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I. Greek Context

In **Greece**, some important events took place this year in relation to the refugee issue. Some of them are the tension on borders with Turkey, the new law implementation, COVID-19 impact, fire in Moria camp in Lesbos and its impact on the discongestion of the islands.

March 2020, **Greece suspended access to asylum** in response to Turkey to send refugees into the European Union. Soon after, the coronavirus plunged the world into a public health crisis that put displaced communities at disproportionate risk.

When the pandemic first reached Greece in March, these RICs held more than 37,000 people in facilities built for about 6,000. By mid-August, authorities had transferred several hundred unaccompanied children to other countries and moved hundreds of asylum seekers to apartments, hotels, and camps on the mainland, despite fierce protests from local communities.¹

As mentioned before, **the new law implementation arranged the exit of some 9,000 recognized refugees from Greece's reception system**. In the coming months - the process started on June 1st - another 11,000 refugees will have to transit from assistance for asylum seekers to general social welfare, once recognized as refugees by Greece's asylum authorities. The new law, adopted in March 2020, reduces the grace period for recognized refugees from six months to 30 days to make a transition from organized accommodation and basic support to an independent living.

The premature end of accommodation assistance lead recognized refugees becoming homeless. More State programs are necessary to help them learn Greek and find employment, while practical obstacles must be lifted to ensure they can enjoy their rights and help their integration.

The population in the reception centers further dropped to 25,500 people, but the centers remain overly crowded with few specialized services. Fatal and other aggressive incidents took place in March² of 2020 this month, underscoring the insecure conditions in reception centers. The relationship between refugee and local communities has become more rigid with a growing number of xenophobic incidents reported.

Civil society and UNHCR have expressed concerns that the assistance for many recognized

¹ <https://reliefweb.int/report/greece/issue-brief-blocked-every-pass-how-greece-s-policy-exclusion-harms-asylum-seekers-and>

² <https://www.unhcr.org/gr/en/14153-racist-violence-recording-network-serious-concern-over-attacks-against-refugees-and-humanitarian-workers.html>

refugees is ending prematurely, before they have an effective access to employment and social welfare scheme. Forcing people to leave their accommodation without a safety net and measures to ensure their self-reliance may push many into poverty and homelessness. Most of the affected refugees do not have regular income, many are families with school-aged children, single parents, survivors of violence and others with specific needs.

Although the law purpose is to make more resources and space available for asylum-seekers waiting in crowded reception facilities on the Greek Aegean islands, the consequences will be also though to the recognized refugees who will need to vacate their accommodation facilities.

In September 2020, a series of fires ravaged the Moria Reception and Identification Centre, leaving 12,000 people homeless. Nearly 7,300 asylumseekers and refugees, the majority women and children, are currently sheltered in the Mavrovouni site, which was set up by the authorities to host those affected. Many others, including unaccompanied children, were transferred to alternative accommodations. The Greek authorities lead the response with support of UN agencies, including UNHCR, as well as international and national NGOs and volunteer groups.³

In 2020, according to the latest data⁴ that the government published, there was decongestion of the Aegean Islands and the asylum seekers residents are at the moment 14.265 while the total arrivals across Greece reached the number of 14.848. In order to achieve the decongestion of the islands, 33.617 refugees and asylum seekers were transferred to the mainland.

The total number of the asylum seekers across the Greece is 64.756 and the 20.897 resides in the Region of Attica, while the second region with the most is the Aegean Islands. The majority of the population on the Aegean islands are from Afghanistan (47%), Syria (19%) and DRC (6%). Women account for 21% of the population, and children for 31% of whom nearly 7 out of 10 are younger than 12 years old. Approximately 7% of the children are unaccompanied or separated, mainly from Afghanistan. It is worth noting that, according to the same Ministrial announcement, 79. 888 are the number of the total pending decision regarding asylum.

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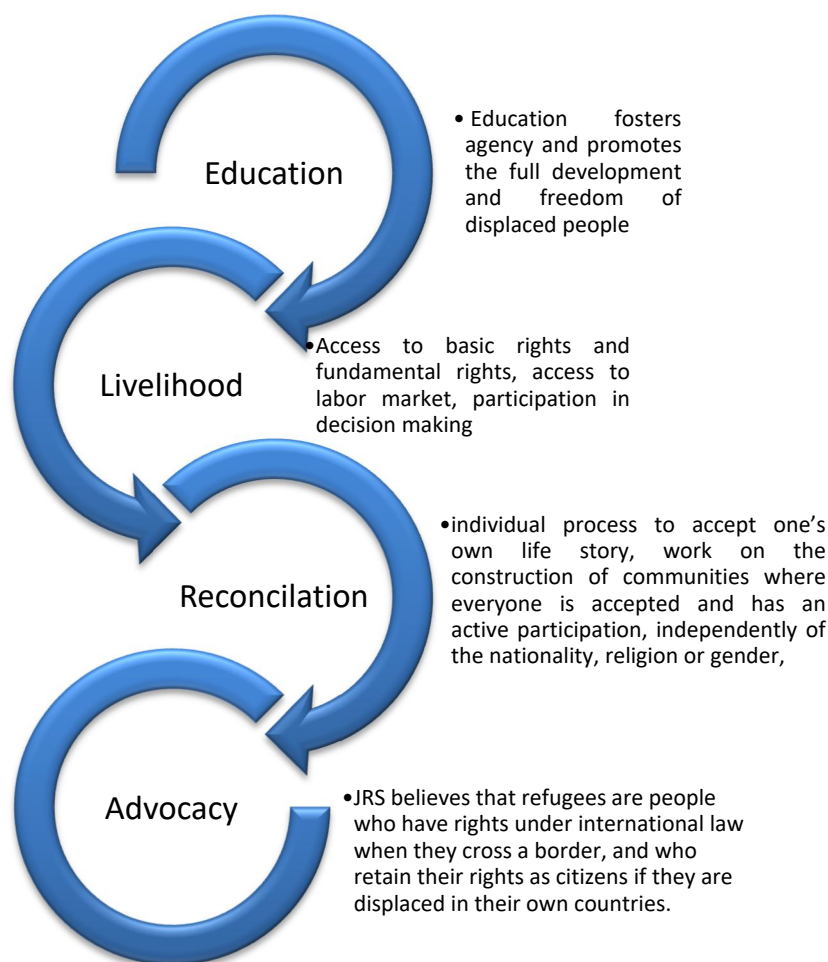
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JRS Greece engages in 2021-2023 with a new project that supports people from the moment of their first arrival and accompanies them in a process towards self-sufficiency and full participation in their new home societies. JRS Greece will manage in 2021-2023 three Centers in the heart of Athens: the Women Day Center, the Hub Community, and the Pedro Arrupe Center. JRS Greece also supports the urban neighborhoods of Athens Victoria Square, an area marked by a high number of migrant and refugee population, through the distribution of non-food items (NFIs).

II. JRS Greece context and priorities

JRS Greece project work will be based on our 4 priorities:



In an effort to promote the social inclusion and integration of refugees and other forced migrants in Greece, JRS Greece engages in projects that support people from the moment of their first arrival and accompanies them in the process towards their self-sufficiency and their full participation in their new home's societies.

Through the **Education Program** (Pedro Arrupe Center, Magistories and also Women Day

Center taking into consideration the educational classes and employability workshops), the Women Day Center, Magazi and Tea Time, JRS Greece seeks to accompany, serve, and advocate the refugees and other forcibly displaced people, so that they may heal, learn, and determine their own future.

The livelihoods concept in JRS Greece touches different informal relationship-building – between JRS team and refugees, between refugees of different nationalities, and between refugees and local citizens – the access to basic rights – such as food and health services, as well as a safe place to have a bath (mostly for women) – the access to the labor market and the participation in decision-making which affects their lives and the access to their fundamental rights. **Women Day Center** project has the mission of the empowerment of women asylum seekers or refugees, in working age and in a situation of social vulnerability, promoting their integration through a Life Plan and accompanying them in their process towards autonomy and personal valuation. Satisfaction of the basic's necessities is one of specific goals of Women Day Center as it is also for **Magazi** project, by providing them a space where they can choose the clothes, household goods and toys that they need.

In a first step, reconciliation is a process of accepting one's own story. In JRS Greece this first step is achieved through welcoming and hospitality services as well as through the construction of a relationship based on trust between the JRS team and the refugees. At the same time, JRS Greece works in the construction of communities where everyone is accepted and has an active participation, independently of the nationality, religion, or gender. The **Tea Time** promoted by JRS Greece aims to develop a sense of belonging and community in the refugees and asylum seekers that are currently living in Athens. 3 all our projects have built services and activities to achieve this goal.

Also, advocacy is one of the three “pillars” of JRS, together with service and accompaniment. JRS believes that refugees are people who have rights under international law when they cross a border, and who retain their rights as citizens if they are displaced in their own countries.



OUR VALUES

Compassion

Compassion means treating others with equity and respect, and working to alleviate the suffering of others, starting from a base of love, empathy and understanding.

Dignity

Dignity means that all human beings, regardless of their social status, circumstances, or identity, are endowed with human rights, agency and a unique personal history, that must always be respected and protected.

Hospitality

Hospitality means creating a welcoming and inclusive environment where everyone can be 'at home'. For JRS, hospitality begins upon a person's first arrival.

Participation

Participation is a way of working that involves refugees and migrants in decision making, planning and evaluation as well as in efforts to raise awareness and advocate on their own behalf. Participation is rooted in relationships based on trust, mutuality and reciprocity, and aims to empower refugees to contribute actively and confidently to society.

Hope

Hope is the quality of the spirit that provides the necessary energy and direction to keep working towards our aims for an inclusive and welcoming society.

Solidarity

Solidarity is present when JRS respectfully walks alongside and works with people – refugees and migrants from diverse cultures, nationalities, and religions – in order to find solutions for their needs.

Justice

Justice is achieved when people – regardless of race, religion, gender, age, or ability – enjoy equal opportunities and conditions that ensure access to a dignified way of life. JRS engages in a root cause analysis of injustices that refugees and migrants face in order to seek positive social and cultural change.

OUR MISSION

Inspired by the generous love and example of Jesus Christ, JRS seeks to accompany, serve, and advocate the cause of refugees and other forcibly displaced people, so that they may heal, learn, and determine their own future.

OUR VISION

A world where refugees and other forcibly displaced people attain protection, opportunity, and participation. A world where human rights, protection, hospitality, integration, and reconciliation have a place to flourish within a larger vision of inclusive and welcoming societies.

III. JRS Greece projects impact 2020

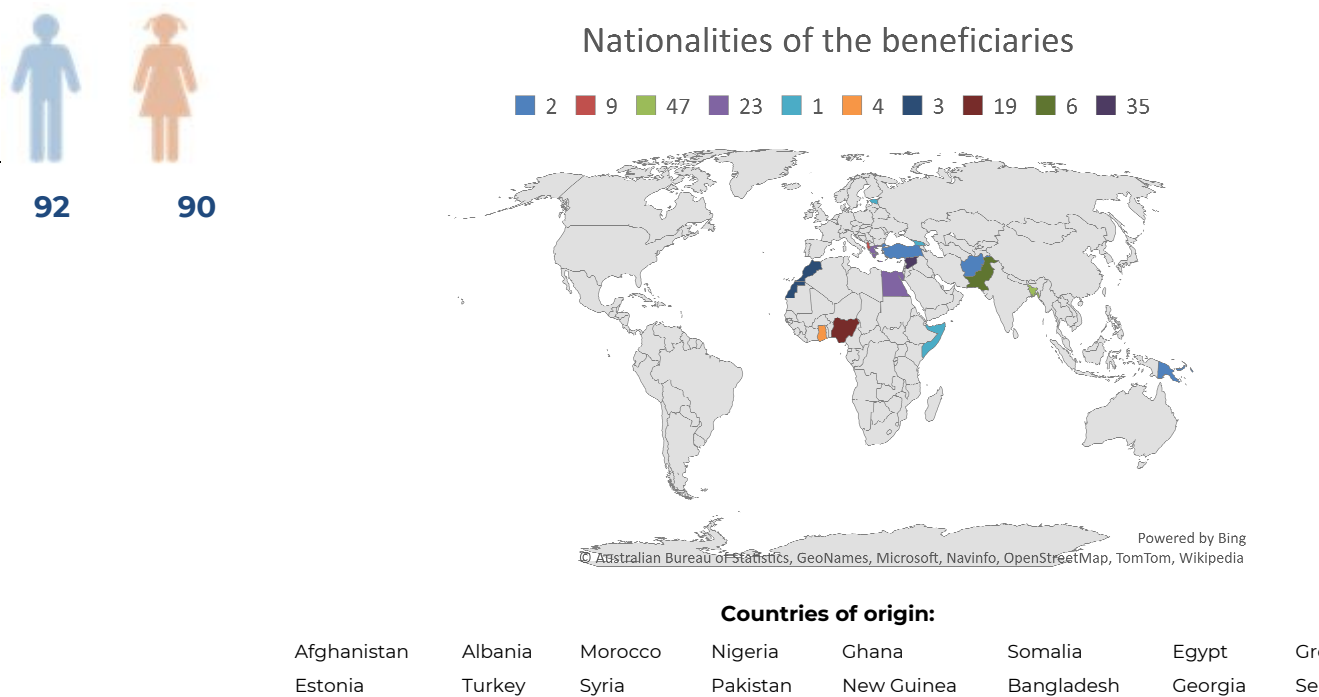
- Education

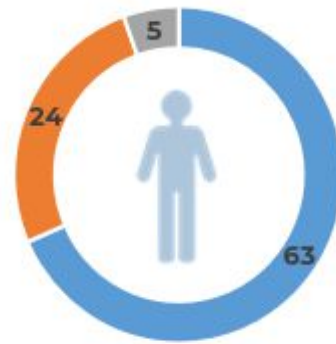
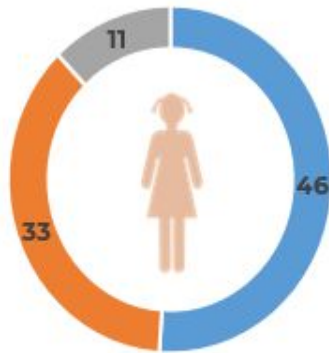
JRS Greece believes that education fosters agency and promotes the full development and freedom of displaced people. Education is a life-saving intervention for children, adolescents and adults who are forcibly displaced from their homes, providing them stability. With the skills and knowledge provided by education, refugees find it easier to integrate into new communities.

With the mission of facilitating the integration of migrant, refugee, and disadvantaged Greek children into the Greek education system through an after-school mentoring program and interactive cultural activities, **Pedro Arrupe Center (PAC)** project fosters the social integration of students, including refugees, migrants and Greek children.

The Pedro Arrupe Center works, as the greek national schools. The academic year 2019-2020, started on September of 2019 and lasted until the June of 2020, and so respectively the academic year of 2020-2021 started on September of 2020 and the data which are shown to this report are until the December of 2020. It is important to mentioned that the number of the students who registered to the academic year 2020-2021 are less than the usual number that Pedro Arruper Center can register because of the COVID-19 restrictions. If during the year of 2021, the restrictions will be more relaxed more students will be registered.

Academic year 2019-2020

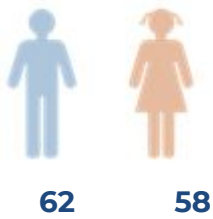




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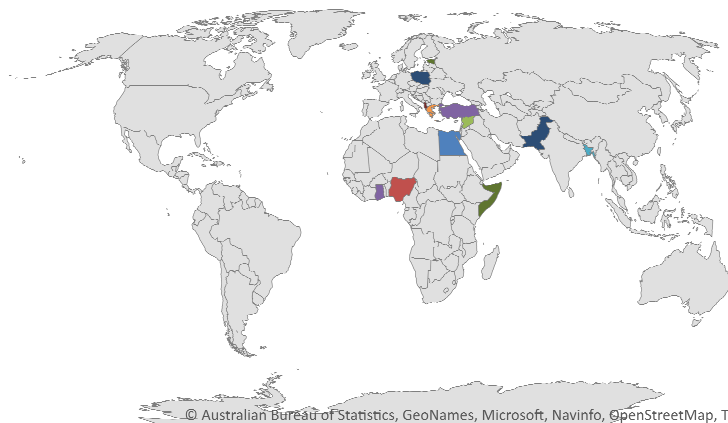
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Academic year 2020-2021



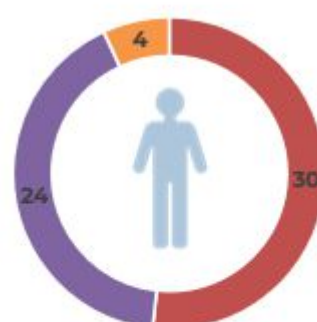
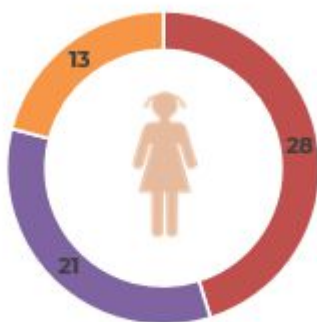
Nationalities of the beneficiaries

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Countries of origin:

Egypt	Nigeria	Syria	Turkey	Ghana	Bangladesh	Senegale
Pakistan	Greece	Albania	Poland	Estonia	Somalia	



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Educational activities in the Pedro Arrupe Center for 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 (until december 2020).

Service or Activity	2019-2020	2019-2021
Homework and Study accompaniment	182 students have accompaniment in their homework and studies	120 students have accompaniment in their homework and studies
Activity in the library of the Jesuit Community	30 children	Postponed due to COVID-19 measures
English class	27 students have English class	30 students have English class
Mathematics	25 students	Did not start yet
Theatre	12 students participate to theatre class	7 students participate to theatre class
Music Class	15 students	Postponed due to COVID-19 measures
Guitar lessons	7 students had Guitar lessons	5 students had Guitar lessons
Choir class	10 students participated	Postponed due to COVID-19 measures
Arts and Craft	55 students had Art and Craft activities	35 students had Art and Craft activities
Bakery and pastries class	10 students participated in this activity	8 students participated in this activity
Editing newspaper	10 students participate on editing	10 students participate on editing
Lunch service for vulnerable students	22 students had a lunch every weekday	18 students had a lunch every weekday
Computer class	7 students	Postponed due to COVID-19 measures
Counseling for adolescence	25 girls	Not starting yet
Food basket for the most vulnerable families	13 families had a food basket every month	13 families had a food basket every month



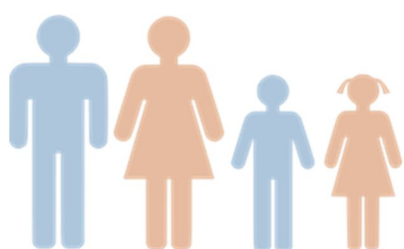
Pedro Arrupe Center, primary class



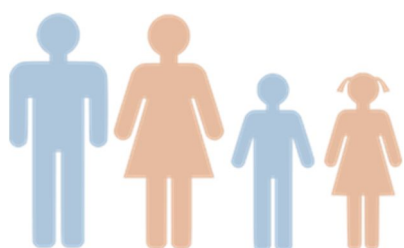
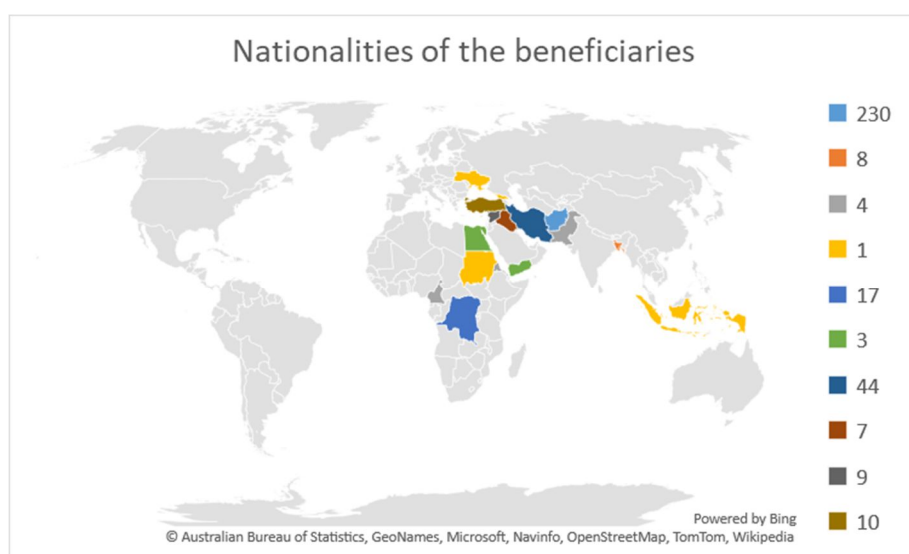
Pedro Arrupe Center, primary class

Magistories is a place where people can experience the values of hospitality and compassion through the gift of education. By providing access to education, JRS seeks to foster the growth of each person as a global citizen.

The majority of Magistories beneficiaries are asylum seekers, recognized refugees and there are also migrants and undocumented. Most of the beneficiaries live in Athens, in accommodations such as shelters, rent apartments, UNHCR apartments, rented rooms or in the streets, but it also has beneficiaries that come from refugee camps around Athens, mainly from Malakasa Camp.



348 beneficiaries
attended
Magistories classes,
activities and workshops



94 **110** **91** **53**

Countries of origin:
Egypt Iran Sudan Iraq Eritrea Syria Cameroon Turkey Congo Ukraine Yemen Bangladesh Pakistan Indonesia Afghanistan

Starting on July, Magistories had a **Summer Camp for children**. The summer camp was taking place on the afternoons for activities and games. At this summer camp there were **32 children**.



Magistories, English Basic class



Kids activities, Handicrafts and painting

Adults Classes at Magistories – 2020

	Activities	Impact (Number of beneficiaries)
December 2019 to February 2020	English 1	15
	English 2	13
	Computer	6
	English Basics	24
	French 1	11
	French 2	4
	Greek 1	23
	Greek 2	18
March to July 2020 (by distance learning)	English 1	9
	English 2	12
	Computer	8
	English Basics	21
	French 1	2
	French 2	4
	Internet keys	7
	Greek 1	4
	Greek basic	14
	Greek 2	13
September 2020-December 2020	Computer	8
	Cv Workshop	1
	English 1	11
	English Basics	10
	French basic	2
	Greek 1	5
	Greek basic	14
	English 2	8
	German basic	4

I started coming to the courses because I want to learn and I want to study. I feel very happy coming to courses, I love the courses! They are really good; I am learning English and I like it. Also, I am making some friends and I met a lot of children there. I am attending the English Course, the Greek Course, and the Mathematics class. I also come to Movies and handicraft Activities, but the English class is my favorite, I love learning English. I also would like to do more courses, I would love to study informatic, I want to use computers!

Congolese boy, 9 years old, asylum seeker

My mother was sick so she came to Women Day Center to speak with Social worker. She needed help. Katerina told my mum that there were some courses in Magistories Program that I could attend. So, I registered for English and Math. I think English is helping me a lot, I love English. Thanks to English classes I feel I can understand what other people are saying. I can understand English speakers. I really love English classes.

Congolese boy, 8 years old, asylum seeker

I am coming to Magistories courses because I wanted to learn the Greek language, to be able to live in Greece. I really like learning English. I also attend English classes in Magistories. I would love to find a job; I think English classes are useful for me to find a job here. I like English the most. I love my teachers here; their classes are very clear and very helpful. Magistories is important for my integration. When I think about the classes in Magistories, it makes me happy, I feel good.

Afghan woman, 21 years old, refugee

I attend Magistories courses in order to learn languages and computer skills. I wanted to utilize my free time efficiently. I want to study Greek and English languages. I love the learning environment and the teachers. I think the centre staff is welcoming and they have a helpful attitude. It is important for my integration to learn Greek language but I would love to get to know more about the Greek culture. I feel so happy and proud to be the one of your students!

Yemeni woman, 30 years old, asylum seeker



COVID-19: JRS Greece Response

We have established by distance learning by using Youtube, social media and platforms that supports this type of educating, such as ZOOM, skype or Whatsapp. **Pedro Arrupe Center** and **Magistories**, our non-formal educational projects, are ready at any time the state deems it necessary to transfer to online training. The teachers have made a textbook for the days when the lessons will not be done with physical presence, while for our young students who cannot attend online lessons, exercise booklets will be given. It is also worth noting that thanks to our donors, we are able to provide free internet to the most vulnerable students/families so that they can follow the online classes. When it is possible to teach with a physical presence in the premises, there is always antiseptic liquid for hands and surface and the use of a mask is mandatory. Also gloves where deemed necessary. The food distribution continued, except on March, by arranging appointment for giving the foodbasket. Moreover ready meals continued to be given to the most vulnerable students in disposable food container.

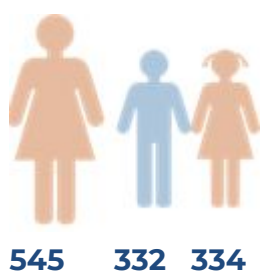


Outdoor activities in Victoria Sq.

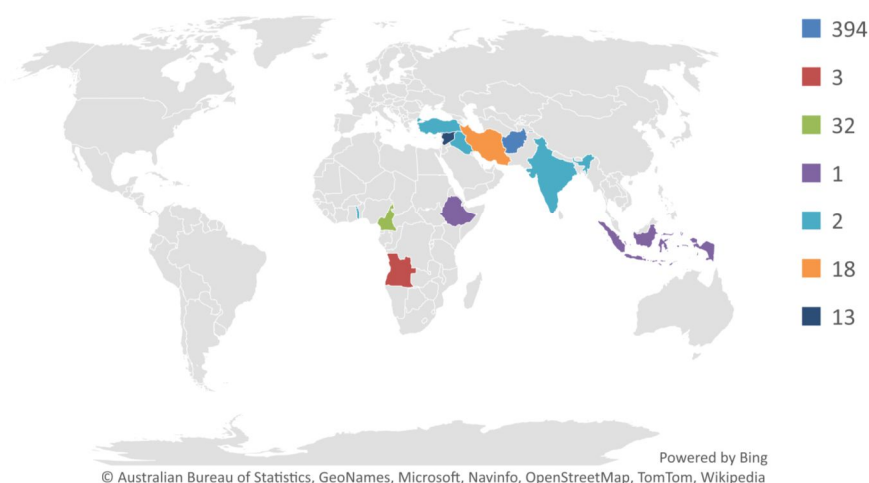
The JRS **Women Day Center** aims to promote the integration of asylum seekers and refugees in Greece and in Europe by working towards a full integration and empowerment of women asylum seekers or refugees in working age and in a situation of social vulnerability, promoting their integration.

Until the end of December, Women Day Center had 1211 beneficiaries (women and children). Most of them are asylum seekers or undocumented people. However, some of them are recognized refugees or they have an official release note.

In 2020, 1211 beneficiaries have been registered to the Women Day Center services and activities.

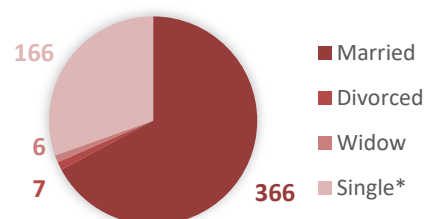
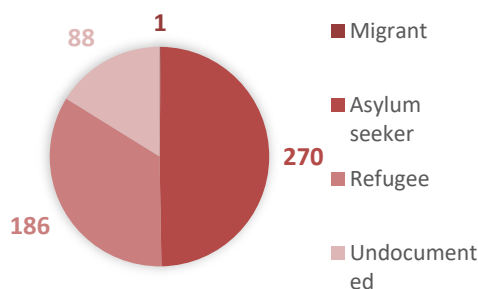


Nationalities of beneficiaries



Countries of origin:

Afghanistan Iran Iraq Syria Turkey India Ethiopia
Cameroon Togo Angola Indonesia



The Women Day Center started with a schedule of activities for women and a place where their children can play during the time that women are in the activities. As it will be presented in the Livelihood priority, the Woman Day Center is not just an Educational Project, but it also promotes autonomy and personal valuation.

Services

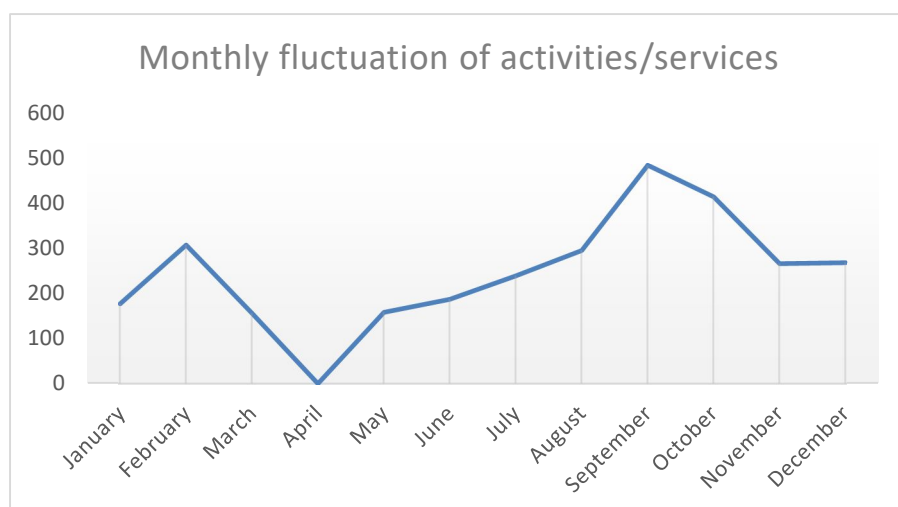
<i>Social Accompaniment</i>	296
<i>Living room access</i>	60
<i>Welcome hour</i>	287
<i>Shower service</i>	1380
<i>Washing Machine Service</i>	389

Activities

<i>Yoga time</i>	4
<i>Beauty time</i>	55
<i>Handicrafts</i>	19
<i>Mother English Class</i>	32
<i>Movie time</i>	0
<i>Balance Time</i>	21
<i>Music class</i>	61
<i>Knitting Workshop</i>	21
<i>Photography workshop</i>	9
<i>Body Expression</i>	9
<i>Hotel and Restaurant Services</i>	1

Cooperations with other organization in WDC

<i>Medical Volunteer International</i>	290
<i>Cheering's Growth Clinic</i>	17
<i>Network for children's rights⁵</i>	*



⁵ Taking place in the living room of the Women Day Center, they provide activities to the children who are waiting for a service or activity. The number of the participats varies but an average number is 7.



Women Day Center, English mother's class



Women Day Center, Photography workshop

"Sometimes we do not know what to do, where to go when we have a problem, and in the Women Day Centre, they give us information and advices. I really like coming to the Women Day Center because I truly need laundry, shower and doctors. Everyone is good at the Women Day Centre; I feel accepted every time I come here. The Women Day Center and JRS are helping us to integrate, I am learning Greek

I have been coming to the Women Day Center for 8 months, I was living in Malakasa before. In the camp we didn't have anything for hitching, it was really complicated to get hitching items. I am happy in the WDC because I can use the showers, as well as using the washing machine. Before the Corona virus situation, I use to come to the Center for the Handicraft workshop and the Beauty Time, I liked it very much. Now, I

at the Magistories Project, this is really meaningful to us to do things in Greece, and so to be integrated into the Greek culture. I am also attending to English classes at the Magistories Project.”

Afghan woman, 38 years old, married, asylum seeker

taking some classes online with the Magistories Project. I am feeling very good. In the Women Day Center you have everything. I feel comfortable, in peace. Moreover, coming here gives me the possibility to contact other organisation, in case they can provide me what I need at that moment, so the staff in the Women Day Center make my life easier.

Afghan woman, 19 years old, married, asylum seeker



Women Day Center, social accompaniment

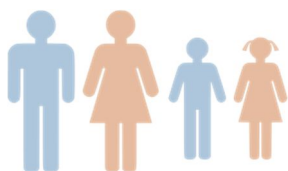


COVID-19: JRS Greece response

Women Day Center is working only with appointments, also wearing mask is mandatory, while the antiseptic liquid is free to use in all the common spaces. Appointments for social accompaniment are given by our Social Worker and also by using Skype, Whatsapp or Viber can help for the people who cannot come in our services because of the restrictions. For showers and laundry services in Women Day Center, the appointments are given with the same way as mentioned before and are taking place as usual even during the lockdown.

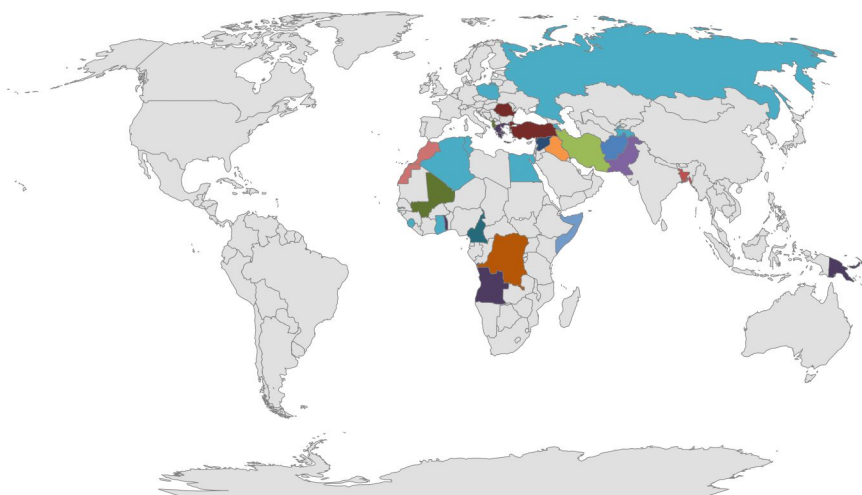
- Livelihood

As it is already mentioned, JRS Greece engages in projects that support people from the moment of their first arrival in Greece (or in Athens) and accompanies them along a path towards their self-sufficiency and full participation in their new society. Many asylum seekers and refugees arrive in Athens with few or without personal belongings. JRS knows that a fulfilled, happy life cannot exist if the basic necessities are not attained. Thus, **Magazi**, the most direct livelihood project, is a basic goods store where migrants, refugees and vulnerable Greek people can obtain clothes, household goods and toys for children, all free of charge.



In 2020, Magazi provided clothes and household supplies to 2343 families. While in 2020 we had 1260 new registrations.

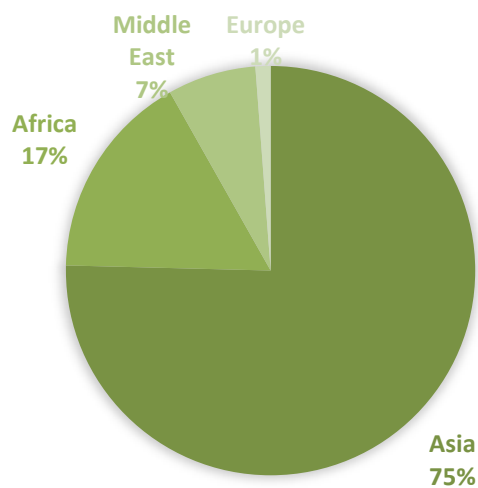
Nationalities of families



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Countries of origin:

Afghanistan	Bangladesh	Iran	Pakistan	Tagikistan	Armenia	Egypt	Iraq
Palestine	Syria	Turkey	Albania	Greece	Poland	Romania	Russia
Angola	Cameroon	Congo	Gambia				



Magazi, photo: JRS Europe, Kristóf Hölvényi



COVID-19: JRS Greece response

Magazi is working only with appointments, also wearing mask is mandatory, while the antiseptic liquid is free to use in all the common spaces. The appointments are given sparsely in order to keep social distancing. Also it is not allowed to try on the clothes or other items.

- Reconciliation

JRS Greece understands reconciliation as an individual process to accept one's own life story – this includes the story of one's country, the problems that were the cause to leave the countries of origin, all the trip until the arrival to Greece and the situation and difficulties that are encountered in Greece. In a first step, reconciliation is a process of accepting one's own story and that Europe is not the dream and the hopefulness that was believed before the arrival. In JRS Greece this first step is achieved through welcoming and hospitality services as well as through the construction of a relationship based on trust between the JRS team and the refugees.

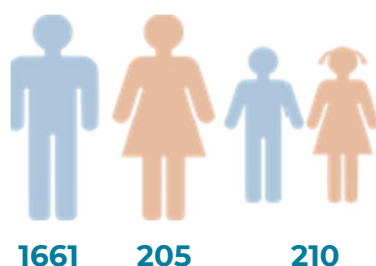
At the same time, JRS Greece works in the construction of communities where everyone is accepted and has an active participation, independently of the nationality, religion or gender.

As part of Europe, JRS Greece also defends the same vision of JRS Europe that sees one path to reconciliation as the acceptance that migration is a historical constant in Europe and sees migration as an act of human freedom which changes both host societies and migrants themselves.

Knowing the importance of belonging to a community in order to have a fulfilled, happy life, JRS Greece implemented the social event **Tea Time** in its Hub Community. Tea Time is a place where the asylum seekers and urban refugees can find community and conversation while enjoying a cup of tea or coffee. This is a place to rest and to meet up with friends, family and new arrivals. At Tea Time, JRS staff and volunteers offer a warm welcome and a listening ear, they attempt to care for each person by providing both emotional support and a network of other services that offer practical assistance.

In 2020, the majority of Tea Time beneficiaries were asylum seekers, refugees and undocumented. Most of the beneficiaries live in Athens, in shelters, rent apartments, UNHCR apartments, rented rooms or in the street, but there was also a significant number of people that came from refugee camps around Athens, mainly from Malakasa Camp.

In 2020, around 2076 people (both man, woman and children) attend the Tea Time. While 4277 cups of coffee or tea served.



Tea Time is being implemented in the ground floor of the JRS Greece Hub Community building. Between 14:30 and 17:00, Tea Time is divided by gender – on Monday and Wednesday, it is for Men and on Tuesday and Thursday, it is for Women. Both Men and Women can bring their children as long as they stay responsible for them. However, the children are always encouraged to attend the activities designed for them in Magistories. In 2020, Tea Time Man had around 120 men per day. Tea Time woman had an average number of 43 woman per day. And every day Tea Time had an average number of 31 children daily.



Teatime

Tea-time project remained open until the March of 2020 while a national lockdown announced. In order to continue distributing until to consider when we will be able to re-open Tea-time, we replace it with the **Foodbasket project** with which we provide food and non food items to families with vulnerabilities.

◆ Starting Foodbasket on June we register 14 families. With the help of our donors until the end of December we registered 91 families. The social worker was arranging appointments for the social accompaniment and with the help of the translator was taking the social history of the families to identify the vulnerabilities and the needs. Every month, each month the social worker evaluated the family and their vulnerability so that the help we provided was on target.

Every month, the Program Officer confirmed the list of beneficiaries with the social worker and then proceeded to order the products always having a detailed follow-up.

Because of the sanitary situation the distribution of the food-baskets was taking place

with appointments and the sorting of the food in boxes was done by our volunteers taking all the required hygienic measures.



Volunteers during the Foodbaskets sorting



COVID-19: JRS Greece response

Teatime project, is the project that is more affected by the measures for COVID-19. Because of the daily high number of the people who were coming we had to close it on March, when the first nationwide lockdown announced. Since then, thinking our mission to continue distributing the vulnerable, we replace it though a new project **Foodbasket**. Through the Foodbasket we distributing monthly food and non food items to the most vulnerable families. All the families are monitored about their needs through the follow-up that the Social Worked conduct monthly.

- Advocacy

Advocacy is one of the three “pillars” of JRS, together with service and accompaniment. JRS believes that refugees are people who have rights under international law when they cross a border, and who retain their rights as citizens if they are displaced in their own countries.

In a national level, JRS Greece works directly with government organizations and other NGOs to get better protection outcomes for refugees. In a European level JRS Greece works together with the other JRS Countries to analyze relevant issues and policies as they arise, to identify problems, and to formulate common positions and recommendations for effective change.



Together with Caritas Athens we presented to the Danish Secondary School of Espergaerde Gymnasium og HF the situation of irregular migration in Greece.

An integral part of the work of JRS is to advocate, both domestically and internationally, for the rights of refugees to share their voices and receive a better level of services towards establishing a dignified life. In order to achieve those goals, the Advocacy and Communications Officer of JRS Greece does the following:

- Participate in regular working groups and meetings, for topics such as Protection, Legal, Advocacy, Interagency, Urbanization and Education, as well as irregular ones, chaired by UNHCR, the Municipality of Athens, and other NGOs. This collaboration allows JRS Greece to be informed of the progress, obstacles, and new challenges in response to the national migratory situation.
- Inform the JRS team, JRS Europe and the public in general about important reports, articles, and policy briefings on issues related to the project.
- Follow the Greek and European Parliament’s work on refugees and migrants.
- Co-signed JRS Europe statements.

IV. Staff and Volunteers

In 2020, the JRS Greece staff consisted of **14 employees**:

- 1 Country Director
- 1 Project Manager and Advocacy and Communications Officer
- 1 Financial and Administration Officer
- 1 Coordinator of the Woman Day Center and Social Worker
- 1 Translator and cultural mediator
- 1 Coordinator of Pedro Arrupe Center and teacher
- 4 Teachers
- 1 Magazi's employee
- 1 Women Day Center's employee
- 2 Cleaning ladies

Since 2017, a community of **Missionary Sisters Servants of the Holy Spirit** are part of JRS Greece team. In 2020 the Sisters Community had 5 Sisters, that joined JRS Greece in different works:

- 1 Magistories Coordinator
- 3 Sisters worked as English teachers and were involved in all JRS Greece activities as well as in the accompaniment of the international volunteers.
- 1 Sister that collaborated in all the projects and principally gave health support.

In addition to their dedicated engagement to JRS Greece projects, the community of Sisters are a strong support to both staff and volunteers as they lead a weekly liturgy and provide a space of prayer and a community team weekly meal (that was one of the most important spaces for JRS staff and volunteers to create a community and search for friendly support). The care and engagement of the Sisters towards refugees and staff is a beautiful sign of the solidarity of the religious life towards refugees and displaced people.

Since the beginning of JRS Greece, the **Volunteers** are a priceless part of the JRS team and mission. Their presence is very important because of the energy and motivation that they bring to the team. Since the beginning, JRS Greece received International Volunteers, that came with the desire to live on mission and support and be near of refugees and migrants, and Jesuits who are in their formation time. Moreover, JRS had volunteers that live in Athens:

both Greek, expatriated people and refugee volunteers.

International Volunteers	8
Jesuits on formation	2
Sisters on visit that gave a time do make volunteer work at JRS Greece	2
Expatriate people that live in Athens	5
Greek volunteers	2
Asylum seekers and Refugees volunteers	2

V. Partnerships and Funders

For JRS, collaborating with other Organizations working on the same topic is essential. In 2020, JRS had different types of partnerships, such as partnerships with Organization with International Volunteer Services, specific partnerships for some JRS projects with Organizations that work in Athens and partnerships with Organizations in Athens where JRS volunteers take part of their activities.

Partnerships with International Volunteer Services

INIGO Foundation

L'Oeuvre D'Orient Foundation

Mission Beyond Borders (from the Missionary Sisters Servants of the Holy Spirit)

Partnerships for specific JRS projects

Libraries Without Borders (*Bibliothèques Sans Frontières*)

Medical Volunteers International (MVI)

CHEERing: Centre for Health Equity, Education & Research
Int. Greece

Network for the children's rights



Women Day Center, Medical Office (MVI)

Partnerships where JRS Greece volunteers participated weekly in their activities

Caritas Athens

Sisters Missionaries of Charity

JRS Greece is financially supported by private organizations, companies, foundations, and individual donors who believe and support JRS Greece's mission. With this help, JRS Greece continues to work with and for the wellbeing of all refugees.

In 2020, JRS Greece wants to thank you for all your support and to be part of JRS mission

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Collège Saint-Louis de Gonzague – Journées

Fondation Alboan

Fondation Montcheuil

Foundation Ginette

L'Oeuvre d'Orient

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Jesuiten

Missionnaires Missionary Sisters Servants of the

Holy Spirit

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Thank you very much for your continuous support
to our mission.