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SOS Children's Villages Greece (the "Village") was founded in June 1975, is recognized as a Special Charitable Institution under the provisions of article 18 of L.D. No 1111/72 and is under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Labour, Social Security and Welfare. The Region of Attica with a decision taken in 2020 re-verified the charitable status of the Village up to 2024.

The object of the Village is to provide, following a court decision, housing, protection and generally a family environment for children who have been deprived of family life because they lost their parents or these parents either through their acts or due to personal and health problems, have proved incapable of looking after their children.

The Board of Directors elected in 2018 consists of seven members, comprising the Chairman, Vice-President, General Secretary, Treasurer and three members. The election of a new Board will take place in March 2021.

Construction of the first Village at Vari, Attica, commenced in 1979 and was funded mainly by the Hermann Gmeiner Fonds Organisation based in Munich. The first family was formed in 1979 and was set up in the Vari Village in August 1982. As at 31 December 2020, there were 9 families consisting of 9 mothers, 9 aunts and 43 children at the Vari Village.

The operations of the Village were extended in May 1997 to include the Plagiari Village at Thessaloniki, at which there were 9 families consisting of 9 mothers, 9 aunts and 43 children at 31 December 2020. In connection to this, the Village operates an office in Thessaloniki since 1995.

The Village in Thrace was completed in 2009 at which there were 5 families consisting of 5 mothers, 5 aunts and 20 children at 31 December 2020. One Daycare Center for handicapped children and operates at the Village but due to Covid-19 and lockdown restrictions, the DayCare Center stopped operating from March 11th 2020 up to 31st of December 2020.. As at 11th March 2020, the Daycare Center provided support to 25 children on a weekly basis.

Since 1992, the Village operates a Youth House in Paleo Faliro, which takes care of children when they become young adults and have to leave the Village. As at 31 December 2020 the Youth House was taking care of 13 fully - dependent and 9 semi-dependent teenagers.

A Youth House operates also in Thessaloniki since December 2004. As at 31 December 2020, the Youth House was taking care of 13 fully - dependent and 7 semi-dependent young adults.

The SOS Babies Home I operates in Marousi since May 2009 and is a program for abused babies and infants. As at 31 December 2020, 14 babies and infants were hosted. Due to Covid-19 and lock-down there weren't any new entrances in the program but at the same time we managed to give to Foster Care 5 of our children.



The SOS Babies Home at the “Anarrotirion Penteli” functions since March 2017. The use of the place is offered by the State. At the same time the Village has initiated a Foster Care program for these babies but also for the babies and infants being hosted at the SOS Babies Home I. This program is in cooperation with the Ministry of Labour, Social Security and Welfare. As at 31 December 2020, 15 babies were hosted.

The Village operates a Social Centre in Kipseli, Athens since 1999, which provides help to all children who need it, and to couples that have difficulties raising their children. As at 31 December 2020, the Center provided support to 168 children and 75 families. Moreover since December 2018 an Educational and Family Support Center (Centre of Daily Care – Athens) operates in Kypseli, as an extension to previous program, which as at 31 December 2020 provided support to 192 children and youth. Due to Covid-19 restrictions the live therapies were cancelled but from September the e-learning educational programs have increased.

From September 2009, a Social Centre for children and families in need is operating in Kalamata. The Centre as at 31 December 2020 provides support to 104 children and 53 families. Moreover the Educational and Family Support Center operates in Kalamata, as an extension to previous program, which as at 31 December 2020 provided support to 75 children and 17 adults. Due to Covid-19 restrictions we had a decline in attending the therapies and the educational programs.

The Village also established a new office in Heraklion, Creta in 2011. Since June 2012, a Social Centre for supporting families in need was put in operation and, as at 31 December 2020, provided support to 135 children and 62 families. Moreover since January 2019 an Educational and Family Support Center operates in Heraklion, as an extension to previous program, which as at 31 December 2020 provided support to 82 children. Due to Covid-19 restrictions we had a decline in attending the therapies but an increase to the educational program due to the e-learning educational programs.

Since February 2018 the new SOS Children’s Village Creta in Heraklion started operating. It consists of 3 SOS Houses, an administrative building, a playground and a small 5x5 football court. As at 31 December 2020, there were 3 families consisting of 3 mothers, 4 aunts and 21 children.

Since April 2012, the Village operates one Social Center in Thessaloniki which provided care for 117 children and 48 families as at 31 December 2020. Moreover since January 2019 an Educational and Family Support Center operates in Thessaloniki, as an extension to previous program, which as at 31 December 2020 provided support to 208 children and youth. The decrease in number is due to Covid-19 restrictions.

Since October 2012, the Village operates one Social Center in Komotini which provided care for 75 children and 35 families as at 31 December 2020. Moreover, since January 2018, operates a Social Center in Sapes which provided care for 38 children and 16 families as at 31 December 2020. The decrease in number is due to Covid-19 restrictions.



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Since March 2015, a Social Center is operating in Piraeus and as at 31 December 2020, was supporting 115 children and 62 families. The decrease in number is due to Covid-19 restrictions.

Since September 2016, a Social Center operates in Ioannina supporting at 31 December 2020, 110 children and 58 families. The decrease in number is due to Covid-19 restrictions.

Since September 2017, a Social Center operates in Patras, supporting at 31 December 2020, 85 children and 46 families. The decrease in number is due to Covid-19 restrictions.

In addition, with the full financial support of SOS Children's Villages International the Village Association started since December 2015 programs supportive to the refugees/immigrants and unaccompanied minors arriving in Greece. It should be noted that UnAccompaniedMinors ("UAM") shelter in Thessaloniki was terminated in October 2017 while in Serres and Athens they were terminated in December 2017. Furthermore, four more refugee camps operated during 2017, at Eleona until December 2017, at Schisto and Diavata until September 2017 and at Moria until February 2017. The Village operated one UAM shelter in Athens for boys (financially supported by Unicef and AMIF) which was terminated in December 2018 and one UAM shelter for girls in Chalandri supported by SOS International which was terminated in June 2019. The Village continued its presence at the refugee camp only at Kara Tepe in Mytilene supporting more than 250 children per month and a variety of supportive activities for refugee immigrant families through the Social Centers in Athens, Thessaloniki, Heraklion and Ioannina.