

# INTERSS

HELLAS



**Annual Report 2023**

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# INTERSOS worldwide

\*During 2022



Protection



Health and Nutrition



WASH



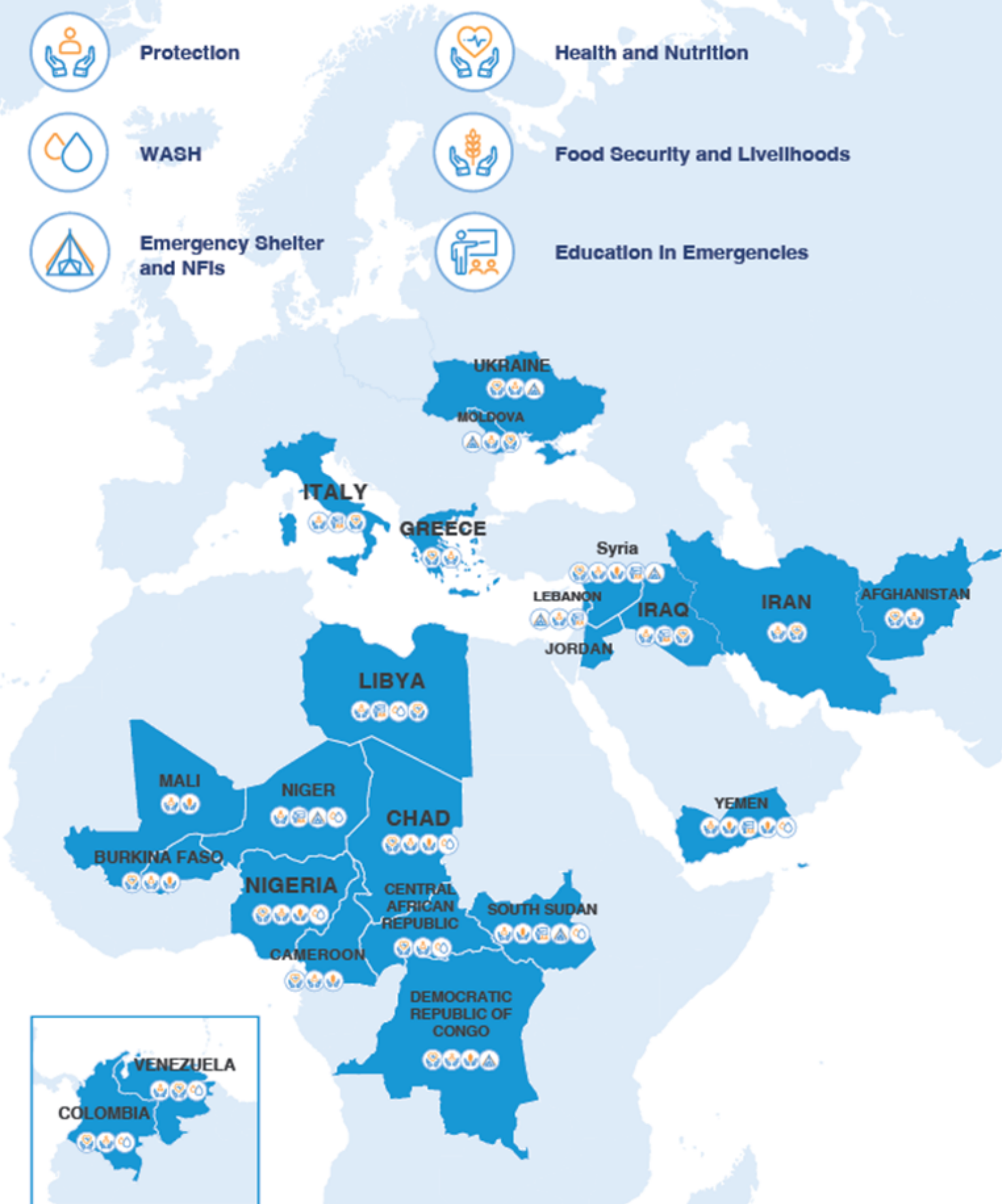
Food Security and Livelihoods



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Education In Emergencies





# INTERSOS in Greece



**Protection**



**Social Inclusion**



**Food Security and Livelihoods**



**Health and nutrition**





INTERSOS is present in Greece since March 2016 with the aim of providing holistic support and long term durable solutions as a response to the migration crisis. Throughout the duration of its mission it has focused on holistic service provision, the search for local contextualised solutions and strong rooting in community based protection. INTERSOS, having undertaken a series of innovative initiatives, supports hundreds of people in Greece who had to leave their homeland

As it completes seven years of presence in Greece, INTERSOS HELLAS sends the strongest message against all forms of discrimination and in favor of the protection and respect for human life.

Over these seven years, INTERSOS HELLAS has provided comprehensive assistance to asylum seekers, refugees, and migrants in Macedonia, Epirus, Thessaly, Lesbos, and Attica. Concurrently, it has successfully implemented independent national programs such as "Vaccines for All," "Food for All," and "Protection for All Minors." These programs aim to protect and meet the basic needs of particularly vulnerable social groups and to vaccinate them against COVID-19.

With professionalism, consistency, humanity, and solidarity, over these seven years, the people of INTERSOS HELLAS have consistently stood beside those in need, prioritizing their safety and improving their living conditions. INTERSOS HELLAS remains steadfastly on the front line, standing alongside humanity.



# HELIOS

HELIOS - Hellenic Integration Support for Beneficiaries of International Support and Temporary Support



767

PEOPLE BENEFITED  
from the support provided by  
the INTERSOS Hellas HELIOS  
project team



1578

SERVICES PROVIDED  
Accommodation  
Workshops  
Interpretation support  
Other services



321

APARTMENTS  
have been identified in  
Epirus and Thessaly



462

PEOPLE MOVED INTO  
HELIOS apartments

INTERSOS HELLAS is active implementing partner of the International Organisation for Migration (IOM) within the project HELIOS (Hellenic Integration Support for Beneficiaries of International Protection), which is funded by the Ministry of Migration and Asylum.

The project aims at promoting the integration of beneficiaries of international and temporary protection in the Greek society increasing the prospects of beneficiaries towards self-reliance, through:

- accommodation support,
- integration courses (Greek language, life skills etc.),
- employability and job readiness support through job counseling and
- sensitization of the local community and promoting social cohesion.

INTERSOS HELLAS supports the accommodation support pillar in Epirus and Thessaly by facilitating beneficiaries' access to independent living, supporting rental procedures through contact with landlords.

The project was implemented in collaboration:



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Υπουργείο Μετανάστευσης & Ασύλου





# Food for All



**4763**

individuals have received services from the project in 2023

Since December 2021, INTERSOS HELLAS has been implementing a new initiative to support vulnerable populations, the "Food for All" program. The goal of this initiative is to address the food needs of the most vulnerable groups of migrants and refugees residing in Athens and to ensure their food security. In Athens, thousands of people do not have stable access to food and are in a state of emergency regarding their survival.

The "Food for All" initiative has been implemented in collaboration with the Greek Forum of Migrants until July 2023, and with the Greek Forum of Refugees from August 2023 onwards. It is supported and funded by the Stichting Vluchteling - SV and LDS.

The project was implemented in collaboration:





## «#Together: Holistic Support for Effective Access to Socio-Economic Rights and Livelihoods in Epirus»



218

Participants in the project



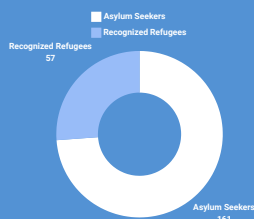
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Job interviews



49

Vaccancies



INTERSOS HELLAS, in collaboration with the UNHCR and the Cultural Center of the Municipality of Ioannina / Intercultural Center for Social Inclusion "Academy," implements the program: "#Together: Holistic Support for Effective Access to Socio-Economic Rights and Livelihoods in Epirus".

The aim of the project is to support refugees and migrants residing in Epirus in acquiring tools, information, and resources that will help them integrate into the labor market.

As part of this, information sessions are conducted in the reception and accommodation facilities in Epirus, specialized workshops on resume writing, document issuance, work environment in Greece, as well as preparation for job interviews.

Additionally, efforts are made to search for available job positions and support the connection with potential employees. Finally, these efforts are reinforced through the use of the "Adama Job Center" platform.

The "Adama Job Center" is a user-friendly online tool that allows employers to find suitable candidates and enables job seekers to apply for available positions.

The project was implemented in collaboration:







## Protection for All Minors



**748**

minors have received supporting services from the project in 2023

«Protection for All Minors» is a project implemented by the Network for Children’s Rights, in collaboration with INTERSOS HELLAS, offers comprehensive support to unaccompanied minors in Greece who live in precarious or homeless conditions. The program is carried out under the auspices of the National Emergency Response Mechanism for Unaccompanied Minors in Precarious Living Conditions (“National Mechanism”)

The aim of this program is to inform, support and empower unaccompanied minors in order to move away from precarious living conditions, by transferring them to accommodation for unaccompanied minors (shelters) or semi-independent living apartments. The project is supported and funded by Stichting Vluchteling – SV.

The project was implemented in collaboration:



## Mental Health and Psychosocial Support in Lesvos



**277**

individuals have received supporting services from the project in 2023



**240**

Sessions with a Psychologist

In 2021, INTERSOS initiated a Mental Health and Psychosocial Support intervention in Mavrovouni, Lesvos, to address the increasing challenges in the field of mental health. The project supports vulnerable groups showing signs of psychological distress, who have survived gender-based violence and/or are the sole or primary caregivers of a dependent family member.

The MHPSS INTERSOS HELLAS Team, composed of Psychologists, Case Managers and Protection Officers ensure that the mental health programme adheres to a holistic and rights-based approach

The project was implemented in collaboration:



# Capacity strengthening and ensuring protection for vulnerable migrants, asylum seekers, and refugees

INTERSOS HELLAS, in collaboration with the Pandemic Center of the University of Bergen, held two workshops for the exchange of expertise and best practices on issues related to pandemic management and healthcare crises.

Specifically, topics such as the effects on mental health during and after the COVID-19 pandemic, the economic and livelihood impacts on the target population, vaccination strategies implemented in various countries, and emerging challenges related to malnutrition and food insecurity due to the pandemic were examined.

The discussion involved representatives from civil society organizations, international agencies, and stakeholders, highlighting the urgent need for information and support for all involved parties.



The action was implemented as part of the "Asylum and Migration - Bilateral Cooperation Initiatives" program, funded by the EEA Grants. The funding is managed by Human Rights 360 and SOL Crowe.

The project was implemented in collaboration:





"Being Hungry in Europe: An Analysis of the Food Insecurity Experienced by Refugees, Asylum Seekers, Migrants, and Undocumented People in Greece"

INTERSOS HELLAS, HIAS Greece, and the Greek Council for Refugees have published the report titled "Being Hungry in Europe: An Analysis of the Food Insecurity Experienced by Refugees, Asylum Seekers, Migrants, and Undocumented People in Greece"

According to the report:

30,1% of individuals who received support through the program are recognized refugees.

The majority of individuals who benefited from the program are children (54%), of whom 1 in 3 (23.7%) are under the age of 4.

59.4% have access to food only 1-3 times a week.

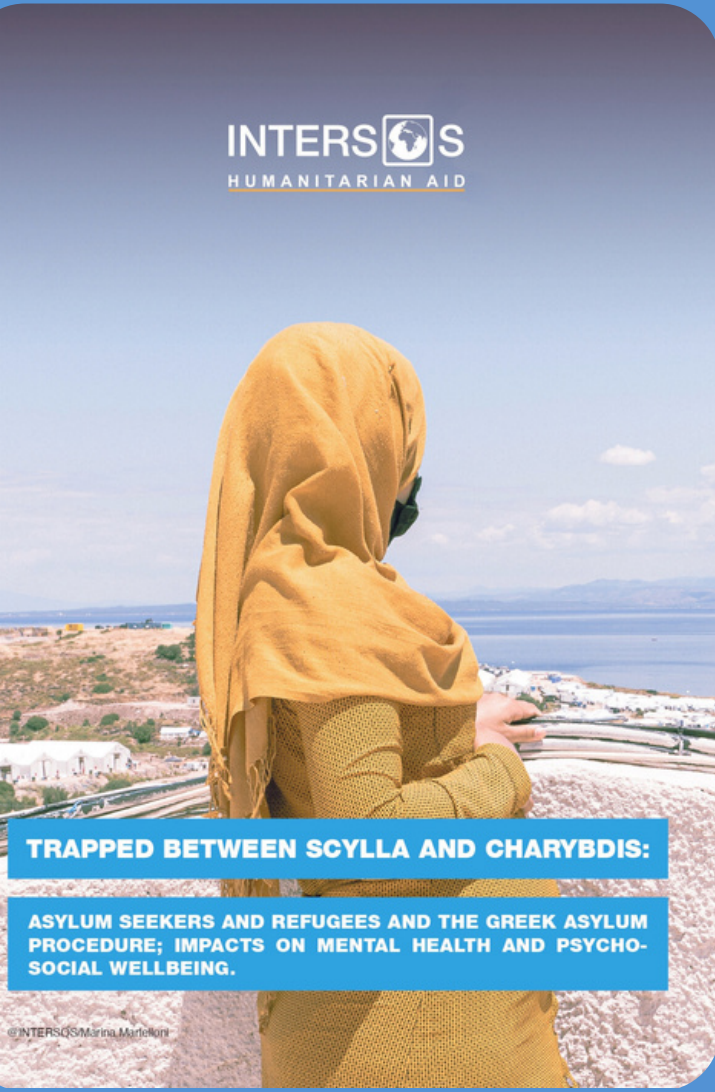
The report highlights the challenges related to food security as derived from the data collected during the implementation of the "Food for All" project. The program aims to address the primary need of the most vulnerable groups of migrants and refugees residing in Athens and to ensure their food security.



**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

**BEING HUNGRY IN EUROPE:**

**AN ANALYSIS OF THE FOOD INSECURITY EXPERIENCED BY REFUGEES, ASYLUM SEEKERS, MIGRANTS AND UNDOCUMENTED PEOPLE IN GREECE**



**TRAPPED BETWEEN SCYLLA AND CHARYBDIS:**

**ASYLUM SEEKERS AND REFUGEES AND THE GREEK ASYLUM PROCEDURE; IMPACTS ON MENTAL HEALTH AND PSYCHOSOCIAL WELLBEING.**

"Caught Between Scylla and Charybdis: Asylum Seekers and Refugees and the Greek Asylum Process: Impacts on Mental Health and Psychosocial Well-being."

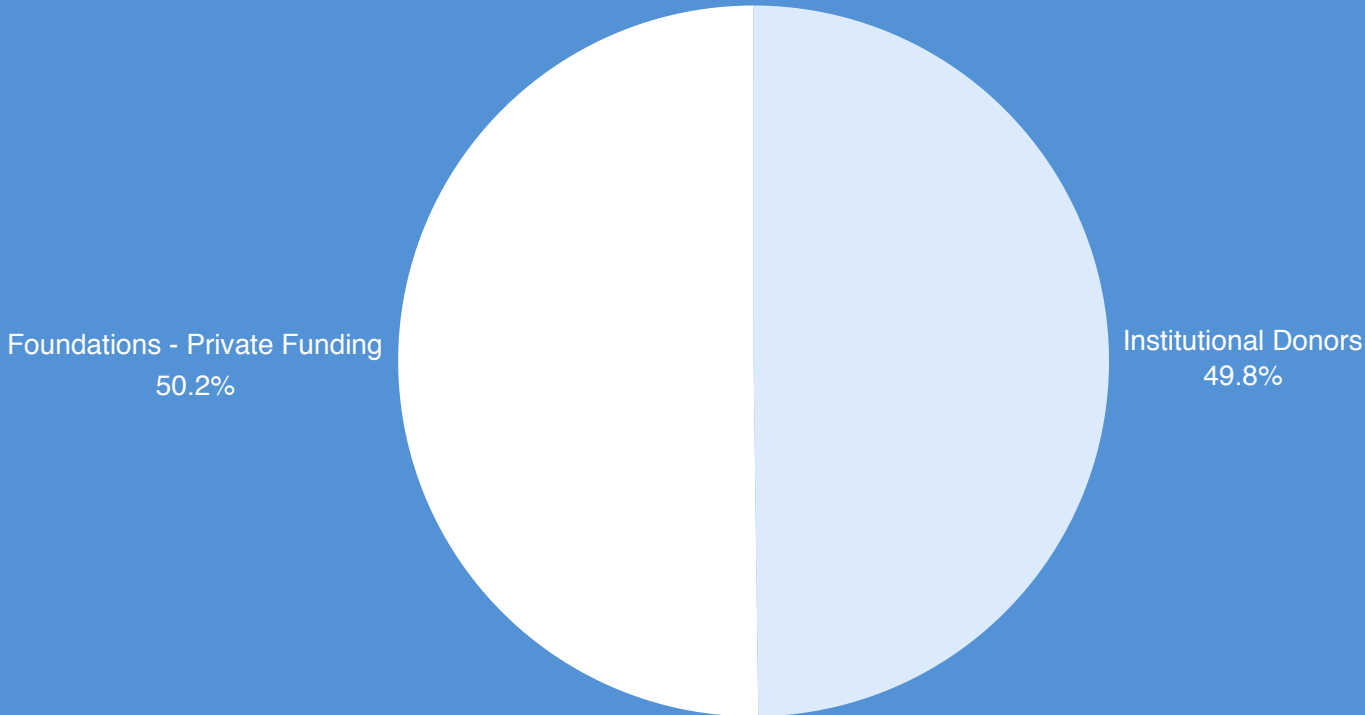
After three years on Lesbos, we present a new report on the impact of living conditions on the mental health of refugees and asylum seekers, especially women.

The main categories of psychiatric symptoms identified mainly involve adjustment disorders (4.28%), depressive disorders (2.85%), post-traumatic reactions (2.14%), and symptoms related to multiple disorders (10.27%).

The lack of long-term mental health services and the complex reception system exacerbate the situation.



# Funding - Budget Allocation



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