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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 2021 consists of seven members, comprising the Chairman, Vice-President, General Secretary, Treasurer and three members. The election of a new Board will take place until March 2024.

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 2021, there were 8 families consisting of 8 mothers, 7 aunts and 37 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 8 families consisting of 8 mothers, 7 aunts and 35 children at 31 December 2021. 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 2021. One Daycare Center for handicapped children operates at the Village and at 31 December 2021 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 2021 the Youth House was taking care of 14 fully - dependent and 12 semi-dependent teenagers.

A Youth House operates also in Thessaloniki since December 2004. As at 31 December 2021, 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 2021, 9 babies and infants were hosted.



At the same time the Village has initiated a Foster Care program for the support of the babies, infants and children given from all our SOS programs to Foster Care or to adoption following the implementation of the 4538/2018 law. As at 31 December 2021, 20 babies, infants and children were under the support of this program.

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 2021, the Center provided support to 217 children and 85 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 2021 provided support to 234 children and youth.

From September 2009, a Social Centre for children and families in need is operating in Kalamata. The Centre as at 31 December 2021 provides support to 97 children and 55 families. Moreover the Educational and Family Support Center operates in Kalamata, as an extension to previous program, which as at 31 December 2021 provided support to 86 children and 21 adults.

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 2021, provided support to 117 children and 57 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 2021 provided support to 75 children.

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 2021, there were 3 families consisting of 3 mothers, 4 aunts and 24 children.

Since April 2012, the Village operates one Social Center in Thessaloniki which provided care for 108 children and 51 families as at 31 December 2021. Moreover since January 2019 an Educational and Family Support Center operates in Thessaloniki, as an extension to previous program, which as at 31 December 2021 provided support to 221 children and youth.

Since October 2012, the Village operates one Social Center in Komotini which provided care for 79 children and 41 families as at 31 December 2021. Moreover, since January 2018, operates a Social Center in Sapes which provided care for 39 children and 18 families as at 31 December 2021.

Since March 2015, a Social Center is operating in Piraeus and as at 31 December 2021, was supporting 96 children and 54 families.



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Since September 2016, a Social Center operates in Ioannina supporting at 31 December 2021, 93 children and 51 families.

Since September 2017, a Social Center operates in Patras, supporting at 31 December 2021, 97 children and 53 families.

With the full financial support of SOS Children's Villages International the Village Association continued offering a variety of supportive activities for refugee immigrant families through the Social Centers in Athens, Thessaloniki, Heraklion and Ioannina. As at 31 December 2021, 350 children and 200 families were supported. In addition, with the full financial support of the Austrian Ministry of Foreign Affairs through the SOS Children's Villages Austria the Village Association continued its presence in Mytilene-Lesvos supporting more than 150 children per day with a variety of educational and leisure time activities.