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The current newsletter was drafted within the framework of cooperation between the General Secretariat for Demography and Family Policy and Gender Equality (GSDFGE)¹ and UNICEF Country Office in Greece and is the seventh official newsletter report that presents the overall prevention and response to Gender-Based Violence (GBV) and Multiple Discrimination Against Women, from the National Network of Structures (Counselling Centres, Safe Shelters and the SOS Helpline 15900)². The situation described in the newsletter is based on the GBV data recorded in the database operated by E.E.T.A.A.³ and the 24/7 SOS Helpline 15900, covering a three month period – April 2022-June 2022⁴. Additionally at this newsletter are included the indicative actions implemented by the Directorate of Social Protection and Counseling Services of GSDFPGE, the actions carried out by the Network of Structures (Counseling Centers and Shelters), as well as the actions on violence against women of the first level Local Authorities Organizations (OTA) of the Municipal Equality Committees (DEPIS).



In particular, the mandate of DEPIS at local level, as part of the national mechanism for gender equality, is to inform and raise awareness on gender equality and gender-based violence such as domestic violence, in local communities. Additionally, DEPIS provides information to the local community on the reporting mechanisms for incidents of GBV to the competent State bodies. Furthermore, the executives of the Counseling Centers and the Safe Shelters implement networking, coordination and information raising actions with other co-competent state bodies and Civil Society Organizations, on a monthly basis.

The current newsletter covers the period April-June 2022 at the Network of Structures of the GSDFPGE. Therefore, this report cannot be used for further generalization and / or analysis of the situation of GBV in Greece.

¹ Official website of the General Secretariat for Demography and Family Policy and Gender Equality: <https://www.isotita.gr/en/home/>

² Official Website of Violence Against Women: <http://womensos.gr/en/about-us/>

³ The Hellenic Agency for Local Development and Local Government (E.E.T.A.A.) S.A, has been the institutionalized operational partner of the G.S.F.P.G.E. that supports the creation and maintenance of a Database of the Network (counseling centers and safe shelters)

⁴ **Note:** There is a possibility of a unique beneficiary to receive services from all three Support Structures of GSDFPGE (Counseling Centers, Safe Shelters, and SOS Helpline 15900). For example, a beneficiary can call the SOS Line 15900, visit at a Counseling Center and finally be accommodated in one of the available Safe Shelters of the Network.



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Initiatives and Actions of the GSDFPGE, Ministry of Labour During, reference period April -June 2022

Indicatively, the following actions were undertaken:

- The Deputy Minister of Labor & Social Affairs, Ms. Maria Syrengela, participated at the first appearance of Afghan Women’ Association MPs and Leaders, an initiative that started in Greece with the scope of giving a "voice" to all Afghan women in the world.
- At the initiative of the Ambassadors of the Netherlands, Belgium and Luxembourg, the Deputy Minister of Labor & Social Affairs, Ms. Maria Syrengela, met with the [Melissa Network](#) and with Afghan and Ukrainian women.



- At the [Delphi Economic Forum](#), the Minister of State Mr. Akis Skertsos, and Mr. Haris Broumidis from the CEO of [Vodafone Greece](#), the professor Mrs. Vaso Artinopoulou and the Deputy Minister of Labor and Social Affairs Mrs. Maria Syrengela discussed the use of technology



against GBV. In addition, they presented the GSDFPGE initiative of on the development of an application of a "**panic button**" on the mobile phones to be used by female survivors of gender-based violence so that they can immediately and safely call the police. The app for the **panic button** is under configuration.



- On May 4th, the GSDFPGE presented the Domestic and GBV Risk Assessment Tool. The Tool is based on a questionnaire which assists firstline professionals (such as executives of the Counseling Centers, the police, prosecutors, hospital staff, forensic services and social services) **to assess the level of risk** that the individuals are dealing with, in order to manage the case by taking tailored-



made measures. The Risk Assessment Tool operates on a pilot basis in the Municipalities of Peristeri, Kavala and Heraklion in





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Crete. In this context, experts and partners of the UN Women were in Greece with the aim to train the staff of the first Reception Services for Refugees on the use of the Horizontal Domestic/GBV Risk Assessment Tool.

- A strong message against violence was sent by parents who experienced the loss of their children to murderous violence together with the Deputy Minister of Labor and Social Affairs, Ms. Maria Syrengela, in a meeting they had at the Deputy Minister's office. Symbolically wearing a T-shirt with the message "Now you can speak", they tried to encourage girls and boys, women and men as well as third parties to reveal and report violent behavior and call the SOS Hotline 15900.



- **The Secretary General Ms. Kalypso Goula** participated in the 2nd Information-Awareness Day of the Equality Committee of the Central Union of Municipality (KEDE) in Kozani, on the topic: "Preventing and responding to sexual harassment at local communities". In addition, the Secretary General made a speech at the 3rd Information-Awareness Day of the Equality Committee of the KEDE in Thessaloniki on the topic "Raising awareness on issues of sexual harassment and violence in the workplace". The two events took place in the context of the implementation of the Memorandum of Cooperation signed between KEDE, GSDFPGE, the National Center for Public and Local Administration and KETHI.



- **The Secretary General Ms. Kalypso Goula** gave an interview to the "Athens 98.4" radio regarding the decision of the Supreme Court of the United States that sought repeal the 1973 decision that recognized the right of women and girls to safe abortion at all states of the country.

- **The Secretary General Ms. Kalypso Goula** on the occasion of Mother's Day attended an event dedicated to disabled mothers, organized by the mayor of Amarousion, Mr. Theodoros Ambatzoglou and the president of the Municipal Equality Committee, Ms. Eleni Lekka, and took place in the garden of the North Municipal Library. The Secretary General raised the issues of gender equality at the local government and the support for disabled mothers. She emphasised the special role that Municipalities and DEPIs play in informing and raising awareness for all agencies and civil society on issues of gender equality and multiple discrimination against women.





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- **The Secretary General Ms. Kalypso Goula** participated in a conference entitled on "International Women's Rights Day: Giving the Voice to Women of our Country" organized by the Kastoria Counseling Center in collaboration with DEPIS. Additionally, the Secretary General met with the executives of the Center and Deputy Mayor of Culture, Education, Sports and Social Welfare of, Mrs. Olga Theohari.

- **The Secretary General Ms. Kalypso Goula** made a speech at the conference organized by the Municipality of Nafplio, DEPIS and the Municipal Organization of Culture, Environment, Sports and Tourism on the issues of domestic/GBV and femicide⁵.

Initiatives and Actions of the Directorate of Social Protection and Counseling Centres of the GSDFPGE reference period April -June 2022

Indicatively, the following actions were undertaken:

- The Directorate of Social Protection and Counseling Services within the framework of its mandates, among others, implemented in collaboration with National Centre for Public Administration and Local Government (EKDDA) 3 capacity building training courses/trainings for executives (54 in total) of the Network Structures on: "*support services for women who experience or have survived GBV*", b) "*on counseling with women survivors of GBV as well as on job employability*".
- The "*Student Awareness Programme on Contraception and Sexual Education*" that the GSDFPGE in collaboration with "ELENA VENIZELOU" Maternity Hospital implemented has been completed. During the school year 2021-2022 20 education units participated, with the total number of students who attended the program being 2.223.
- During the reporting period the Directorate of Social protection and Counseling Centres of the GSDFPGE organised online meetings with executives of the Network of Structures across the Country: the Region of Central and Western Macedonia, the Region of Attica & Peloponnese, Western Greece/Ionian Islands & Epirus, Central Greece & Thessaly as well as with the Municipalities of Athens, Piraeus, Volos, Larissa and Lamia.

⁵ Available at: <https://athina984.gr/2022/05/06/k-goula-i-prospatheia-anatropis-toy-dikaiomatos-tis-gynaikas-stin-amvlosi-einai-ena-apolyto-pisogyrisma/>



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The Directorate of Social Protection and Counseling Centres coordinates and monitors the progress of the projects and actions implemented within the frame of the 2021-2025 National Strategy for Gender Equality, 2021-2025. Specifically:

- The pilot project of *“Horizontal tool Risk assessment for domestic violence”* is been included within the frame of the actions to achieving the obligations of the Istanbul Convention in Greece. As part of the pilot project, a training session took place in April in the United Kingdom conducted by the Metropolitan Police Service. The project is in the 4th stage, which concerns the pilot application of the risk assessment tool for which the Consulting Centers of Kavala, Peristeri and Heraklion of Crete have been selected.
- In addition, the relevant Directorate monitors the implementation stages of the project *"Study on the profile of perpetrators of domestic violence, evaluation of therapeutic programs for perpetrators, proposals for improving those programs with the aim of the overall prevention of domestic violence incidents"*.
- Moreover, the study for the development of an integrated management system for complaints of sexual harassment, abuse and authoritarian violence in Greece" has been completed, within the context of the action "Creation and operation of a platform for public information on prevention and institutional response to gender-based violence incidences (movement #MeToo)"
- The Institute of Child Health supported by UNICEF in the context of its partnership, with the relevant Directorate of the GSDFPGE, implemented the study of services available and accessible to children accommodated in the shelters of the Network. **«Programmatic Review of Services available and accessible to children in the shelters of the Network of the General Secretariat for Demographic and Family Policy and Gender Equality»**.
- The Directorate in collaboration with the UNHCR country office in Greece, created an information printed material for Ukrainian female refugees in Greece. The flyer includes all information on accessibility and specialised services provided by the Network of Structures.
- Within the reference period, the Hellenic Manpower Employment Organization granted 350 certificates to women victims of GBV and multiple discrimination who had attended its specialized programme for work experience acquisition.
- During the reporting period the 2nd Annual Report on Violence against Women (2021) was translated [in English](#) and uploaded to the official website of the GSDFPGE. Additionally, the [6th](#) and the [7th](#) Newsletter Report of the GSDFPGE were both published in Greek and English. .



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Initiatives and Actions on violence against women from the Municipal Equality Committees (DEPIS), reference period April -June 2022

Attica Region

DEPIS of Elliniko – Argyroupoli

- The Municipality of Palaio Faliro and the Municipal Equality Committee organised the alternative "street art" exhibition promoting a strong message against gender-based violence to its population. The event took place in the beach of P. Faliro on Saturday the 21st of May⁶.

DEPIS of Kifissia

- Participation of DEPIS Kifissia in the 68th Kifissia Flower Exhibition at the Kifissia Municipality Community Center Pavilion where DEPIS distributed leaflets with all formations about specialised services provided to women survivors of gender-based violence.
- Kifissia's DEPIS presented to their municipality at a special event the book: "Gender, discrimination and GBV on educational institutions".
- Kifissia's DEPIS members participated at the Sanctification at the Zanneio Foundation of Ekali that accommodates Ukrainian mothers and children, in the presence of the Minister of Education Mrs. N. Kerameos, the Deputy Minister of Health Mr. Z. Raptis and the Vice-Regional Governor Mr. L. Kefalogiannis



Municipality of Dafni – Ymittos

- Action to revive the Cartoon Exhibition on "Gender Equality and GBV" which was held in 2019 in the Municipality in collaboration with the local cultural association "Ergastiri" (placing copies of the works in visible places, e.g. in schools of the Municipality and organisation of relevant meetings/discussions on the occasion of the exhibits and with the assistance of psychologists and social scientists).

⁶Available at Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=710980670158029>



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Region of Central Macedonia - DEPIS of Thessaloniki

- The Equality Committee of KEDE, in the framework of the implementation of the Memorandum of Cooperation, signed with the GSDFPGE, the National Center for Public Administration and Local-Government and KETHI, organised at the Hall of the Municipal Council of the Municipality of Thessaloniki a conference on the subject: "on issues of sexual harassment and violence in the workplace", on 28/6/2022. The General Secretary of DFPGE, the Mayor, members of the Municipal Council, members of DEPIS and Social Services officials were present at the conference.

Region of Central Macedonia-Municipality of Almopia

- Participation of DEPIS at an online event which was organized in collaboration with National Inter-Municipal Network of Healthy Cities - Health Promotion entitled: "Summer School on Violence Prevention with the support of Municipalities: "Don't underestimate the signs". For teenagers and adults⁷.
- Participation of DEPIS at the Scientific Conference of the "Initiative for the Prevention of Domestic Violence" program of the Youth and Family Foundation of the Holy Archdiocese of Athens entitled "Dialogues on the prevention and response to violence against women⁸".
- DEPIS, the executives of Counseling Center of the Municipality of Veria and the Social Intervention Association Erasmus co-organized a film screening to the public on the documentary "Femicidio" by Nina-Maria Paschalidou. After the film screening, there was a discussion among attendees on violence against women.

Region of Western Macedonia - DEPIS of Kozani

- A joint message for gender equality was sent by DEPIS and Kozani women's handball team, on the sidelines of the girls' championship match on the 2nd of April 2022 at the Municipal Sports Center. The initiative was a continuation of the online workshop: "Ethnikos Kozanis finds his slogan against gender



⁷ Available at : <https://www.elliniko-argyroupoli.gr/article.php?id=6628>

⁸ Available at: <https://neotita.gr/%CE%B5%CF%80%CE%B9%CF%83%CF%84%CE%B7%CE%BC%CE%BF%CE%BD%CE%B9%CE%BA%CF%8C-%CF%83%CF%85%CE%BD%CE%AD%CE%B4%CF%81%CE%B9%CE%BF-%CE%B4%CE%B9%CE%AC%CE%BB%CE%BF%CE%B3%CE%BF%CE%B9-%CE%B3%CE%B9%CE%B1/>



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violence", which was carried out by DEPIS the Kozani Shelter for women and their children.

- DEPIS in collaboration with the scientific staff of Kozani Safe Shelter designed a poster to promote the prevention and sexual harassment in the workplaces of the municipality.
- Organization of a workshop: "Preventing and responding with sexual harassment in local communities" was held in the Municipality of Kozani, with the presence of the General Secretary for DFPGE Ms Goula, in collaboration with the Equality Committee of KEDE. The event was implemented within the framework of the actions foreseen in the Memorandum of Cooperation, signed between KEDE, GSDFPGE, the National Center for Public Administration and Local-Government and KETHI.

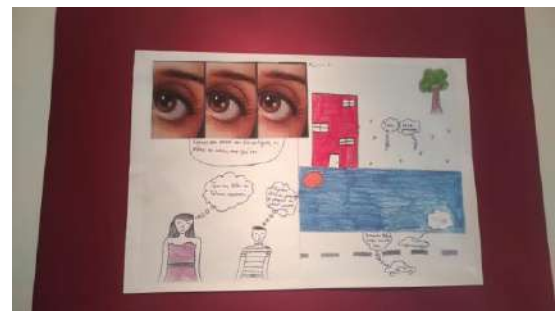


Northern Aegean Region - DEPIS of East Samos

- DEPIS participated in an online event of the National Intermunicipal Network of Healthy Cities - Health Promotion entitled: "Summer School on Violence Prevention with the support of Municipalities: "Don't underestimate the signs". For teenagers and adults.

Region of Crete - DEPIS of Rethymno

- DEPIS in collaboration with the Counseling Center, the 2nd High School of Rethymno and the Gender Department of the University of Crete organised an event on: "Gender Equality through the eyes of the students of the 2nd High School" as well as an exhibition of children's paintings and a theatrical action on the topic of gender equality⁹.



- DEPIS of Rethymno, in collaboration with the Women's Counseling Center, created two videos with the aim of demonstrating gender stereotypes and contributing to their deconstruction and elimination¹⁰.

⁹ Available at: <https://rethnea.gr/isotita-mesa-ta-matia-ton-mathiton-mathitriou-2oy/>

¹⁰ Available at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=z66TI-ADuUE&feature=youtu.be>



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Initiatives and Actions of the GSDFPGE Network of Structures, reference period April -June 2022

During the reference period the executives of the Network of Structures carried out a series of actions (informative speeches in schools, interviews, press releases, articles in local and printed media, etc.) with the aim of informing and raising awareness to local communities about GBV.

Indicatively, the following actions were undertaken:

ATTICA REGION

- Salamina Counseling Center organised an open event with the theme "Violence against women through folk tales and true stories". Narration of folk tales and true stories about GBV by the group "Paramythanthos": Dimitris Mallis- Kalliroi Moula.
- Filis Counseling Center participated in the multiform performance with the theme: "The woman weaves her roles over time and emerges with her truth" which was organized by DEPIS in collaboration with the Association of Alternative Actions 'Namaste' and the theater group of PRAXEIS 11+1 , at the Theater stage of Zefirio.



NORTH AEGEAN REGION

- Mytilini's Women Shelter participated in the event "It Happens Here" concerning human trafficking, co-organized by the A21 Organization and DEPID, at the Cultural Center of Mytilini¹¹.



REGION OF WESTERN GREECE

- Patras Counseling Center held an experiential workshops to raise awareness to students of the Pedagogical Department of the University of Patras regarding violence against women.

THESSALY REGION

¹¹ Available at : https://www.ertnews.gr/perifereiakoi-stathmoi/voreio_aigaio/enimerotiki-ekdilosi-sti-mytilini-quot-i-emporiam-anthropon-symvainei-diplomas-kai-einai-egklima-quot/



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- Trikala Counseling Center participated in the event "Domestic Violence & Greek Region" organized as part of the pan-Hellenic campaign #don't accept it. The Center's lawyer referred to the attendees to the legal and social ramifications of GBV and femicide as well as at the specialised services provided by the Center.
- In addition, in the area of the Kalambaka Town Hall Square, the Trikaia Advisory Center and the Community Center carried out an action to inform and raise awareness to the local community about the services provided to the Counseling Center and Safe Shelter by distributing promotional material (leaflets, badges and bookmarks).
- Volos Safe Shelter participated in an event of CineDoc Volos, where the documentary "FEMICIDIO" was screened and followed by a discussion with the director and the counselors of the Shelter about the ways to prevent and respond to GBV¹².



IONIAN ISLANDS REGION

- As part of the promotion of the Kefalonia Counseling Center and its services, a radio spot was created with the participation of the actor Emilios Cheilakis, which was broadcasted free of charge on local radio stations from 15/06/2022 to 15/07/2022.
- The Legal advisor of the Zakynthos Counseling Center published the article entitled "The "revenge porn" phenomenon and its legal response by the Greek legislation"¹³ at the online magazine "analusetto.gr".

CENTRAL MACEDONIA REGION

- The municipal council of Serres, on the invitation of the Deputy Mayor and in cooperation with the Equality Committee of the KEDE, approved an action plan to prevent and combat sexual harassment in the Municipality (11/05/2022). The program was adapted by the executives of the Serres Counseling Center, based on the actions implemented by the Municipality of Athens in a similar program.

¹² Available at : <https://magnesianews.gr/perissotera/politismos/femicidio-to-apokalyptiko-ntokimanter-gia-tin-emfyli-via-provalletai-sto-achilleio.html>

¹³ Available at: <https://analusetto.gr/to-fenomeno-revenge-porn-ke-i-antimetopisi-tou-apo-tin-elliniki-nomothesia/>



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REGION OF EASTERN MACEDONIA THRACE

- Alexandroupolis Counseling Center and the Action Aid, under the auspices of the Alexandroupolis Municipality, organized the event "Women visible in the cities" at the Municipal Library. The event included a photo exhibition.
- The President of the Republic, Mrs. Ekaterina Sakellaropoulou on 21/04/2022 was guided at the photo exhibition entitled "Violence against Women: The word you don't say..." at the Alexandroupoli State Airport "DEMOKRITOS".



CRETE REGION

- As part of the Culture Festival "Refugee Week Greece 2022". the International Organization for Migration (IOM) in the framework of the HELIOS refugee integration programme NAVIGATOR and under the auspices of the Region of Crete, held an event for "World Refugee Day", in cooperation with the Heraklion Counseling Center, Safe Shelter of the Municipality of Heraklion, the Domestic Violence Police Directorate and the Educational Development.



SOUTH AEGEAN REGION

- Syros Counseling Center, on the occasion of the presentation of the National Action Plan for Gender Equality 2021-2025 by the GSDFPGE, published on the local media of Cyclades an information note on the topic of "Harmonizing Work, Family and Personal Life"¹⁴.

PELOPONNESE REGION

- Tripoli Safe Shelter held an informative meeting with refugee women who are accommodated in the ESTIA II Program of the Parnonas Development Company S.A. on the topic: "Gender violence, types, forms and supporting services for survivors of GBV".



¹⁴ Available at: <https://www.koinignomi.gr/news/koinonia/2022/06/09/symvoyleytiko-kentro-syroy-enarmonisi-tis-idiotikis-kai-epaggelmatikis-zois-ton-gynaikon.html>



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CENTRAL GREECE REGION

- Lamia Counseling Center participated in an event of the Women's Association of Phocis, the Municipality of Delphi and the Society of Social Psychiatry P. Sakellaropoulos, in Amfissa with the topic "Domestic violence: A Social Pathogenesis". The executive of the Center gave a speech concerning the services provided to women at the Center, the Istanbul Convention, as an international legislative text to respond to violence against women and domestic violence.



Operations of the National Gender-Based Violence Sub-Working Group (GBV - SWG), reference period April 2022 -June 2022

The referring period, the National Referring Mechanism for the protection of THB victims presented the Report of the Organization for the 2021, including actions that took place by the actor. Moreover, A21- Antitrafficking campaign presented the info campaigns, the available services to THB victims provided by the actor as well as statistic data of the phenomenon in Greece. Finally, UNHCR presented the upcoming GBV Risk Assessment that will take place in Greece, led by UNHCR in cooperation with GSDFPGE and UNHCR partner organizations operating in the field. The assessment aims to explore and highlight the risks of GBV that especially women (single or head of single parent families) of different nationalities face in Greece, as well as LGBTQI+ persons. UNHCR invited the members of the GBV WG to participate.



Counseling Centers (reference period April 2022 – June 2022)^{15/16}

At the 44 Women's Counseling Centers (CCs) of the Network of Structure of the GSDFPGE across the country all women can receive support services such as psychosocial & legal support, job counseling, referral services and other services. Moreover, third parties can receive useful information for similar incidents.

¹⁵ Note: This newsletter **does not** analyze the characteristics of the "Third Persons" who received mainly useful information from the Counseling Centers of the Network of Structure.

¹⁶ The Statistical data in the graphs and tables, throughout the Newsletter, are depicted by rounding to the nearest main unit, this explains any small deviations in the total (100%).



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Beneficiaries (In person and Third Parties): 01-10-2021 to 31-12-2021	Incident/s of Violence	Multiple Discrimination	Total
Intake Forms	1167	164	1331

Beneficiaries (In person and Third Parties): 01-10-2021 to 31-12-2021	In Person	Third Parties	Σύνολα
Intake Forms	1216	115	1331

It is indicative that, during the reference period, the Counseling Centers throughout Greece provided support to **1.331** women survivors of GBV and multiple discrimination, as well as to third parties **115** i.e. mothers, adult daughters of the survivor etc.) who mostly received useful information. For the reporting period violence against women¹⁷ prevails with **87,5%** (1167) compared to the cases of multiple discrimination against women which amounted to 12.5% (164)¹⁸. During the reference period, the main source of information for the support structures of the network for women beneficiaries were: 28% from other source, 21% through the 15900 SOS Helpline, 12% obtained their information by a friend/acquaintance, 10% online and 7% from total women from another beneficiary, while 6% from an “other” source. Moreover, 1% received information through the press (TV, radio, information leaflets), while 13% from total beneficiaries did not provide this information.

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Women and Third Parties Supported at the Counseling Centres	Total	%
Attica (10 C. Centers in total)	561	42,1%
Thessaloniki	93	7,0%
Crete (C. Centers: Rethymno & Heraklion)	70	5,3%
Larisa	43	3,2%
Tripoli	35	2,6%
Kavala	34	2,5%
Serres	24	1,8%
Patra	42	3,1%
Ioannina	26	2%
Lamia	26	2%
Chios	24	1,8%
Veria	32	2,4%
Lesvos	26	2%
Komotini	28	2,1%
Corfu	38	2,9%
Florina	8	0,6%
Arta	10	0,8%
Alexandroupoli	28	2,1%
Other	183	13,7%
Total	1331	100%

Women and Third Parties Supported at the Counseling Centres (CS) in Attica	
CS - Athens Nikis	70
CS - Athens Multicenter	69
CS - Athens Municipality	92
CS - Keratsini-Drapetsonas	40
CS- Filis	18
CS -Chalandri	45
CS -Elefsina Station	64
CS- Salamina	64
CS- Peristeri	44
CS- Piraeus	55
Σύνολα	561

Table 1: Women supported at the Counseling Centers in Greece (01-04-2022-30-06-2022) Specifically, during the reference period, **42,1%** of women received support in 10 CCs in Attica¹⁹. A smaller percentage of 7% were supported by the CC in Thessaloniki, Crete at 5,3%, Larisa and Patra with almost same percentage with 3,2% respectively, while 39,2% % of women and third parties received support and useful information in the remaining Centers of the Network²⁰.

¹⁷ Refugee/migrant women, women with disabilities, drug addict women, the long-term unemployed women, single parent women, etc.

¹⁸ Note: unique beneficiaries supported at the Counselling Centres may report both an incident of GBV and an incident of discrimination(s)

²⁰ Note: Multiple factors such as awareness-raising activities, in combination with higher needs of women, due to the concentration of population in these areas. Therefore, presented results should not be taken as an outcome from which specific conclusions can be drawn



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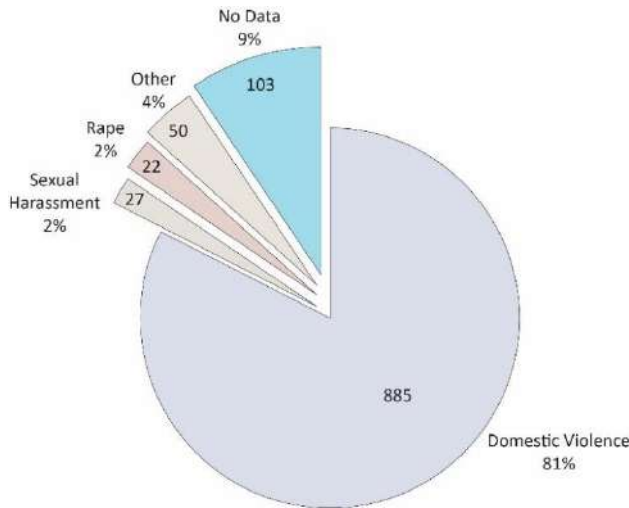
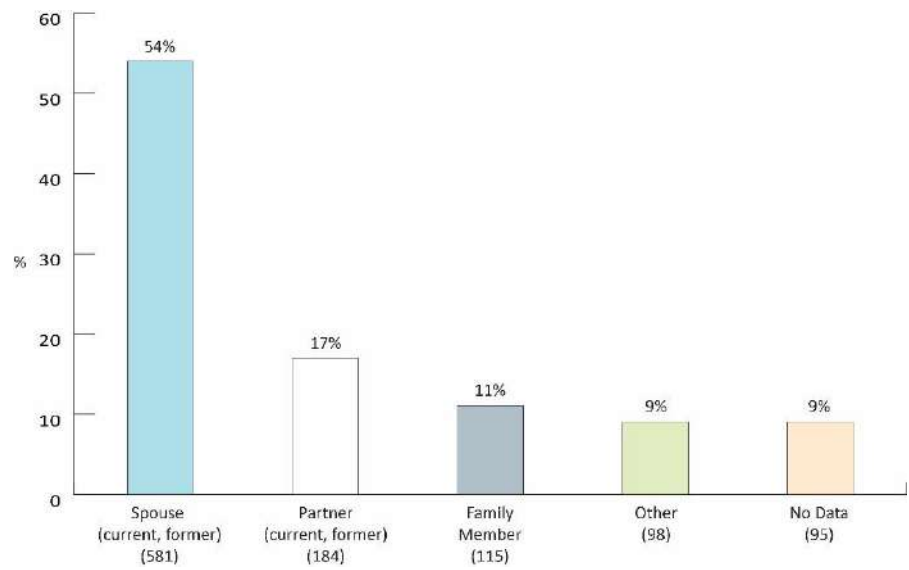


Figure 1: Forms of GBV reported by supported women (01-04-2022-30-06-2022). The most common form of violence for the reference period is domestic violence, amounting to **81%** of all the GBV reported cases by the beneficiaries to the CCs throughout Greece. Sexual harassment and rape incidents follows with 2%, while 4% from total incidents refers to “other” forms of violence.

Figure 2: Survivor-Perpetrator Relationship (01-04-2022-30-06-2022). The data show that, during the reporting period, the relationship between the survivor and the perpetrator was mostly spousal amounting to **54%**, 17% of women suffered violence by their partner, while 11% of

the women- survivors of GBV who received support by the Counseling Centers under GSDFPGE Network of

Structures, reported that the perpetrator was another family member (i.e. brother, father, or other close relative), and 9% “other”. Regarding the marital status of the survivors, **40%** are married, **23%** of the total stated that they are single, with a percentage of 14% being divorced and respectively at a rate of 10% being separated, while with almost the same percentage 3% are in a state of cohabitation and in widowhood status. Finally, 7% of women beneficiaries did not provide this information.



In addition, out of total women beneficiaries **69%** stated that they have a child / children while 31% stated that they do not have children.



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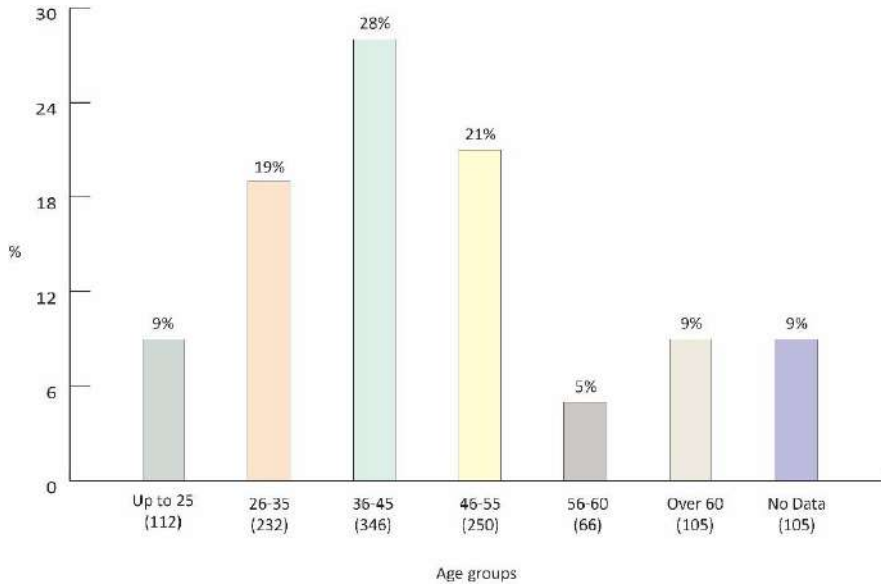


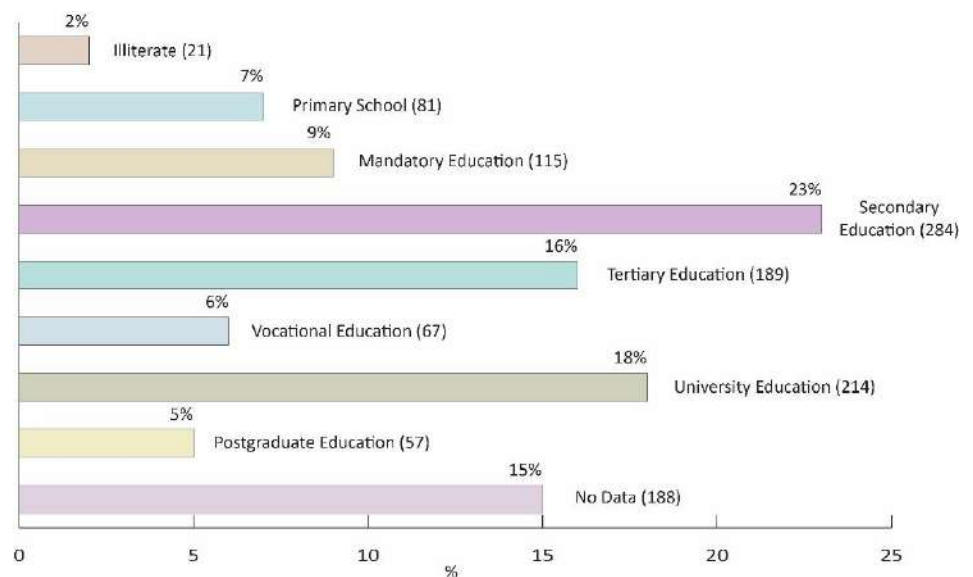
Figure 3: Age groups of supported women (01-04-2022-30-06-2022).

As for the age groups of women-survivors of GBV who received specialized services at the Counseling Centers of the Network during referenceperiod, the highest percentage, amounting to **28%**, were women between 36 and 45 years old. 21% belonged to the age group of beneficiaries between 46 and 55 years old, and a 19% belonged to the age group between 26 and 35 years old, while with the same percentage 9% were young women up to 25 years old and over 60, respectively. Additionally, 5% of

the beneficiaries belonged to the age group between 56 to 60. Finally, 9% from total women did not provide information regarding their age.

Figure 4: Education level of supported women (01-04-2022-30-06-2022). Among the recorded characteristics of

women- survivors of GBV who received supportive services is their educational level. During the reporting period, the highest percentage of beneficiaries **23%** reported having completed secondary education, while **18%** have university education and 16% tertiary education. 9% have completed mandatory education, while primary school amount to 7% and vocational education amount to 6%. Additionally, 5% of the beneficiaries has completed postgraduate education and 2% from total women beneficiaries reported being illiterate and lastly, 15% of said population did not provide this information.



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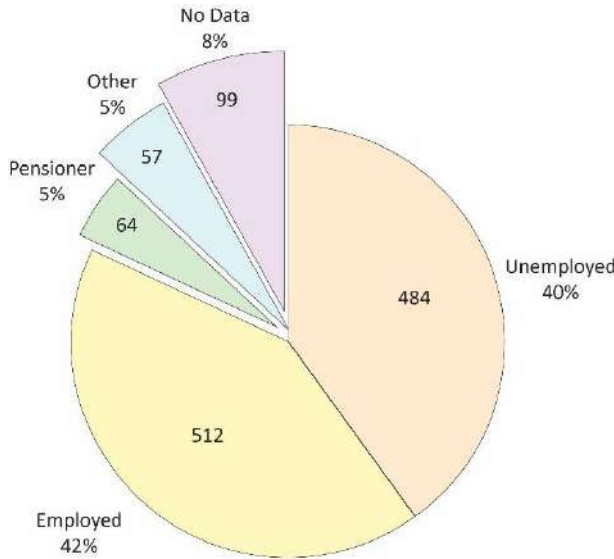
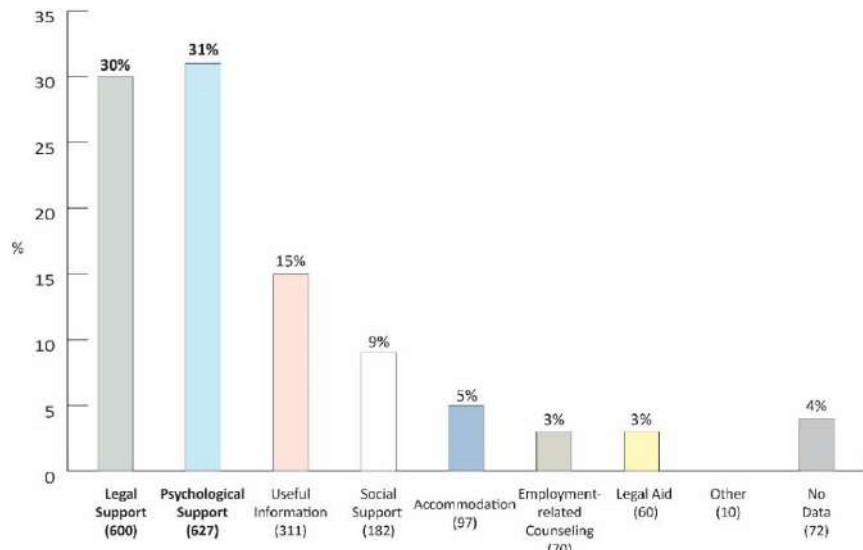


Figure 5: Employment status of supported women (01-04-2022-30-06-2022). Regarding the employment status of women who received supportive services from the Counseling Centers throughout Greece during the reporting period, **42%** were employed and 40% unemployed. With the same percentage 4,5% being pensioners and women beneficiaries other income source. The women seeking specialized support at the Counseling Centers of the Network during the reference period, stated being Greek in a percentage of **79%**, 12% were refugee and migrant women living in Greece, while 9% of the women did not provide this information.

Figure 6: Requests by supported women (01-04-2022-30-06-2022).

Women survivors of violence and multiple discrimination requested specialized support from GSDFPGE Network of Structures, during the reporting period, as follows: **31%** received psychological support, **30%** legal support, while 15% requested useful information regarding legal rights, specialized services etc. Furthermore, 9% of all women received social support and with 5% requested safe accommodation at the Women’s Shelters. Finally, 3% received employment related counselling and legal aid, respectively.



Moreover, regarding the interpretation services provided at the Network of Structures of the GSDFPGE in more than 22 languages and dialects, during the reporting period, a total of **210 sessions** were held with the help of interpretation in the Counseling Centers and Shelters throughout Greece. The main sessions were held remotely (161 sessions by telephone or via skype) and less with the physical presence of the interpreter (49 sessions). The main sessions were about the useful information of women beneficiaries as well as session related to their psychosocial support and their referral support to health services.



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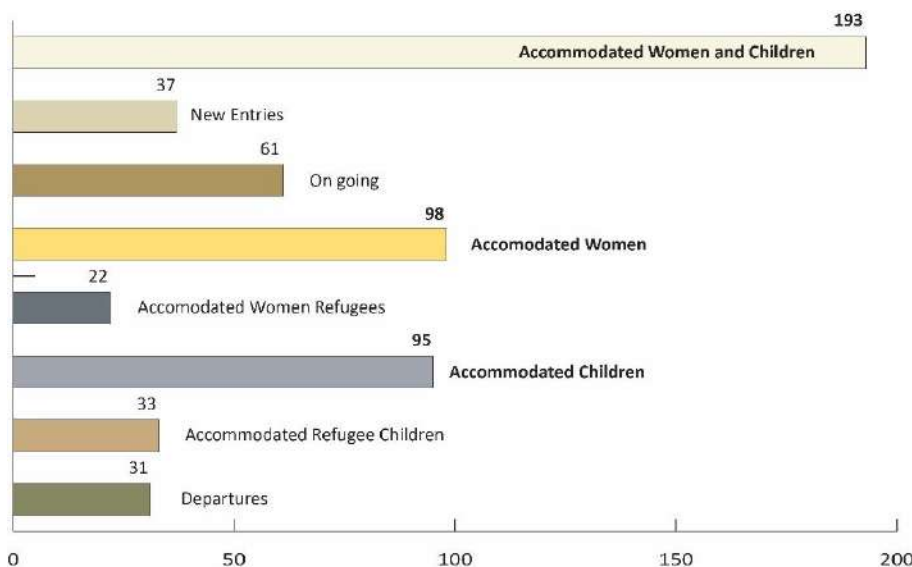
Women’s Safe Shelters (reference period April 2022 – June 2022)



The goal of the GSDFPGE network of Safe Shelters all over Greece is to provide short-term safe accommodation to all women and their children who have suffered or are still experiencing violence in all its forms as well as to women that experience multiple discriminations (such as migrant women, refugee women, single parents women, disabled and unemployed women etc.). The 19 Safe Shelters operate 24 hours a day, weekends and holidays, throughout the year. Moreover Shelters provide sufficient measures for the safety of accommodated women and their children. It has a capacity of approximately 420 beds, accessible spaces for people with disabilities and provides

protection with emergency accommodation for survivors in danger or in a crisis situation. At the same time, at the Shelters of the Network the executives ensure the psychological and social support of women and their children, empowerment and support for their integration into the labor market and the community. For children, the possibility of accommodation starts from infancy to adolescence.

Figure 1: Accommodated women and children (01-04-2022-30-06-2022).



During the three months period, the Safe Shelters accommodated in total **98** women and **95** children, a total of **193** persons, covering approximately about **48%** of the total occupancy of the Network’s Shelters²¹. Out of all women and children, **22** are refugee women and **33** are refugee children. Based on the entry date of women at the Shelters there were **37** new admissions, while a total of **31** women and children during the reporting period departed towards their own safe destination.

²¹ **Note:** 19 Shelter Structures across Greece, about 380 beds for women and their children



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Table 1: Occupancy of Safe Shelters throughout Greece (01-04-2022-30-06-2022). The Safe Shelters with the highest percentage of occupancy **27,7%** were the ones located in Attica, Thessaloniki with 13,8% and Larisa with 11,4%. Out of all the women and children accommodated in the Safe Shelters the percentage of refugee women and children is **23,6%** in Attica’s Safe Shelters, while **16%** were in Larisa, and 11% in Volos, Ioannina and Patra, respectively.

Occupancy of Shelters throughout Greece: 01-01-2022 - 31-03-2022	Total of Accommodated Women and Children	%	Total of Accommodated Refugee Women and Refugee Children	%
Attica (Shelters: Municipality of Athens, Municipality of Piraeus and National Center of Social Solidarity (EKKA) Ilio)	54	27,7%	13	23.60%
Thessaloniki (Municipality of Thessaloniki, Shelter of Kordelio-Evosmos and Shelter of EKKA in Axios)	27	13,8%	4	7%
Larissa	22	11.40%	9	16%
Ioannina	7	3.60%	6	11%
Komotini	6	3.10%	3	5.50%
Mytilene	8	4.10%	2	3.60%
Lamia	2	1%	0	0.00%
Volos	8	4%	6	11%
Rhodes	10	5.30%	0	0.00%
Patra	11	5.70%	6	11.00%
Crete (Shelters: Chania & Heraklion)	14	7.30%	1	2.20%
Tripoli	3	1.50%	0	0.00%
Kozani	7	3.70%	0	0.00%
Agrinio	16	8.30%	5	9.10%
Total	195	100.00%	55	100.00%

Table 2: Accommodated children (01-04-2022-30-06-2022). In addition, of all women accommodated during the reporting period, 80% % have children and 20% did not have children. Out of all children (95) accommodated at the Shelters during the reporting period all girls up to 12 years old were 58%% and all boys reached 42%. The mothers have the full responsibility for the care of their children, while at the same time

Accommodated Children	Girls	Boys
	55	40

the staff of the Shelters through the social support, help women to enroll their children in school, to book appointments with health care services and make arrangements for the referral of children to specialized centers etc.

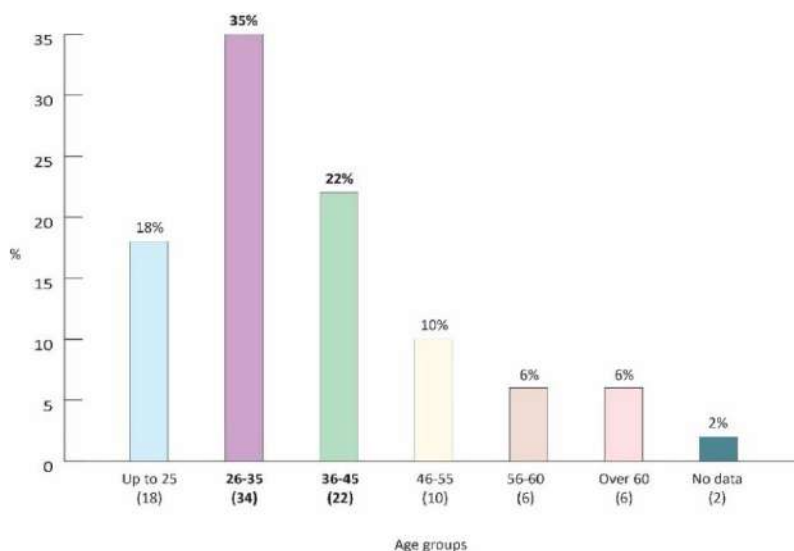


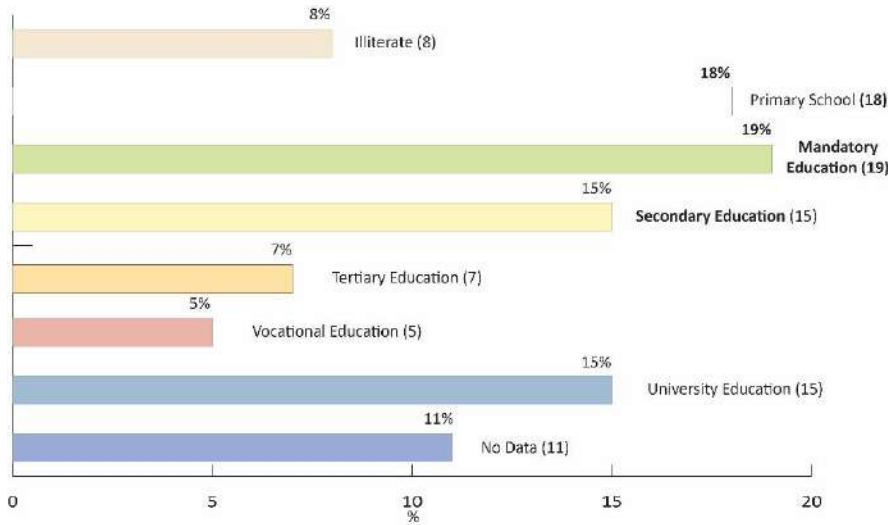
Figure 2: Age groups of accommodated women (01-04-2022-30-06-2022).

Regarding the age groups of women accommodated at the Safe Shelters, during the three month period, **35%** of all women aged between 26 and 35, followed by 22% between 36 and 45 years old. Moreover, 18% corresponds to young girls aged up to 25 years old and 10% to women between 46 to 55 years old. 6% are women between 56 to 60 years old and over 60 years old, respectively. Lastly, 2% of total accommodated women did not provide this information.



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Figure 3: Education level of accommodated women (01-04-2022-30-06-2022).



It is indicative that, during the reference period, the highest percentage of accommodated women, **19%**, have completed mandatory education, **18%** primary school and **15%** secondary education and university education, respectively. **8%** of total accommodated women seems to be illiterate and **5%** have vocational education. Finally **11%** of them did not provide this information.

Figure 4: Employment status of accommodated women (01-04-2022-30-06-2022).

Regarding the employment status of the accommodated women, the highest percentage of **80%** reported being unemployed, while only **12%** reported being employed. Women accommodated can receive employment counseling at the Shelter and be referred to relevant services.

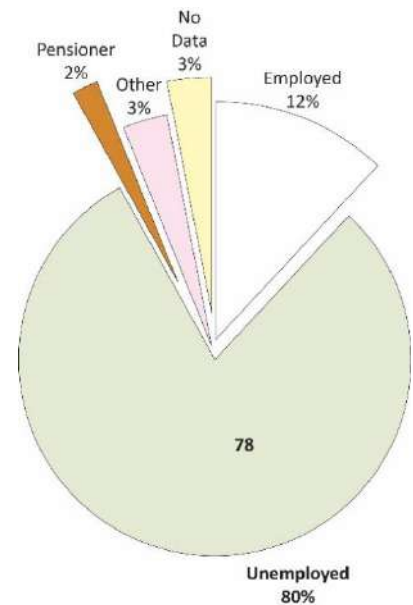
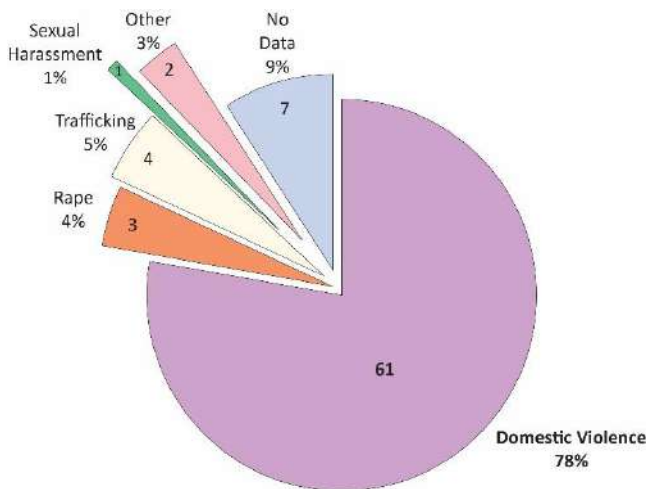


Figure 5: Forms of GBV reported by accommodated women (01-04-2022-30-06-2022).



The most prevalent form of GBV during the reporting period is domestic violence, with **78%** of all recorded forms of violence at the Network's Shelters throughout Greece. Incidents of rape follow with **4%**, trafficking with **5%** and sexual harassment with **1%**.



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Figure 6: Survivor-Perpetrator relationship (01-04-2022-30-06-2022).

The three months data provided by the fact that, the relationship between woman survivor and perpetrator is at **56%** spousal (current or former spouse), 23% coming from the partner (current or former) and 8% reported that the perpetrator was another family member (i.e. brother, father, or other relative) and other, respectively.

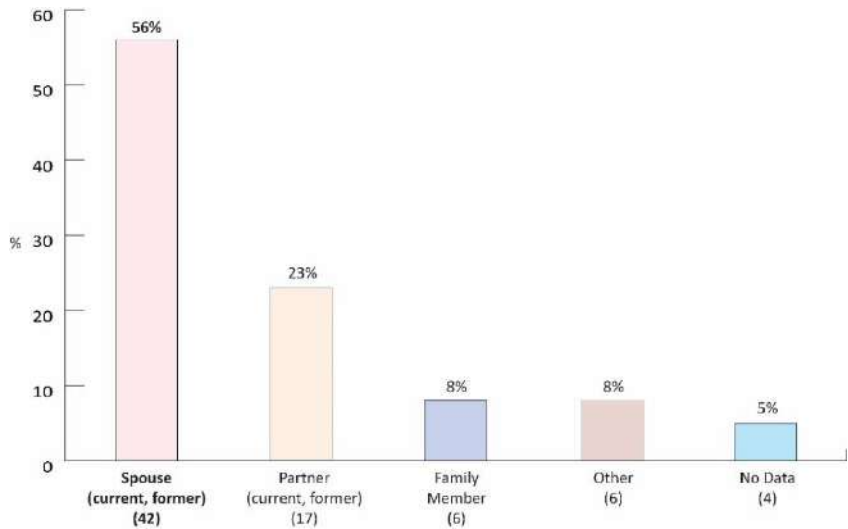
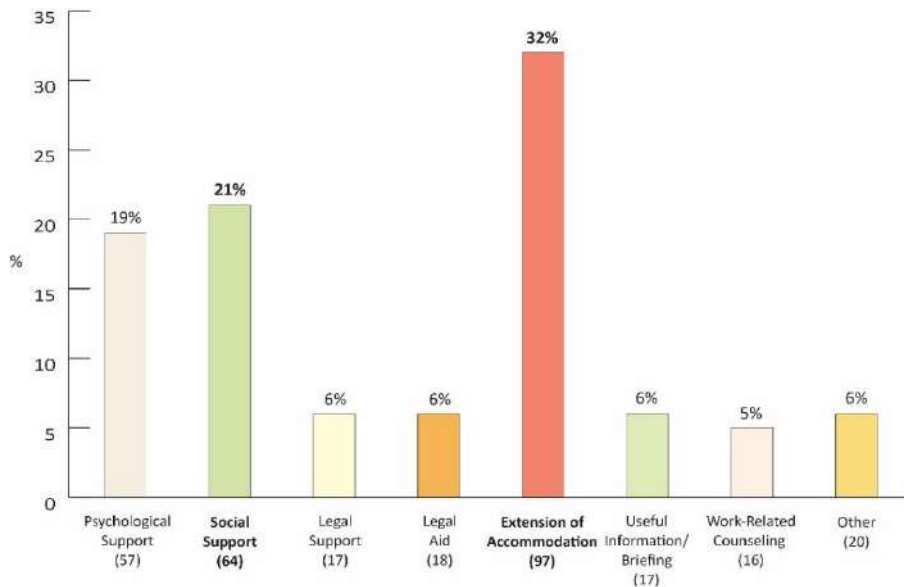


Figure 7: Requests by accommodated women (01-04-2022-30-06-2022).

The main requests of women accommodated at the Networks Shelters in Greece during the three-month period was the continuation of their accommodation amounting at **32%** of all requests. While a 21% refers to the need for social support and 19% to psychological support. Requests for useful information, legal support and legal aid corresponds to 6%, respectively and with 5% of all women

requested corresponds to work-related counseling. Finally, 6% from total accommodated women received “other” services.

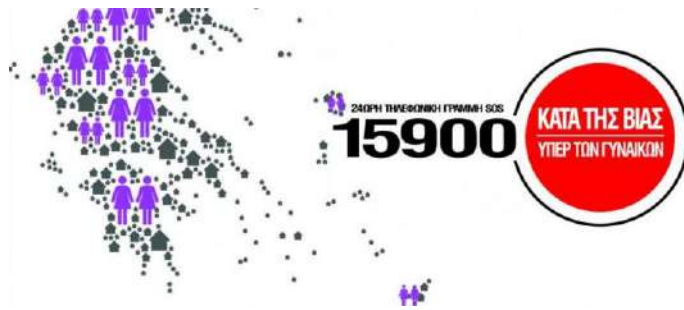




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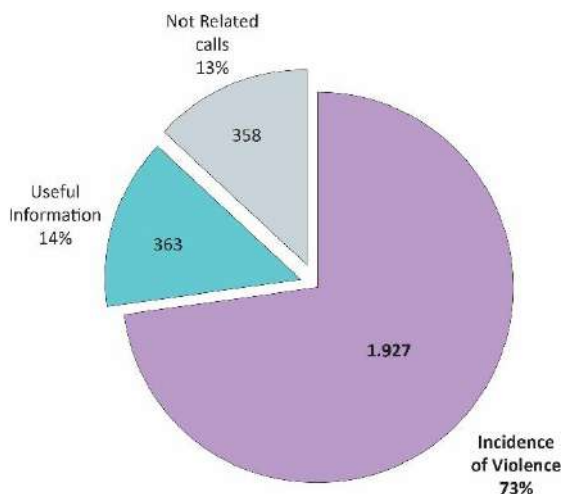
SOS 15900 24/7 Helpline (reference period April 2022 – June 2022)

The SOS Helpline 15900 operates nationwide, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year and provides immediate assistance to all women that finds themselves in emergency situation. The counselors of the Helpline provide immediate psychosocial support to women survivors of GBV. Additionally they provide useful information on issues related to prevention and institutional response to violence against women to all citizens and actors. Information can also be obtained by those who wish to send it by e-mail to **sos15900@isotita.gr**, as well as through the



website **metoogreece.gr**. More details on the principles and operation of the SOS 15900 Line are available here: [Regulation of Operation of the SOS 15900 Telephone Line](#). According to the data, most people who communicate with the executives of the Helpline via email are women beneficiaries. Specifically, during the reporting period, the SOS 15900 Helpline received a total of **108 emails**, most of which concerned useful information about response services such as psychological and legal support/aid and safe accommodation for women and their children.

Figure 1: Type of call (01-04-2022-30-06-2022). During the three-month period, a total of **2.648** calls were recorded, **1.927** of which referred to “incidents of violence” and **363** to “Useful Information”²². Out of all the calls regarding incidents of violence and useful information recorded by the SOS 15900 Helpline, **72%** were calls by women survivors seeking support and 28% by third parties seeking mostly useful information.



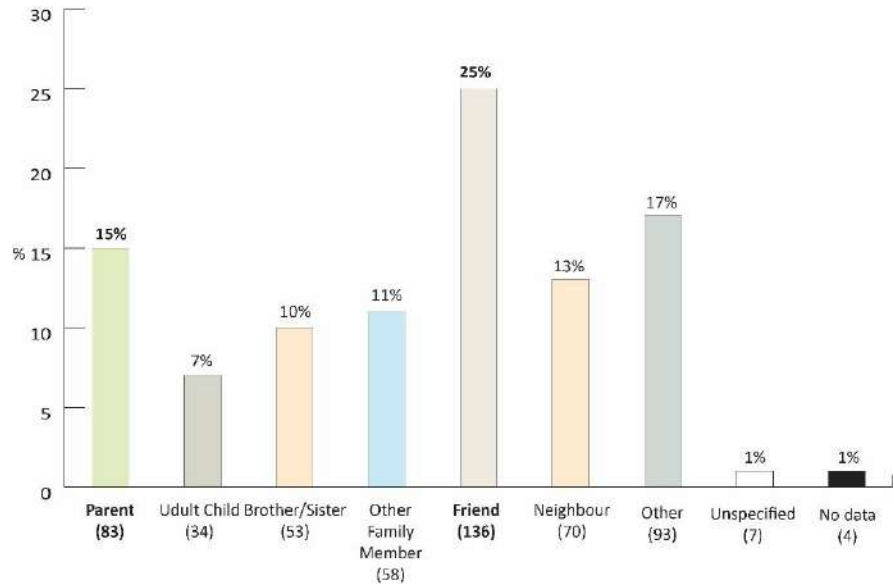
²² **Note:** Irrelevant calls, such as pranks, etc. are not analyzed in this newsletter



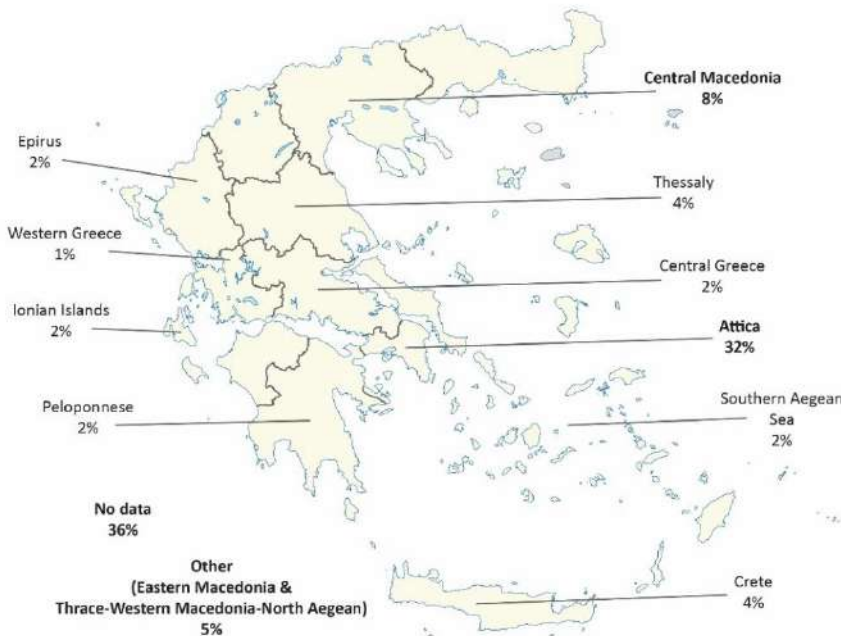
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Figure 2: Person who is calling (01-04-2022-30-06-2022).

Third parties who called the SOS 15900 Helpline were disaggregated as follows: friend of the survivor at 25%, 15% the parent of the survivor, 13% the neighbor of the survivor, 11% other family member, 10% the brother/sister and with the percentage 7% the adult child. Lastly, recorded calls by the “other” member of the survivor amounted to 17%. Moreover, 90% of calls were made by women calling the SOS 15900 Helpline for the first time, 8% called for the second time, 1% % for the third and fourth time, respectively. Women who called the SOS 15900 Helpline for the first time, had been informed about it via the internet at a rate of 7%, equally by TV and by someone they know at 3%, by another entity at 4%, while 84% did not provide this information during the call.



Map 1: Regions from which women beneficiaries calls were recorded (01-04-2022-30-06-2022).



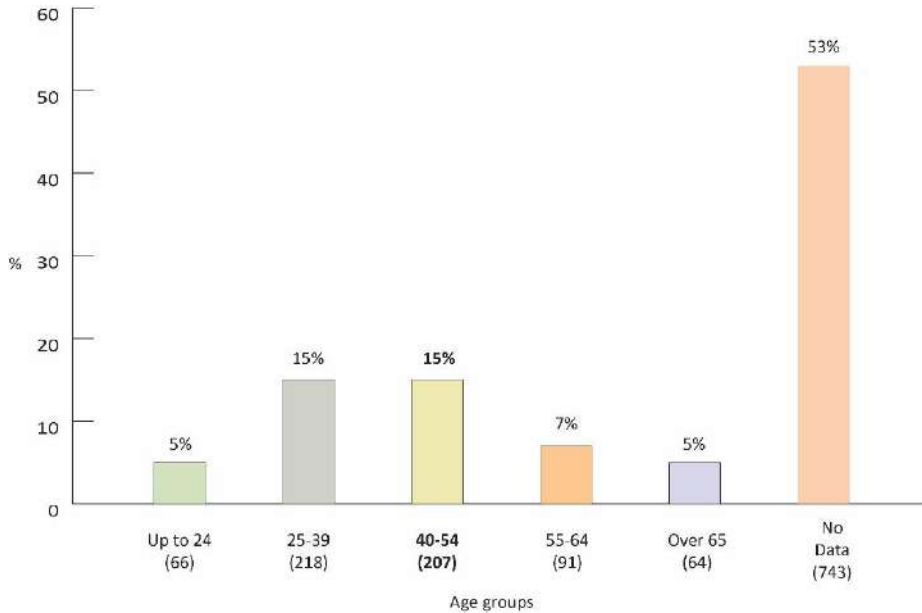
During the reporting period the Regions of Greece with the highest percentage of recorded calls is Attica with 33%, Central Macedonia with 8% while the rest of the recorded calls is equally divided among the rest of the Regions of the Greek territory. Lastly, 36% of total calls did not disclose the place of the call. Out of all women survivors who called the 15900 Help Line, 36% are Greek, 3% are migrants, while no call from refugee women was recorded and this can be attributed to the fact that refugee women survivors of GBV or multiple discrimination are usually referred to the Counseling Centers of the Network by Civil Society Organizations and NGOs which are exclusively active in the



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refugee and immigrant sector in Greece. Finally, **61%** did not reveal the details concerning their citizenship.

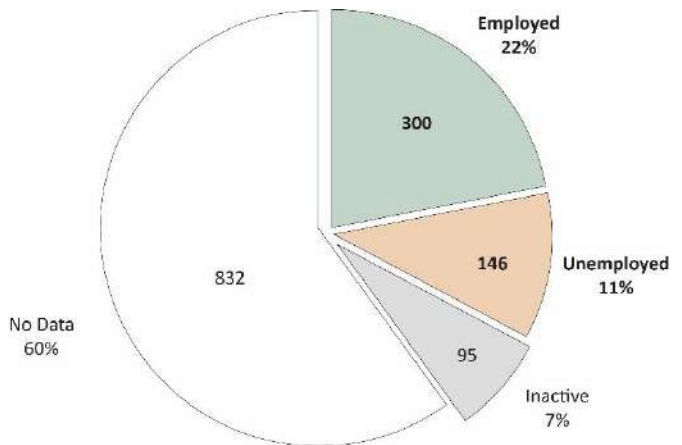
Figure 3: Age groups of women receiving support from the SOS Helpline 15900 (01-04-2022-30-06-2022).



As for the age group of women who called the SOS 15900 Helpline during the reporting period, the highest percentage **15%** being women aged between 25 - 39 and 40 - 54 years old, respectively. 7% are women between 55-64 years old, 5% are women aged up to 24 years old and women being over 65 years old, respectively. Lastly, 53% of all women who received support from the SOS 15900 did not provide this information.

Figure 4: Employment status of women receiving support from the SOS Helpline 15900 (01-04-2022-30-06-2022)

the employment status of the women who called the SOS 15900 Helpline for the first time during the 3 month period, the majority of **22%** were employed, while 11% unemployed, 7% reported being inactive and 60% out of all women did not provide this information. Regarding the education level of women who called the SOS Helpline, during the reference period, the highest rate of **92%** did not provide this information. This can be explained by the fact that during the call beneficiaries are emotionally charged and counsellors focus on their support. Moreover, 7% have completed university education, equally with 1% have completed upper secondary education and a postgraduate degree, respectively.





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Figure 5: Forms of violence reported by women beneficiaries at the SOS Helpline 15900 (01-04-2022-30-06-2022). During the reporting period, domestic violence made up to **66%** of the total forms of violence recorded at the SOS Helpline 15900, followed by sexual harassment at 3% and incidents of rape at 1%.

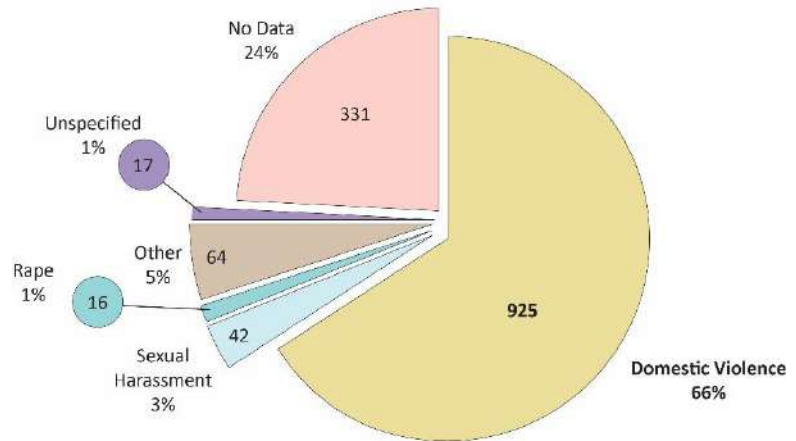


Table 1: Forms of Violence within Domestic Violence (01-04-2022-30-06-2022).

Forms of Violence Reported by Beneficiaries within Domestic Violence								
Survivor-Perpetrator Relationship	Physical	Psychological	Sexual	Verbal	Economic	Undefined	Total	Cohabitation
Spouse (current, former)	340	478	17	401	93	8	587	375
Partner (current, former)	109	189	5	133	14	3	220	81
Father	30	33	4	26	4	0	46	19
Brother/Sister	23	21	3	15	3	0	31	4
Adult Child	36	48	0	45	13	0	57	38
Other member of the Family	23	49	5	38	7	0	73	18
Third known person	11	51	32	42	1	4	89	1
Undefined	3	1	2	0	0	4	24	1
Total	575	870	68	700	135	19	1127	537

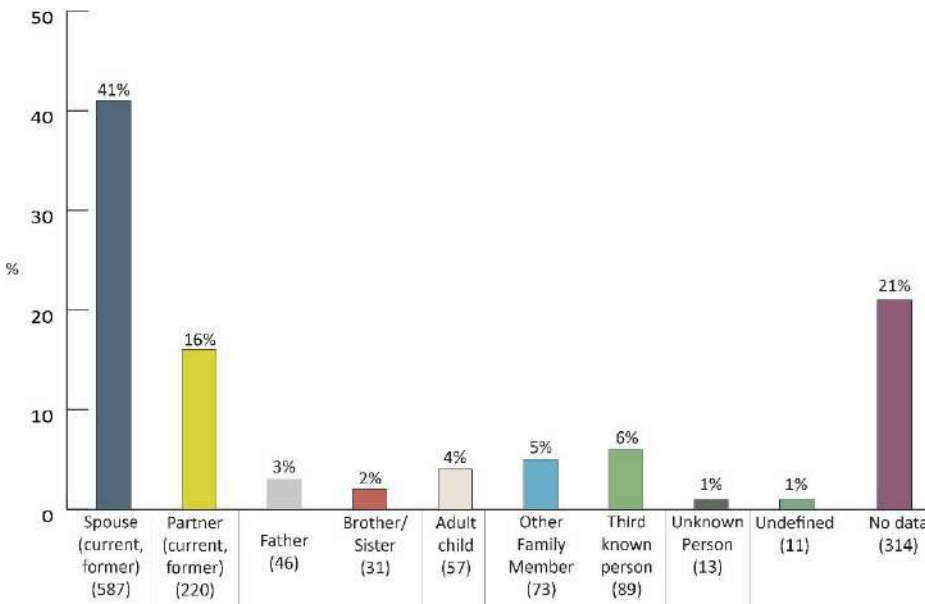
The main forms of violence in the context of domestic violence were psychological violence at **36,7%**, verbal violence at 30%, physical violence at 24%, economic violence against women was recorded at 6%, while sexual violence mostly within intimate partner violence at 3,3%. In addition, an important reference are the incidents of sexual abuse between close relatives, with the perpetrators being the father, the brother, the survivor's child and another family member.



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Regarding the family status of women who reported incidents of domestic violence: 44% have children, 12% reported not having children, 44% did not provide this information. Moreover, equally 1% from totals reported being pregnant, single mothers with minor child (<16 years old) and women with disabilities, while 10% reported having health issue problems, while a large percentage 86% did not provide this information during the calls.

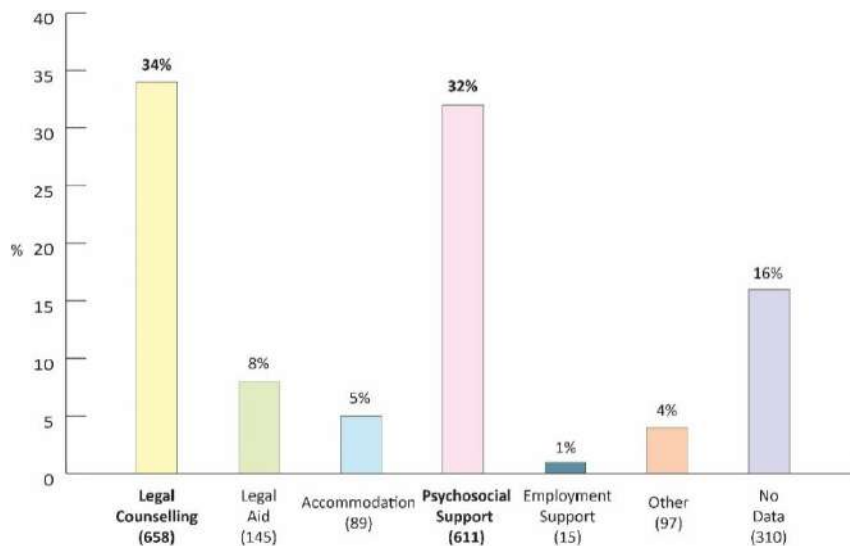
Figure 6: Survivor-Perpetrator relationship (01-04-2022-30-06-2022). as reported by women who called the SOS helpline.



Regarding the relationship between the survivors of GBV and the perpetrator it seems that at a rate of **41%** the perpetrator was the husband (current and former). The partner (current and former) follows at 16% and with the rate of 6% third know person to the survivor. With almost same percentage 5% the adult child and other family member, respectively, and with almost the same percentage 3% the perpetrator was the father and the brother/sister, respectively. Finally, 21% % from total women beneficiaries did

not provide this information during the call.

Figure 7: Women Beneficiaries requests (01-04-2022-30-06-2022). The majority of women’s individual requests recorded by the SOS 15900 Helpline during the reference months was for legal counseling at **34%**, followed by **32%** for psychological support, while a significant number corresponds to the requests for legal aid and safe accommodation of women survivors and their children.



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