cases, these services were not limited to counselling but went a step further to include intervention in the form of filing complaints against state services and private enterprises in instances of discrimination.

In 2015, staff and volunteers conducted 1,257 meetings to provide legal support, information or advice and 1,673 psychosocial support sessions.

Also, in cooperation with PRAKSIS Advocacy Department, an effort was made to highlight problems arising from ingrained practices and misperceptions or institutionalised discrimination, such as excluding most asylum-seekers from access to employment.

Additionally,

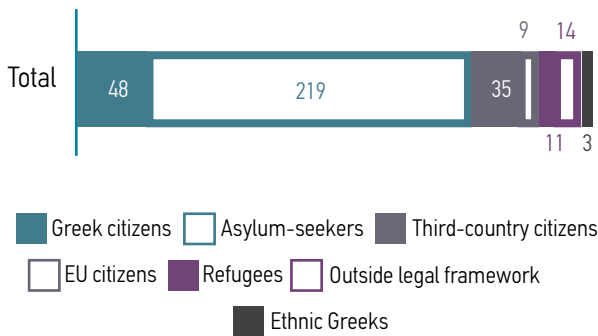
- seven complaints were filed
- attendant services for legal support were provided on five occasions
- two workshops on labour rights were conducted for asylum-seekers
- eleven group briefings at agencies and organizations were held
- direct interventions at hospitals, public services, and other organizations were made after complaints of discrimination were lodged
- two petitions were filed with the Labour Inspectorate



Reports of Discriminatory Behavior

TYPE OR PLACE	NUMBER OF INCIDENTS
At work	219
At health services	26
At public services	25
At law enforcement services	14
In a public space	9
In private transactions	11
In education	4
Other	31

Legal Status



The programme will receive funds totaling €165,836.40 during the period 01/05/2015 to 30/04/2016. The project is financed by Iceland, Lichtenstein, and Norway under the EEA Grants' "We Are All Citizens" programme, with Bodossakis Foundation as Fund Operator. This programme aims at reinforcing civil society and enhancing the contribution of NGOs to social justice, democracy, and sustainable development.





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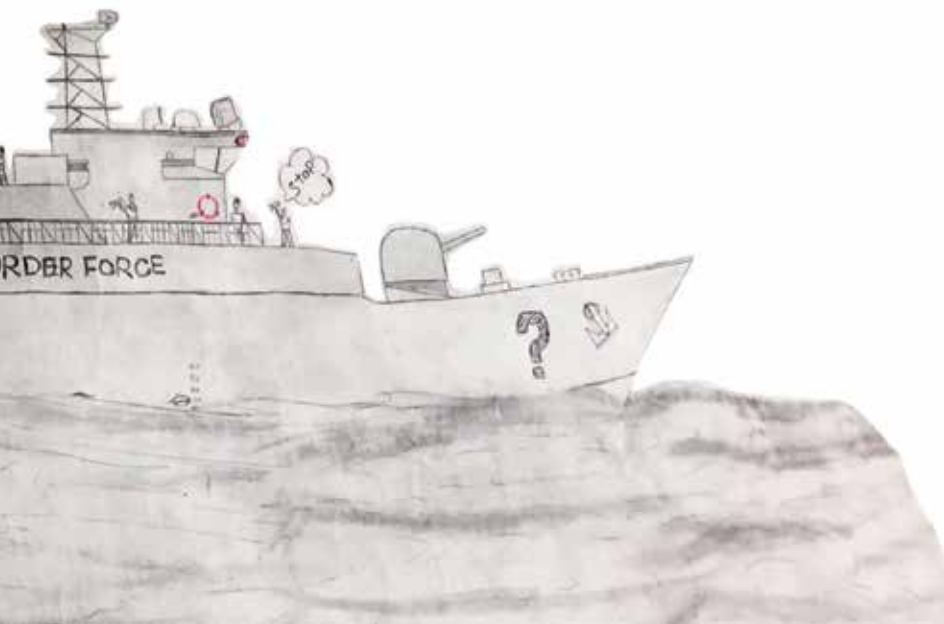
As part of PRAKSIS urgent interventions regarding the refugee crisis, humanitarian assistance added several milestones to the journey of the newly-arrived population – islands of the northeastern Aegean, transport to Athens and the waiting period, attempts to cross the northern borders at Idomeni. We experienced up-close their agony, hardships, but also the strength of these people who were forced to leave their countries in search of a safer future in Europe. The dangerous boat crossing from Turkey had been preceded by an even rougher journey which includes war, poverty, and exploitation along the way, with their hopes kept alive by the dream of a better life in northern Europe. As the gradual closing of the borders in December 2015 pushed this dream further out of reach, we became witnesses to the despair among these people.

Despite the hardships, adults and children found ways to pursue and carry on, sharing their dreams and experiences with us in a unique manner. An example is this drawing by an unaccompanied child depicting the journey that brought him and his brother to Greece. PRAKSIS team has stood by this child from the moment he arrived on Lesbos and was placed under “protective” custody with his younger brother at Moria First Reception Centre. These siblings are two of the 80 unaccompanied minors we managed to move out of Moria hotspot to a transit facility at Mantamado village as a necessary emergency measure devised as an alternative to sheltering unaccompanied children at Moria. While advocating his right for protection and suitable accommodation, we noticed his talent for art. It was a talent with a daily creative output, under adverse conditions, at Moria first, then Mantamado, and later at PRAKSIS Accommodation Facility for Unaccompanied Children on Mytilene, where the two brothers have found a protected environment.

As the young boy described his work, “Our trip was unpredictable and very rough. There were difficult situations that are hard to express with words. It hurts to see people using other people. It’s unfair that there are so many people living on the streets, suffering. I’m very sorry about this. This is why I decided to express my words with pictures.”

The boy’s work was included in an exhibition at Lesbos Gallery and he now takes regular art classes at a workshop on the island. His collection is growing and evolving - and continues to inspire us!

Elianna Koniali
Coordinator, PRAKSIS Emergency Interventions





The ‘Children Next Door’ / Mobile School

Taking note of the continuous rise in the incidence of child labour and school drop-out rates, PRAKSIS operates the Children Next Door programme in Thessaloniki to help eradicate these trends which are linked to the current crisis.

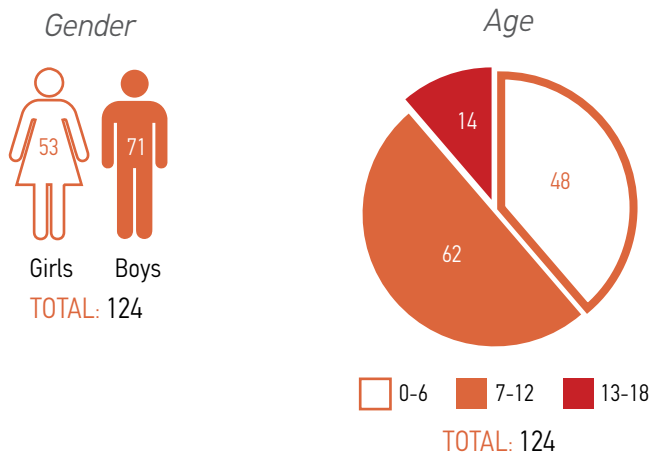
Mobile School is an integral part of this programme. Since 2009, PRAKSIS has deployed an innovative tool whose primary aim is to approach, help, and ultimately (re)integrate affected children and their families. The programme is sponsored by the Belgian organization Mobile School and is implemented in cooperation with Arsis NGO. More specifically, an interdisciplinary team of specially-trained volunteers, such as social workers, psychologists, and teachers, approaches these populations through street work and a weekly presence at Roma settlements in Thessaloniki. The team focuses on these areas:

- Working with children. The team works with the children on two levels. The first one is educational which increases their learning levels and thus prepares them for entering the school environment. The second is psycho-emotional which prepares them for entry into society. The main goal is to boost children’s self-esteem through therapeutic games, educational activities, and by creating a positive climate of trust between children and educators.
- Working with children’s families. The team approaches the children’s families, listens to their needs, and tries to connect them with other community agencies that can help meet these basic needs as soon as possible.
- Awareness campaigns and events highlighting child labour. The purpose of these events is to inform the broader community about the living conditions of these children aiming at mobilising citizens into action in combatting this phenomenon.



Results

Mobile School conducted 33 interventions in 2015 at Peraia camp in which 124 participated actively.



The children we encounter at the camps and their families know how to survive in extremely adverse conditions with barely any amenities (electricity, water). These children have developed various skills, have talents, and are always cheerful and eager to learn with us and play together. The people in these camps are strong, capable, generously sharing their love and hospitality with a smile as they struggle to meet the demands and difficulties in their daily lives.



STEGI PLUS (+)

This programme operates Accommodation Centers offering housing to unaccompanied minors and other vulnerable asylum-seekers such as single-parent families or vulnerable women. In addition to accommodation, the following services are provided to all population groups:

- psychosocial support
- medical, pharmaceutical, and nursing support
- mediation services
- legal advice
- Greek language programmes, creative recreational activities, tutoring, and multicultural activities
- coverage of basic needs such as food, hygiene, safety, education
- employment counselling to adults
- education, training, vocational guidance to unaccompanied minors
- personal hygiene services.

The programme is implemented in Athens and Patras - one accommodation facility in Athens with a capacity of 30 unaccompanied minors and one in Patras with a capacity of 30 unaccompanied minors and 40 individuals from vulnerable population groups (single-parent families, vulnerable women, women with children) seeking asylum. Both facilities have additional transit space organised by PRAKSIS for emergency sheltering of especially vulnerable cases of unaccompanied minors.

The programme operates under a corporate structure:

- PRAKSIS NGO as leader
- Hellenic Red Cross as partner

The Accommodation Center in Athens, 89 Skiathou Street, is managed by PRAKSIS; regarding the Accommodation Center in Patras, PRAKSIS coordinates the unaccompanied minors population while the Hellenic Red Cross coordinates the vulnerable cases population group.

The programme has multiple aims but it revolves around providing accommodation to unaccompanied minors who were found in conditions of detention or homeless or living in unsuitable conditions such as abandoned buildings.

Another basic goal is covering the needs of this population group but also establishing an individualised action plan according to the best interest assessment of the minors. The long-term goal is to help these minors adapt and integrate into the Accommodation Centre and the Greek society. It is an incremental process – that is why this intervention requires involvement at individual, group, and community levels.

Unaccompanied minors are an especially vulnerable population group. These are children who are deprived of their families. They have left their country of origin to flee from dangerous conditions such as violence and war and they reach Greece, where they



continue to be exposed to danger such as their unsafe transport, exploitation, and absence of any type of protection mechanism.

The group includes both newcomers in Greece as well as unaccompanied minors confined in Greece or attempting to leave for another European country via irregular means.

In 2015 we faced the challenge of trying to manage an aspect of the humanitarian crisis of the continuous and unprecedented refugee and migrant influx. As the human geography of the population was reshaped in terms of both country of origin and age, we found ourselves faced with especially vulnerable and young cases for which we transcended our boundaries and adjusted our intervention plan so as to meet the needs and best interests of these minors.

The number of unaccompanied minors (unaccompanied boys) hosted in 2015 was 412:

AGE	TOTAL	NATIONALITY	TOTAL
18	28	Afghani	174
17	173	Egyptian	38
16	90	Guinean	2
15	64	Eritrean	6
14	28	Iraqi	11
13	11	Iranian	2
12	5	Congolese	2
11	5	Moroccan	9
10	1	Pakistani	52
9	1	Palestinian	8
8	2	Albanian	1
7	3	Syrian	89
6	1	Bangladeshi	12
		Sudanese	1
		Somali	4
		Yemeni	1

The legal advisors at the Accommodation Centres conducted 528 individual and group meetings. There were further 494 referrals to other facilities and health services.

Within the framework of our community contacts, we developed relevant activities to foster interaction between the local community and beneficiaries.

Activities conducted at these facilities include tutoring, Greek lessons; lessons in English, Dutch, Norwegian, and German; computer lessons; arts classes and recreational activities. Our aim is to integrate and include unaccompanied minors into Greek society, not just assimilate them.

The interdisciplinary team explores the alternatives available to unaccompanied minors reaching Greece and enfold them in a safe environment. The aim is for the minors to evaluate these alternatives themselves in order to take decisions in their own best interests.

Our vision is to chart an integration policy for unaccompanied minors regarding the protection of their rights, their self-independence, and their integration into society and the labour market.

SOAM programme (Supporting Organizations that Assist the Migrant Asylum-Seeking Population in Greece) is based on the memorandum of cooperation signed between donor countries (Iceland, Lichtenstein, and Norway) and Greece on 1st November 2011. The project is funded by the European Economic Area (Iceland, Lichtenstein, Norway) with International Organization for Migration (IOM) as Fund Operator. The programme is managed by SOAM and its goal is to protect vulnerable populations by both increasing the number of reception posts and improving the services provided. The programme has an implementation period from 1/09/2013 to 30/04/2016 with total funding of €1,619,820.





Drop-In Center Day Centre for Unaccompanied Children

The Drop-In Centre was launched in August 2011 in response to the needs of migrant population at PATRAS. It is A Centre open to unaccompanied children from third countries that have been separated from their parents and are in need of international protection. The interdisciplinary team of the Drop-In Centre is comprised of social workers, psychologist, doctor, lawyer and cultural mediators.

The Drop-In Centre has a two-fold aim: developing and promoting measures for handling the protection needs of unaccompanied children through reception services, counselling, and referrals to appropriate protection networks; and identifying significant shortcomings related to all aspects of protecting unaccompanied minors and advocacy of good practices. Consequently, the methodology used is adapted to the special needs of this population as well as to the best interest assessment.

The Drop-In Centre staff covers the following needs of unaccompanied minors: health care, legal counselling, advocacy before authorities and other relevant agencies, link (communication) with their families, psychosocial support, access to the National Health Service and the Asylum Service, connection and interaction with the community, provision of humanitarian assistance in the form of meals and basic needs such as hygiene products and clothes.

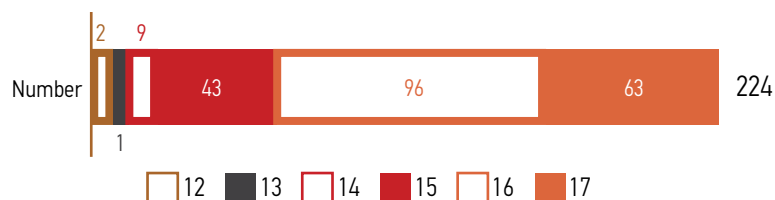
The Drop-In Centre beneficiaries may use the computer to access the internet, communicate with their families through telephone, participate in recreational activities such as the thematic groups, take English and Greek language lessons, have a bath, see a doctor, consult with a lawyer, and also receive support for psychological or social issues.

The overwhelming majority of beneficiaries are boys aged 15 to 17 years, mostly of Afghan origin - which is typical of the broader migrant population in Patras. Some beneficiaries are under twelve years-old. These are especially vulnerable cases. The social workers handle these cases guided by the minors' best interest, gradually building a relationship of trust through experiential games and exercises so as to obtain their consent to enter a protection mechanism.

The main goal is to explore the minors' family history to see if the minor has relatives living in other European countries and to inform these minors about the family reunification process Dublin III Regulation. Stegi Plus(+) Centre in Patras has a decisive role in approaching and protecting unaccompanied minors living in homeless conditions. Stegi Plus(+) Centre provides accommodation, working in tandem with the Drop-In Centre which facilitates finding these minors and operates as a transit point.



Unaccompanied minors or separated minors supported by PRAKSIS at the Drop-In Centre in Patras from January to December 2015:

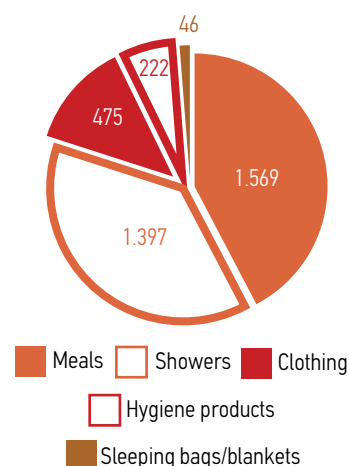


NATIONALITY	NUMBER
Afghani	221
Algerian	1
Syrian	1
Bangladeshi	1

Social Services

Minors receiving primary humanitarian aid	216
Personal interviews, personalised intervention plan within the framework by the best interest of minors	225
Unaccompanied minors temporarily hosted under PRAKSIS supervision for 1-20 days	3
Telephone contacts of minors with family members in country of origin or EU	15
Participation in recreational activities	1.311 συνεδρίες
Follow-up	43
Referral to shelters	9

Material support provided as primary humanitarian aid



Streetwork is one of the Drop-In Centre standard activities. Streetwork aims at identifying unaccompanied minors and recording their living conditions as well as informing minors about the Drop-In Centre. The streetwork team consists of social scientists and social mediators. A typical case involved locating an eight-year-old unaccompanied minor from Yemen who was referred to the Accommodation Centre where the process of family reunification with his father was initiated.

Street work

Interventions	52
Individuals approached and offered psychosocial support during streetwork	21

Another action of this programme is networking with local authorities, other organisations, and relevant groups. Working with other organisations at national and international level as well as cooperation with local authorities is vital to ensure the effectiveness of interventions and the holistic management of each case. This ensures that unaccompanied minors are more thoroughly recorded and facilitates follow-up of cases in the minors' best interests.

More specifically, PRAKSIS cooperates with the Juvenile Prosecutor's Office and operates a 24-hour intervention and support phone-line. When an unaccompanied minor is identified by the Coast Guard or the Police, a verbal court order is issued for an on-site

intervention by the social worker and cultural mediator. Respecting the children's best interest is a fundamental principle of this programme. Thus, such incidents are managed on a case-by-case basis guided by each individual's level of vulnerability and specific needs. A protection mechanism is immediately activated when they are escorted to a temporary shelter and referred to suitable accommodation facilities.

A typical example of such cases is a five-year-old Syrian boy that Coast Guard officers found inside a suitcase. We offered temporary and emergency accommodation to the child while investigating about his relatives and their location.

Unaccompanied minors referred by law enforcement

Referrals from police or Coast Guard	78
Returned from Italy	12



PRAKSIS Accommodation Centre for Unaccompanied Children

PRAKSIS Accommodation Centre for Unaccompanied Children was an outcome of the creative collaboration of three organisations as it was launched in May 2015, in cooperation with the Ministry of the Interior and Administrative Reconstruction through the Deputy Minister for Migration Policy and funded by John S. Latsis Public Benefit Foundation during the first phase of its operation until the inclusion of the Centre in the Ministry of Labour, Social Insurance and Welfare's public investment programme with PRAKSIS as the implementing organisation.

The Accommodation Centre is located in Athens (45, Trion Ierarchon Street, Ano Petralona) and has a capacity of 24-bed. It provides accommodation to male minors aged 8 to 18. The staff comprises of twelve members (social scientists, legal counsel, interpreter, cooks, and guards) and 10-15 volunteers who assist by teaching Greek, accompanying beneficiaries to outdoor activities, and generally support the smooth integration procedures. Referral procedures are in accordance with national processes and EU directives on the operation of accommodation centres. Unaccompanied minors are referred to the Accommodation Centre through the National Centre for Social Solidarity (EKKA) on court orders.

In addition to accommodation, the Centre provides psychosocial support, legal advice, mediation, recreational activities, tutoring in Greek, English, and German as well as covering basic needs such as food, hygiene, and security.

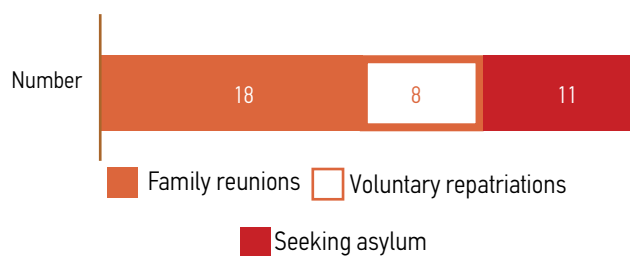
Through its operations, the Accommodation Centre seeks to create those conditions which protect unaccompanied minors from exposure to danger - by providing accommodation in a safe and protected environment while working towards family reunification. The staff is responsible for the smooth operation, to monitor beneficiaries and cover their needs, as well as for the implementation of all processes for the unaccompanied minors to be reunited with family members wherever they are located, following the child's best interests.

Between May and December 2015, the Accommodation Centre provided accommodation and services to 154 unaccompanied boys.

AGE	UNACCOMPANIED MINORS	AGE	UNACCOMPANIED MINORS
18	6	11	3
17	51	10	2
16	31	9	1
15	31	8	1
14	16	6	1
13	7	5	1
12	3		

NATIONALITY	NUMBER
Afghan	72
Egyptian	16
Algerian	1
Vietnamese	2
Iraqi	1
Iranian	3
Malian	1
Moroccan	3
Pakistani	16
Palestinian	1
Sudanese	1
Syrian	37
TOTAL	154

Legal Status



PRAKSIS Accommodation Centre was funded by John S. Latsis Public Benefit Foundation from 08/04/2015 to 31/08/2015. The Accommodation Centre received funding totaling €129,700.00 from the Ministry of Labour, Social Insurance and Welfare through its public investments programme from 01/09/2015 to 29/02/2016.





Transit Accommodation Centre for Unaccompanied Minors on Kos

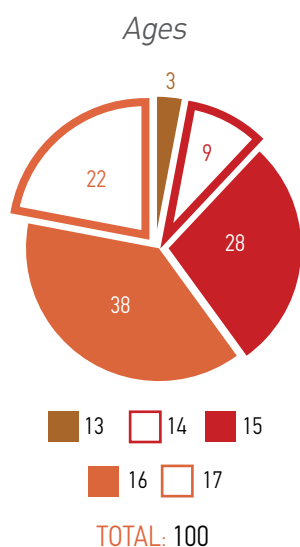
A Transit Accommodation Centre for Unaccompanied Minors was set on the island of Kos in November 2015 in cooperation and funding by the UN High Commissioner for Refugees.

The programme aims at unaccompanied minors not to be held in detention conditions while transfer to neighboring islands is pending or until the completion of the referral process for their transfer to more permanent Accommodations Centres elsewhere in Greece.

The Transit Accommodation Centre for Unaccompanied Minors is located in the Lambi area and has a capacity of 32 unaccompanied minors. It is worth noting that the Centre provides services to boys and girls.

In total, 100 boys were provided with accommodations at the Centre during the period 15/11/2015 to 31/12/2015.

NATIONALITY	NUMBER
Moroccan	6
Afghani	14
Iraqi	3
Iranian	1
Lebanese	1
Bangladeshi	5
Pakistani	60
Syrian	10
TOTAL	100



The Accommodation Centre is managed by PRAKSIS and was established within the framework of the Relocation Scheme and Emergency Response programme. It is funded by the UN High Commissioner for Refugees.





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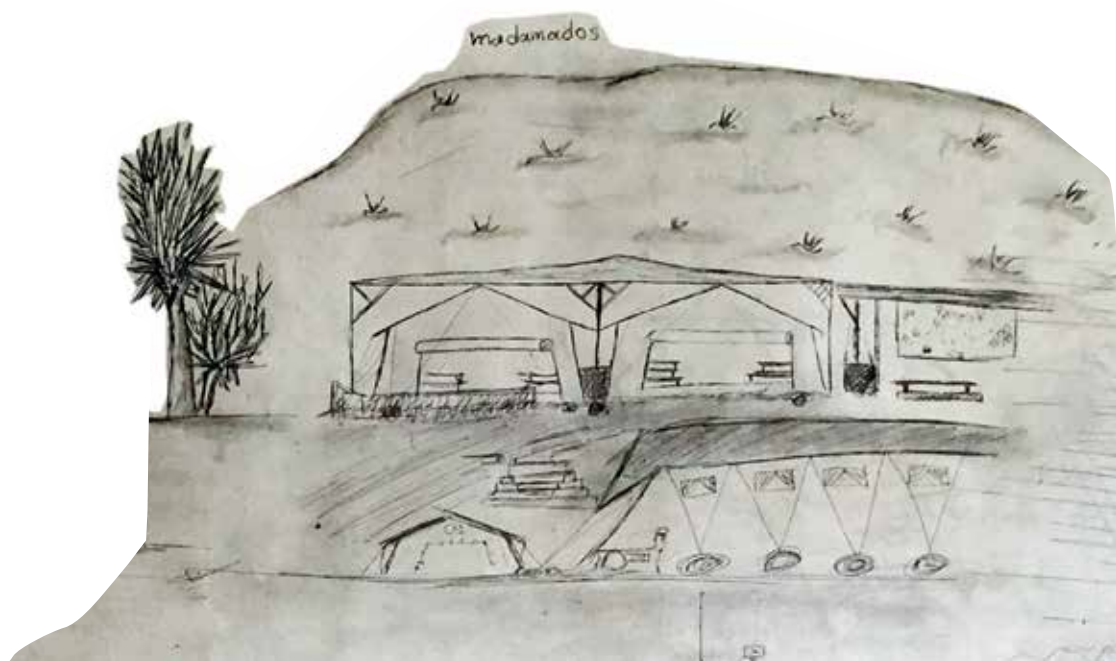
I had just started working at the Praksis hostel for unaccompanied children on Kos. It was a short-term accommodation facility and children came and left in a very short period of time, about two weeks on average.

There was one child who was shunned by the others; he was quite smart, mature, and very aware for his age. I had to get closer to him, to get him to trust us, and, ultimately make his stay more comfortable and pleasant. But I was unable to do this because of the fast pace of the processing at the center.

Shortly before he was due to leave for a center on the mainland, he was attacked by one of his compatriots. I took him aside and told him I had seen what had happened but as he was due to leave in short while that, unfortunately, there wasn't time to talk to the other kid and resolve this. Nonetheless, I told him that being taken to a new accommodation center was the start of a new cycle in his life. And I advised him not to let others treat him without respect or dignity in the future.

I had never seen this child smile. As he walked towards the taxi that would take him to the port, he looked at me with a huge smile lighting up his face, full of gratitude and hope that soon he'd find others who would treat him with respect and would understand him.

*Kyriakos Stefanis,
Coordinator, Kos Center for Unaccompanied Children*





Syn Sto Plin

Syn Sto Plin (Plus On Minus) programme was launched in March 2012 as a groundbreaking initiative and unprecedented for Greece, designed jointly with Stavros Niarchos Foundation (www.snf.org) and PRAKSIS. The programme has a dual aim:

A. Prevention, through the activities of the Social Housing segment focusing on Greek families with young children or dependents. The programme focused in helping them preserve their autonomy by providing economic support and counselling (legal, employment, financial).

B. Intervention, through the activities of the Open Day Centres for Homeless. These reception Centres seek to offer relief to homeless by offering personal hygiene services and facilities (bath, laundry) as well as primary health care, psychosocial support, and employment counselling.

A. Social Housing

At a glance

SOCIAL HOUSING: ATHENS AND THESSALONIKI	2015
Total applications	776
Total new approved families	200*
Total families who have completed the programme	314*
Duration in 6-month programme	296
Completed through employment	222
Completed without employment	195
With debts at the programme's completion	119
Without debts at the programme's completion	86

a. * The number only includes new families within the calendar year.

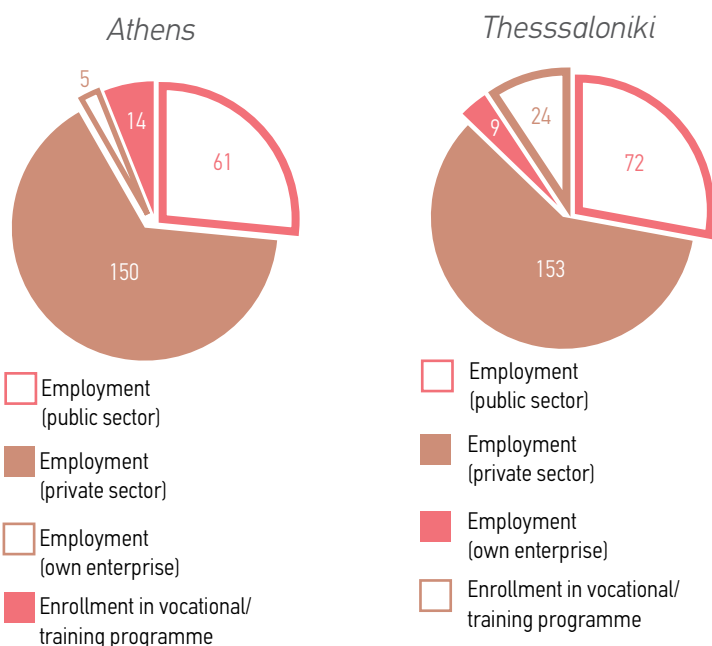
b. * The discrepancy is due to the fact that there were families who completed the cooperation in 2015 but had entered the programme the previous year (2014).

The third period of Social Housing programme was completed on 31st July 2015, and the fourth one began in November 2015, including two preparatory months. The period cited here reflects the families and programme's course from January through July 2015.

Family Composition

	1 minor	2 minors/dependents	3 minors/dependents	4 minors/dependents	Total
1 parent	33	15	4	2	54
2 parents	34	71	25	16	146
Total	67	86	29	18	200

Results of Employment Counselling*



* Provision of employment counselling continues after the completion of the economic support segment of the programme and employment figures cited above refer to the total number of beneficiaries who found work during this period.

The Social Housing programme was financed by Stavros Niarchos Foundation.



B. Open Homeless Reception Centres

At a glance

Open Day Centres in Athens, Piraeus, Thessaloniki	2015
Visitors	65.087
Social Services	7.076
Medical office	4.523
Laundry	11.452
Referrals	2.348

In 2015, the new registrations at the Day Centres in Athens, Piraeus, and Thessaloniki reached 2,702 – these were individuals who were served during 65,087 visits for their various needs. Overall, since the Centres in Athens and Piraeus began operating, they have received 197,695 visits from 8,181 people. During this calendar year, the social services unit conducted 6,076 personal interviews.

Beneficiaries main needs are housing, legal advice, medical care, and referrals to other facilities which can treat more complex medical issues, employment counselling, and psychological support. All beneficiaries seek to make use of personal hygiene facilities and rest areas. The total 2,348 referrals include both the above mentioned needs and accompanying or visiting beneficiaries during hospitalisation.

LIVING CONDITIONS	ATHENS	PIRAEUS	THESSALONIKI
Homeless on the street	345	119	531
Without housing	88	7	219
In high-risk living conditions	768	61	63
In inadequate housing	305	25	150
Not stated	6	1	14
TOTAL	1.512	213	977

Countries of Origin

COUNTRY	ATHENS	PIRAEUS	THES/NIKI	TOTAL	COUNTRY	ATHENS	PIRAEUS	THES/NIKI	TOTAL
Egypt	12	5	2	19	Morocco	21	15	8	44
Ethiopia	16	1	1	18	Mauritania	4		1	5
Ivory Coast	32		1	33	Moldavia	4	2	2	8
Albania	42	7	22	71	Bangladesh	18			18
Algeria	11	1	26	38	Benin	3			3
Afghanistan	168		25	193	Burkina Faso	6		2	8
Bulgaria	51	28	159	238	Burundi	1			1
France	5	1	1	7	Nigeria	181		6	187
Germany	2		7	9	Uganda	8			8
Georgia	5		22	27	Uzbekistan	3		2	5
Gambia	1			1	Ukraine	13		3	16
Ghana	17			17	Pakistan	37	3	6	46
Guinea	7		2	9	Palestine	2	1	2	5
Dominican Republic	1			1	Poland	11		2	13
Greece	289	118	438	845	Rwanda	6	3	2	11
Eritrea	6			6	Romania	14		18	32
India	3	3	1	7	Russia	2		4	6
Jordan	1			1	Senegal	12		2	14
Iraq	37		2	39	Serbia	4			4
Iran	50	1	2	53	Sierra Leone	5	1	2	8
Spain	2		1	3	Slovakia	1			1
Kazakhstan	2		6	8	Somalia	16			16
Cameroon	102			102	Sudan	32			32
Central African Republic	1		1	2	Sweden	1	1	2	4
Kenya	10		2	12	Syria	125	4	158	287
Cyprus	1			1	Tanzania	18	3		21
Democratic Republic of Congo	27			27	Tonga	5			5
Republic of Congo	6			6	Turkey	5		2	7
Belarus	1		1	2	Tunisia	7		3	10
Liberia	5			5	Philippines	5			5
Malaysia	1			1	Other countries	18	15	28	61
Mali	10			10	TOTAL	1.512	213	977	2.702

Educational Level

EDUCATION	ATHENS	PIRAEUS	THESSALONIKI
Illiterate	189	26	81
Elementary	324	49	214
Secondary (3 years)	346	49	300
Secondary (6 years)	414	58	269
Tertiary/Technical	233	31	113
Graduate	6	212	
TOTAL	1.512	425	977

Medical Service

The medical units at the three Open Day Centres for Homeless provided services to 984 individuals over 4,523 visits. Once more this year, the most frequent incidences of diseases were directly linked to living conditions: infectious or parasitic diseases and respiratory infections.

DIAGNOSTIC CATEGORY	PIRAEUS	ATHENS	THESSALONIKI
Infections and parasitic diseases	6	736	
Neoplasms	1	66	21
Endocrine, dietary, gastroenteric disorders	1	15	
Hematological and blood organ diseases	37	171	87
Psychiatric disorders	72	72	62
Nervous system and sensory disorders	109	338	102
Circulatory disorders	8	60	37
Respiratory infections	24	192	30
Digestive disorders	21	52	17
Genital and urinary diseases	84	266	54
Dermatological and hypodermic diseases	38	268	41
Musculature and tissue diseases	97	511	354
Unclear symptoms	10	50	115
Injuries and poisonings	1	14	22
Emergency care	5	29	8
Multiple diagnoses	25	175	19
TOTAL	539	3.015	969

Satellite Services

For the second consecutive year, support services drew on the participation of 65 volunteers and businesses or other foundations and organizations. Thus the Children's Corner, the Library (books on loan), Film Club, hair Salon and Wardrobe were able to continue operating.

- Wardrobe: The ability to provide clothing is totally dependent on those who fill the Syn Sto Plin boxes found in every Praktiker branch and to all those volunteers who tirelessly launder and arrange the donated clothes.
- Children's Corner: This was initially created with support by Praktiker and volunteers but was recently reorganised with assistance by Mondelese. It operates on Tuesdays

and Thursdays when the Centre receives families and it continues to be supported by volunteers.

- **Library:** This started when PRAKSIS began receiving books at the Centre as donations but became a programme when the volunteer who offered to catalogue and arrange these books started organising informal discussion groups on specific books. It was recently bolstered by the Roche company and it is now housed on the fifth floor and open on Wednesdays and Fridays.
- **Film Club:** Film screenings began thanks to a volunteer who decided to share his love of European cinema by offering beneficiaries a few moments of relaxation. Screenings are held every Sunday afternoon and have avid fans. Latsis Foundation donated a popcorn machine and the Mondelese company donated a screen and speakers.
- **Hair Salon:** The space was created thanks to a donation from L'Oreal which provided a volunteer with the support to offer haircuts to hundreds of people who have trusted her experienced hands and scissors.

A total of 65 volunteers regularly offer their time to keep the Day Centre wardrobe, reception, and technical support operating. They add colour to the Day Centres and bring that special touch which erases the routine of the people who use their services. We offer them all our most heartfelt thanks!

Employment Counselling

This service at the Open Day Centres for Homeless in Athens and Thessaloniki carried out a total of 979 meetings with individuals and helped 45 beneficiaries to find jobs.

Participation in programmes

Praksis participates in two co-funded programmes with a two-fold purpose. The first, Social Structures for Combatting Poverty, aims at ensuring the continuing of their operation. The second, Housing and Re-Entry, aims at ensuring that beneficiaries receive the best possible response to their needs given that their basic need is for safe housing and the chance to rebuild their lives.

All Corporate Social Responsibility programmes are also leveraged both for meeting in-kind needs and for smaller, more targeted innovative programmes such as support for single-parent families by providing packages of material items that was funded by the Papastratos company.

From 5th July 2013 through 30th September 2015, the Open Day Centre for Homeless in Athens was included in PRAKSIS "Social Structures for Combatting Poverty in the City of Athens" in cooperation with Klimaka, Doctors of the World, Equal Society, and the Municipality of Athens. This group was also funded under the Ministry of Labour, Social Insurance and Social Solidarity programme titled "Invitation to the Social Structures for Combatting Poverty" under Article 1 of the Act of Legislative Content dated 8/10/2015 (Government Gazette 127, A') as ratified with Article 49 of Law 4351/2015 on "Greek Grazing Lands and Other Orders". The Day Centre was thus reinforced and continued its operations through December 2015, providing a range of services, some of which were also described earlier:

- Primary health care and emergency medical needs
- Bathing and disposable hygiene kits
- Laundry
- Wardrobe
- Children's corner (for beneficiaries' offspring)

- Psychosocial support by specialized professionals
- Referrals and accompaniment to social services and hospitals
- Area for resting
- Access to internet and telephone
- Beverages.

Similarly, the Open Day Centre for Homeless in Thessaloniki was included in PRAKSIS programme "Social Structures for Combatting Poverty in the City of Thessaloniki" as from July 26, 2013 with Arsis as leader and the Municipality of Thessaloniki as partner. The rent through August 2015 was covered by Bodossakis Foundation. The same group was funded under the Ministry of Labour, Social Insurance and Social Solidarity programme titled "Invitation to the Social Structures for Combatting Poverty" under Article 1 of the Act of Legislative Content dated 8/10/2015 (Government Gazette 127, A') as ratified with Article 49 of Law 4351/2015 on "Greek Grazing Lands and Other Orders". The Day Center was thus able to continue its operations through December 31, 2015.

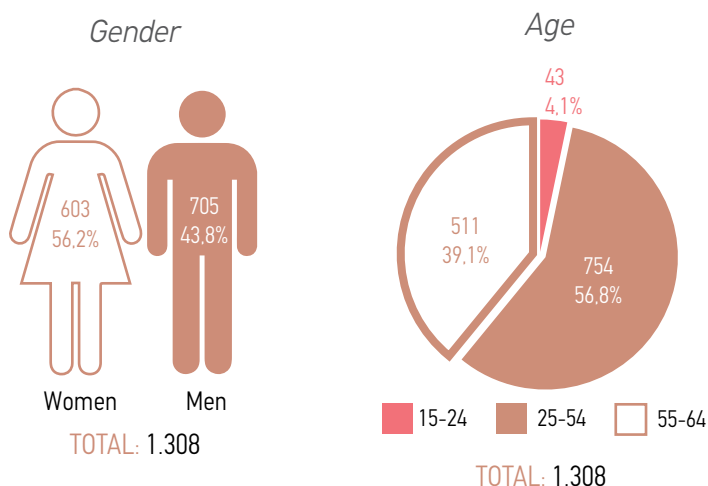


The Athens Day Centre for Homeless was funded through the programme Social Structures for Combatting Poverty in the City of Athens from 05/07/2013 to 30/09/2015 in the framework of the Operational Programme Human Resources Development 2007-2013, and co-funded by the European Social Fund, for a total of €300,985.00 and for the period 01/10/2015 through 31/12/2015 by the Ministry of Labour, Social Insurance, and Social Solidarity for a total of €14,492.45. Papastratos company supported 80 single-parent families by providing supermarket vouchers, employment counselling, creative engagement for children, and basic personal hygiene and care supplies for a period of six months (Total funding from Philip Morris International: €57,706.00). Thessaloniki Day Centre for Homeless was funded through the programme Social Structures for COMBATTING Poverty in the City of Thessaloniki from 26/07/2013 to 30/09/2015 in the framework of the Operational Programme Human Resources Development 2007-2013, and co-funded by the European Social Fund, for a total of €306,000.00 and for the period 01/10/2015 through 31/12/2015 by the Ministry of Labour, Social Insurance, and Social Solidarity for a total of €12,749.96.

Thessaloniki Social Pharmacy

The Social Pharmacy provided to a total of 445 people from 1/1/2015 to 31/12/2015 during 1,308 visits (as most returned each month to pick up their medications). Beneficiaries were between the ages of 15 and 64.

Beneficiaries and visits are broken down by gender, age, country of origin, and family status in the following tables:



Country of Origin

COUNTRY OF ORIGIN	TOTAL	PERCENTAGE %
Greece	799	59%
Albania	266	19,3%
Georgia	59	5,3%
Bulgaria	54	5,0%
Nigeria	36	3,5%
Senegal	19	2,4%
Armenia	12	0,9%
Syria	12	0,9%
Afghanistan	10	0,7%
Pakistan	8	0,6%
Latvia	7	0,5%
Ukraine	6	0,4%
Romania	4	0,3%
Bangladesh	3	0,2%
Mauritania	3	0,2%
Morocco	2	0,1%
Serbia	2	0,1%
Germany	2	0,1%
Other countries	4	0,4%
TOTAL	1.308	100%

Family Status

FAMILY STATUS	TOTAL	PERCENTAGE %
Single	292	23,3%
Married	636	47,2%
Divorced	260	19,6%
Widowed	75	6,5%
Separated/Cohabiting	45	3,4%
TOTAL	1.308	100%



Thessaloniki Social Pharmacy was funded through the Social Structures for Combating Poverty in the City of Thessaloniki programme from July 2013 through July 2015 and through the Operational Programme Human Resources Development 2007-2013 and the European Social Fund for a total of €102,000.00 and from 01/10/2015 to 31/12/2015 by the Ministry of Labour, Social Insurance, and Social Solidarity with a total of €8,499.98.



Safe At Home

The acceleration in demographic aging globally as well as at European and national levels places elderly care at the forefront of social concerns. By 2050, the number of elderly people globally is projected to reach 600 million, a fact that has got us alert and prompted the restructuring of healthcare systems and services available for this age group.

Demographic ageing is also evident in Greece. The Hellenic Statistical Authority (Elstat) estimates that the number of elderly has tripled in the last fifty years, from 6.7 per cent of the population in 1951 to 18.9 per cent in 2010. This highlights the need for innovative programmes in elderly care. The aim is to ensure independent and dignified living conditions for the elderly in their own space with good quality of life and less need for use of public health services.

With funding by Tima Charitable Foundation, PRAKSIS implemented the innovative "Safe At Home" programme aimed at extending the ability of elderly beneficiaries to continue living in their homes safely and with dignity.

Specifically, the programme "Safe At Home" was designed around three core principles:

1. Safety
2. Protection
3. General improvements

Slight technical modifications were made in the houses to limit the accident potentiality and to reduce the risk of break-ins, thus bolstering the sense of security in their private space for low-income individuals over the age of 65 who live alone. This pilot programme was implemented in 26 households in six metropolitan Athens municipalities: Korydallos, Markopoulo, Ayios Dimitrios, Tavros/Moschato, Nikaia-Renti, and Athens.

Most beneficiaries were women, aged 65 or older, with a small pension as their sole source of income. Five were care-takers for children with disabilities - one passed away during the period covered by the programme. Four individuals under the age of 65 were included in the programme because of their very low income, poor health and housing conditions.

The pilot phase of "Safe At Home" was an opportunity for PRAKSIS team to observe first-hand and to record the needs of this growing population group.

It was evident that in addition to the technical modifications made through the programme, it was also vital to form local community companies groups to meet individual beneficiary needs as "the sun rises every day for everyone."

Fund for the Most Deprived

*(in cooperation with the municipalities
of Athens and Thessaloniki)*

In the framework of implementing the Operational Programme Food and basic Material Support for the Fund for European Aid to the Most Deprived (FEAD) for the programme period 2014-2020, PRAKSIS participates in the social partnerships established with Athens and Thessaloniki Municipalities. Beneficiaries of the Open Day Centres for Homeless in both cities were included in this scheme. PRAKSIS provides complementary support services in this partnership..



When I applied to PRAKSIS for work in the fall of 2015 and was offered a position as social scientist on the mobile medical unit on the eastern Aegean islands, I declined. If I had stood firm in this decision, I would've passed up the most beautiful and important experience of my life.

Rooted deeply in my memory are the images of refugees disembarking on the island of Leros, where they arrived on a British naval vessel straight from Farnakonisi. Men, women, children and elderly unable to walk without assistance. A swirl of emotions, intense feelings, and tears at the suffering endured by people fighting for survival, fleeing war to seek a better life.

My team and I heard so many stories, we laughed and cried with the people, we fought to provide them with the attention and care they so needed. I remember one family whose young son had kidney failure and needed frequent dialysis - something that Leros Health Centre could not provide. The family was able to leave for Athens promptly as a result of efforts by PRAKSIS team and the UNHCR kidney doctor. Saying goodbye to them as they were leaving Leros, I wondered whether I'd ever see them again. A month and a half later we had an emotional meeting at the Piraeus port. The boy was fine.

I had never experienced the aftermath of war so closely. The uprooting of people, their pain. It's impossible for me to convey in a few short lines all the images, emotions, the laughter and the tears. But what I can do is to reevaluate my life, come closer to people, share feelings. This wasn't just a work experience. It was a life experience that today has made me a better, richer person.

***Varvara Markaki,
Social worker, Mobile Medical Units***





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Fighting the Refugee Crisis in Athens

Fighting the Refugee Crisis in Athens is a programme aimed at meeting the immediate needs of refugee populations with provision for their basic needs as well as information and individualized assistance so they can access the appropriate protection mechanisms. The programme is rooted in synergies that incorporate PRAKSIS, Arsis, Dynamo International, Pharos, Humanitarian Initiative Bridges NGOs, and the Afghan Migrant and Refugee Community in Greece. The programme was launched in November 2015 and will be concluded in April 2016. Its activities are summarized below:

1. Provision of legal information and support to 350 beneficiaries.
2. Provision of social information and psychosocial support to 400 individuals.
3. Provision of temporary accommodation to 20 individuals and referred 60 more to other facilities.
4. Distribution of supermarket vouchers to 500 individuals.
5. Organised educational and entertainment activities for 60 adults.
7. Conducted capacity-building of cooperating facilities with emphasis on the methods of approaching potential beneficiaries on the street and training cultural mediators.

Within this programme, PRAKSIS undertook the accommodation of two especially vulnerable cases in two apartments and to fully support these cases with food vouchers, public transportation tickets, medical and psychosocial assistance. Specifically, an apartment was set up to have the capacity of housing seven asylum-seekers and another "emergency" apartment was also used to provide accommodation to four holders of official 'Service Memos' designating them as extremely vulnerable.

Following a period of preparations, the apartments were ready in December 2015 when they were used to accommodate four Iranians.

Humanitarian Assistance Through Interventions at Corinth and Hellenikon Detention Centres

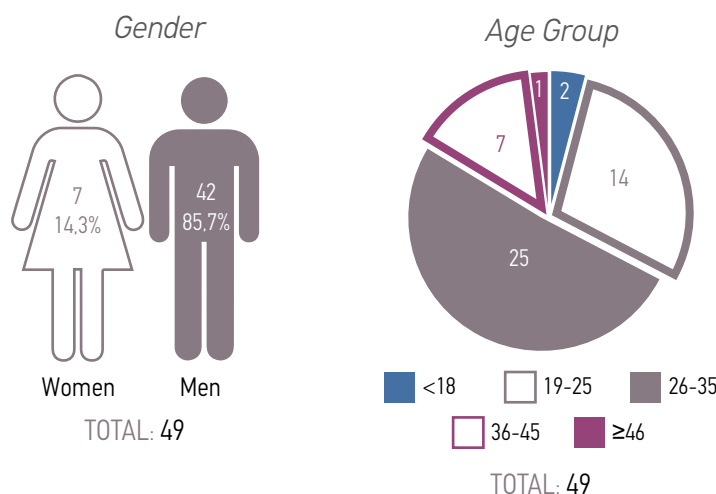
The Humanitarian Assistance Programme at Corinth and Hellenikon Detention Centres aims at covering a significant gap in protecting the populations held at these sites. The programme was implemented with the cooperation of three organizations- PRAKSIS, Arsis and the Hellenic Council for Refugees. The intervention team is interdisciplinary (medical, legal, psychosocial).

Interventions at these Detention Centres aimed at achieving the following:

- Ensure adherence to detainees' basic human rights.
- Identify and immediately refer vulnerable cases such as unaccompanied minors, human-trafficking victims, torture victims, individuals with disabilities.
- Identify, record, and monitor, the needs and practices followed at each Centre.
- Produce a summary report to reinforce advocacy at the municipal, national, and European level of the current efforts to restructure administrative detention in Greece.
- Develop open-source software that will allow more effective monitoring of activities conducted for the detainees/beneficiaries.

The programme has an implementation period of seven months, 1st October 2015 to 30th April 2016.

Results from 1st October 2015 to 31st December 2015:

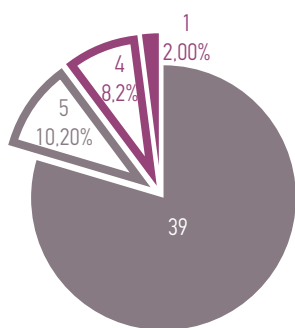




Country of Origin

COUNTRY OF ORIGIN	TOTAL	PERCENTAGE %
Dominican Republic	1	2,00 %
Albania	2	4,10 %
Algeria	2	4,10 %
Vietnam	1	2,00 %
Iran	2	4,10 %
Morocco	23	46,90 %
Bangladesh	2	4,10 %
Pakistan	13	26,50 %
Sahara Gambia	1	2,00 %
Syria	2	4,10 %
TOTAL	49	100%

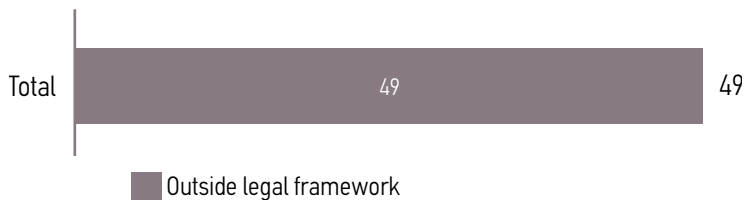
Family Status



- Single
- Married
- Divorced
- Separated

TOTAL: 49

Legal Status



Humanitarian support for unaccompanied children at risk and vulnerable families in Lesvos, Samos and Chios

PRAKSIS implemented a range of projects on Lesvos, Samos, and Chios aiming at providing support and protection to unaccompanied children arriving on these islands with the huge refugee flows. These activities were developed in close cooperation with the funding organisation, Save the Children International.

From October to December 2015, PRAKSIS teams were active at refugee reception centres on all three islands in order to identify, inform, and support unaccompanied minors, children at risk, and families with dependents (children). Through their interventions, specially-trained staff provided recreational activities and relevant services to 8,216 children while simultaneously recording their needs and activating linked services in order to cover these needs. Priority was given in finding and protecting unaccompanied minors.

On Lesvos, a reception centre offering temporary accommodation for unaccompanied minors was established with an eight-bed capacity. The activity aimed at providing a suitable environment for children until their referral and transfer to reception centres with more permanent accommodation. The centre received the first 18 unaccompanied minors (seven from Syria, three from Iraq, six from Pakistan, and two from Morocco) in December 2015.

The First Reception Centre at Moria (Lesvos) was also reinforced with an interdisciplinary team to support unaccompanied minors who were held there under restrictions for the entire period of their stay and until their referral to an accommodation facility.



PRAKSIS Interventions at the Borders with FYROM (Idomeni-Gevgele)

From 23rd August 2015, PRAKSIS was active at Idomeni, in cooperation with and with funding by the UN High Commissioner for Refugees. The interventions aimed at recording the basic needs of the populations there as well as planning and implementing appropriate activities for the greatest possible relief of vulnerable population groups.

Through their interventions, the interdisciplinary team provided the following services on a 24-hour basis, seven days a week:

- quick meals and water
- primary healthcare (general practitioner and distribution of medications)
- infant and personal hygiene supplies as well as basic needs items (collected through donations and volunteer groups).

The supplies were distributed in cooperation with UNHCR and other organisations active in the area as well as through the network of volunteers.

Emergency Accommodation for Relocation Seekers

The programme is funded by UNHCR as from 17/11/2015. Its aim is to provide accommodation services, escorts to agencies, and psychosocial support to individuals enrolled in the relocation process as well as to especially vulnerable asylum seekers. Beneficiaries are provided with accommodation in hotels through a voucher system (Lesvos, Chios, Samos, Leros, Rhodes, Thessaloniki, and Athens) or in semi-autonomous living conditions in apartments rented by PRAKSIS for this purpose. In 2015, beneficiaries were provided accommodations through hotel vouchers. A total of 467 people were provided with accommodations in hotels in Athens and on the islands of Lesvos, Samos, Leros, Rhodes, and Kos.

Age Group

AGE GROUP	MEN	WOMEN	TOTAL
0-4	56	32	88
5-17	108	52	160
18-59	299	176	475
60 >	4	1	5
TOTAL	467	261	728



Emergency Temporary Accommodation in Lesvos & Athens

PRAKSIS programme Emergency Temporary Accommodation on Lesvos and in Athens is funded by UN High Commissioner for Refugees and provides semi-autonomous and temporary accommodation in three apartments - two in Athens and one at Mytilene (Lesvos). The apartments have a total capacity of 18.

There is provision for the operation of two more apartments for temporary accommodations on the island of Samos.

Priority is given to the most vulnerable cases such as shipwreck survivors, single-parent families, families with many children, pregnant women, families with infants, torture victims, victims of human-trafficking, victims of physical abuse, and individuals with chronic health problems.

Age Distribution

AGE GROUP	MEN	WOMEN	TOTAL
0-4	9	5	14
5-17	18	13	31
18-59	35	29	64
60>	0	0	0
TOTAL	62	47	109

Country of Origin

COUNTRY	MEN	WOMEN	TOTAL
Afghanistan	13	9	22
Iraq	24	18	42
Syria	25	18	43
Palestine	0	2	2
Iran	0	0	0
TOTAL	62	47	109

Medical mobile units

In the framework of handling the unprecedented scale of migrant inflows, PRAKSIS NGO, with support and funding by the International Medical Corps, has implemented the Medical Mobile Units programme since October 2015.

The programme addresses the conditions in which refugee and migrant flows are received, with priority on providing primary medical care and psychosocial support for individuals who may need international protection and arrived at entry points in Greece - specifically the islands of Samos, Leros, and Kos. The programme has the capability as well of delivering special hygiene kits (Heart to Heart), to newly-arrived populations on Samos, Leros, and Kos.

Services were provided through two Mobile Medical Units fully equipped to support medical and pharmaceutical care by specialised staff: doctors, nurses, social scientists, social mediators, and administrative staff.

The Mobile Medical Units provided services to 2,141 beneficiaries during the period October to December 2015.

Medical Mobile Unit Beneficiaries by Age

AGE GROUP	MEN	WOMEN
0- 4	129	98
5-15	150	112
16-49	1.119	412
< 50	52	69
TOTAL	1.450	691

Main Countries of Origin of Mobile Medical Unit Beneficiaries

COUNTRY	FREQUENCY	PERCENTAGE
Syria	797	37,24%
Iraq	601	28,07%
Afghanistan	324	15,13%
Pakistan	202	9,43%
Morocco	117	5,46%
Other countries	100	4,67%
TOTAL	2.141	100%

Treatment Categories

DISEASE	FREQUENCY	PERCENTAGE	DISEASE	FREQUENCY	PERCENTAGE
Medical exam	43	2,00%	Urinary tract and prostate	21	0,99%
Infectious diseases	33	1,54%	Dermatological diseases	122	5,70%
Endocrine disorders	26	1,21%	Myoskeletal diseases	341	15,93%
Psychiatric disorders	4	0,18%	Emergency care	5	0,24%
Nervous system disorders	9	0,42%	Vague symptoms	3	0,14%
Circulatory system disorders	13	0,60%	Other diseases	285	13,31%
Respiratory diseases	1.007	47,04%	Lacking pathological evidence	51	2,38%
Digestive disorders	178	8,32%	TOTAL	2.141	100%

The Medical Mobile Units programme will receive funds totaling \$196,200,000 from International Medical Corps for the period October 2015 to January 2016.

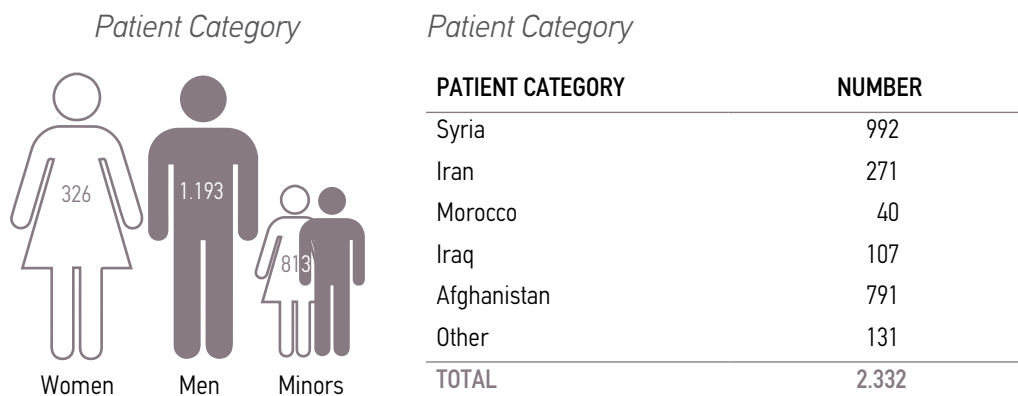


Medical support

From October 2015, PRAKSIS healthcare projects in northern Greece were reinforced by support by World Jewish Relief.

More specifically, Medical Support programme bolstered healthcare activities at Idomeni (PRAKSIS Mobile Medical Unit active in the area) and Thessaloniki Polyclinic was reinforced with a doctor, a nurse, and an interpreter.

Services were provided for a total of 2,332 beneficiaries during the period October to December 2015.



Types of diseases

TYPES OF DISEASES	TOTAL
Respiratory	1.334
Gastro-enteric	388
Injury	147
Cutis/mucosal membranes	143
Miscellaneous (headaches, lower back pain, joint pain)	274
Dental	57
TOTAL	2.343

The programme will be funded by World Jewish Relief during the period from October 2015 to March 2016.



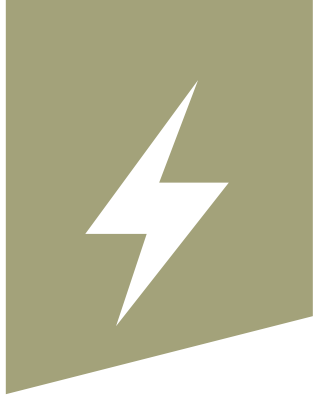


Support of first reception actions to new comers-third country nationals in Greece- Information, medical screening and psychosocial evaluation

With funding from Solidarity Now and in cooperation with First Reception Service, PRAKSIS supports the First Reception Service Mobile Unit on the island of Leros. There is also provision for supporting the First Reception Service to be established on the island of Kos.

Each team includes medical, psychosocial, and administrative staff and undertakes the healthcare support of individuals received at the center. It also supports the process for uniting third-country nationals.

The programme will receive funding by Solidarity Now during the period 01/07/2012 to 30/10/2016.



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Hussein. Unaccompanied minor aged 15, Refugee from Syria. He arrived at Stegi+ Centre after a journey that changes the life of anyone who makes it. He made it. Alone. Far from everything he had known. Far from the warmth of home, the security of his parents, the love of his siblings. And he feels lucky to have made it because he met others along the way who did not. From the very first moment he stood out. The first thing he asked for was a blank sheet of paper and a pencil. Who would have imagined...

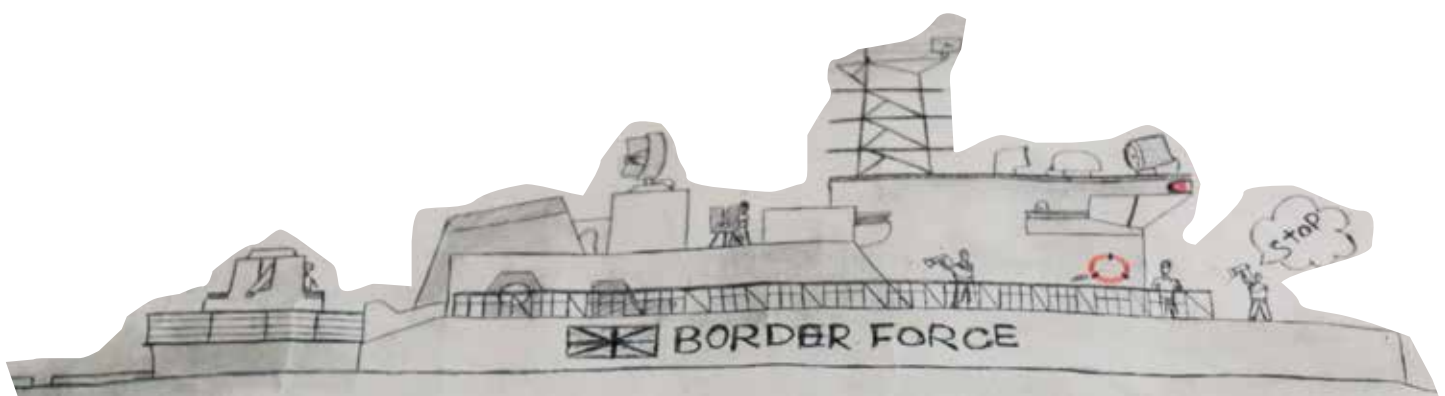
He told us the war had taken everything he had. The neighbourhood he had grown up in, the home he had loved, his friends and relatives who were killed before his very eyes, his daily life, his parents' work. But he didn't feel unfortunate because he knew people who had lost more - their own lives. And he asked us for more sheets of paper and pencils.

We saw he had a talent for art. He showed us his drawings and how he recorded his experiences through them. Sorrowful women, mothers who had lost their children. Hope, tenderness, love. He expressed it all in a wonderful manner, in his own special way.

We decided we had to showcase his talent. We found a volunteer with a background in visual arts to be his companion in his quests. And he continued to draw with passion until what he had always dreamed about happened: Hussein took part in an exhibition by local artists. He saw his dream taking shape. For a short time, he felt as if he belonged somewhere. He felt empowered, proud, and loved enough to carry on. And he learned that now he is able to and that there are people standing by him. But most of all, he knows that he has a talent which could be the ticket for all those roads opening before him.

Hussein is one of scores of children we came across during a difficult time, a time when we were challenged by the biggest refugee crisis. In an extremely short period of time, circumstances forced us to adapt our activities and to mobilise every available means in order to establish a suitable and stable environment for unaccompanied children. As field workers, we felt surpassed by events when we were called upon to support very young children still reeling from the traumas of war and their journey. The human geography and age of these minors, their extended stay in holding conditions, their feeling of living in a state of suspension propelled us in formulating our roles and to stand by every child so as to create conditions of a foreseeable future.

*Georgia Tzanakou, Social Worker
Stegi+ Coordinator, Patras*





European HIV Legal Forum

In 2012, AIDS Action Europe created the European HIV Legal Forum. This initiative is the implementation of recommendations resulting from the European Best Practice Seminar on Legislation and Judicial Issues in relation to HIV/AIDS, co-organized between AIDS Action Europe and the National AIDS Trust in 2007. The Forum kicked-off with a pilot phase initiated by AIDS Action Europe member organizations from five countries: Switzerland, Italy, United Kingdom, Netherlands, and Hungary. Using a questionnaire, the partners compiled a series of issues stemming from insufficient access to healthcare coverage and identified the most vulnerable groups as irregular migrants and transient populations living with HIV. The following year the survey was expanded to five more countries—Greece, France, Germany, Poland, and Serbia.

The goals focus on migrant and transient populations and are divided into three areas: (a) reviewing and monitoring HIV-related legislation at local, regional, and European level, and producing primary comparative legal intelligence; (b) documenting available legal resources and experts in the region aiming at creating a viable network of support and empowerment; and (c) producing and disseminating a body of sources on best practices and tools for effective advocacy.

PRAKSIS participates in the programme as the national focal point for Greece and has an active role in formulating the project framework. The programme is funded by AIDS Action Europe.



HIV in the Public Sphere

Public discourse was used as a tool for countering stigmatisation experienced by individuals with HIV/AIDS, as a means of increasing their visibility and as a vehicle for social integration and deconstruction of stereotypes surrounding HIV. The Positive Voice Association of Seropositives in Greece, the Centre for Life, and PRAKSIS concluded a series of interventions spanning 15 months with a summary report on issues linked to HIV/AIDS, rights for seropositive individuals in Greece, and educating opinion-shapers such as journalists, state officials, and politicians.

The joint initiatives undertaken by these three organizations during 2015 were supplemented by a special report outlining the main manifestations of the stigmatisation experienced by people with HIV/AIDS in Greece and the rest of the world, from the workplace and health services to their families and social environments and restrictions on travel, moving, and relocation.

*The project HIV in the Public Sphere was funded by Iceland, Lichtenstein, and Norway under the EEA Grants programme "We Are All Citizens".
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Action 2015: Sustainable Development Growth

At the dawn of the new millennium, the UN General Assembly adopted the United Nations Millennium Declaration, which for the first time officially outlined the meaning of "collective responsibility," the need for a collective consciousness of the responsibility each of us has for the planet's future and the right of all people to live with dignity, justice, and equality, the right to freedom from all other forms of slavery such as hunger, poverty, social exclusion, disease, and illiteracy.

The proceedings agreed on 17 goals that were adopted by member-nations in September 2015. Action 2015 aims at informing and sensitising the global community about these 17 goals of Sustainable Development as a call to action. A series of communication actions (video, social media, tattoos, distributing printed materials in downtown Athens, radio and TV shows, open forums at universities) sought to bring this message directly to young citizens.

The project was undertaken by the Greek Platform for Growth with PRAKSIS as the primary implementation partner.



PRAKSIS Access / Spread the Word: Access to Affordable Medicine

PRAKSIS is a member of the European Alliance for Responsible Research and Development and Affordable Medicines and has co-signed the Joint Declaration.

PRAKSIS Access was designed as a result of this pan-European cooperation, as well as in response to the needs we record on a daily basis at PRAKSIS Centres for medical and pharmaceutical care. Our goal is to increase awareness and start a dialogue on the problems of accessing medicine in Greece which affect both vulnerable social groups and the broader population.

Planning for the campaign began in 2015, including literature review on accessibility and similar initiatives were undertaken to highlight this issue at international civil society. We also participated with interventions at major conferences to advocate access to affordable medicine and organised networking activities with interested parties and organizations.

PRAKSIS co-actors in shaping the campaign and first supporters in Greece are Doctors Without Borders, Doctors of the World, and the consumer group Ekpoizo. The programme is implemented with support by Open Society Foundations and donations by private citizens (www.praksisaccess.org).





New Psychoactive Substances

The second phase of the European programme on New Psychoactive Substances was implemented in 2015. The national report which includes a desk review and the results of focus groups with active users and healthcare professionals was completed. The report was presented at an open discussion organised by Athens Municipality for elected departmental representatives. In cooperation with Greek Documentation and Monitoring Centre for Drugs (EKTEPN), informational pamphlets about the major drug categories used by Greeks were made. The changing political developments hampered the presentation of a series of proposals to the Hellenic Parliament, an action that has been deferred for next year. The programme also unveiled a campaign poster on harm reduction from drugs at an international conference in Kuala Lumpur.

The foundations for establishing a working group to inform peers were also laid.

One goal for 2016 is to host a roundtable discussion on the issue with participation of representatives of state and private organisations and institutions working in fields related to psychoactive drugs.

PRAKSIS participates in the programme as the national focal point for Greece and in cooperation with Portugal, the Netherlands, the Czech Republic, Poland, and Romania. The project is funded by the European Commission.

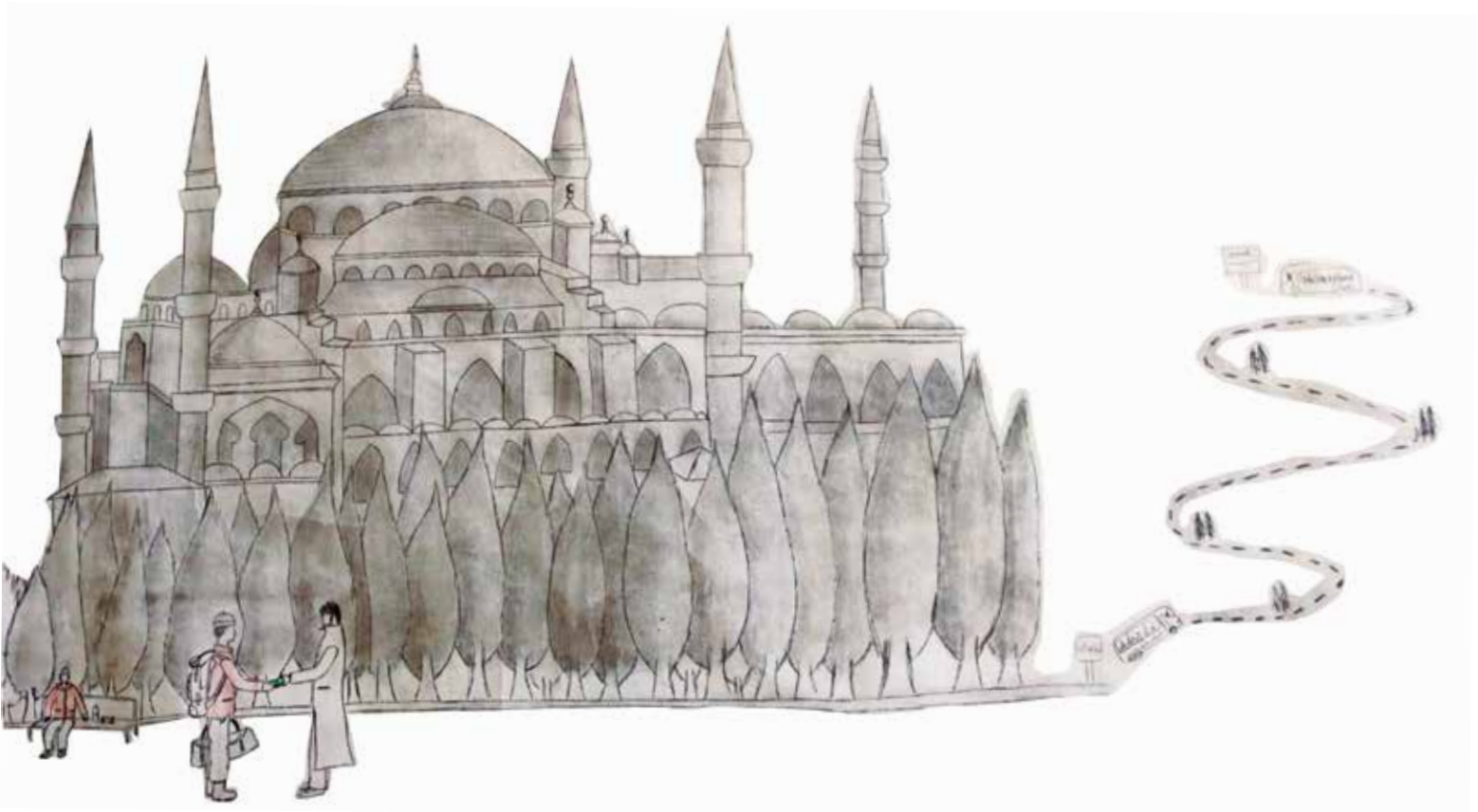


From late July 2015 to May 2016, and even to date, many people have asked me about Idomeni. I don't know how to answer their question. For me, Idomeni is a spectrum of emotions, images, and sounds forever etched in my memory.

I cried, I was anxious, I was angry, I was frightened, I experienced violence, I quarreled, I made friends, I forged good partnerships, I laughed, I sang, I danced, I admired human resilience, I was mobilised and I mobilised others in turn, I informed, I collaborated, I demanded, I heard, I lived and I learned new things, I lived and I experienced intense situations which changed me as a person as well as a professional. All this in a landscape that changes daily and which expands at incredible speed, which was destroyed and created anew, which received, embraced, but also became angry.

People of different races, nationalities, faiths, colours, cultures, beliefs, sharing a dream and hopes for a safe and humane future experienced, tolerated, and persisted in an unsafe and inhumane environment with the sole aim of obtaining the ticket which would allow them to continue their journey to Europe, as they said.

My journey had many stations. It started out hot and dusty, with open borders and many people crossing them daily, with hardship but also with smiles - because at the end of the day they were a step closer to Europe. With children smiling through their difficulties, offering hugs and kisses for a lollipop. One of these children approaches, pointing at the crate of peaches I'm holding. Thinking that he wants some fruit, I give him two. He shakes his head and I realise he wants to help. So I give him a basket. And with the naiveté and cheek of any child, he takes it, crosses the border and hands out peaches to FYROM and Greek police officers. No sooner had he finished,





when the borders opened and he was applauded. What power does a child's innocence contain?

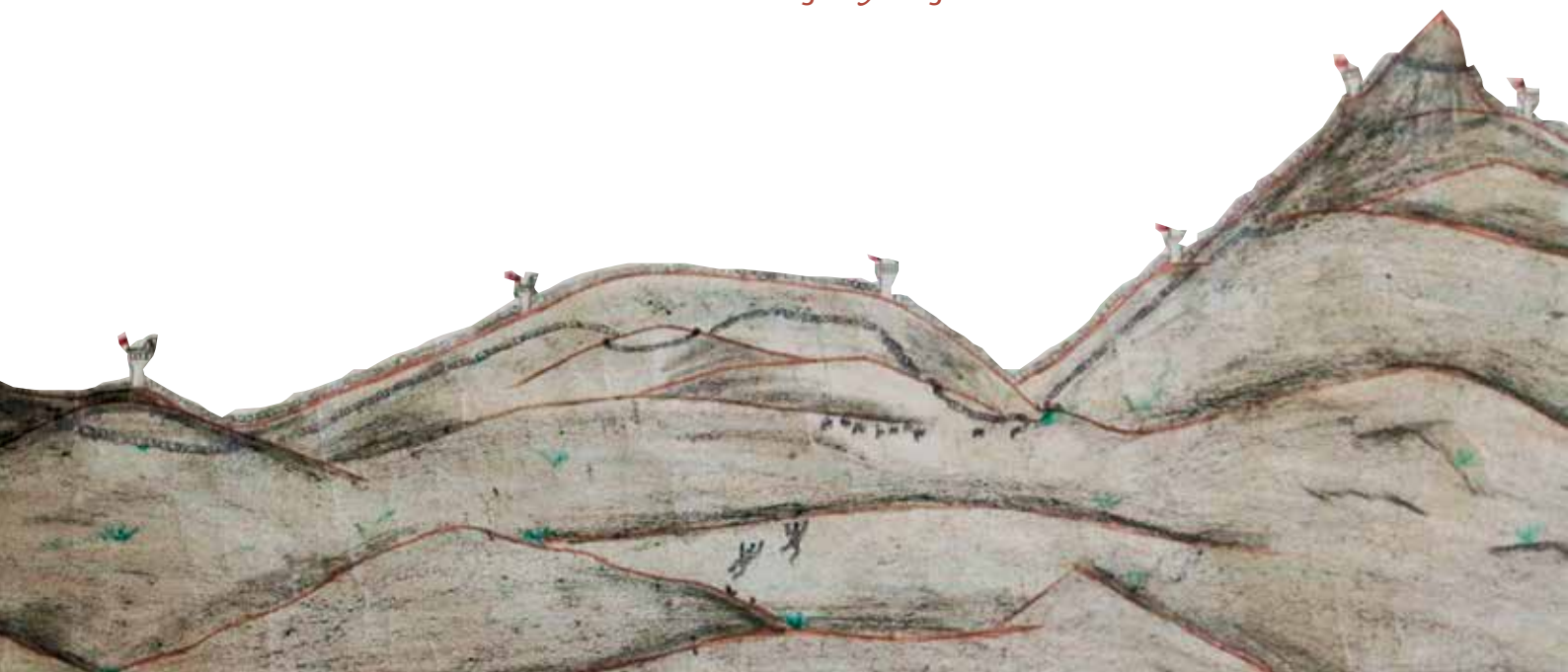
At the next station of my journey, the borders were closed; childbirths, injuries, death, protests, reactions, violent outbursts, breaking of the law, people desperate to believe that this not where their journey had ended, people from the same population that exploited for their own benefit this situation, a blossoming illegal trade. I saw people creating their own realities so they could handle day after day, I saw them asking for their rights in different ways, I saw children playing, laughing. I have many images, smells, and sounds.

The last station offered contradictory images, sounds, and smells. On one hand, the atmosphere was as tense as a war zone. The air was filled with tear gas and flashbangs, people fleeing to avoid being hit, FYROM police on my territory, shouting and the sounds of gunfire. On the other, there were mothers cooking and tasting their food, children playing, singing peacefully. I felt as if I inhabited parallel worlds. But what struck me was how familiar these people were with the war images which had left behind them. I stared at both images until a young boy hugged me and begged me to take him with me. What do you do at a moment like that?

Fatigue, injustice, lack of information, uncertainty, insecurity, all result in anger, violence, destruction.

After the destruction came the evacuation and the site's closure. People, once more, were carrying all their belongings, squeezed it onto a bus without knowing where they were going and when this journey would finally end, when they would be able to settle. A massive police force and people in mobility, exhausted. Bulldozers rasing everything and clearing it away as fast as possible believing, perhaps, that they could thus erase all those images. But can those images be erased?

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PACE

PACE is an innovative two-year programme (2015-2017) funded by the European Commission in the broader framework of Erasmus+, specifically under Key Action 2: Co-operation for Innovation and the Exchange of Good Practices. The PACE program brings together educators, supporters, and social organizations from Ireland, Portugal, and Greece. The Greek groups participating in the project are PRAKSIS and Ergon Centre for Vocational Training (KEK) -organisations with long-standing experience and profound expertise in supporting and strengthening vulnerable social groups like refugees, prisoners, and Roma.

PACE aims at removing obstacles and difficulties faced by members of Roma community in education and the labour market as well as in accessing services - equally and actively. More specifically, the programme focuses on improving the social skills of the participants so they may be in a position to be effective when assuming various social roles such as parents, employees, and active citizens.

The programme includes a series of activities aimed at directly involving members of the Roma community who are parents of young children in activities and initiatives that will make them more active members of their respective local communities and bolster efforts to improve their current living conditions. Some of these actions are:

- Creating a network to inform, support, and activate group members on activities implemented which will enhance their standing in the local and broader community. Special mediators have already been assigned to motivate and brief interested parties.
- Recording educational and employment needs in order to create an action plan for training and support. This data will be compiled through focus groups in which Roma members will have the opportunity to express their views and help shape future actions.
- Providing training to 50 Roma from camps located in three Municipalities, aged 18 to 24 years and parents of school-aged children, in topics of their choice aimed at improving their knowledge and skills - both as parents of young children and as equal citizens of their respective communities. A total of 100 hours of training will be held from September 2016 to January 2017. The participants will receive a Certificate of Participation upon completion.
- Creative engagement and educational support for young Roma children whose parents participate in the training programme. Specialised teachers will engage with these children to ensure the training is conducted smoothly.
- Recording and reporting the experiences from the programme and formulate specific proposals for the State at national and European level for the optimal support of Roma and the implementation of similar interventions on a permanent basis.

The active involvement of a range of agencies and organizations is needed to ensure that the activities outlined above are implemented properly and have a substantial effect. Local government authorities, local social groups, Roma organisations, and primary schools are just some of institutions and organisations whose participation is necessary

to support the project team as well as to inform, activate, and refer individuals to these actions. Issues such as exclusion and marginalisation cannot be addressed with one-sided interventions but only through the collaboration of different groups and organisations active in this field.

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under European Commission's Erasmus+ Programme.*



EU Mobile Citizens (KA2 STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP PROJECT no 2014-1-LT01-KA204-000611-940249131)

PRAKSIS was a partner in this Erasmus+ project aiming at creating a network of organisations working with the homeless and identifying, through this network, the difficulties homeless EU citizens face in EU countries other than their own. The project, which concludes in August 2016, was coordinated by Caritas (Lithuania). Budget € 15,196.00.



YOUMARC

PRAKSIS participated in the Erasmus+ project Youth Marketing Leaders for Sustainable Development funded by the European Commission and coordinated by Marketing Gate NGO (www.marketinggate.org). Participant countries: Australia, Bulgaria, Italy, Ghana, Kazakhstan, Greece, Romania, Poland, Slovenia, Turkey, Kyrgyzstan, FYROM, Czech Republic. The project's purpose is to enhance marketing knowledge, in order to promote sustainable development through better mutual representation and information aimed at direct connection of the economies in the countries which are partners of the project..



Research Study: Prostitution and Trafficking of Women for Sexual or Labour Exploitation in Greece

This study, and more specifically the research, on *Prostitution and Trafficking of Women for Sexual or Labour Exploitation in Greece* focused on (i) recording the phenomenon of prostitution and of trafficking of women for sexual or labour exploitation in its current forms and dimensions; (ii) on evaluating policies implemented to combat this; and (iii) on outlining reformative intervention measures to be taken.

Specifically, the primary purpose of the research was to collect, compile, and disseminate all available information on this subject. In this context, it explored the dimensions of trafficking in women, factors spurring its development, its effects and consequences, the factors which sustain and develop it, the needs and profile of trafficked women and the clients, the policy interventions, the services and structures active in this field, as well as the views of all parties involved in this issue.

To achieve these goals, qualitative and quantitative studies were conducted as follows:

- focus groups with institutional agents, international organisations, migrant communities, and broader community groups.
- individual interviews of representatives and officials at selected agencies.
- semi-structured interviews with trafficked women and clients.
- compilation and analysis of reports published in the media, including classified ads and online references.

Finally, the study analysed the existing legal and institutional framework, international charters and policy directions, and carried out a relevant Greek and international bibliography review of bibliography.

The research project Prostitution and Trafficking of Women for Sexual or Labour Exploitation in Greece was conducted as part of the Operational Programme Administrative Restructuring 2007-2013 which is jointly funded by Greece and the European Union.





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National Observatory on Racism and Xenophobia (HLHR-KEMO)

Record and report on racism and xenophobia in Greece towards migrants and minorities. The Hellenic League for Human Rights (HLHR) and Research Centre for Minority Groups (KEMO) collects data, evaluates it, and includes it in its reports to the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA).

EN-HERA

The European Network for the Promotion of Sexual and Reproductive Health & Rights of Refugees and Asylum Seekers in Europe & beyond (EN-HERA) aims at developing strategies and policies at the European level that promote improvements in the sexual and reproductive health of refugees, asylum seekers and migrants. The charter meeting was held in Ghent in November 2008.

European Network on Social Inclusion and Roma under the Structural Funds (EURoma)

This international network is a Spanish initiative for developing common approach, strategy, and initiatives aimed at the social inclusion of Roma. Praksis participates in I Protect Myself and Others, a programme for training volunteer responders at the municipal and regional level in the event of natural disasters, such as fires, earthquakes, and floods. The programme is implemented under the aegis of the General Secretary of Adult Education (Life-Long Learning Secretariat) in cooperation with the Ministry of the Interior (Fire Service), the Ministry of Public Administration and Decentralization (General Secretariat for Civil Protection), the Ministry of Environment, Planning, and Public Works (Earthquake Planning and Protection Agency), the Ministry of Merchant Marine (Coast Guard), the Ministry of National Defence/Mobile Disaster Response Unit, the EMAK emergency intervention units, the Aristotelian University of Thessaloniki, the Good Samaritans, and the Hellenic Red Cross.

International Non-Governmental Organisations Accountability Charter

This is an international charter that underscores the shared commitment of signatory organizations to the greatest possible accountability, transparency, and social responsibility based on common goals and implementation of these principles by governments, businesses, and non-governmental organizations.

Greek Network for Combatting Poverty

PRAKSIS is a member of the Greek Network for Combatting Poverty which, in cooperation with its partner European network, organizes and participates in working groups, meetings, and seminars aimed at informing and training members, exchanging experiences, and developing collaborations. The network monitors and analyses European and national policies and programs that affect individuals living in poverty and social exclusion and tries to integrate them into social activities and help them exercise their rights. PRAKSIS, through its legal representative, is the network vice president.

Greek Network for the Right to Housing

PRAKSIS participates in the network of organizations working at the levels of both public awareness and policymaking to promote the right to housing. PRAKSIS, through its legal representative, is the network vice president.

World Without War

PRAKSIS is a member of the international World Without War network whose aim is organizing public information and awareness activities against war and violence.

KETHEA Non-Residential Therapeutic Program for Adults DIAVASI

PRAKSIS supports Diavasi, the non-residential therapeutic program for adults run by the Therapy Center for Dependent Individuals (KETHEA) by organizing three-month health and hygiene seminars at the day and night information centers.

KETHEA Non-Residential Therapeutic Program for Adults PAREMVASI

PRAKSIS supports the Therapy Center for Dependent Individuals (KETHEA) PAREMVASI by offering a one-year seminar in health and hygiene at the Day Center, the Rafina Community, and parent groups.

KETHEA Non-Residential Therapeutic Program for Adults ITHAKI

PRAKSIS supports the Therapy Center for Dependent Individuals (KETHEA) ITHAKI through its cooperation on the Information and Induction Center for substance abusers in Thessaloniki.

Participation on the National Commission for the Rights of Humans

Federation of Volunteer NGOs in Greece

The Federation of Volunteer Non-Governmental Organizations in Greece is the secondary coordinating body of volunteer NGOs active in a range of social awareness activities. It was founded in 1996 to meet the need for coordinated activity among NGOs. PRAKSIS, through its legal representative, is the network vice president.



Volonteuropa

PRAKSIS is a member of the Volonteuropa network that brings together volunteers from around the world aimed at promoting volunteer activities throughout the European Union. This is achieved by facilitating the exchange of experiences and good practices, cooperation, training, and the development of corporate relations among members.

NGO network on implementation of Convention on the Rights of the Child

The network aims at protecting and promoting children's rights in Greece by monitoring implementation of the UN Convention of the Rights of the Child. Network members in addition to PRAKSIS include the Greek Guiding Association, the Rizos Research Center, Social Educational Action, the National Council of Greek Women, Arsis, Happy Children-Happy Youths, the Greek Boy Scouts, the Children's Rights Network, Patrotis, ELEPAP, the Schedia Center for Pedagogical and Artistic Training, AMKE Athens, Unicef, Children's Villages SOS, Doctors of the World, European Women's Network, the Greek Council on Refugees, Umbrella, CISV, Miteras Ergon, the Association for Women's Rights, and the Hatzikyriakeio Foundation for Children's Protection.

Hellenic Platform

This is the coordinating body for Greek non-governmental organizations active in international development cooperation, humanitarian aid, development training. PRAKSIS, through its legal representative, is the network vice president.

"Odigies Crisis" Network

PRAKSIS participates in the street work of Odigies Crisis (Users' Manual) is a network for IV drug users alongside Thess Network, volunteer groups under the Organization Against Drugs (OKANA) aimed at reducing IV drug injection. The initiative also aims at creating a network of volunteer-based organizations in the area and highlighting Thessaloniki as a leader for volunteerism.

Municipality of Athens Migrant Integration Council

PRAKSIS participates in this City of Athens commission on integrating migrants.

Municipality of Pavlis Melas Migrant Integration Council

PRAKSIS participates in the municipal commission on integrating migrants.

Municipality of Patras Migrant Integration Council

PRAKSIS participates in the City of Patras commission on integrating migrants.

Network for Recording Racial Violence

A joint initiative of the National Commission for Human Rights (EEDA) and the UNHCR, the network links non-governmental legal, medical, social, and other support organizations that may have contact with victims of racially-motivated violence.

Asylum Campaign

NGO-driven initiative for access to asylum.

European NGOs Platform Against Trafficking, Exploitation and Slavery

The European NGOs Platform Against Trafficking, Exploitation and Slavery (ENPATES) seeks to combat human trafficking by developing a common framework for analysis and action to influence policy and improve strategic planning through coordinated activities of European NGOs.

EU Civil Society Platform against Trafficking in Human Beings

Mighealthnet

This is an interactive forum whose aim is to compile information about migrants' and minorities' health in Greece and sixteen other European and Mediterranean countries.

Working Group on Social Rights

UNHCR initiative for cooperation with NGOs on issues involving refugees' social rights.

Alliance Against Poverty

Thirty-three Greek groups participate in the Alliance Against Poverty, which was founded as a response to the Global Call for Action Against Poverty—the biggest-ever global campaign by groups and citizens to end poverty and shape a more just and more humane world. The Alliance focuses on four key areas: fair trade, increasing and upgrading humanitarian aid, debt write-offs for poor countries, emergency action against climate change.

Organizations' Network

The network aims at meeting emergency needs arising from the crisis through information sharing among members and the public. To date, it has organized a seminar to introduce member-organizations to school principals. In addition to PRAKSIS, the network's members are: KETHEA Mosaic, Arsis, Children's Rights Network, One Child One World, Medical Intervention-Medin, Children's Support Center, Sotiria Hospital Psychiatric Department, and Athens-Hygeia Center for Addiction Prevention and Health.



Citizen Group

The Citizen Group monitors developments regarding citizenship and naturalization procedures in Greece, especially in the wake of the Council of State's ruling that Law 3838/10 is unconstitutional. Organizations like the Greek Human Rights Association, the Network for Political and Social Rights, and others are working to increase awareness of the issue and its consequences on the day to day lives of migrants and their children.

800 NGO Campaign

PRAKSIS is a member of the 800 NGO Campaign on the Constitution.

Babel 10-16

PRAKSIS is a member of the informal network created by groups active in central Athens and working at the neighborhood level to inform and intervene effectively, providing support for meeting needs.

Managerial capacity

PRAKSIS holds Levels B and C.

Registration

PRAKSIS is listed on the following registries:

- National Registry of Private Non-Profits offering social care services
- Ministry of Health Special Registry of Volunteer Non-Profit Organizations
- Ministry of Foreign Affairs International Development Cooperation (YDAS) Registry of Non-Governmental Organizations
- Ministry of Public Order and Citizens' Protection Registry of First Reception Organizations
- Ministry of Public Order and Citizens' Protection Registry of Asylum Organizations



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PRAKSIS NON - PROFIT ORGANIZATION

PROGRAMS OF DEVELOPMENT, SOCIAL SUPPORT AND MEDICAL COOPERATION

BALANCE SHEET at 31 DECEMBER 2015

12th YEAR (1/1/2015 - 31/12/2015)

ASSETS	Note	2015	2014
Non-current assets			
Tangible assets			
Land-Buildings		7.440,53	52.318,68
Mechanical equipment		0,00	0,00
Other equipment		165.712,73	197.058,95
<i>Total</i>		173.153,26	249.377,63
Total non-current assets		173.153,26	249.377,63
Current assets			
Financial assets and payments on account			
Trade receivables		0,00	28.888,76
Other receivables		155.060,16	54.369,49
Other financial assets		0,00	0,00
Prepaid expenses		0,00	21.521,20
Cash and cash equivalents		2.068.378,78	1.236.524,92
<i>Total</i>		2.223.438,94	1.341.304,37
Total current assets		2.223.438,94	1.341.304,37
Total assets		2.396.592,20	1.590.682,00
LIABILITIES	Note	2015	2014
Equity			
Reserves and retained earnings			
Surplus carried forward		1.287.555,83	1.507.369,32
Profit/(loss) for the period		590.295,63	-219.813,49
<i>Total</i>		1.877.851,46	1.287.555,83
Total equity		1.877.851,46	1.287.555,83
Liabilities			
Current liabilities			
Trade payables		169.565,77	77.747,37
Other taxes and duties		110.125,23	43.604,39
Social security organizations		53.605,74	25.383,03
Other payables		185.444,00	156.391,38
Accrued expenses		0,00	0,00
<i>Total</i>		518.740,74	303.126,17
Total liabilities		518.740,74	303.126,17
Total equity and liabilities		2.396.592,20	1.590.682,00

STATEMENT OF INCOME FOR THE YEAR 1/1/2015 - 31/12/2015

	Note	2015	2014
Grants and other revenue of the Organization		6.949.303,01	5.275.084,04
Expenses for the purposes of the Organization as follows:			
Fees of salaried employees		674.489,22	514.282,21
Fees of employed liberal professionals		2.255.138,85	1.786.958,91
Third party services (rents, PPC, etc.)		1.232.167,93	1.748.799,51
Taxes-duties		7.534,90	8.241,34
Sundry expenses for the purposes of the Organization		2.020.935,02	1.297.699,96
Depreciation - Amortization charge		160.738,12	130.035,73
Extraordinary & non-operating expenses		739,01	6.426,41
Other income and gains		0,00	0,00
Earnings/(loss) before interest and tax (EBIT)		597.559,96	-217.360,03
Interest and similar income		2,94	99,97
Interest expense and similar charges		7.267,27	2.553,43
Profit/(loss) before income tax		590.295,63	-219.813,49
Income tax expense		0,00	0,00
Profit/(loss) for the period net of tax		590.295,63	-219.813,49

Athens, 30 April 2016

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE B. OF D.



ANTYPAS TZANETOS

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE
ELECTORAL COMMISSION


KARONIS PANAGIOTIS

THE CHIEF ACCOUNTANT



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Allocation of Expenditures 2015

Program Expenses	6,167,737.13	97.00%
Operating Expenses	190,754.76	3.00%
Total	6,358,491.89	

Program Expenditures

Northern Greece	925,160.57	15.00%
Rest of Greece	5,242,576.56	85.00%
Total	6,167,737.13	

Revenue Sources 2015

Private Donations	5,691,886.25	81.91%
Institutional Grants	1,257,419.70	18.09%
Total	6,949,305.95	

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Directors of the Non-Profit Organization "PRAKSIS - Programs of Development, Social Support and Medical Cooperation"

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Organization "PRAKSIS - Programs of Development, Social Support and Medical Cooperation", which comprise the balance sheet as at 31 December 2015 and the statement of income for the year then ended.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with the Greek Accounting Standards and for such internal controls as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing. Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's system of internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Basis for Qualified Opinion

As a result of our audit arose the following matters:

1) By deviation from the accounting principles that are provided by the Greek Accounting Standards, is not set up provision for staff retirement benefits. At 31 December 2015, the total size of the unset provision amounts to approximately Euro 17 thousand and, as a consequence, the provisions for employee benefits are shown decreased by approximately Euro 17 thousand, the equity is shown increased by approximately Euro 17 thousand and the results for the year increased by approximately Euro 9 thousand.

2) The tax returns of the Organization have not been examined by the tax authorities as yet for the years 2004 to 2015. Therefore, the tax results for these years have not been made final. The Organization has not proceeded to estimation of additional taxes and penalties, which may be assessed at a future tax audit and has not made relevant provision in respect of this contingent liability. From our audit reasonable assurance has not been obtained in respect of the estimation of the amount of provision that may be required.

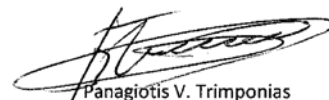
Qualified Opinion

In our opinion, except for the effects of the matter (1) and the possible effects of the matter (2), described in the Basis for Qualified Opinion paragraph, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Organization "PRAKSIS - Programs of Development, Social Support and Medical Cooperation" as at 31 December 2015, and of its financial performance for the year then ended in accordance with the Greek Accounting Standards.

Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements

We verified the consistency and the correspondence of the content of the Report of the Board of Directors with the accompanying financial statements, under the legal frame of the provisions of cod. L. 2190/1920.

Athens, 30 September 2016



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Campaigns

Information campaign on HIV and Hepatitis B and C testing

As part of its Ask First campaign, PRAKSIS implemented this year as well its nation-wide public information and awareness efforts on HIV and Hepatitis B and C through the distribution of printed materials in seven languages and public service announcements on radio and television. The campaign's goal is to increase awareness among Greeks and foreign communities living in Greece on how these diseases are transmitted and methods of protection. Throughout the year, PRAKSIS mobile medical units provided information and free testing at various sites around metropolitan Athens.

Syn Sto Plin Campaign for Homelessness: It's a fine line between

As part of Syn Sto Plin programme, PRAKSIS implemented this year as well, the campaign to raise awareness of homelessness through a series of television and radio spots, posters, web posts, and ad banners. The campaign targeted the general public and highlighted how thin is a line which separates financial security from homelessness, a theme reiterated in the campaign slogan "It's a thin line between..."

European HIV-Hepatitis Testing Week

Greece joined European HIV-Hepatitis Testing Week which ran from Friday 20th November to Friday 27th November 2015 in metropolitan Athens and Thessaloniki.

The campaign's main motto was "Examination, Treatment, Prevention" and participants, other than PRAKSIS, included Centre for Life (Kentro Zois), Thetiki Foni (Positive Voice) Association of Greek Seropositives, and the Prometheus Association of Greek Liver Patients. Organisers offered free screenings with the rapid-test method as well as information on sex education and personal hygiene.

Throughout the week, PRAKSIS organised daily visits to different areas of Athens and Thessaloniki to spread the campaign message. Celebrities, athletes, journalists, politicians, musicians and singers, television presenters, and others were drafted as campaign "ambassadors" and photographed for campaign posters.

December 1, World AIDS Day

Thetiki Foni (Positive Voice), Centre for Life, and PRAKSIS held a joint press conference in Antonis Tritsis Room at the Municipality of Athens Cultural Center on 1st December 2015, to present a comprehensive review of social developments regarding HIV/AIDS in Greece and corresponding measures taken by patients and community groups. The Hellenic Centre for Disease Control and Prevention (KEELPNO) presented the most recent epidemiological data. The event concluded with the presentation of an honorary distinction to journalist Dimitris Karagiorgos for the public apology he made for his 2012 articles attacking seropositive women.

Later that day, members of volunteers from these three collaborating organizations met at Monastiraki to form a human red ribbon as a symbolic reminder of HIV/AIDS.

Communicating our activities

Athens

Valentine's Day

With a large crowd of invitees made up of partners, volunteers, and employees, the Praksis Valentine's Day party took place at Romantso. Parallel and interactive events took place during the party including the search for a partner sign that invitees were given upon their arrival, an especially designed photo booths (kind donation from YARD productions), piñatas with gifts and many more.

«Human Being/BeingHuman»

On February 15, Praksis joined 25 other charities and organizations participating in the Moraitis School Alumni event "Human Being/Being Human" at the school.

Day Against Racism: "Walking Against Discrimination / Walking Towards A Better Future"

On March 21, Praksis participated in the Greek Migrants Forum initiative where representatives from a broader range of groups targeted by racism—disabled, LGBT, Roma, migrants, seropositives, elderly, substance users, religious groups, etc.—united for the first time to mark March 21, the International Day Against Racism and Racial Discrimination. The event was a special march from the Hellenic Parliament to the Prime Minister's Office to present a list of demands to the new government. Prominent members of the arts, politicians, journalists, human rights activists, and representatives from across the citizens' society joined the event.

"Reception and Care of Asylum-Seekers"

On May 7, 2015, in cooperation with the Hellenic Red Cross, Praksis participating in the coordination of a conference on protecting unaccompanied children in Greece, their accommodation and integration. The event was held at the Greek branch of the International Office of Migration and aimed at creating a support infrastructure in Greece for asylum-seekers by the agencies responsible for operating it in the framework of the Supporting Organizations that Assist Migrant Asylum-Seekers Populations in Greece (SOAM) program funding by the European Economic Area.

Words Matter

On April 1, 2015, an event was held alongside the theatrical performance Under-Hidden Voices at the Simeio Theater in light of the World Day Against Racism. The play focuses on migration. The performance was followed by a presentation of the legal and linguistic issues in using the terms "illegal" and "legal" when referring to populations on the moving such as migrants and refugees. The presentation was made as part of the European-wide "Words Matter" campaign in which Praksis participates.

Workshop on Prostitution and Human Trafficking in Greece

On April 29, 2015, CMT Prooptiki and Praksis held a workshop on "Prostitution and Human Trafficking in Greece" in the I. Kranidiotis Hall at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The event was organized under the auspices of the Office of the National Rapporteur for Combatting Human Trafficking with participants from institutions and public agencies, independent groups, migrant communities, and the citizens' society.

Yogis and Friends Project – Athens Edition

On May 8, 9, and 10, 2015, Yogis & Friends joined Praksis in organizing a three-day yoga event at the Romantso cultural space. The festival featured a range of yoga styles, lessons, talks, and music. The mass attendance of the event helped provide support for Praksis's Athens day center for the homeless.

Unaccompanied Children: Protection, Accommodation, Integration

PRAKSIS, in cooperation with the Hellenic Red Cross, organized an event at the Vrysaki center in Plaka highlighting the issue of "Unaccompanied Children: Protection, Accommodation, Integration." The event was organized as part of the Stegi+ program under the IOM's Supporting Organizations that Assist Migrant Asylum Seeking Population in Greece program with financial support from EEA Grants.

Party for Schedia magazine

PRAKSIS again this year joined the *Schedia* event at Technopolis in Gazi with its Mobile HIV and hepatitis screening unit.

13th Annual Volunteerism Festival

PRAKSIS was one of 40 volunteer organizations participating in the street festival at Thisseio where strollers had a chance to meet volunteers active in a range of groups. The event includes street theater, dance performances, live music, and interactive games. The festival is organized by Nea Akropolis, PRAKSIS, AISEC, AEGEE Athens, Ekpoizo, Edra, Evropaiki Ekfrasi, the National Association of Applied Activities, and ALMA. Participants included Unicef, the Hellenic Red Cross, Floga, Doctors of the World, Medecins Sans Frontieres, Greenpeace, Grammi Zois, Silver Alert, Kentro Zois, KETHEA Strofi, Childhood Trauma Center, Volunteers Group Against Cancer, Agkaliazao, YMCA Athens, Make-A-Wish Greece, the Hellenic Society for Pre-Natal Education, and Dromoi Zois.

Athens Pride

PRAKSIS participated in Athens Pride 2015 on June 13 with mobile HIV and hepatitis screening units at Klafthmonos square.

SynAthina 2nd Anniversary

PRAKSIS joined the city's celebration on July 10, 2015, marking the second anniversary of the SynAthina shelter near the central market as well as other activities aimed at improving quality of life in the Greek capital. The group participated with the mobile HIV and hepatitis screening unit alongside awareness activities organized by SynAthina and other groups.

OneUp Launch Business Coaching Center

On October 10, 2015, PRAKSIS staff presented the organization's OneUp platform at the Impact Hub center. The platform is available to individuals who have completed PRAKSIS business training programs to post business ideas for which they seek funding. The

presentation included new entrepreneurs who spoke about how PRAKSIS had supported their start.

“Break the Chain” Festival

PRAKSIS was one of the organizers of the “Break the Chain” Festival held on October 24-25 at Technopolis to mark the European Day Against Human Trafficking. The event aimed at raising public awareness of trafficking issues and was organized as part of the Ministry of Interior’s Office of the National Rapporteur on Combatting Human Trafficking in cooperation with the Municipality of Athens and the EICulture platform. PRAKSIS participated in the Young Lions for Praksis graphic design exhibition; the public dialogue forum; jointly organized a workshop on migrating populations (youths and children); KEMEA’s workshop on identifying trafficking crimes; the Talk Forward session; and staffed a booth with print and audiovisual material.

Maties Festival

On November 1, PRAKSIS organized its Maties (Glimpses) Festival featuring paintings, constructions, and photographs at the Klostirion cafe-bar by beneficiaries of its Homeless Day Center. The event highlighted beneficiaries’ artistic talent and potential. KETHEA Mosaic also participated in the event with art created by minors at the Amygdaleza holding center, while Schedia exhibited photos of the football squad formed by the homeless.

PRAKSIS 11th Anniversary Party

PRAKSIS marked its 11th anniversary with a party at Club Noiz on November 16, 2015.

Climate March

PRAKSIS and the Greek Platform for Development organized a concert on November 29, 2015, at the Romantso center to increase public awareness of the Action 2015 campaign on new development targets.

Athens Solidarity Center Christmas Party

In cooperation with the Nigerian Women’s Association of Greece, PRAKSIS participated in the SolidarityNow children’s Christmas party at the Athens Solidarity Center on December 19, 2015. Arsis, the Children’s Rights Network, Mazi Gia to Paidi, the Asylum Service and other groups housed at the center also joined the event.

Collaboration with the National Theater

In 2015, PRAKSIS launched its collaboration with the National Theater as part of the latter’s awareness initiative and outreach to Stegi+ and Praksis P. Young beneficiaries had the opportunity to take part in the National Theater’s drama workshops and learn alternative ways of expression and communication through play. Theatrical games and the less formal space helped the young beneficiaries relax. Workshops were held throughout the academic year 2015-2016.

Metadeftero

In 2015, PRAKSIS participated in the metadeftero.gr initiative which gave radio air time to citizens’ society groups. Every two weeks, Yannis Nikolopoulos, a member of the Athens Polyclinic’s staff, coordinated and presented issues of concern to the society of citizens and vulnerable population groups. The show included music selected by polyclinic staff, while the program included several guests from other NGOs as well as from the arts and education.

Thessaloniki

February

World Condom Day, February 13, 2015

PRAKSIS sought to encourage people to get tested by hosting an event outside the Ster Cinemas where volunteers handed out information leaflets and condoms while the mobile unit conducted screenings.

June

World Day Against Child Labor, June 12, 2015

PRAKSIS contributed its mobile school to an awareness-raising event organized by Arsis.

1st Solidarity Festival, June 13, 2015

The PRAKSIS mobile school unit's team hosted a booth and organized awareness activities at Thessaloniki's first annual Solidarity Festival.

World Refugee Day, June 20, 2015

PRAKSIS organized a learning and fun field trip for Stegi beneficiaries to the city's main tourist sights.

4th Thessaloniki Pride, June 20, 2015

PRAKSIS participated with an information booth and its mobile screening unit.

World Day Against Drug Abuse, June 26, 2015

PRAKSIS participated with its HIV mobile screening unit and information booth at an event organized by the Papanicolaou General Hospital and the Thessaloniki Hospital Psychiatric Ward through the Office of Education, Culture, Research, and Innovative Activities in cooperation with the Argo, Ianos, and Methexis rehabilitation programs.

September

Greenwave Festival, September 17-20, 2015

PRAKSIS participated with an information booth and also organized various activities through its mobile school unit. It also participated in a discussion on recent developments in citizenship laws as part of a themed discussion series titled «From the anti-racism initiatives of the 1990s to the refugee solidarity movement.»

October

OKANA Festival, October 9, 2015

PRAKSIS took part in the Organization Against Drug (OKANA) public awareness and arts festival «Addicted to Life».

18th Thessaloniki Anti-Racist Festival, October 16-18, 2015

PRAKSIS continued its participation in this annual event.

November

European HIV and Hepatitis B, C, Screening Week, November 20-27, 2015

PRAKSIS's Mobile Medical Unit offered free screenings and information at eight points around the city in cooperation with the Positive Voice Center for Living. The week's events were supported by the Municipality of Thessaloniki, the Aristotelian University, and the University of Macedonia.

December

World Aids Day, December 1, 2015

The PRAKSIS Mobile Medical Unit offered screenings and information in Aristotelous square while the Iraklis football club squad gave out hugs.

World Volunteerism Day, December 5, 2015

PRAKIS organized an awareness-raising event in cooperation with the city's Volunteer Organizations Network.

«I Learn About, Discuss, and Defend My Rights,» December 7-10, 2015

PRAKSIS marked World Children's Day with a four-day program of events organized with the Kalamaria municipal department of culture, education, sports, youth, and life-long learning. The arts and open discussions highlighted specific issues in a series of events aimed at informing the pupils about rights. Learning activities and experiential workshops were conducted for 9th and 10th grade students by the non-governmental organizations Antigoni, United Societies of the Balkans, Thessaloniki Volunteer Work, and Arsis. Action Art also narrated stories about respect, generosity, optimism, and peace.

1A Cap for an Artwork, Trading Intimacies, December 12, 2015

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The Thessaloniki branch of the Goethe Institute and Artbox organized a one-day exchange where people could donate a small household or personal effect to a PRAKSIS Solidarity House beneficiary in a novel «trade» for a small artwork. Items were also distributed to refugees at the informal refugee camp at Idomeni.

Patras

21/3/2015

Community action in partnership with the Patras Municipal Regional Theatre: Take My Hand So We Can Enlarge the Circle. Theatrical activities for children and families from Stegi+ to mark the vernal equinox, End Racism Day, and Nowrouz or Afghani new year

22-24/3/2015

Children whose families are sheltered at Stegi+ Patras dressed up as pirates in a treasure hunt organized during a three-day fair organized by the Patras University's Student Cultural Organizations. The children joined drama play groups and puppet theaters, interacting with children from the local community as well as university students and Hellenic Red Cross volunteers taking part in this special day.

20/6/2015/ World Refugee Day

From 11:30 am, volunteers from our Patras operations staffed a booth set up at the corner of Riga Feraiou and Ayiou Nikolaou streets in the city center, distributing information and answering questions about the Stegi+ Center and refugees. They also gave out home-made sweets made by the women sheltered at Stegi+. A short play depicting the refugees' journey and conditions was also staged during the day by refugee children, including unaccompanied minors. They also performed traditional songs from their respective countries of origin, alongside a photo exhibit of volunteers' work at the center.

10-11/12/2015/ World Children's Day

The Stegi+ Accommodation Center for vulnerable populations and unaccompanied children marked World Children's Day on December 10-11 for the second consecutive year with its "A small child, a big journey" campaign. On both days, a booth was set up in Georgiou square from 10 am to 2 pm and 6-8 pm to collect donations of clothing and toys for the children at the Stegi+ Center and the First Reception Centers on the northeastern Aegean islands. Staff and volunteers also distributed information about the center. The campaign ended with a concert at TAG on December 11.

Awards 2015

On September 15, 2015, PRAKSIS received the Gold Prize as the NGO of the Year in the Business-NGO Cooperation category at the 2015 Responsible Business Awards. It received the prize with Roche Hellas for their joint program «Equipped for Life. Steps for Living.»

Philotimo Award: On October 28, the Washington Oxi Day Foundation organized an event commemorating the 75th anniversary of this Greek national holiday. During the event, the Washington Oxi Day Foundation and the Stavros Niarchos Foundation presented the Stavros Niarchos Foundation's 2nd annual Philotimo Award to Tzanetos Antypas, president of PRAKSIS, and PRAKSIS for their contribution in supporting a welfare society and their commitment to aiding their fellow man in Greece. The ceremony was attended by international dignitaries and prominent members of the Greek American community who commemorated the bravery of Greeks in World War II.

On December 16, 2015, PRAKSIS received the Bravo Society Award for the Syn Sto Plin program's Homeless Day Center funded by the Stavros Niarchos Foundation.

In December 2015, PRAKSIS received an honorary award for its social contributions from the Nigerian Women's Society in Greece.

Human Resources

Where the soul translates to the word...Praksis

In 2015, the Human Resources department was stretched to its limits as everyone participating in PRAKSIS was called upon to exceed their best effort. Programs were overextended as demand shot up, led by emergency interventions which challenged dynamic professionals to support a range of activities on the islands as well as in northern Greece, greater Athens, and Patras.

A total of 184 new staff were integrated into the organization—an 82 per cent increase over the previous year; human resources also managed 644 volunteers and 83 interns in various support roles.

Personnel figures are illustrated in the table below:

EMPLOYMENT RELATIONSHIP	2015	UNDER 30 YEARS OLD	30-50 YEARS OLD	OVER 50 YEARS OLD
Salaried	408	160	241	7
Interns	83	82	1	0
Volunteers	644	328	271	45

Volunteers in...praxis

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 MAGDALENA / COHN PAUL / CORBERA BERNAT / DIMITROVA LIVIA / DONN ALIYA / DULELLARI KLARA / EMRE SOYLU / ESTBUCH
 - GIMENO VALENTIN / FAKHOURY SOUFIANE / FESHATA ANA / HAAMOU SAMIH / HAGHI HOSSEIN / HAMED MOHAMED / HAMOU
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 UZAIR / IBRAHIMI FEILI MOHAMMAD ALI / KIDNER PAUL / KOMULA MARIA-TULIKKI / MAIMOUNA DJIRE / MARIANO EMANUELA
 / MASCHA IRENE / MIROLO CHIARA / MOHAMMDE HABEB / NEUREITER MANUEL / NIU MMUYUAN / NOURM HAKAN /
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 SAMWEL MARY / SCHMITZ APIADNH / SHOY-BARON LESLIE / SPAHIU ANILA / TRUBERT STEPHANE / UOSOFI ALI / VAJEHO -
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 ANTYPA EVANGELIA / ANTONAKOUDIS PANAGIOTIS / ANTONARAKOU EIRINI / ANTONIADOU KONSTANTINA / ANTONOPOULOU
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