

THE DANISH REFUGEE COUNCIL

assists refugees and internally displaced persons across the globe. It initiated its activities in Greece in November 2015 due to the unprecedented influx of displaced populations in need of international protection initially in Lesbos. Following new political developments and displacement dynamics in early 2016, DRC expanded its activities to the mainland to respond to the needs of people living in several sites across Greece.

More than 35,000 asylum seekers and refugees currently live in Greece, 3,795 of which are on the islands and more than 37,000 on the mainland, in official and informal sites and urban accommodation. Living conditions, although improved, vary from site to site and between sites and urban areas.

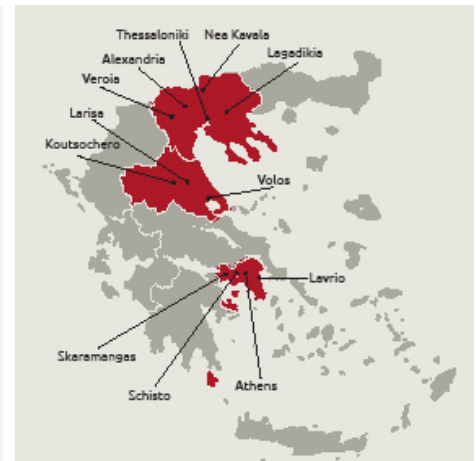
Access legal aid and information continues to represent a priority need for those seeking protection.

Furthermore, there are currently more than 33,000 recognized refugees in Greece requiring increased support for their integration.

OUR SITE-BASED INTERVENTION

encompasses:

- Site Management Support:** Comprehensive assistance at site-level including arrival, reception and departure procedures, information management, coordination, care and maintenance of shelter and WASH facilities, provision of welcome kits and other non-food items, provision of food baskets to new arrivals, and reinforcement of community participation and accountability mechanisms.
- Protection:** Legal assistance, community-based protection and assistance to identified cases requiring specialized treatment, by monitoring protection standards in all target locations, facilitating access to existing off-site services for vulnerable beneficiaries through accompaniment / interpretation services.
- Non-Formal Education:** Activities for school-aged children to complement formal education initiatives, and quality learning opportunities for youth and adults, in all supported locations.



Since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, DRC Greece readjusted its programmatic activities as necessary to ensure high standards in sanitation and hygiene and uninterrupted service provision to the greatest extent possible

KEY FIGURES

- 9 mainland sites supported in total
- 15,139 people reached by SMS activities
- 109,000 dry and fresh food baskets distributed to site residents
- 6,388 welcome kits distributed to new arrivals
- 84,974 chlorines and soaps distributed since the beginning of the pandemic
- 6,000 individual and group legal support sessions conducted
- 6,173 individuals underwent vulnerability assessments
- 5,156 accompaniments trips conducted by DRC Greece’s Roving Cultural Mediators
- 2,932 children and adults enrolled to non-formal education activities
- 11,020 self-learning packs distributed to students during site lockdowns

