

## SolidarityNow

[SolidarityNow](#) (SN) is a Greek non-profit, humanitarian organisation founded in 2013, to respond to the needs of the most vulnerable and marginalised groups of our society. SN's headquarters are in Athens with large operations across Greece, including in the urban centres of Thessaloniki and Ioannina. SN's actions fall under three strategic priorities: a) Safety and protection; b) Catalysing livelihoods opportunities; and c) Strengthening the independence of civil society and defending open society values. To date, SN has supported more than 110,000 beneficiaries through an array of programming. SN has proven experience in managing large scale programmes and partnerships, including with UNHCR, UNICEF, IOM and the EEA Grants as well as numerous small-scale targeted interventions.

In more detail, SN is an implementing partner of UNHCR and UNICEF since 2016 and a partner of IOM since 2019. In collaboration with UNICEF, SN has facilitated the establishment and operation of [Child and Family Support Hubs](#) in refugee camps across mainland Greece, through which more than 14,000 children and caregivers have been supported. The project is currently implemented in 15 sites, where SN is responsible for Child Protection and non-formal education (through interdisciplinary teams comprising of social workers, psychologists, educators, lawyers and interpreters).

At the heart of our interventions lie the Solidarity Centres (in [Athens](#) and [Thessaloniki](#)) and the [Blue Refugee Centre](#) in Thessaloniki, which provide holistic support to individuals at risk of social marginalisation and exclusion, paving the way towards their empowerment and self-reliance. The services provided include legal aid, psychosocial support and counselling, employability and accounting services as well as cultural mediation. Together the centres have reached together over 70,000 individuals to date, providing an array of services to those in need including asylum seekers and beneficiaries of international protection. Through the centres, a package of free holistic services is provided, including legal aid, employability, psychosocial support, accounting, interpretation, and other information and referrals.

SN is one of IOM's implementing partners for the [HELIOS](#) integration project, through which 755 individuals have been enrolled in educational classes to date through the three Integration Learning Centers (ILCs) operated by SN in Athens, Thessaloniki, Ioannina and the two ILCs in Kilkis and Katerini established in collaboration with partner NGOs.

In collaboration with UNHCR, SN has established and maintained more than 2,000 accommodation places and provided supporting services to more than 7,500 refugees and asylum seekers across Greece, of which 3,800 were children. Specifically, the [ESTIA](#) accommodation project has been implemented in Attica, Thessaloniki and its wider area and Ioannina. SN will be phasing out of this programme in 2021.

Finally, SN has recently started the implementation of two [new programmes supporting Unaccompanied Minors](#). Through the first programme, SN operates semi-independent living (SIL) apartments in the urban centers of Athens and Thessaloniki for UAMs aged between 16 and 18. The

project is funded by the National Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund (AMIF). Through the second programme, SN is providing emergency support to 170 UAMs through the operation of transit hubs in northern Greece, namely Kozani, Konitsa and Ioannina.