



IOM Greece staff coordinate the distribution of personal protective equipment including masks, gloves and cleaning kits, ensuring the protection and well-being of migrant populations during the COVID-19 response

## IOM VISION

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In 2021, IOM Greece aims to continue to improve the well-being of migrant communities in the country and support the Greek authorities in providing immediate and long-term solutions through a wide range of activities, including Site Management Support (SMS) and shelter support, capacity building of local actors, protection, legal counselling, Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS), health support, integration, coupled with interventions to address the COVID-19 emergency and ensuring COVID-19 mainstreaming throughout. Special care and attention will be paid to migrants in a situation of heightened vulnerability, including unaccompanied migrant children.

**\$176,300,000**

**Funding Required**



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■ F. Gap: 8.04 M

**50,000**

**People Targeted**

## IOM PROPOSED RESPONSE

## CONTACT INFORMATION

OBJECTIVE	FUNDING REQUIRED	FUNDING CONFIRMED
Save lives and respond to needs through humanitarian assistance and protection	141,100,000	133,637,217
Address the drivers and longer term impacts of crises and displacement through investments in recovery and crisis prevention	35,200,000	34,618,665

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## PRIMARY TARGET GROUPS

1. International migrant
2. Local population / community
3. Refugee

## BREAKDOWN OF FUNDING REQUIREMENTS (USD) 2021

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITY AREAS	2021
<b>Save lives and respond to needs through humanitarian assistance and protection</b>	
Camp Coordination and Camp Management	130,000,000
Protection	6,400,000
Direct Health Support	4,700,000
<b>Address the drivers and longer term impacts of crises and displacement through investments in recovery and crisis prevention</b>	
Sustainable Solutions	35,200,000
<b>TOTAL FUNDING REQUIRED</b>	<b>176,300,000</b>

# 2021 - Greece Crisis Response Plan 2021

## CONTEXT ANALYSIS

Over the last five years, Greece has seen the arrival of over 1,200,000 migrants to its territory, through both its land and sea borders, leading to a cumulative increase in the number of migrants present in the country. As arrivals continue, the Greek reception system is overstretched, with most of its facilities heavily overpopulated. The COVID-19 pandemic has placed an additional burden on the reception system and on the migrant communities hosted therein, calling for emergency measures to ensure their dignified living, safety and protection, as well as to protect public health through efforts made to ensure access to healthcare and medication, including access to the COVID-19 vaccination when available. The Greek authorities, with the support of IOM and other stakeholders, are making efforts to alleviate human suffering and ensure adequate living conditions, by ensuring decent reception standards and conditions for migrants, including Unaccompanied Migrant Children (UMC). Essential support is being provided to the Greek authorities in the daily operation of migrant settings in the mainland (e.g. open accommodation sites, emergency facilities), through a comprehensive Site Management Support and Camp Coordination and Camp Management (SMS/CCCM) approach, with a view to devolve the site management responsibilities for the Reception and Identification Service (RIS), in view of the gradual assumption of ownership by the Greek authorities. At the same time, the focus is shifting to identifying long-term integration prospects for migrants staying in the country.

### 2021 Update

The year 2021 was marked by unforeseen contextual changes, which affected the needs on the ground and IOM's response. Firstly, migrants' arrivals in Greece saw a sharp decrease, as they were reduced by 41% compared to 2020. On top of this, the faster processing of asylum applications and the constant departures resulted in a gradual decrease of the number of migrants hosted in the reception system, which were reduced by 49% compared to 2020 (including in facilities supported by IOM). These trends were beyond any projections made by relevant stakeholders and were not envisaged in IOM's 2021 operational plan, which foresaw a higher number of affected populations in need of support. As the situation evolved during the year, and as it was made clear that the supported caseload was far less than expected, IOM adjusted its planning and funding requests to actual needs through direct consultations with donors and stakeholders. Accordingly, certain activities were reduced in terms of funding needs due to the decreased caseload (such as health activities).

At the same time, efforts were ongoing throughout 2021 for the transition of certain key interventions to the national authorities. Although it was initially envisaged that such transition would be achieved in mid-2021, with IOM disengaging from broad and heavily-funded operations (CCCM, Protection, Durable Solutions), funding and other limitations faced by national authorities did not allow for the transition to take place. As a result, IOM continued providing full-scale support on these key fronts during the whole of 2021, leading to increased funding requirements; these were also met through direct consultations with donors and national authorities.

## COORDINATION

The Government of Greece, through the Ministry of Migration and Asylum (MoMA) and its RIS, has the main responsibility for migration management in the country, while coordination is ensured with other key ministries and institutions in relevant fields (e.g. the Greek Asylum Service, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Citizens' Protection). UN agencies (IOM, UNHCR, UNICEF), EU institutions (European Asylum Support Office - EASO) and other civil society actors also contribute actively to addressing migrants' needs on the ground and strengthening institutional capacities. There is strong coordination with the EU, especially under the new EU Pact on Migration and Asylum. An informal coordination mechanism is established amongst the aforementioned actors, and regular meetings take place at several levels. These include a Steering Committee with the participation of EU representatives, relevant ministries (e.g. MoMA, Ministry of Defense, Ministry of Labour, and Ministry of Health), UN agencies, as well as technical working groups (WGs). IOM Greece is the main Site Management Support (SMS) actor supervising interventions across mainland accommodation centres in order to reinforce collective efforts made by the Greek authorities and relevant actors to improve reception conditions and build a more sustainable and effective site coordination system. IOM chairs the National Site Management Support working group on a monthly basis. In the SMS WG, the MoMA and donors are present where issues pertinent to the population residing in mainland sites are advocated for, flagged and relevant stakeholders are held accountable for follow up action. Advocacy for the need of vaccinations, winterization solutions, legal procedures and harmonization of COVID-19 response is a continuous theme; COVID-19 response is integrated thematically across all sectors. Additionally, IOM participates in the Protection, Education and Health working groups. In the Health WG, medical gaps are presented and advocated for, especially to promote migrants' access to health care and COVID-19 vaccinations. IOM also attends various inter-agency meetings, including those related to Emergency Support, to Integration and Accommodation (ESTIA) and cash-assistance, and conducts regular consultations with authorities, including RIS, the Ministry of Defense and the

## IOM CAPACITY

IOM has been present in Greece (a founding member of IOM) since 1952 and has a lengthy cooperation experience with the Greek government, other UN agencies and civil society aiming at assisting and supporting migrants. IOM promotes the safety and dignity of migrants, advances the understanding of migration issues and encourages social and economic development through migration, in support of the Government, in meeting the growing operational challenges of migration management. IOM Greece implements projects aiming at the improvement of migrants' living conditions (e.g. through food, water, non-food items, shelter, protection), migrant integration, regular and orderly migration to EU and non-EU countries, and the countering of racism, xenophobia and human trafficking. To date, IOM has supported the Government of Greece with assisted voluntary returns and reintegration, relocations to other EU member states, site management support in long-term accommodation sites and temporary accommodation facilities (in mainland Greece), migrant integration initiatives with the collaboration of Greek municipalities, primary health care with implementing partners, the creation and development of accommodation settings for unaccompanied children (e.g. safe zones, shelters), facilitating children's access to formal education and providing non-formal education opportunities for children, youth and adults.

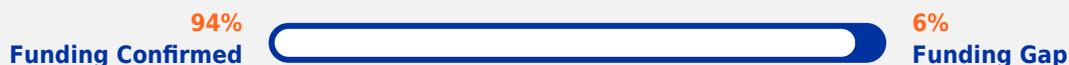
### SAVE LIVES AND RESPOND TO NEEDS THROUGH HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE AND PROTECTION

#### Funding Required

**\$141,100,000**

#### People Targeted Description

Migrants, including applicants and beneficiaries of international protection, with a particular focus on families and children, as well as Unaccompanied Migrant Children and other migrants in a situation of vulnerability.



### CAMP COORDINATION AND CAMP MANAGEMENT

IOM's Camp Coordination and Camp Management initiatives will include:

- Enhancing Site Management Support through comprehensive streamlining and harmonization of procedures and the provision of technical assistance to Government counterparts on operational matters (e.g. transfer/allocation of migrants to sites).
- Improving shelter and WASH conditions through care and maintenance of the reception and accommodation facilities, ensuring access to safe water, coverage of utilities, repair of damaged facilities, solid waste management, garbage collection and disposal, maintenance of communal facilities and access to the internet.
- Improving living conditions through the provision of basic needs/supplies, such as food baskets and welcome kits (WKS) containing basic non-food items and safe IOM-organised transportation from remote sites to city centres.
- Strengthening of Accountability to Affected Populations (AAP) through community engagement activities (e.g. participation/representation in community meetings and in community-based events), including health promotion sessions focused on topics such as vaccinations, nutrition, direct health care service provision, management of communicable and non-communicable diseases, COVID-19 protective measures.
- Improved outreach to migrant communities residing in migrant settings to identify needs and respond to protection risks through direct assistance (case management), encompassing Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS), legal assistance, Child Protection.
- Streamlining Gender-Based Violence (GBV) mitigation measures and in case of disclosure of a GBV incident, safely and ethically linking survivors to available

#### Funding Required

**\$130,000,000**

#### Funding Confirmed

**\$124,927,915**

96% 4%



specialized services/referral pathways (offered by national authorities' specialized actors).

- Continuous coordination with other protection actors (including governmental authorities and NGOs) through field-level coordination meetings with site actors, attendance in protection working group and ad hoc communication.
- Piloting and potentially expanding counter-trafficking initiatives to increase awareness within the affected communities, front-line respondents and authorities, as well as to provide direct assistance to victims and suspected cases of trafficking.
- Improved access to services and socio-economic benefits (such as health, education) through interpretation, accompaniment and establishment of open communication channels with relevant authorities, public services and civil society actors (NGOs, volunteer groups etc.).
- Increased opportunities for integration of migrants with host communities through non-formal education (e.g. language learning) and the acquisition of new skills (technical skills, soft skills).
- Enhancement of social cohesion through improved communication with local communities and relevant Migration, Health and Education authorities, aiming at promoting the prevention of abuse, neglect and exploitation of migrants and restoring their dignity through their inclusion in the social welfare system.



## PROTECTION

IOM's protection initiatives will include:

- Targeted and comprehensive assistance to UMCs through the operation of specialized accommodation facilities for temporary and long-term accommodation on the islands (e.g. safe areas) and on the mainland (e.g. shelters), including accommodation, food, non-food items, protection assistance (such as psychosocial, legal and educational support) and liaison with relevant services.

**Funding Required**  
**\$6,400,000**

**Funding Confirmed**  
**\$5,361,607**



## DIRECT HEALTH SUPPORT

IOM's health support initiatives will include:

- Providing primary health-care services to migrants residing in first reception settings (islands) through the deployment of minimum medical personnel.
- Increasing awareness on hygiene and health promotion, inclusive of COVID-19 prevention and protection measures.
- Facilitating COVID-19 testing and vaccination procedures for affected populations to complement efforts in coordination with the national authorities, migrants residing in Reception and Identification Centres (RICs).
- Strengthening access to health care, irrespective of gender and age, by facilitating the scheduling of appointments with public health care structures.

**Funding Required**  
**\$4,700,000**

**Funding Confirmed**  
**\$3,347,695**





IOM Greece organizes a job fair for migrants and private employers to facilitate migrants' inclusion in the local labour market

## ADDRESS THE DRIVERS AND LONGER TERM IMPACTS OF CRISES AND DISPLACEMENT THROUGH INVESTMENTS IN RECOVERY AND CRISIS PREVENTION

**Funding Required**  
\$35,200,000

### People Targeted Description

Migrants, including applicants and beneficiaries of international protection.



### SUSTAINABLE SOLUTIONS

Restoring basic rights and promoting access to essential services:

- Conducting Integration Courses within Integration Learning Centers (physical attendance) and through newly developed e-platforms (online courses), consisting of modules on Greek language learning, cultural orientation, job readiness and life skills.
- Supporting beneficiaries towards independent accommodation in apartments rented in their name, by providing contributions to rental and move-in costs and communicating with apartment owners.
- Provision of individual employability and job readiness support, including through job counselling, access to job-related certifications and networking with private employers.
- Reinforcing employability opportunities by providing vocational training courses, traineeship options, entrepreneurship grants and other alternatives to accessing labour.

**Funding Required**  
\$35,200,000

**Funding Confirmed**  
\$34,618,665



Social cohesion:

- Regular monitoring and assessment of the integration progress of the beneficiaries to ensure that they will be in a position to confidently navigate through Greek public service providers once they start living independently in Greece.
- Organizing sensitization workshops, activities and events and the production of a nationwide media campaign to create dialogue opportunities between migrants and their host communities, highlighting the value of the integration of migrants into Greek society.
- Organizing outreach and awareness-raising initiatives, joint events between migrant and local communities and other interventions (such as investments to

public infrastructure at local level) to reduce migration related tensions in Greece and increase tolerance.

Promoting non-violence:

- Organizing participatory activities within the migrant and host communities (e.g. trainings, focus group discussions, joint events and workshops) to promote migrants' access to essential services, such as employability and health and to lay the foundation to prevent forms of violence, such as violent extremism.