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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 a range of services to support children and young people in difficult circumstances to become their stronger selves. The Village works with families, caregivers and communities to prevent crises that can lead to child-family separation. The Village in the family-like care programs provides to children and young people, who have been deprived of family life for a variety of reasons, a reliable caregiver as well as a home and a community.

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 be taken place until in 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 2022, there were 7 families consisting of 7 mothers, 6 aunts and 27 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 7 families consisting of 7 mothers, 6 aunts and 31 children at 31 December 2022. 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 2022. One Daycare Center for handicapped children and operates at the Village and at 31 December 2022 provided support to 22 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 2022 the Youth House was taking care of 16 fully - dependent and 17 semi-dependent teenagers.

A Youth House operates also in Thessaloniki since December 2004. As at 31 December 2022, the Youth House was taking care of 9 fully - dependent and 8 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 2022, 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 2022, 25 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 2022, the Center provided support to 240 children and 115 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 2022 provided support to 270 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 2022 provides support to 117 children and 65 families. Moreover the Educational and Family Support Center operates in Kalamata, as an extension to previous program, which as at 31 December 2022 provided support to 98 children and 25 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 2022, provided support to 125 children and 70 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 2022 provided support to 90 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 2022, there were 3 families consisting of 3 mothers, 5 aunts and 19 children.

Since April 2012, the Village operates one Social Center in Thessaloniki which provided care for 120 children and 65 families as at 31 December 2022. Moreover since January 2014 an Educational and Family Support Center operates in Thessaloniki, as an extension to previous program, which as at 31 December 2022 provided support to 275 children and youth.

Since October 2012, the Village operates one Social Center in Komotini which provided care for 70 children and 35 families as at 31 December 2022. Moreover, since January 2018, operates a Social Center in Sapes which provided care for 45 children and 20 families as at 31 December 2022.



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Since March 2015, a Social Center is operating in Piraeus and as at 31 December 2022, was supporting 110 children and 60 families.

Since September 2016, a Social Center operates in Ioannina supporting at 31 December 2022, 90 children and 47 families.

Since September 2017, a Social Center operates in Patras, supporting at 31 December 2022, 175 children and 85 families.

Since September 2020, a Social Center operates in Mytilene-Lesvos, supporting at 31 December 2022, more than 150 children per day with a variety of educational and leisure time activities.

With the full financial support of SOS Children's Villages International, of SOS Children's Village Austria, of the Austrian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the State of Tyrol, the Village Association continued offering a variety of supportive activities for refugee and immigrant families through the Social Centers in Athens, Thessaloniki, Heraklion, Ioannina, Patras and Mytilene. Also, the Village has hosted at the SOS Children's Villages in Vari and in Plagiari single-mother families with their children from Ukraine and as at 31 December 2022, 27 families with 45 children have been hosted.

In 2023, following the decision of the Ministry of Labor and Welfare (Minister's decision 40494/3.5.2022) the Village has to decline the number of the children protected in the Villages as per maximum 24 per program and for the SOS Babies Home up to 10.