



/ soli dariti/: mutual support within a group.

While the world population reached 8 billion individuals in 2022, the same year the number of people forcibly displaced reached 103 million. Children alone, families, women and men, that fled their home country due to armed conflicts, human rights violations, persecution, disasters, and poverty still remain at high risk of violence, discrimination, poor living conditions, and livelihood loss.

As DCI Greece, since the beginning of our operation, our mandate is to guarantee fair access to the rights of each individual, and we strive to advocate for the most vulnerable.

The concept of solidarity keeps defining our work, identifying ourselves as part of just one group, the Human group, where no one should be alone

During International Human Solidarity day, we would like to celebrate diversity while enhancing unity and human solidarity. We would like to encourage everyone to make small actions in their daily life, in order to make each community a welcoming place for all human beings.

#internationalhumansolidarityday





Human Rights are universal and inalienable, and they are an everyday reminder to preserve each individual's humanity in case of prejudices and brutalities.

In particular, the theme of the #humanrightsday2022 is Dignity, Freedom, and Justice for All, meaning that no one has to be left behind, guaranteeing fair access to the different needs without any kind of discrimination.

DCI Greece is dedicated to the lawful application of Human Rights in all kind of violence, and undignified circumstances.





### Defence for Children International Greece 8 Δεκεμβρίου 2022 - 🚱

Ο πανεμορφος, ζεστός και στολισμένος χώρος του The Gardenista, (Παπανικολή 18, Χαλάνδρι) που θα μας φιλοξενήσει αυτήν την Κυριακή 11/12, 18.00, για καφέ και γλυκο! 🥚 🖘

Αφηγησεις, ποιήματα, λαχειοφόρος και πολλές εκπλήξεις μας περιμένουν, για να περάσουμε ένα όμορφο και χαλαρό Χριστουγεννιάτικο απόγευμα! 🛦 😽

Η παρουσία σας θα μας δώσει μεγάλη χαρα, και θα συνδράμει στην προσπάθειά μας να συνεχίσουμε να στηρίζουμε τα παιδιά του πολέμου. 🤝

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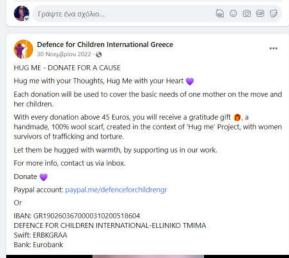




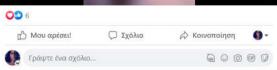














For many years my husband used to beat me. In Turkey1 was raped and got pregnant. In Greece, I finally regained my identity and my strength. Now I'm focused on studying and working to create a better future for myself and my child'.

On Friday, on the international day for the elimination of violence against women, Fatemen told us she wished the world could hear her story.

She is one the many resilient women that left their country of origin to put an end to the violence that they were undergoing, and faced multiple dangers along the way.

Once in Lesvos, our team, in the context of the current legal program, approached Fatemeh and ran a vulnerability assessment and presented her rights as asylum-seeker and as a woman. Moreover, during her asylum interview she was properly supported to be recognized as a victim/survivor of gender based violence.

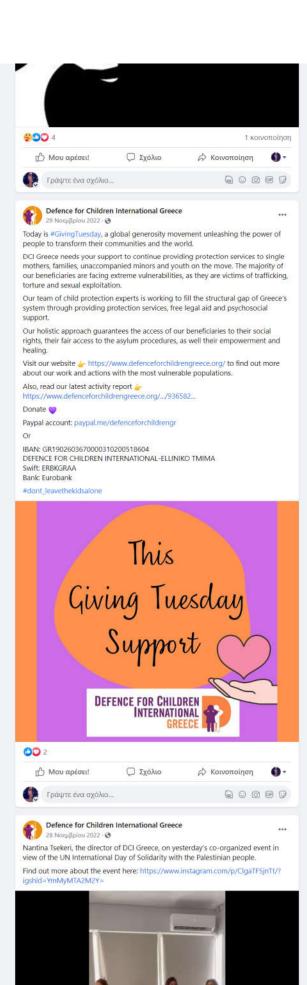
Fatemeh now benefits from the International Protection, and is focusing on empowering herself to start a dignified life in Greece.

Fatemeh path has not come to an end yet, and our legal program will keep followup her case alongside other women's with similar stories.

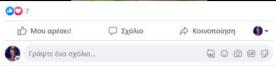
Our team is dedicated to advocate for all women, single and with a family, victims of gender based violence and human rights violations. By sharing our work and efforts, we aim to spread awareness on the issues women on the move face in their country and in their journey until Greece, and the steps that can be done to prevent and/or stop the cycle of violence.

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Yesterday, in view of the UN International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian people, a special event was co-organized by DCI Greece, Femartact and To Mov

It was dedicated to the people, including the children, affected by the armed conflict in the Palestinian territory. DCI's latest report on children in war, showed that 250.000.000 children are now living in war context. (https://defenceforchildren.org/.../Children-and-Armed...)

Many of them reach Europe, seeking international protection.

It is our duty to recognise the impact of war on their life and recognise it actively, while raising awareness for their condition and the international responsibility to protect them.

We are very grateful for everyone who attended, both physically and online, as well as our speakers:

- Nantina Tsekeri, Director of Defence for Children International Greece,
- Khaled Quzmar, General Director of Defense for Children International Palestine (online from Palestine)
- Alexia Tsouni, President of FemArtact,
- Dr Sahar Yousef Alkawasmeh, General Director of ADWAR Roles for Social Change Association, from Hebron, West Bank, Palestine
- Iren Kontou, Child Protection Officer of Defence for Children International Greece
- Sissy Voyou, Vice-President of To Mov Association.

Thank you all for your active participation ,

#strongertogether

#dont\_leavethekidsalone





Human Rights Academy In Action 1

Today's third legal training to lawyers and other professionals was very interactive and experiential. We dove deeper into the asylum procedures, the asylum interview, as well as the drafting of legal memos that support and strengthen the asylum

A big thank you to everyone that joined us, both physically and online.

See you in the next one!





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Today is the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women.

The UN General Assembly defines violence against women as 'any act of gender-based violence that results in, or is likely to result in, physical, sexual or psychological harm or suffering to women, including threats of such acts, coercion or arbitrary deprivation of liberty, whether occurring in public or in private life.'

Still today, violence against women and girls remains the most pervasive human rights violation around the world.

The vulnerability and risk to be a victim of GBV increases exponentially when it comes to women and girls on the move, who are much more exposed to violence and lack access to their basic social rights.

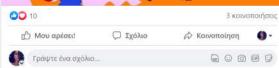
The majority of women we support are victims of sexual violence and harassment, human trafficking, as well as Female Genital Mutilation.

We will keep advocating to prevent and eliminate violence against women and girls around the world, calling for global action to increase awareness and create opportunities for discussion on challenges and solutions.

At the same time, since awareness is fundamental for self-empowerment it is crucial through training and informative sessions to educate both women and men about GBV, how to recognize it, which are the risks and the help they can receive.

**UN** Women







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Children everywhere should be considered key partners in putting an end to all forms of violence. Therefore, in 2022, DCI published the Children in War report, a publication that listened to children's concerns regarding meaningful participation, as well as providing them with safe pathways. Through consultations with children in countries affected by conflicts, DCI reinforced its position regarding the importance of children's participation. Children have an in-depth understanding of how conflict has affected their lives, their protection, and their possibilities of influencing change.

The scale and gravity of violence against children in armed conflict calls for immediate and concerted action by the United Nations, states, donors, the humanitarian community, researchers, and civil society to meet their obligations to ensure children are safe from harm. We need to: (1) Increasing children and youth participation in the inter-governmental space (2) Realising the potential of children and young people within the UN system (3) Engagement and mobilisation of children and young people (4) Enhance accountability for war crimes and transparency in reporting.

Read the report: https://defenceforchildren.org/.../Children-and-Armed...





Universal Children's day is not just a day to celebrate children for who they are, but to bring awareness to children around the globe that experience violence in forms of abuse, exploitation or discrimination, to children living on the streets, or to children immersed in armed conflict.

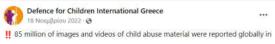
Too many children are still suffering and states fail to fulfil their obligations regarding the future generations. We need to collectively intensify our efforts in favour of Children in the world, who are the future citizens of this world.

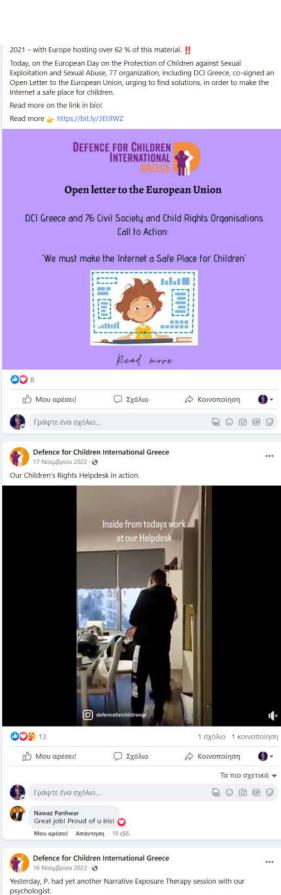
As established by the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, children have the fundamental right to express their views and have them taken seriously. Children and young people have first hand experience of the hardships and challenges that they face in their communities. They are capable of observing and assessing these issues and proposing solutions. As civil society challenges democracies to uphold justice and equality, children and young people hold the key to providing special knowledge and innovative approaches to bringing about changes in their communities and regions, and improving overall society.

Making children partners in change means holding governments accountable to a bigger and more united public, leading to a sustainable path of development. We advocate for the creation an inclusive world where every child, whatever their background or situation, has the chance to harness their talents, create a bright future that fulfils their potential and play an active role in transforming society

Each year, November 20th reminds us that humanity must give children the best it can provide. This day reminds us of the necessity of acting  $\bar{\rm In}$  favour of the well-being of children in the whole wide world.









P. is a single mother, victim of trafficking and of torture, both in her country of origin and during her trip to Greece. The consistent sessions have helped her acknowledge her trauma and work on it, without getting retraumatised.

Through yesterdays session, P. concentrated on a flower, that represented a happy

The entire session was a very powerful moment of joy, full of funny stories and laughs. Narrating these memories out loud she realised that her life includes also beautiful moments that her pain had buried down for so long

She left our offices with a smile on her face, empowered and ready to attend the critical appointment of her asylum interview, the next morning.

The Narrative Exposure Therany is a very unique and innovative technique. With one

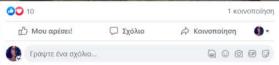
to one sessions with our psychotherapist once a week, the aim is to empower our beneficiaries through the narration of their own story, with the goal of increasing their sense of value, safety and belonging.

The flowers represent the joyful moments, the rocks the painful and traumatic ones while the candles the loss of a person.

By healing me, I heal you

By healing me, I heal the world By healing me, I heal the justice system







#### Defence for Children International Greece 14 Νοεμβρίου 2022 - 🚱

The week starts on a very positive note in Lesvos. O

Today, one of our beneficiaries from Afghanistan granted the Refugee Status in

F. falls into the category of the young boys, currently transitioning to adulthood. Being a male and originating from Afghanistan, he was mainly targeted for deportation in Turkey.

As a result of numerous denied attempts to apply for asylum or benefit from medical treatment in Greece's neighboring country, F. arrived in Lesvos at the end of August.

Upon completing the quarantine period, our team scheduled a meeting with F. to inform him about his rights and the procedures he was supposed to undergo in order to apply for International Protection in Greece. Despite the hardships he had to suffer in Turkey, he was called to explain the reasons why it would not be in his best interest to be deported back, in the context of the Admissibility interview.

Our team supported him with this first interview, where he presented detailed information on how Turkey was not a safe country for him. After we drafted and submitted a legal report to further strengthen his case, his admissibility interview was successful!

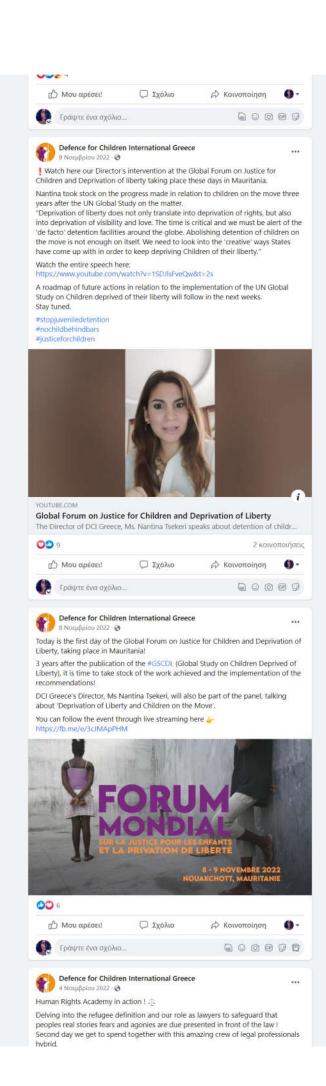
F. was finally able to undergo the Merit asylum interview, and provide the founded reasons that led him to flee his country of origin, Afghanistan. Once again, a legal report was submitted and today we finally received the good news! F. has finally granted the refugee status.

With the constant support of our legal project, he will start the procedures to obtain his documents, such as the passport, in order to finally start a new chapter of his life.

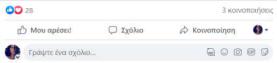
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The New York Times











'I think I will finally be able to sleep tonight. My girls are safe."

M. is a mother of 2 from Sierra Leone. She left her country of origin to save her two girls from undergoing the Female Genital Mutilation Procedure she had to suffer from. She wished them to grow up free and be able to make their own choices in life

Having no access to legal assistance, she was not even aware of meaning of the asylum procedures and the asylum interview. Her asylum claim was rejected.

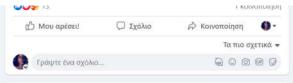
When she reached our offices, and after conducting a 'needs and risk assessment', we started drafting a holistic plan, to support her and her young girls. We guaranteed their access on basic rights that they were deprived from, due to the rejection of the asylum claim, while giving them the opportunity to take part in healing activities and receive psychological support. Day by day, they got more empowered.

At the same time, we started working on reopening her case on new grounds, by applying for the subsequent application. We gathered proof documents to strengthen her case, which indeed reopened!

After a few weeks, she underwent her asylum interview, for the second time. A positive answer was received. Her daughters are safe. Her sleepless nights are over.

Today, she came by our offices to pay a visit. The bright smile on her face was our best reward.  $\ref{eq:partial}$ 







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"Too old to ask for help, too young to be an adult. That's how I have felt my entire life."

When S. left Nigeria, he was only 15 years old.

The area where he grew up is controlled by a violent armed group that tried multiple times to recruit him. When he and his family tried to report the situation to the authorities, the police told them that he was already too old to be protected by the community.

One night, after repeated threats, the terrorist group set his house on fire, where both his father and younger sister lost their lives.

Being so young and alone, S. faced multiple harassment and violence along his way to Greece. Both in Egypt and in Turkey he was mistreated and forced to work in very dangerous and exploitative conditions.

In Lesvos, during the first meeting with our team, we outlined a vulnerability and needs assessment in the context of our legal programme, noticing how outwardly shy and timid he was.

Our next step was to guarantee his fair access to the asylum procedures. In order to achieve that, we first had to ensure he had access to psychological support. Through our referral pathway, a specialised psychologist undertook his case. By creating a safe environment, 5. was finally strong enough to share his story with us.

We supported him with his asylum interview, and submitted a legal report to strengthen his asylum claims. We are currently waiting for the result, ready to fight any possible obstacles that may appear.

Every day, numerous young boys on the move, just transitioning to adulthood, face dangers, such as exploitation, violence, and abuse.

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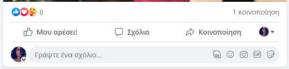
Sometimes, their needs are being overlooked. They are considered less vulnerable and are expected to be strong, no matter the circumstances.

It's our duty to stand by the side of the youth, defend their rights and make them feel safe and protected.

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Manual Amnesty International Australia







#### Defence for Children International Greece 26 Οκτωβρίου 2022 ⋅ ⊘

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'Today, I woke up smiling, for the first time in months. Thank you. Can't wait to see familiar faces again!

M. is a 17 year old boy from Bangladesh, whose brother is living legally in Italy. However, M. was not even aware that the family reunification procedure even exists. He received all his information from smugglers, that wished to exploit him, by making him believe illegal ways to leave Greece were his only option.

We immediately started the case management, in order to provide him with the most suitable support.

Family reunification cases are not always smooth and without obstacles. In this case, we received several rejections, that made us doubt we would receive a positive result. At the same time, the boy's psychological state was worsening by the day.

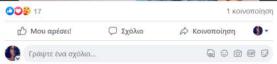
Persistence and constant follow up is the method we always use, when dealing with all our cases.

Legal report after legal report, we managed to turnaround the negative decision! At the same time, through our referral pathaway, we ensured that the child was receiving the psychological support he needed.

Yesterday, M. finally received his tickets, with a big smile on his face! And for us, this is the best reward! Good luck, M. 💙





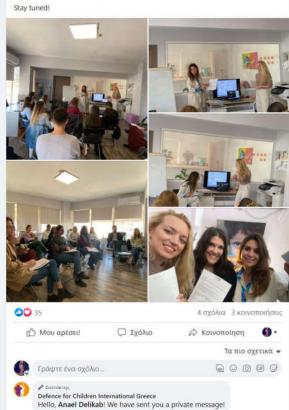




Our 'Human Rights Academy' training to lawyers and other professionals is currently in progress!

Professionals from all over Greece joined us, both physically and online, in order to be trained on the Asylum Procedures and Refugee Law!

More seminars to come very soon!





second boy who is 5 years old and diagnosed with autism and my my first boy who is now in 3rd primary but the asylum ministry has decided that we all leave in the Camp whatever the state of health of our children, and we must stop the school of our children who are studying I come to you we are without defense for our children if you

can do something so that we do not improve our children in the camp please.

Μου αρέσει! Απάντηση 14 εβδ.

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! We are excited to share that last week our CEO, Nantina Tsekeri, was elected the Vice President of the Child Friendly Justice European Network (CFJ-EN).

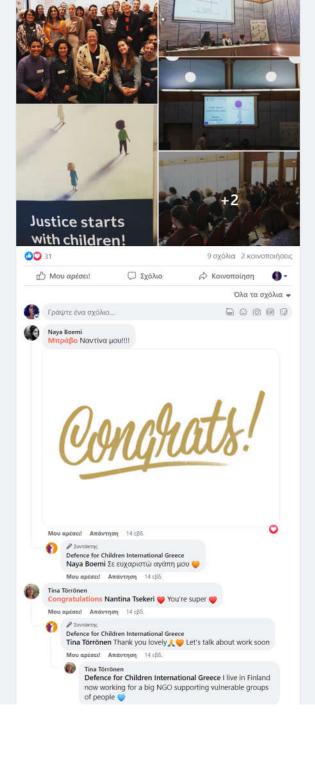
The CFJ -EN aims to federate organisations across Europe, influence policies and legislation and disseminate relevant information at EU and national level. It has already gathered key stakeholders, practitioners and academics and it envisions great expansion in the years to come.

We kicked off last Friday with a 360° View on Child Friendly Justice Annual Seminar where key stakeholders came together to exchange on how to make sure that justice starts with and for children. ## ## One of our key takeaways is that child friendly justice doesn't start or end in the

court rooms but way before and after that.

Follow us on this journey and visit the @cfjen website for more information.

#strongertogether







The flowers represent the joyful moments, the rocks the painful and traumatic ones, while the candles the loss of a person.

The Narrative Expressive therapy of P. just started, together with our psychologist. Through this type of therapy, unique and very innovative in Greece, we aim to

empower her to become the narrator of her own story and release her pain.

Today she created this line, representing all the events that had an impact on her

She is a single mother victim of trafficking. She has also experienced torture, both in her country of origin and during her trip to Greece. This deep trauma has also affected her children, who were forced to mature early and struggle to enjoy the carefree childhood they are entitled to.

Although the therapy has just began, we can already see the first positive results: she is regaining hope, strength and motivation to fight her traumas.

This is the goal of the Healing Me Project, through innovative therapy methods to release the traumatic experiences from people's body and souls, and to increase their sense of value, safety and belonging.

By healing me. I heal you By healing me, I heal the world By healing me, I heal the justice system

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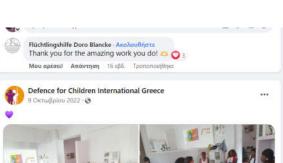
Today, 11th of October, is the International Day of the Girl Child, a day to speak out for girls' rights.

Yet, girls around the world keep facing several challenges to their right to education, their physical and mental wellness and their right to live a life without violence.

Because girls are particularly vulnerable, they need additional protection. The

Convention on the Rights of the Child, adopted by the United Nations General Assembly in 1989, spells out some human rights violations that are unique to the girl child, including discrimination based upon sex, prenatal sex selection, female genital mutilation and early marriage. Available indicators reveal that girls are discriminated against from the earliest stages of life in the areas of nutrition, health care, education, family care and protection. This vulnerability increases when it comes to girl children on the move, who are much more exposed to violence and lack of basic necessities. We speak out against any form of discrimination and works for the enforcement of girl child rights, in order to ensure the development of their potential. It is our duty, as human rights defenders, to foster protection of the most vulnerable #dont leavethekidsalone photo used on our template: © UNEPA Burkina Faso/Théo DEFENCE FOR CHILDREN INTERNATIONAL International Day Of The Girl Child 004 🔾 Σχόλιο 0 η΄) Μου αρέσει! ⇔ Κοινοποίηση Γράψτε ένα σχάλιο... 0000 Defence for Children International Greece 10 Οκτωβρίου 2022 - 🚱 'Growing up I used to think that going to the psychologist was something for broken people, a taboo. Now my family and I, including my children, have regular sessions with the psychologist. We are strong and it made us stronger! In honor of World Mental Health Day, we would like to share an empowering story of a family to whom we are providing support with our legal programme on Lesvos. This family of 4, with two underage children, walked along the journey from Afghanistan to Greece facing numerous difficulties and dangers. Along the way, both parents and children experienced violence, causing psychological trauma to all of them. During their first meeting with our team, after creating a safe place of confidentiality, we ran a risk and needs assessment, from which emerged the suffering that marked them, and the strong need to regain their strength. We immediately referred the family to psychology experts, both for adults and minors, able to help them overcome such difficulties. Apart from the legal intervention, the programme also acknowledges the importance of an effective and immediate referral pathway among the competent actors in the field to ensure that the rights and needs of each individual are respected and fulfilled. 🚖 The legal programme in Lesvos is running with the support and in collaboration with Flüchtlingshilfe Doro Blancke The New Yorker











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Le dimanche 02/10/2022, les Femmes et Enfants de la Communauté Congolaise de Brazzaville en Grèce et autres ont répondu présent à la première session du projet "Healing me" supervisé par Defence for Children International Greece (DCI).

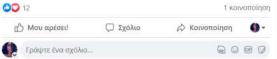
Le projet "Healing me" vise à offrir un refuge sûr aux âmes des gens, à accroître leur sentiment de valeur, de sécurité et d'appartenance et à libérer leurs expériences traumatisantes de leur corps et de leur esprit.

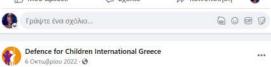
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On Sunday 02/10/2022, the Women and Children of the Congolese Community of Brazzaville in Greece and others attended the first session of the "Healing me" project supervised by Defense for Children International Greece (DCI).

The "Healing me" project aims to offer a safe refuge to people's souls, increase their sense of value, safety and belonging and release their traumatic experiences from their bodies and spirit

Δείτε τη μετάφραση





Last-minutes updates from Lesvos:

Last night, 5 October, a boat carrying 40 people capsized outside Patelidi, Thermi, Lesvos north east.

This morning the organizations active in the field learned that, up until now, 17 people were found dead, 10 were rescued, while at least 13 are still missing.

So far, we are aware that the majority of the asylum seekers involved in this terrible incident are women and girls of African region.

Our legal program restate it's availability in supporting the new arrivals throughout all the asylum process, while also advocating for the terrible events that are silently happening on the island of Lesvos.













Following the recent news and protests on the murder of Mahsa Amini, 19-yearsold, by the hands of the hijab police in Iran, some of the Iranian beneficiaries of our legal program running in Lesvos spoke up about the situation in their country, by sharing their personal stories and point of view on the matter.

Back in 2017, M. family were living in Iran. One day, during a walk, they got stopped by some men with their faces covered. These men started threatening them, and injured both the wife and husband, on the ground that she was not wearing correctly the hijab, being her originally from Tajikistan.

After this unfortunate event, they kept receiving death threats and calls to court, so they decided to flee Iran to find a safer place to raise their 5 year old daughter.

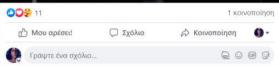
During their asylum interview, they explained the whole situation, but their claim was rejected. When our legal team reached them, we assisted in reopening their case to restate the severity of what led them leave their country.

Based on the recent events, we believe - and hope - that all Governments are progressively taking note of the urgent situation in Iran.

Our legal intervention will keep supporting and remaining by the side of the silent ones, providing updated legal information, ensuring a fair access to the asylum

The legal program in Lesvos is running with the support and in collaboration







On the 16th of September, an Iranian woman from Kurdistan, Mahsa Amini, was detained and killed by the morality police in Tehran. The police did not give any explanation other than that it was 'due to hijab rule'. This hijab rule mandates covered hair and loosefitting robes for women. Morality police in Iran enforce rules arbitrarily, using verbal notices, monetary fines or even detaining women in a violent way, like the case of Mahsa Amini...

This hijab rule entered into force after the Islamic Revolution in 1981, and since then, many women have challenged it appearing in public without the mandatory scarf and robe. The killing of Mahsa Amini has provoked a widespread outrage in Iranian population, who are protesting and demanding the end of women detention for not observing the hijab rule.

It is our labour, as humanitarians, to stand with Iranian women and speak out for gender equality and women freedom worldwide.

The Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, along with other international treaties, recognize this gender equality.

Respecting the women freedom to wear like they want is respecting basic human

This practice constitutes structural violence and must come to an end, in order to

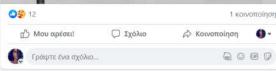
ensure equality and women's rights, we trige the framan government to end trils harassment against women and, finally, make justice!

For more information on the matter, check the New York Times article: https://www.rytimes.com/.../iran-death-woman-protests.html

We will also keep you updated regarding any developments.

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By Healing me, I Heal the World

Our healing me project meets children from Ukraine.

Our goal is to empower children and youth, who just escaped the armed conflict, aiming to release the traumatic experiences from their body and spirit, to offer them the tools to relax their mind and bring ease into their daily life and to increase their sense of value, safety and belonging.

The healing me suitcase travels and find children and their families, community members and professionals where they are. So far we have reached out to all refugee communities and offering a space for healing to unaccompanied minors on the move, single mothers and their children survivors of trafficking, families and young adults transitioning to adulthood alone.

Contact us if you wish to organise a session at your center!

By healing me , I heal the justice system.







Today is the international Day of Peace 🔮

However, more than 250 million of children live in conflict affected nations.

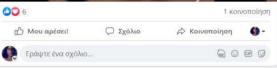
With the increase of conflicts nationally and across borders in many parts of the world, it's important to reaffirm our commitment to promote peace, respect human rights and protect those affected.

War always costs innocent civilian lives and it's one of the main reason minions of people are forced to flee their country of origin.

We will continue supporting and offering protection services to those fleeing armed conflict, to ensure the safety and dignity that every person deserves.

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# Defence for Children International Greece

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 $^{\prime}$  Lam ready to create the best life for me! Lam strong, and will become stronger! Limit will make it happen!  $^{\prime}$ 

5. is a 19 year old girl from Guinea, currently transitioning to adulthood.

She arrived alone on Lesvos at the end of December 2021, after witnessing and suffering numerous brutalities in her country.

In the context of our legal programme, we supported her from the very first day of her asylum application. After drafting an individually tailored plan to support her and undertaking her whole case management, she received the refugee status!

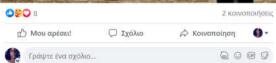
At the same time, by linking her with other actors on the island, she managed to receive psychological help, which was one of her main requests.

S. is finally smiling, after years of uncertainty and danger. Her healing journey has began.

She also came into possession of her identity documents from the Greek State, as well as her passport. She is making plans to study, work and travel the world!

S. received our services in the context of the legal programme we are running with the support and in collaboration with Flüchtlingshiffe Doro Blancke, in Lesvos







## Defence for Children International Greece

13 Σεπτεμβρίου 2022 · 🚱

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Είσαι δικηγόρος, νομικός, διεθνολόγος ή φοιτητής νομικής / πολιτικών επιστημών?  ${}^{\bullet}_{\bullet}$ 

Ενδιαφέρεσαι να δουλέψεις πάνω στον προσφυγικό τομέα και θέλεις να εμβαθύνεις τις γνώσεις σου στο προσφυγικό δίκαιο και τις διαδικασίες ασύλου?

Θέλεις να εξασκηθείς σε πραγματικές υποθέσεις ασύλου και να γίνεις μέλος στην πλατφόρμα εξωτερικών συνεργατών της DCI Greece?

Τότε, δήλωσε συμμετοχή στον κύκλο σεμιναρίων μας! 😀

Αυτό το φθινόπωρο, η διεθνής Οργάνωση DCI Greece ξεκινάει τον πρώτο κύκλο σεμιναρίων που απευθύνεται σε επαγγελματίες αλλά και φοιτητές με σκοπό την πιστοποιημένη κατάρτιση τους στις Διαδικασίες Ασύλου, στο Διεθνές Δίκαιο Δικαιωμάτων του Παιδιού και στο Προσφυγικό Δίκαιο.

Οι συμμετέχοντες θα έχουν την ευκαιρία να γνωρίσουν τα σχετικά νομικά εργαλεία, να καταρτισθούν στο νομικό χειρισμό ανάλογων υποθέσεων ασύλου αλλά και να δουλέψουν πάνω σε πραγματικές υποθέσεις.

Περιλαμβάνονται οι εξής ενότητες:

- Εισαγωγή στις Διαδικασίες Ασύλου
- Εισαγωγή στο Προσφυγικό Δίκαιο, την Σύμβαση της Γενεύης και την Σύμβαση του Παιδιού
- Νομική Εκπροσώπηση Προσφύγων και Συγγραφή Νομικού Υπομνήματος
- Οικογενειακή Επανένωση βάσει Κανονισμού Δουβλίνου ΙΙΙ

Συμπεριλαμβάνεται εξάσκηση σε πραγματικές υποθέσεις ασύλου.

Όσοι παρακολουθήσουν το κύκλο σεμιναρίων επιτυχώς και ενδιαφέρονται, θα συμπεριληφθούν στην πλατφόρια εξωτερικών νομικών συνεργατών του Ελληνικού Τμήματος της 'Defence for Children International' για τον από κοινού χειρισμό νομικών υποθέσεων.

Τα σεμινάρια θα διεξαχθούν από τους έμπειρους νομικούς/ δικηγόρους της DCI Greece και άλλους εξειδικευμένους επαγγελματίες που εργάζονται στο πεδίο, ενώ θα λάβουν χώρα στα κεντρικά γραφεία της Οργάνωσης, που βρίσκονται στο Νέο Ψυχικό Αττικής.

Τα σεμινάρια διεξάγονται στην ελληνική γλώσσα και θα ξεκινήσουν τον Οκτώβριο. Θα ολοκληρωθούν σε διάστημα 10 εβδομάδων ( 4 σεμινάρια 4 ωρών έκαστο).

Σε περίπτωση μη δυνατότητας φυσικής παρουσίας, δίδεται η επιλογή παρακολούθησης online.

Τιμή: 120 Ευρώ. Δυνατότητα καταβολής σε δύο δόσεις.

Θα δοθεί πιστοποιητικό παρακολούθησης

- ... Δηλώστε το ενδιαφέρον σας στον σύνδεσμο και θα επικοινωνήσουμε μαζί σας https://forms.gle/A5CTJULU4!9mBhsJ8
- ⑥ Για περισσότερες πληροφορίες επικοινωνήστε μαζί μας στο 211 413 66 64 η μέσω email irispappa.dci@gmail.com





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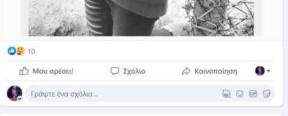
However, there are still hundreds  $\,$  of refugee children in Greece that do not attend school.

Unregistered unaccompanied children, struggling for survival, or unregistered children with their families, as well as the ones trapped in closed camps, will have to be deprived, once again, of their right to education.

It is crucial that we keep fighting for the rights of all children, until every last one of them can regain their childhood and enjoy their fundamental rights.

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'I suffered a lot along the way. It was not easy, but I stayed strong. Now, I am finally calm and hopeful. Everything will go well.'

Precious, a young mother of three from Cameroon, is one of the beneficiaries of our legal programme in Lesvos. Back in her country, she suffered extreme State violence. She was also unlawfully separated by her children and forced to leave.

Once she reached Turkey, she discovered that the person that offered to help her leave Cameroon, had sold her to other people. She was sexually exploited for months, forced to have sex with men every day, until she managed to escape and reach Greece,

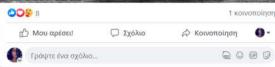
After intense legal actions, she was recognized as victim of human trafficking. By undertaking her whole case management, she managed to also receive the refugee status. Precious is finally enjoying the protection she deserves. She is also receiving psychological support, through our referral pathway.

However, our work is not over. Precious wants to be reunited with her children, left back in her country of origin. Although such a process is particularly complex and lengthy, we managed to reach out and create a link with the competent authorities in Greece, as well as abroad, hoping to see mother and children together in the future.

\*This legal programme is running with the support and in collaboration with Flüchtlingshiffe Doro Blancke

\* Name changed







Currently at ECHO HUB Athens, in Kypseli! Come meet our DCI team @echo100plus

Building up community work and merging efforts with other NGOs is essential to our impact!

Stay tuned for more community actions 🙏













Kara Tepe Camp in the month of August. Among them, the majority come from Afghanistan, Sudan, Palestine, Somalia, and Eritrea.

As a part of our legal programme in Lesvos, we were there to support, once again, the families, single parents, young adults, and minors that reached the island. From their arrival, we worked actively in the field, preparing them for their interviews, legally representing them during their asylum claims, preparing and submitting legal memos to support each case undertaken. Quality legal aid is crucial in ensuring their fair access to the asylum procedures.

Carrying out our holistic approach, we also activated our cooperation network with the different organizations operating on Lesvos, in order to guarantee an all-round



Everyday in Lesvos, numerous asylum seekers, mostly from Afghanistan and Somalia, receive rejections to their Admissibility Interviews, solely based on their experiences in Turkey, without having a chance to explain the reasons why they had to leave their country of origin and receive the protection they are entitled to.

The news of these recent successes shows the importance of how a good and organized legal representation can help to overcome such unlawful procedures.

For this reason, DCI Greece, in collaboration and with the support of Flüchtlingshilf. Doro Blancke, will keep operating on such context to make sure that the rights of each individual are valued through our concrete legal actions.





Today, is a very happy day, for all of us!

Yet another unaccompanied child, finally received his tickets, to join his brother in Sweden! 16 year old M. will soon be in a loving and familiar environment, leaving behind the bad memories from his experience in Greece.

However, this was not a smooth or easy procedure.

Unfortunately, in a big number of family reunification cases, multiple rejections are received, frequently even on unlawful grounds. Especially in these cases, the children's psychological state gets shattered, as they get convinced they will never leave the precautious conditions they are facing on an everyday basis. On top of that, they are unable to understand the complex legal procedures surrounding their cases.

For all these reasons, an extremely careful approach is required, to empower the child, while working on ways to fight the rejections. It's a hard work, but the smile on their faces always makes it worth it!

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 According to article 31 of the Convention on the Rights of the Child, every child has the right to leisure and to engage in play.

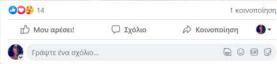
While mommy is receiving proper legal support, in order to ensure their fair access to all asylum procedures and social rights, little S. has the opportunity to play and express herself, in our safe space.

Our goal has always been to devote equal space for the inclusion of a child centered analysis of why the child as a separate and unique human rights holder is in need of protection, regardless of the state of the parent.

Let's hope that, one day, all children like S. will have the chance to be carefree, play and finally be children.

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"We left Kabul to guarantee our freedom and a safe future for our children. Once in Greece, we asked for asylum but our interview was about Turkey. Few days ago, our application was rejected. They are telling us now to go back to Turkey. But while we were in Turkey, we also received a deportation letter. They are treating us like a ping - pong ball "Afghan family of 5

Afghanistan, Somalia, Syria, Bangladesh, and Pakistan. Those are the 5 nationalities that have to undergo an Admissibility interview before the Asylum one. If the latter focuses on the condition of the individuals back in their country of origin, the Admissibility one focuses on their experiences in Turkey, reducing their chances to benefit from International Protection from the Greek State.

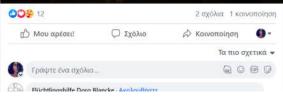
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This additional interview provokes a lot of confusion and distress to people on the move who, most of the time, do not know why they have to answer questions about Turkey.

Countless refugees fleeing war and persecution face unlawful procedures that without proper legal aid and representation is almost impossible to overcome.

For this reason, DCI Greece in collaboration and with the support of Flüchtlingshilfe Doro Blancke runs the legal program in Lesvos so as to provide concrete legal assistance to families, single parents, and young adults with their asylum applications.









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Moments from our Helpdesk 💝

Our best reward is the smile of our beneficiaries' faces, when they leave our office, confident that, from now on, they will not be alone.

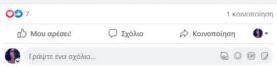
Little L's main request is to finally be able to go to school, learn Greek and make new friends. All children have the right to access education, according to article 28 of the CRC Convention. However, there are still hundreds of refugee children in Greece that do not attend school.

L. and her mother will receive legal aid, as well as protection services, to ensure their fair access to asylum procedures, social rights, safety and well being.

Hopefully, when the first school bell rings, L. will be right there. 🧙

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Women and girls arrested for 'moral corruption'. Peaceful protesters harassed, detained, and tortured. A huge increase in child, early and forced marriages.

This is what's happening in Afghanistan less than a year after the Taliban takeover.

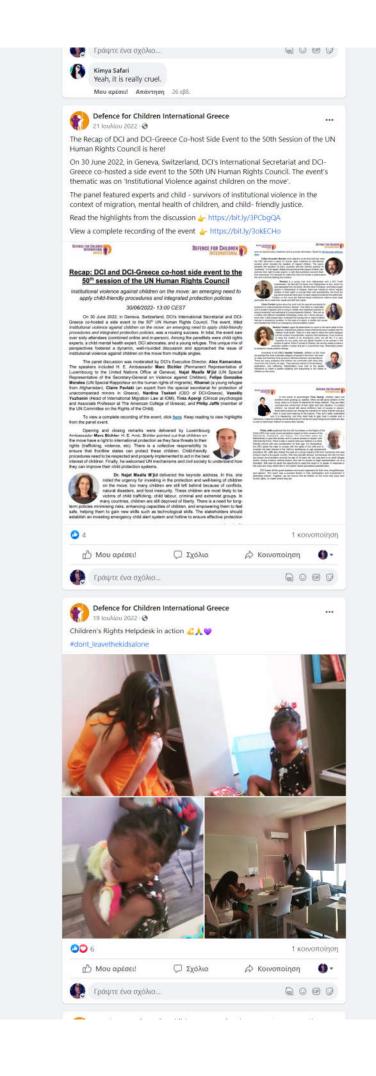
Read more on Amnesty International's new report, regarding the violations of women's and girls' rights after the rise of Talibans in power.

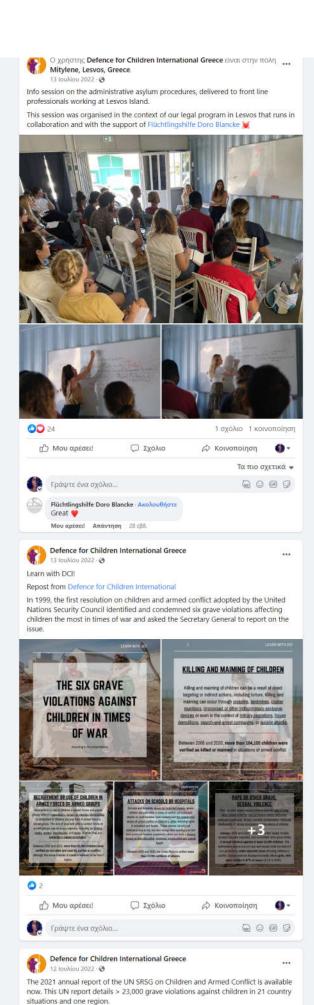
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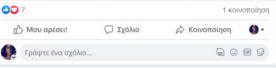


Our team in DCI Greece will keep

offering protection services to those fleeing armed conflict, while seeking the safety

and dignity all human beings deserve. Read more 👉 https://bit.ly/3uErNuV







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Historic decision!

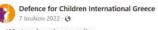
The European Court of Human Rights ruled that Greece violated the European Convention of Human Rights over the sinking of a migrant boat in 2014 in which 11 asylum seekers, among them eight children, lost their lives. (Safi and Others v.

Among other violations, the Court concluded that the Greek authorities had not carried out a thorough investigation into why the boat had sunk. This took into account the complaint that there were serious flaws with interpretation when

The Court also stated that there had been a violation of Article 3 (prohibition of inhuman or degrading treatment), as 12 of the applicants were forced to undergo a strip-search in front of the other survivors and a group of soldiers.

A legal summary of this case is available in the Court's database 👉 https://hudoc.echr.coe.int/eng?i=002-13740





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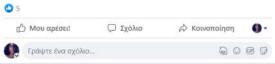
The new issue of the Greek Asylum Case Law Report provides excerpts from 79 decisions issued in the first half of 2022 by Administrative Courts, the Independent Appeals Committees and the Asylum Service.

Issued by: The Greek Council for Refugees, HIAS Greece, RSA Greece











## ONE DAY LEFT!!!!

We would like to remind you that the UN Side Event on 'Institutional Violence against Children on the move' we organize in Geneva, during the 50th session of the Human rights council is tomorrow!!!

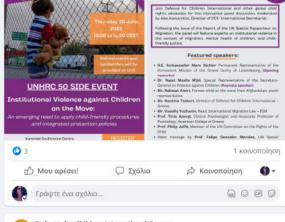
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The panel will feature experts and child - survivors of institutional violence in the context of migration, mental health of children, and child- friendly justice. The UN special Rapporteur, Felipe Gonzales Morales will honor us with his intervention.

We are inviting you to also join online, by registering here https://bit.ly/3HDzw1L

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Day six of meeting the speakers!

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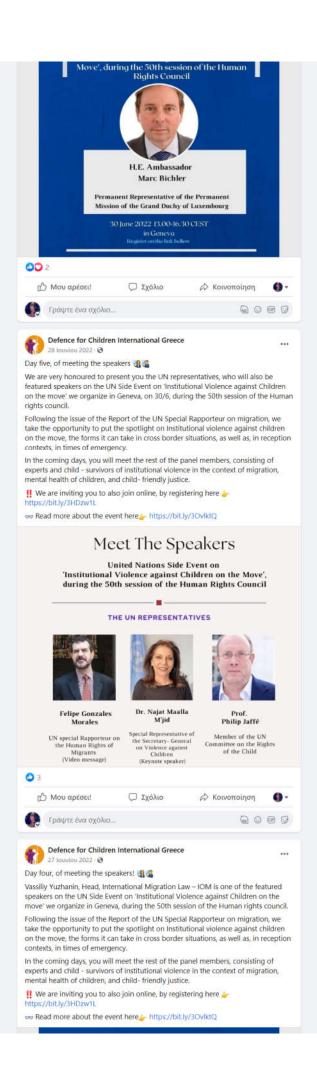
In the coming days, you will meet the rest of the panel members, consisting of experts and child - survivors of institutional violence in the context of migration, mental health of children, and child- friendly justice.

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Read more about the event here https://bit.ly/3OvlktQ

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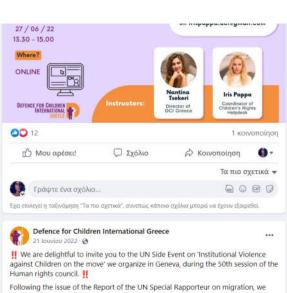
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Day by day in our work, we have witnessed the resilience, the courage, and the hope of a better life in the eyes of our beneficiaries. They arrive in Europe, overcoming endless challenges and hardships, and many still strive to live a normal life!

On #WorldRefugeeDay, we celebrate the strength of people who have been forced to flee their home country to escape conflict or persecution. However, an important message needs to be shared all over the world: #SeekingSafetyIsAHu

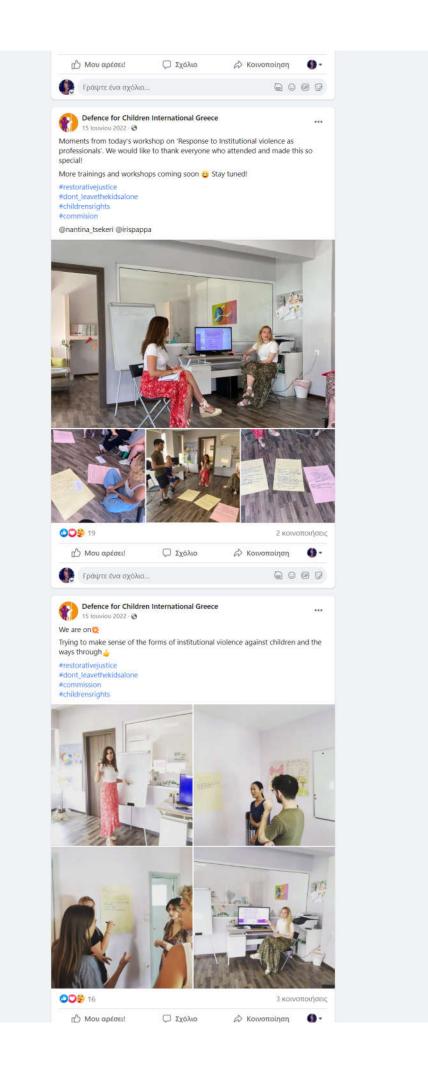
Every person on this planet has a right to seek safety - whoever they are, wherever they come from and whenever they are forced to flee.

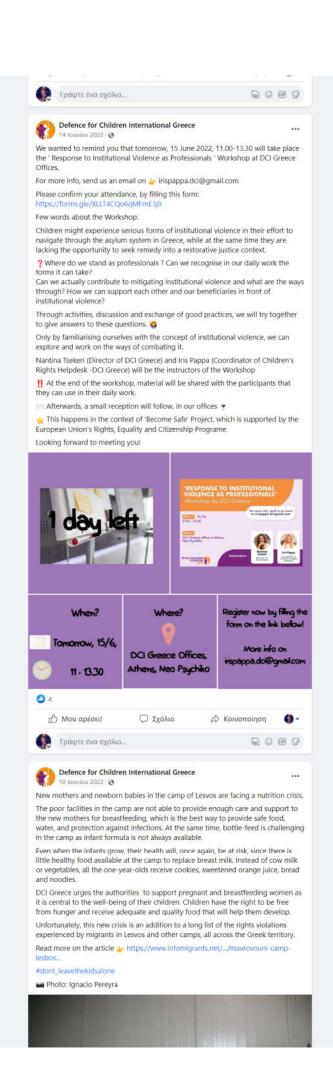
It is our duty to keep fighting, until we ensure all warriors of life are treated with dignity and all their fundamental rights are being respected!

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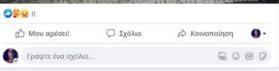














We would like to thank everyone who registered and picked their time preference regarding DCI Greece's workshop on 'Response to Institutional Violence as Professionals' on 15 June 2022!

The majority of participants selected the morning option. Based on these results, the training will take place on 💍 11.00-13.30 at DCI Greece Offices.

(For more info, send us an email on irispappa.dci@gmail.com)

Few words about the Workshop:

Children might experience serious forms of institutional violence in their effort to navigate through the asylum system in Greece, while at the same time they are lacking the opportunity to seek remedy into a restorative justice context.

? Where do we stand as professionals? Can we recognise in our daily work the forms it can take?

Can we actually contribute to mitigating institutional violence and what are the ways through? How we can support each other and our beneficiaries in front of institutional violence?

Through activities, discussion and exchange of good practices, we will try together to give answers to these questions.

Only by familiarising ourselves with the concept of institutional violence, we can explore and work on the ways of combating it.

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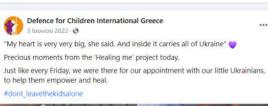
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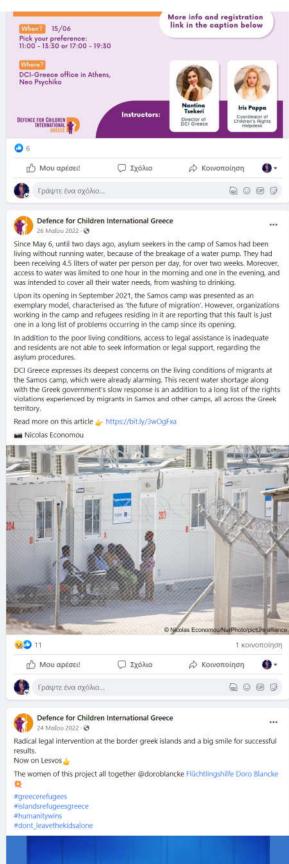
Looking forward to meeting you!







'RESPONSE TO INSTITUTIONAL VIOLENCE AS PROFESSIONALS'









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'The world is a bystander to our pain, to an apartheid, to complete tyranny,' tweeted Shaharzad Akhbar, the former head of the Afghanistan Independent Human Rights Commission, now exiled abroad.

'So much pain and grief for women of my country, my heart is exploding. So much hatred and anger against Taliban, enemies of women, enforcers of gender apartheid, enemies of Afghanistan and humanity." Her message is referring to the Taliban's latest restriction on women's rights: Mandatory face covering law.

This lies on the bottom of a long restriction list, since their rise to power, last August. The Taliban ordered women in Afghanistan to cover up head to toe and only go outdoors in the company of a male, in a decree issued last Saturday by the Taliban's Ministry for the Propagation of Virtue and the Prevention of Vice – formerly known as "the Ministry of Women's Affairs."

The decree also holds the male guardians of the women accountable, as noncompliance of a woman with the new dress code threatens them with imprisonment. This strengthens men's say in women's lives and choices, and puts them at an even higher risk of domestic abuse.

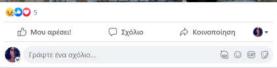
DCI Greece stands with the women in Afghanistan in the face of these attacks on their rights. Together with the international community, we urge the Taliban to uplift these restrictions and to implement equal rights for everyone in Afghanistan.

Women have the right to choose their clothing, mobility, careers, and should enjoy the same rights as men.

#### Read more:

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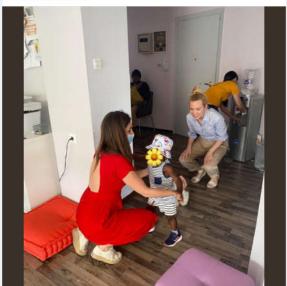
Working with migrant mothers and children means accompanying some of the most vulnerable people in their painful experiences. Between the traumatic stories, the rejections, and the long bureaucratic waiting periods, this line of work can sometimes feel gloomy.

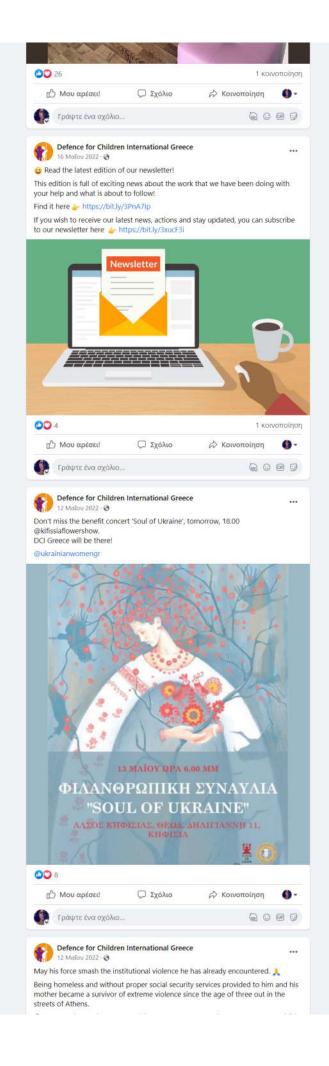
When little M. visited our office for the third time, he started running, to give us a hug. The smile on his face was telling us he feels safe and happy. The reason we keep going is this. Moments like this one that infuse our work with energetic bursts of innocence and joy.

We continue to work closely with children on the move and migrant mothers to make sure children get to feel cared for, loved, and protected. To put a smile this big on every child's face!

By providing holistic legal and psycho-social support at our Helpdesk center, and creating a safe space for our beneficiaries to express themselves, their thoughts and concerns, we hope to provide every child, even the most vulnerable ones, a chance at a better life.

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Γράψτε ένα σχόλιο...

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Today is a big day for Greece and the children living in this country.

Greece is currently been examined by the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child for the situation of the children's rights on its territory.

This happens every five years and unfortunately within this time frame many appalling stories of children experiencing unprecedented violence at all levels have surfaced. With most still remaining hidden.

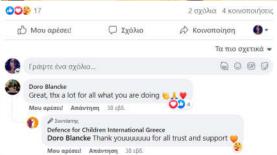
We have been actively participating in the entire process by submitting expert reports to the Committee and delivering key information.

We are anticipating the results of the ongoing examination in order to explore how we could further assist the country to prioritise and respect children's rights in practice.

Stay tuned. We will be sharing the topics discussed and updates.

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Through our legal programme in Lesvos, working with the most vulnerable refugee populations, we have been experiencing first hand of all the great challenges and injustices they face.

An indicative example is the one of M. family. The members of this family were human rights activists back in Afghanistan, providing support and advocating for abused women. After the return of the Talibans in power, they were forced to flee their country, because of persecution and constant threats of their lives.

When they arrived in Turkey, the police officers at the borders beat all the family members severely, including their two very young children. The mother was also sexually molested. Following their abuse, they were deported back to Iran.

After several attempts, they managed to reach Greece, where they were expecting to finally find safety. Instead, they were forced to overcome an additional bureaucratic obstacle, the admissibility interview, where they were called to explain the reasons why they would not be safe, if deported back to Turkey.

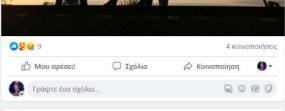
Despite their dramatic experiences, institutional violence and abuse, and despite the fact that they were not even provided with the opportunity to ask for asylum in the neighbouring country, their application was rejected. They also received a decision to be deported back in Turkey immediately.

We are currently supporting them with their appeal, where we hope the injustice will finally be reinstated. Alongside the legal support, they also receive specialised medical and psychological support, through our referral pathway.

Unfortunately, the story of M. family, is not the only one. Countless refugees, fleeing war, torture and persecution, face inhumane and unlawful procedures that, without proper legal aid and support, is almost impossible to overcome. It is our responsibility to remain by their side.

Our legal programme in Lesvos runs in collaboration and with the support of Flüchtlingshilfe Doro Blancke.







This baby was born invisible.

His 19 year old mother, coming from Africa to claim asylum in Greece, was 8 months pregnant, unregistered and homeless. She faced unprecedented obstacles in her effort to find safety for her and her unborn child.

After our Helpdesk's intervention, the mother received all the necessary support in order to deliver her newborn in safety. However, that was not enough for them to become visible under the radar of the Greek state.

Fatima and little Daniel, until yesterday, were 'ghosts' in a city that didn't want to see them.

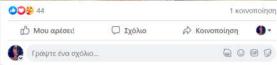
Today, we celebrate the fruits of our case management, that brought an asylum seeker card in their hands. Finding permanent housing and access to social rights is the next big obstacle to overcome.

It is crucial, in our days, to recall that not all asylum seekers are treated in the same way, especially the ones originating from 'low profile' refugee countries, such as African ones.

At the moment, in Greece, there are thousands of unregistered children, as young as Daniel, deprived of any sense of dignity and respect, under the justification that they are accompanied by a family member.

We will keep advocating, until all children receive the protection they deserve and remedy from the extreme institutional violence they face, just because they are not born as nationals of an EU country.







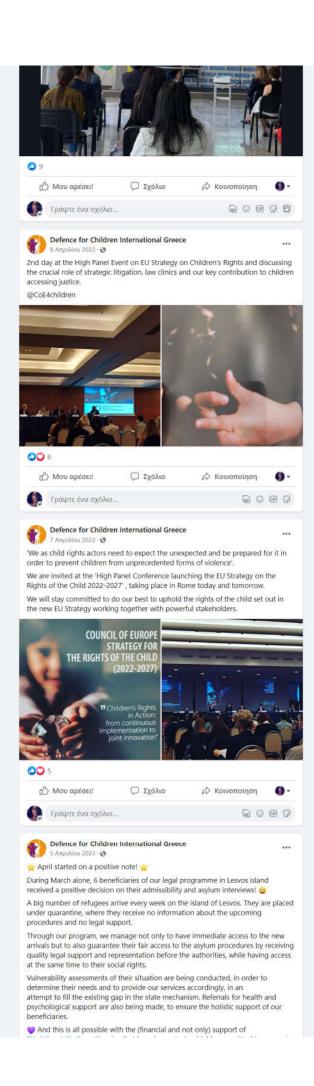
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Earlier this morning, DCI Greece attended the event, organized by the Greek Ombudsman and UNICEF to present the research report on the "Consequences of COVID -19 restrictive measures to Children's Rights".

We hope the findings and results of the research will contribute in the creation of a more adaptable and effective protection system for all children, including the unregistered children on the move, who are 'invisible' in the eyes of the State and the official protection system. As a result, they are deprived of safety and the access on the most basic human rights, such as education and healthcare.

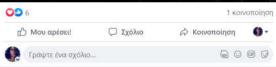
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HUCHTUNGSHITE DOTO BIANCKE, that have been staying highly committed to support the most vulnerable populations, so they can finally receive the protection, safety and dignity they deserve.







"We are human. We have rights. Why are they playing with our future? We only want to continue our studies. Is it a crime to be a girl? Is it a crime we want to study?"

On 23 March, the Taliban announced that girls would not be allowed to attend secondary school, despite their previous assurances. This denial of education violates the human rights of women and girls and leaves them more exposed to violence, poverty and exploitation.

 $\underline{\underline{\hat{\mathbf{g}}}}$  Afghan secondary school girls have now been out of education for more than seven months since the Taliban returned to power.

DCI stands with Afghan girls and supports their human rights.

Our Helpdesk is currently supporting a big number of Afghan families with girls with their asylum claim in Greece. In case of deportation back in Afghanistan, these girls will be deprived of their right to education, which amounts to persecution.

Children have the right to education, regardless of their sex. This right is stated in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR) and the Convention on the Right of the Child.

Together with the international community, we urge the Talibans to keep their promise of continuing girls' education.

Girls' rights to school should never be neglected!

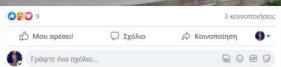
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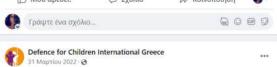
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a video on this issue (also from Guardian): https://youtu.be/-6g4bVNOuBI

The Guardian







▼ ΔΕΛΤΙΟ ΤΥΠΟΥ / PRESS RELEASE

Κλείσιμο του Ελαιώνα : να μην στερηθούν τα παιδιά το σχολείο και οι πρόσφυγες τη στέγη.

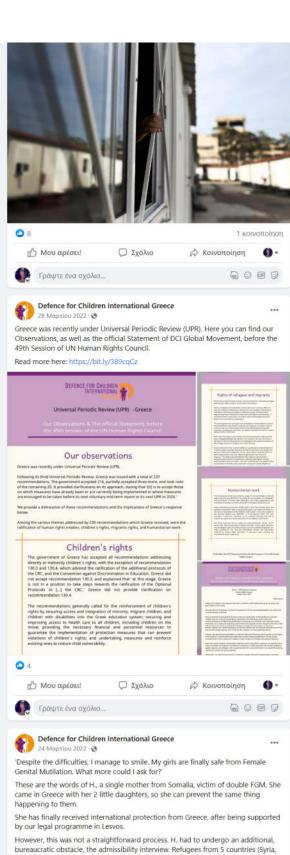
30 Οργανώσεις, μεταξύ των οποίων και η Defence for Children International Greece εκφράζουν βαθιά ανησυχία για το μέλλον των παιδιών και των προσφύγων της δομής του Ελαιώνα, εν όψει του κλεισίματος της δομής.

Closure of Elaionas Camp; children should not be deprived of their right to attend school and refugees should not be deprived of their homes.

30 Organizations, including Defence for Children International Greece, express their deepest concerns about the future of the children and refugees of Elaionas Camp, in the light of its closure.

Menelaos Myrillas/SOOC

Διαβάστε περισσότερα 👉 https://www.defenceforchildrengreece.org/.../936582...



However, this was not a straightforward process. H. had to undergo an additional, bureaucratic obstacle, the admissibility interview. Refugees from 5 countries (Syria, Afghanistan, Somalia, Bangladesh, and Pakistan) are obliged to undergo this additional step, so as not to be deported back to Turkey and have the right to give an asylum interview in Greece.

Through our legal programme in Lesvos, we have managed to provide immediate access to legal information and representation to all our beneficiaries, from day one, from the moment they come out of quarantine.

A big number of them are women from Somalia, victims of FGM, and their children, just like H.

 $\ensuremath{\sl below}$  90% of them have received positive admissibility decisions and are safe from deportation in Turkey

👉 90% of them have also received international protection

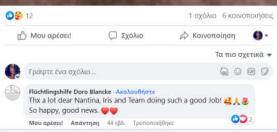
Our legal programme in Lesvos will keep supporting our beneficiaries, so they can finally receive the protection, dignity and safety they deserve.

A big thank you to Flüchtlingshilfe Doro Blancke

for the support (tinancial and not only) so we can be by the side of the most vulnerable and deliver our services

Ivan Lieman—Time







On the international Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, we join the international community in calling for a world free from racism.

We applaud the efforts of the state institutions and civil society groups that welcomed Ukrainian refugees fleeing the Russian invasion of Ukraine with open arms. Therefore, we do urge the immediate extension of these efforts to include those fleeing similar war and destruction in other countries, as well as the non Ukrainian population, trying to flee Ukraine.

Today, we say that all these abhorrent scenes of racism must end.

Everyone has the right to life, safety, dignity and equality.

Every act of Racial Discrimination is one too many.





women and children.

Read more here <code>https://www.theguardian.com/\_/children-going-missing...</code>

In response to these needs, we are sharing again our latest toolkit 'emergency child protection response checklist to first-line professionals'.

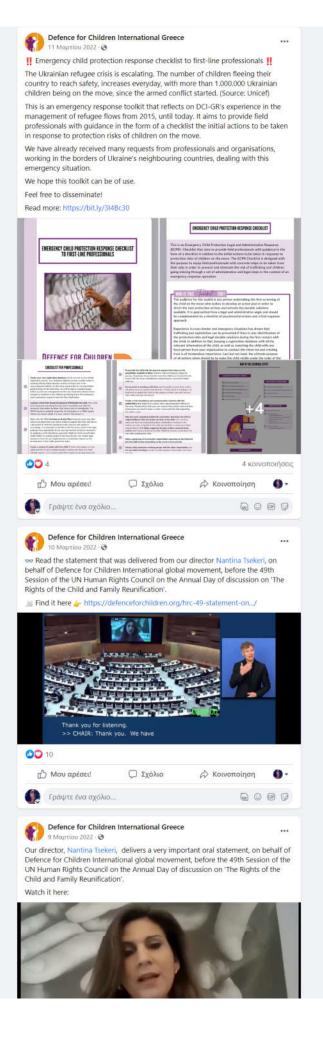
II Find it here 👉 https://bit.ly/3JaJ1W9.

Feel free to disseminate.

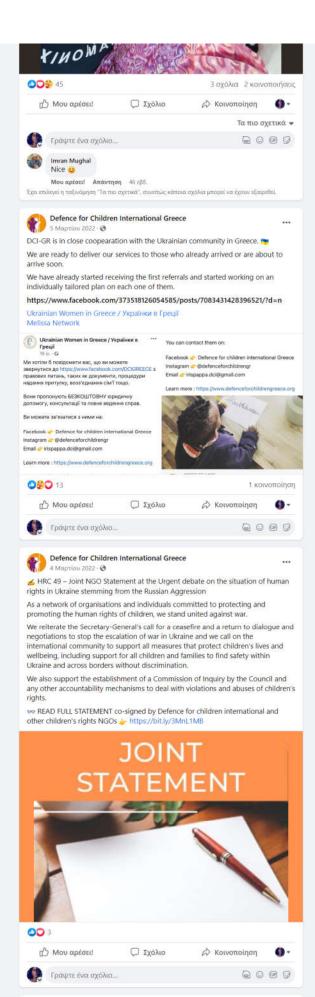
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How can you help Ukrainian victims of the armed conflict? ,

Στη σκιά της ουκρανικης κρισης, το DCI-GR λαμβανει άμεση δράση! Στο πλαισιο των δράσεων επειγουσας απαντησης στις αναγκες που προκυπτουν, διοργανώνουμε έρανο, σε συνεργασία με την Ukrainian Women in Greece / Уκραϊτκια ε Γρεμί και Melissa Network. Υπάρχει μεγάλη ανάγκη για σκόνη γάλακτος (βρεφικη). Όπως μας ενημέρωσαν, σε συνάντηση που είχαμε χθες, υπαρχει ελάχιστη διαθεσιμότητα σκονης γαλακτος στην Ουκρανία και στα σύνορα. Σας καλούμε να συνεισφέρετε, ώστε να προωθηθούν σε οσες και όσους έχουν ανάγκη.

 Για περισσότερες πληροφορίες, Παρακαλουμε επικοινωνήστε μαζι μας με προσωπικό μήνυμα.

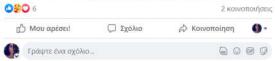
Due to the armed conflict in Ukraine, DCI-GR is running an emergency response plan, so we can provide our help in different ways.

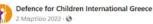
One of these actions, is to start gathering, in collaboration with Ukrainian Women in Greece / Українки в Греціїсанд Melissa Network powdered milk (for babies), so can support those in need. In the coordination meeting we had yesterday, they highlighted the limited supplies of powdered milk in Ukraine and the borders.

For this reason, we are calling you to be a helping hand!

- For more info, please send us a personal message.
- The Northern Scot







Some children keep reaching European soil with their dead bodies. The pictures of the corpses of two refugee children at the shore of Lesvos scream out the profound discrimination in the management of the welcoming of refugees and the creation of '2nd category' of refugees identified by skin colour and country of origin. We are deeply concerned of the deterrence policies applied to some nationals of

Expression of solidarity and rule of law in Europe is still tested hard... Reception policies and legal pathways for reaching safety need to be one and only one for all people regardless ethnicity and skin color. Prohibition of discrimination is a cross cutting principle in the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child and binding on all EU States.

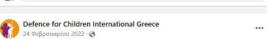
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Stay tuned for more advocacy material on the issue.









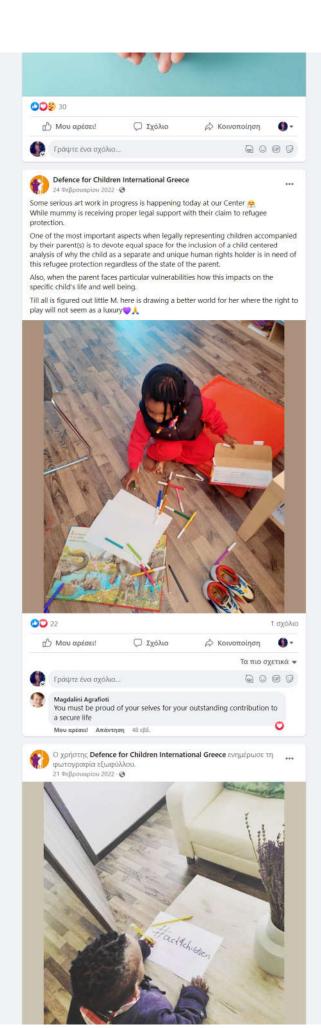
Today, we all woke up to the devastating news that Ukraine is under attack.

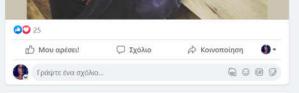
We stand in solidarity with the Ukrainian people and wish these dark times will end soon and peace will return to the country.

War always costs innocent civilian lives and is the main reason millions of people are forced to flee their country of origin. Children, families and individuals experience the pain of leaving their homes, to start the long journey to safety.

Most of them, unfortunately, will experience even more difficulties as refugees in other countries. It is our duty to stand by their side, help them ensure their rights, find safety and heal.









'I had never been able to say those things out loud. Thank you, I finally feel safe and relieved.'

This is the message we just received from A. She is an 18year old single mother, victim of trafficking, currently transitioning to adulthood.

She left her country with the promise to reach Europe and work. However, when she reached Haiti, she was locked in an apartment and was forced to have sex with multiple men every day.

In our case management protocol, a very gentle and cautious approach is required, when dealing with victims of trafficking. Trust takes time, especially in these cases.

Through multiple sessions, our goal is always to create a safe space, where our beneficiaries can feel protected and empowered, while receiving the proper legal aid to ensure their rights.

A. and her daughter are finally safe. They will never be deported back to Turkey, since their admissibility interview was positive. They also just received the refugee status in Greece! Their pain has finally been recognised, and their healing process can start.

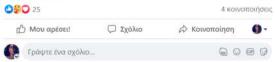
The young mother is involved in an integration programme, dreaming about her future. She is currently learning English and she wishes one day to be an interpeter, to help other women in need.

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● Delightful and inspired by yesterday's training on 'Response to Institutional Violence as professionals'. We tried to make sense of the forms institutional violence showing up on our daily work with children on the move and its impact on them. With a fantastic group of committed to social change professionals, we explored ways of mitigating institutional violence through our work. We all answered a big ! Yes! to the possibility of bringing structural change through our work even if the results are not evident instantly.

Institutional violence as a phenomenon is challenging for professionals and we often find ourselves hopeless in front of its manifestations. But we did acknowledge our ability to influence children's lives and the structures of the system as well

Thank you all for your fantastic engagement and as we did promise, we will keep touching upon this issue and invite you to more workshops and trainings

~the training delivered in the context of the EU funded 'Become Safe' project~







On 11th February 2022 - 18:00-20:00, will take place DCI-Greece's workshop on 'Response to Institutional Violence as Professionals' where Nantina Tsekeri (Director

of DCI Greece) and Iris Pappa (Coordinator of Children's Rights Helpdesk -DCI Greece) will be the instructors.

To attend the workshop, please register here 👉 https://forms.gle/mT5h78V7MWtL7tji

Few words about the Workshop: Children might experience serious forms of institutional violence in their effort to

navigate through the asylum system in Greece, while at the same time they are lacking the opportunity to seek remedy into a restorative justice context.

? Where do we stand as professionals ? Can we recognise in our daily work the forms it can take?

Can we actually contribute to mitigating institutional violence and what are the ways through? How we can support each other and our beneficiaries in front of institutional violence?

Through activities, discussion and exchange of good practices, we will try together to give answers to these questions.

Only by familiarising ourselves with the concept of institutional violence, we can explore and work on the ways of combating it.

- !! At the end of the workshop, material will be shared with the participants that they can use in their daily work.
- Afterwards, you are invited in a small dinner reception at 'Nan Restaurant', Komninaki 29 street •
- Keep in mind that due the nature of the workshop and COVID 19 restrictions, only a limited number (25) of participants can be present. For this reason make sure to register as soon as possible. In case you cannot attend eventually, please inform us at least 2 days prior so as to reopen the spot. !
- This happens in the context of 'Become Safe' Project, which is supported by the European Union's Rights, Equality and Citizenship Programme

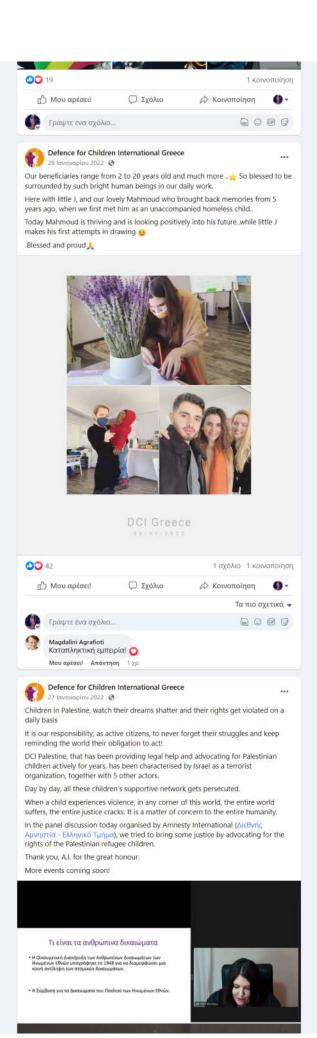




Another year has passed. Looking back, we feel proud of the impact our hard work has brought to the lives of so many vulnerable people.

2022 has started with many challenges for the people on the move. We will keep

working hard to provide our services to those who cross paths with us. Who are our beneficiaries? Our impact in Unaccompanied minors Single mothers numbers (2021) Families with children Youth BEFFERER FOR CHILDREN
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Congratulations for the excellent job Μου αρέσει! Απάντηση 51 εβδ. 🔾 3 Ralph Ongolo https://www.facebook.com/ACPDE-112869377066839/ Γράψτε ένα σχόλιο... Defence for Children International Greece
31 Ιανουαρίου 2022 · 🚱 Outreaching to the people who need our support the most and delivering our services to them on a mobile way has always been the cornerstone of our Helpdesk Operation since 2016. We feel overwhelmed by last night's deep interaction with 32 single parents and their children members of the Ivory and Congolese Brazzaville African Unions in Athens, as well as the eight minor transitioning to adulthood soon. At the moment there are thousands of children of African origin who are forced to run away from their home country and reach Europe for safety. The majority of them are homeless and invisible to the greek state. Access to registration to lodge their asylum claims, access to food and housing, education and health services are not provided to them effectively. At the same time their parents have been experiencing serious mental health issues as result of their trafficking experience along the way. Yesterday we tried to deliver to them proper information and legal assistance. Individually tailored support plan will be developed for each one of them in the coming weeks. But first and foremost, we reminded them of their worth as human beings and that they won't stand alone during these difficult times. Empowerment and mentorship sessions will take place in the next months. Because no child should be left alone.







In October 2019, Greece welcomed 37.000 refugee and migrant children, 4.686 of whom were unaccompanied. The competent authorities estimated that only a third

of those children (12.800) were enrolled in school.

In 2020-2021, the number of children with access to education has declined further due to several factors, one of which is the Covid-19 pandemic, which uncovered record data of exclusion of school-aged refugees (4-17 years old) from the Greek educational system.

DCI-GR, through the provision of legal support, works to ensure that children on the

move are entitled to access to education and to all the necessary tools to improve their lives. Also, a very big part of our activities is doing strategic work to tackle this issue.

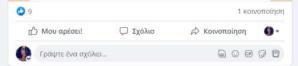
We demand the competent authorities to reinforce the school attendance rate and move steps towards the guarantee of access to education for children, especially for the ones who remain on the islands.

Source for the data: https://asylumineurope.org/.../employme.../access-education/



# International Day of Education







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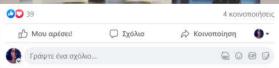
One fundamental component of our work is to translate the services we offer on the ground and the stories of children we collect into concrete advocacy initiatives aiming for a greater structural change.

And yes we have so much missed working next to each other, while designing our upcoming campaigns for the causes that matter the most to us  $\mathbb{Z}_{k}$ 

Together we can #act4children!

Stay tuned for more!







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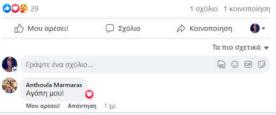
Little Jo from Congo wants us to #act4children! He came by our offices today with his mother and put a smile on our faces.

In DCI-GR single mothers and their children have always been a priority for us. Every month, we receive many requests to provide legal aid and protection services to this vulnerable target population.

According to the latest data, the majority of refugee children that are currently in Greece with are up to 11 years old and live in extreme precarious conditions.

It's our duty to stand by their side.







We are very proud to introduce DCI-GR's Country of Host Information trimestral

The name of this report comes from the "Country of Origin Information (COI)", referring to information on countries from which asylum seekers originate.

The availability of and the expertise on COI is one of the cornerstones of decisionmaking in the asylum process and as such can enhance harmonization.

Through this new "Country of Host Information Report", DCI Greece wishes to shift the narrative to focus on the host country, gathering targeted, relevant, reliable, accurate and up-to-date information on Greece in a transparent and impartial manner.

With this report, we want to expertly inform the reader on the current situation and the latest developments from the ground affecting asylum-seekers and refugees in Greece, with a focus on children.

You can also find our first report here 👉 https://bit.ly/3nDUPX

Stay tuned for the next ones.





about it every night. Will it happen?"

When we first met D., he never smiled. He was unregistered, homeless full of anxiety and sadness.

We provided holistic support and legal halp with his family reunification application

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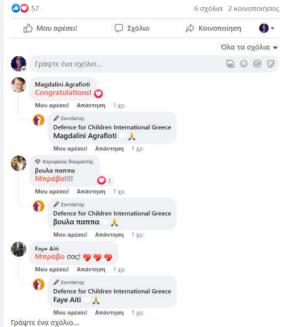
After a long, but rewarding process, we got a positive result.

Today, he came by the office to receive his tickets. He will join a family member in another EU country. Today, he was different. He could not stop smiling.

And, this smile, is why we keep fighting.

These services were delivered in the context of 'Themida Greece' project, in collaboration with Together for Better Days







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HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS DAY

Human trafficking is a phenomenon that can affect anyone.

In Greece, despite the efforts in past years, anti-trafficking resources are still too limited towards a situation that has seen a worsening even after the COVID-19 pandemic. On the matter of migration, there was reportedly a lack of attempts from the Government to screen asylum-seekers and migrants for trafficking at entry points.

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In the post, we pointed out some of the ways you can recognize human trafficking victims.

On this particular day, DCI-GR is tinged in blue, color universally recognized for human trafficking prevention, in order to support all the victims that we assist and that every day land on Greek territory.

Help us RECOGNIZE, REPORT and IMPROVE the lives of those who fall victim to this unlawful act.

Read more about the possible signs here 👉 https://www.stopthetraffik.org/spot-the-signs/



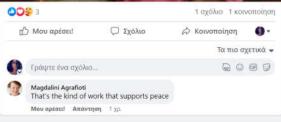






If you wish to support our work, you can donate here 
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And happy birthday to refugee children in Greece! 1/1 is the date that the majority of refugee children are registered as born in their asylum card.

In most cases, identification documents from their countries of origin are not accepted. As a result, the age assessment procedure fails them. The birth day registered is most of the times 1/1





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This creates multiple problems, since children sometimes appear as adults from 1/1, even though they are not. Because of that, they are deprived of basic rights, such as access to education, access to the the family reunification procedure or a safe

There is a long way to go until children on the move can enjoy all their rights and live a dignified life. It's our duty to keep fighting for them.

## #dont\_leavethekidsalone

Support us so we can continue our work, make a donation today []

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This Christmas make a donation to support our work and help us keep offering our services to the most vulnerable children on the move in Greece so they can find shelter, safety and protection 🙏

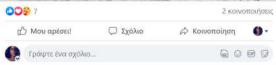
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"I lost both my parents during a conflict in my town.
I fled my country and went through a lot of suffering.
In Greece, I lived on the streets for several months.
Now I live in a shelter but I am still recovering from all those traumas."

-Hakim, 17 years old







Happy Holidays from the DCI Greece crew (and all those who couldn't make it to the office today!)  $\spadesuit_{\frac{1}{2}}$  We will be back on the 4th January! Until then, we wish you love, luck and happiness!









This holiday season, help us remain by their side to ensure safety, protection and

cover basic needs.







them.

In Greece, countless children remain alone and unprotected, even though they have family members in another EU country and have the right to legally join them. Proper legal aid is crucial in such cases. However, many of those children, do not receive it, something that makes them an easy prey for people that wish to exploit

This Christmas, consider buying a gift for humanity, a gift to a child in need. Support a Family Reunification case for 150e or pick any other... Δείτε περισσότερα

> "I left my Country with my mum. Now she's in Germany and I'm in Greece. I just want to be with her again."

