



2017 ANNUAL REPORT

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We Defend the Values of Open and Fair Societies



by **Stelios Zavvos**,
Chairman of the Board of Directors

2017 was a very important year for SolidarityNow. In 2017, the organization consolidated and expanded its actions to support Greeks, refugees and migrants affected by the humanitarian and economic crises.

During the five years of our operation, we have responded to the most urgent issues of the refugee crisis, and have been at the forefront to relieve the most vulnerable people who have experienced first-hand the consequences of the

economic crisis in our country. We have progressively developed innovative programs regarding shelter provision and the interaction of our beneficiaries with the local communities.

The goal of our work is now clear and generally accepted: a smooth integration of refugees and migrants into our society as a prerequisite for economic development, support for local communities, peaceful coexistence. And, at the same time, our fundamental vision is to offer,

through an inclusive model, basic services to all, without exception and by only taking their vulnerability under consideration.

Since 2013, SolidarityNow has financially supported 93 other civil society organizations operating across Greece. At the end of 2017, the number of beneficiaries exceeded 220,000 people, all of which have been supported by our Solidarity Centers in Athens and Thessaloniki, or by the various programs implemented by the organization itself.

Our core activity continues to be the operation of both Solidarity Centers which are interlaced with the other programs, either implemented in collaboration with national & international organizations, or funded directly by us.

Through the Solidarity Centers and the employability services more specifically, we have supported more than 3,000 people so far, to join the labour market and to reactivate their lives.

In the past year, although refugee flows were significantly lower than in 2015 and 2016, 24,970 refugees and migrants crossed to the northern Aegean islands. The challenges shifted to other fields, creating new fronts that required vigilance. Two years after the signing of the EU-Turkey statement, many refugees and asylum seekers remain stranded on the Greek islands, deprived from basic human rights and without sufficient access to international protection.

While appeals against the geographical limitations of asylum seekers on the islands were pending, we continued to stress that the EU's reception and asylum regime was in a dramatic stagnation in every aspect: humanitarian, legal, political.

For two years now, together with other organizations, we noted that the EU-Turkey statement undermined Europe's human rights and fundamental principles. We insist that the only appropriate way to accommodate displaced populations is by respecting European values and complying with international refugee law: respect for the principle of non-refoulement, reception and shelter provision, and respect for the right of all to asylum, without discrimination. In practice, however, the EU's asylum and migration policy continues to follow the logic of closing the borders, to the detriment of human rights and humanitarian values.

This failed European policy at the heart of this statement has led to a sustained humanitarian crisis on our islands as well as to a general difficulty in managing refugees across the country. Our organization is mainly active in the Greek mainland, offering accommodation, legal aid, psychosocial support, education and integration initiatives for asylum seekers and refugees. Alongside our actions to defend human rights, we participate in awareness raising campaigns such as the #OpenTheIslands campaign calling for the lifting of geographical constraints on the islands.

We have noticed -once again- the absence of a central mechanism for the administration of refugee populations on the islands. This absence of a coordinated plan between the government and the various actors has created serious protection issues. In addition, it has made it harder for our partners on the islands to implement hospitality programs and has also resulted in a considerable increase of rental costs.

As defenders of human rights, we believe that a completely different approach is needed. One without actions that violate refugee law and create restriction zones- a practice that leads to tensions between local society and refugees and triggers xenophobic and racist outbreaks. There is a strong need for a rounded approach to problems with central, pre-visionary, and long-term planning across the country. Solidarity and support of Europe towards its coastal Member States is necessary, combined with a coordinated refugee policy at a national as well as local level.

We, from our part, are planning, in the long run, to meet the new challenges and respond to the needs of the local population and the people who will remain in our country and build their own future, along with their children. Our organization interconnects our most vulnerable fellow citizens with the labour market by giving them access to educational programs while enhancing their skills. And this applies to all those who need it.

SolidarityNow's constant goal for the future is to continue to be a catalyst for promoting the values of open and fair societies and defending the human rights of the most vulnerable.

Towards a concrete vision of an Open Society: Adding quality to quantitative success



by **Antigone Lyberaki**,
General Manager

It is my pleasure and honor to present you with our Annual Report for 2017.

We must first look back to the promise we made last year: pave the road towards a more open, fair and tolerant society by implementing programs with tangible results. **So, in 2017 SolidarityNow reached more**

than 23,000 beneficiaries. We did so through service provision, accommodation, education and community engagement, with advocacy efforts aligned to programmatic interventions.

We have ensured that most operations are channelled through the Solidarity Centers in Athens and Thessaloniki. This allows people to be seen as individuals rather than disjointed

bureaucratic problems. The Centers implement an “open door / free of charge” policy to provide quality services. Training, education, rights and life skills needs of refugees receive special attention at the new Blue Refugee Center in Thessaloniki.

SolidarityNow features as a prominent partner for UNHCR’s accommodation programs in Greece; the initial scope was expanded to include other vulnerable individuals such as asylum seekers and recently recognised refugees.

We at SolidarityNow are providing psychosocial support to women and children living in camps in mainland Greece through **12 mobile units**, in collaboration with UNICEF.

This work brings us into contact with vulnerable people at critical points in their lives. We, at SolidarityNow, use this contact to **add quality** services to make their lives better. We provide **educational support and skills empowerment activities.** We do so through innovative e-learning and classroom activities, assisting people to integrate and reconnect with the labour market and the school community. More than 2,000 children and adults benefited from non-formal educational services. Almost all the children accommodated by SolidarityNow attended day school, along with Greek peers; supportive and remedial classes were provided to children who have recently entered school, to boost their chances of continuation and success.

To help people build new lives, employment opportunities are key. Providing training and access to **employment** is a strategic priority for us. As an example, the “Future Interpreters” program completed training of almost 100 people of diverse backgrounds to become interpreters -a profession with great demand currently.

At SolidarityNow, we see beneficiaries **not as passive recipients but as stakeholders in joint endeavours.** Thus, we are trying to ensure that **voices are heard, and needs are expressed.** In doing so, we are being recognized as a leading voice among civil society actors in national and international fora. We have also organized or joined various events to pro-

mote public awareness and debate on human rights issues.

In conclusion, **SolidarityNow**, during 2017, consolidated its position as a leading organization in Greece by implementing diverse and quality-driven programs. This approach was rewarded by securing a place for SolidarityNow as a valued interlocutor and stakeholder for national and international organizations alike, as well as for local and municipal governments.

But we must also look forward to the future. Our vision is for a holistic approach, where meeting basic needs is only the first step for harmonious integration. We must, therefore, persist addressing the basic needs of asylum seekers, through accommodation programs. We will try to add value to these programs by complementing them with pre-integration and integration initiatives. We aim for SolidarityNow to be a leader in proactive social interventions and social activism.

An open society of tolerance and equality presupposes the empowerment of all its members. All must be able to make decisions concerning their own lives. Our work at SolidarityNow creates personal space where freedom and autonomy can be exercised. We believe that the shock of displacement can yet lead to effective and harmonious social integration –a win-win solution for all concerned. The key to the success is effective linking to the labour market. In this way we help people to rise to the challenge by being self-aware, self-sufficient, ready to exercise their rights and take on the responsibilities of a new life. This will be our focus in the coming year.

When parts of Europe are slipping into xenophobia, it incumbent on us not to shirk responsibility for social cohesion and to promote solidaristic values. We believe that a position founded on ethical values can offer a way out from the geo-strategic impasse. We at SolidarityNow pledge to continue to innovate and to break new ground in social intervention in Greece.



Education Matters
Employability program in Thessaloniki
Volunteering program
Live at BBC
#OpenTheIslands Campaign
#ErmisAwards



2017 MILESTONES

We share with you some of the major events of 2017.



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Education Matters

SolidarityNow inaugurated a consolidated series of education initiatives under the title Education Matters, which is implemented in close cooperation with grass roots Almasar and the support of the Development Forum. Our achievement in 2017 was the establishment and operation of the space as an educational centre and the provision of supportive education classes in camps and urban centres.



Employability program in Thessaloniki

Linking people to the labour market and enabling them to find a job is the goal of our efforts for their social integration. Thessaloniki Solidarity Center has significant success rates in employment: **569 beneficiaries have already found a job**, through the employability program.

Volunteering program

SolidarityNow’s volunteering scheme was launched in March 2017. Within a period of 9 months, we have received more than 200 volunteer applications. 65 volunteers from all over the world got engaged in our work and supported our activities in all levels, providing their time, enthusiasm and energy as well as bringing in new and fresh ideas.



#OpenTheIslands campaign

Following a joint letter by 20 NGOs to PM Tsipras on October 23rd regarding the situation on the Greek islands, as there was no response, we jointly published a Press Release on the issue aiming to continue the pressure. A digital count-up campaign, until the 21st of December (official start of winter) was launched on December 1st raising public awareness and asking for asylum seekers to be transferred from the islands to the mainland. SolidarityNow built a special webpage to host the campaign material.



Live at BBC

SolidarityNow promoted integration and coexistence stories of refugees through the successful example of Tilos. The Tilos project was presented in July 2017 at the BBC TV and went six times live! (TV, radio, website, social media). Through the BBC News Facebook page, the video **reached more than 1.1 million BBC news followers and gathered more than 25,000 likes**.



#ErmisAwards

The awareness campaign implemented by SolidarityNow, with the support of the UNHCR, dedicated to the hosting program entitled “Home for Hope”, was honored with four creativity prizes at the Ermis Awards. Ermis Awards is the only institution which awards creativity in communication in Greece and is organized every year by the Hellenic Association of Communications Agencies.



Our goals & priorities

To achieve our mission and fulfill our vision, each year we set our goals and we prioritize our actions to reach more people and address more needs in the best and most effective way.

2018

axis
1**Safety and Protection****We assist people to feel safe from harm and from conditions that undermine their access to resources**

SolidarityNow will continue to work, making sure people have a safe shelter and secure dignified standards of living, by:

- Implementing specialized housing projects for vulnerable population groups, with an emphasis in urban areas
- Developing a combination of alternative shelter solutions that benefit both the ones affected and the local community welcoming them
- Providing a comprehensive array of supporting services to those accommodated in our programs, through recreational, cultural and wellness activities

We enable people to untap their life potential for long term economic well-being and self-reliance

SolidarityNow will work to increase everyone's economic and social participation in the local community and economic life, by:

- Developing job counseling and labour market integrating projects
- Providing supporting services to people to overcome any fiscal, administrative, legal or financial burden
- Implementing projects that empower entrepreneurial skills
- Working to support and facilitate new entrepreneurial ideas, with emphasis on the social economy

axis
2**Well-being****We empower people by making them aware of their rights to influence the decisions that affect their lives**

SolidarityNow will work to enable people and civil society to use the law in order to uphold the human rights of the underprivileged population groups by:

- Providing free legal aid and information to people who face restrictions in accessing the legal system
- Ensuring court representation and people's rights to a fair trial
- Running rights' information and awareness campaigns, as well as strategic litigation initiatives

We contribute to the strengthening and the independence of Greek civil society by defending open society values

SolidarityNow will act as an initiator of lively civil society ecosystems to strengthen the voices of those underrepresented and enhance intersectional solidarity by:

- Providing targeted regranting to small grassroots and civil society organizations
- Providing physical and virtual space for free interaction and dialogue
- Investing in building capacity of small organizations and informal groups to self-organize around the priorities of the marginalized and effectively represent them

axis
3**Empowerment of people**axis
4**Strengthening of civil society**

Challenges addressed, solutions provided

THE YEAR IN REVIEW














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Programmatically, SolidarityNow focused its efforts on addressing the far-reaching consequences of the humanitarian and economic crises.

Activities' Highlights

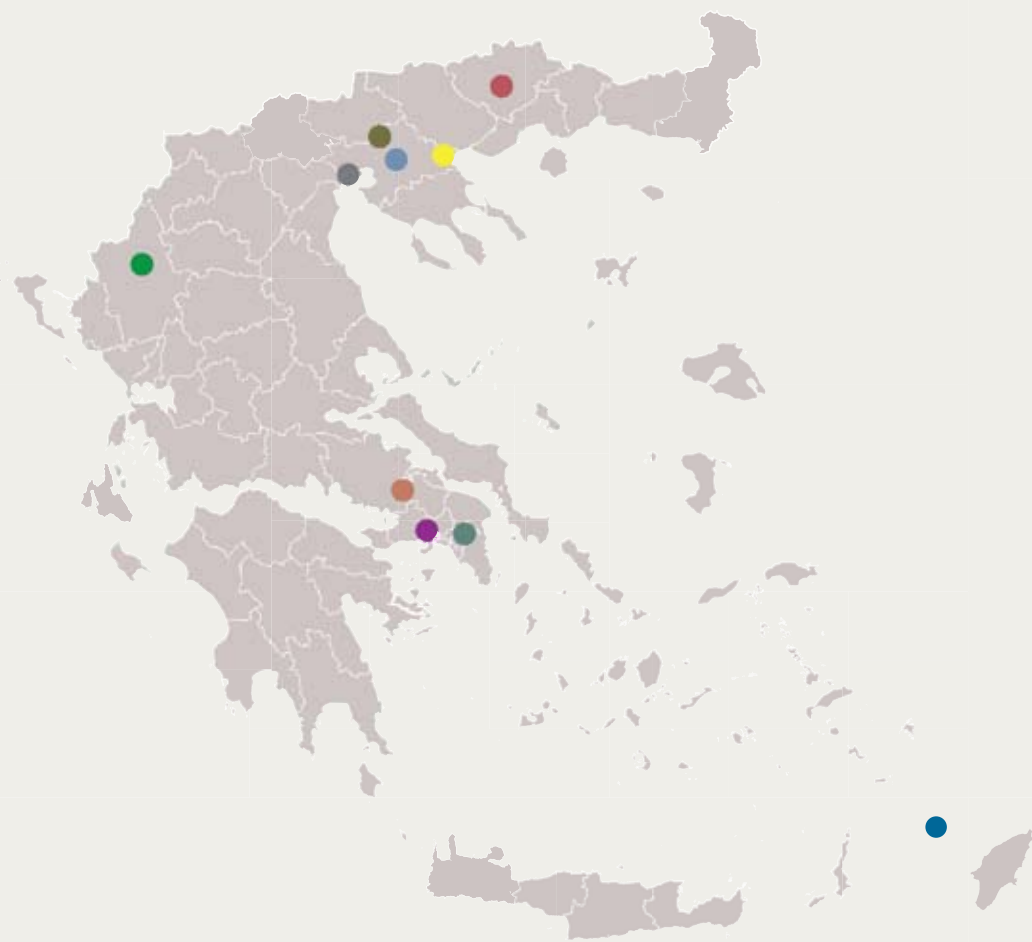
& People Assisted 2017

		Athens Solidarity Center	Thessaloniki Solidarity Center	Blue Refugee Center	Accommodation Program/ESTIA	Blue Dots	Other	Total	
Accommodation/ Shelter provision		-	-	-	3647	-	44	3691	
Psychosocial support		8979	3009	3279	1991	3026	44	20328	
Psychological support		1804	176	235	-	-	-	2215	
Legal aid, information and support		1256	291	506	501	-	-	2554	
Non-formal education & recreation activities		-	194	3362	1325	647	95	5623	
Employability support		1263	277	292	-	-	-	1832	
Children Friendly Space support		3020	-	1165	-	2519	-	6704	
Internet corner		-	-	5206	-	-	-	5206	
Helpline		4940	-	771	-	-	-	5711	
Parents and Baby support		-	-	839	-	1427	-	2266	
Health		1430	-	240	-	-	-	1670	

2017 The geography of programs

The geography of programs 2017



23,618
Estimated number
of beneficiaries
in 2017




Elefsina
(Attica)

 **Blue Dots Support Hub**
Donor: UNICEF/ECHO

Ioannina

 **Accommodation & Services Program #ESTIA**

 **Children Friendly Spaces and Educational Activities**
Donor: UNHCR/ECHO

Thiva

 **Blue Dots Support Hub**
Donor: UNICEF/ECHO


Tilos


 **Accommodation & Services Program #ESTIA**

 **Peaceful coexistence with local community**

 **Children Friendly Spaces and Educational Activities**
Donor: UNHCR/ECHO

Sindos
(Thessaloniki)

 **Accommodation & Services Program #ESTIA**
Donor: UNHCR/ECHO

 **Children Friendly Spaces and Educational activities**
Donor: UNHCR/ECHO

Kavalari
(Thessaloniki)

 **Blue Dots Support Hub**
Donor: UNICEF/ECHO

Volvi
(Thessaloniki)

 **Blue Dots Support Hub**
Donor: UNICEF/ECHO

Drama

 **Blue Dots Support Hub**
Donor: UNICEF/ECHO

Thessaloniki

 **Solidarity Center**
Donors: OSF/OSIFE, UNHCR/ECHO

 **Blue Refugee Center**
Donor: UNHCR/ UNICEF/ECHO

 **Home for Hope**
Donor: UNHCR/ECHO

 **Accommodation & Services Program #ESTIA**
Donor: UNHCR/ECHO

 **Accommodation Program**
Partner: AIRBNB

 **Education/French Lessons**
Donor: ORGANISATION INTERNATIONALE DE LA FRANCOPHONIE

 **Education/ Future Interpreters**
Donor: GUERRILLA FOUNDATION

 **Children Friendly Spaces and Educational Activities in the Solidarity Center & the Blue Refugee Center**
Donors: OSF/OSIFE, UNHCR/ECHO

 **Specialized Program for LGBTI Refugees/ Asylum Seekers**
Donor: UNHCR/ECHO

Athens

 **Solidarity Center**
Donor: OSF/OSIFE/EaSI

 **Home for Hope**
Donor: UNHCR/ECHO

 **Accommodation & Services Program #ESTIA**
Donor: UNHCR/ECHO

 **Accommodation Program "Solidarity Homes"**
Donor: HELP REFUGEES

 **Accommodation Program**
Partner: AIRBNB

 **Education/French Lessons**
Donor: ORGANISATION INTERNATIONALE DE LA FRANCOPHONIE

 **Education/ Future Interpreters**
Donor: GUERRILLA FOUNDATION

 **Children Friendly Spaces and Educational Activities**
Donor: UNHCR/ECHO

 **Specialized Program for LGBTI Refugees/Asylum Seekers**
Donor: UNHCR/ECHO

 **Blue Dots Support Hub**
Donor: UNICEF/ECHO
Partner: MUNICIPALITY OF ATHENS

 **Lifelong Learning Initiative EDUCATION MATTERS**
Strategic Partner: Almasar
Partner: Development Forum
Donor: OSF

The right to Shelter

SolidarityNow used 2016 as a pilot period to test different accommodation solutions (hosting families, collective accommodation, small scale community projects, autonomous residences, shelters for specific vulnerable groups), to evaluate durable and sustainable accommodation solutions and meet the urgent and pressing needs for the provision of quality accommodation in the urban context.

SolidarityNow has been congratulated on many occasions for the excellent quality of services provided, which go much beyond contractual agreements. As a result, the organization has developed a network of experienced professionals in this area, with their main objective being the protection and safety of vulnerable asylum seekers.



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As one of the UNHCR accommodation partners in Greece, SolidarityNow has accommodated, until the end of 2017, more than 5,000 asylum seekers in SolidarityNow-managed structures across the country (Attica, Thessaloniki, Epirus, Peloponnese, Macedonia and Aegean Islands). The project, initially only supporting refugees who were eligible for the relocation program, has evolved to also include asylum seekers in Greece and recognized refugees. By the end of the reporting period, the majority of accommodation beneficiaries reside in independent apartments in Athens, Thessaloniki and Ioannina; while some larger structures in Attica and Thessaloniki have also been maintained, as well as shelter for particularly vulnerable cases, which is situated in the same building as the Thessaloniki Solidarity Centre. Complementing this large project, SolidarityNow has launched a few other interventions to support specific population groups. In collaboration with the UK-based organization Help Refugees, SolidarityNow has been providing accommodation to five families

of recognized refugees and one Greek family with Albanian origin. This project has allowed us to develop a more focused approach to supporting individuals who plan to stay in Greece and hence supporting their integration (social and economic) in their new home. Also, the organization initiated in 2017, a partnership with Airbnb and their Open Homes platform which aims “to provide free short-term housing to people in safe, welcoming places while they rebuild their lives after disasters, wars, conflict, or other factors”. The partnership is still at an initial stage, and both SolidarityNow and Airbnb are committed to work closely together to design new and innovative ways to address this gap in 2018, while also including interventions around livelihoods. Access to such temporary and emergency accommodation has really made a difference for extremely challenging cases who would otherwise be left on the street.

All accommodation solutions include close case-management and additional services (psychosocial, legal, cash, non-formal education and integration).

3,691 beneficiaries / 30,283 services

€ 6,149,476.01 / Shelter & service

€ 1,738,327.52 / Shelter

Donors and Supporters: UNHCR/ECHO, Help Refugees, Airbnb

The right to Education

School drop-outs resulting from the structural deficits of the Greek educational system, coupled with the high unemployment rates in the country, manifests the negative social consequences of young people not being given the opportunity to reach their potential. SolidarityNow provides non-formal educational support and skills development activities, through innovative e-learning and classroom activities, thereby assisting individuals to reconnect with the labour market and the educational sector. More than 2,000 children and adults benefited from non-formal educational services, while almost all the children who were accommodated by SolidarityNow (in December 2017) attended day school, along with Greek peers. Supportive classes were provided to



children who have recently entered school, to boost their chances successfully continuing their education.


Due to the increasing demand for language learning, in 2017 the organization initiated a partnership with a grassroots organization Almasar to implement an educational program at the Diadromes center in Athens. SolidarityNow brought together funding from different donors to provide Greek, English, French & IT classes for adults and Arabic for children. We also aim to introduce additional specialised training courses in 2018.

Many people who were planning to pass through Greece and reach countries in northern Europe have been stranded in the country following the closure of the Balkan route. Some people have been leaving ille-

gally while others have accepted that they will be remaining in the country for the foreseeable future. SolidarityNow believes that it is vital for people to remain active and either pursue educational or employment opportunities, so that they can become financially independent and at the same time empowered to take the next steps in their journey.

For this reason, the organization has been providing training and access to employment opportunities. Specifically SolidarityNow implemented the "Future Interpreters" program (in collaboration with the Guerrilla Foundation) through which almost 100 people of different backgrounds were trained to become cultural mediators –a much-demanded profession currently in Greece.

 **5,623 attendants**

 **193,562.27**

Donors and Supporters: OSF, UNHCR/ECHO, Guerrilla Foundation, Almasar, Development Forum, Organisation Internationale de la Francophonie, refu-AID

The right to Justice

Access to justice, the equality of all before the law, the exercise of the right to court representation and the right to trial are four of the basic human rights which SolidarityNow defends for every person indiscriminately.



Since the establishment of its Solidarity Centers in Athens and Thessaloniki, SolidarityNow has incorporated legal assistance as core service provided free of charge to anyone who requests it. Experienced lawyers in refugee, civil, penal and administrative law support all those who need legal assistance through a wide range of services – from issuing legal documents, representation in services (especially for asylum seekers) to court representation.

The Legal Service of the Blue Refugee Center in Thessaloniki, focuses on preparing people of concern for their interviews with the Asylum authorities, helping them to register with the Asylum Service, and providing information and support related to the asylum procedure or the re-


location and reunification scheme. Civil law matters, such as child recognitions, divorces, marriages, etc., are also among their requests.

In total, 3,801 people received legal assistance through the Solidarity Centers.

1 out of 10 among the 3,801 Solidarity Centers' legal services beneficiaries brought a case that required court representation to be resolved.

Finally, SolidarityNow collaborated with the *refugee.info* platform to provide legal advice in response to online queries, as well as editorial support and content development.

 **3,801 beneficiaries / 7,086 services**

 **131,135.88**

Donors and Supporters: OSF, UNHCR, UNICEF, IRC

Child Protection

The right to

SolidarityNow, with the support of UNICEF and funding by ECHO, implemented (reporting period: August 2016 – October 2017) the first phase of the innovative Blue Dots program on a national scale (20 sites), as part of the ongoing efforts to protect the most vulnerable refugee and migrant groups. One of SolidarityNow's priorities was, and still is, the protection of human rights at all levels, with emphasis on the groups facing greater risks, such as children.



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The Blue Dots program exceeded its initial objectives:

- 4,409 refugees and migrant children received supporting services (including psychosocial and legal support)
- 10 mother and baby corners (MBC) were established
- 416 mothers/caregivers benefited from infant and young child feeding counseling
- 84 frontline aid and service providers were trained on child protection
- 1,138 referrals of individuals with medical needs (physical injuries, sickness) to health providers
- 507 children referred to formal or informal education
- 388 unaccompanied children and/or vulnerable adults referred to accommodation services
- 977 referrals of individuals in need of additional legal support

In November 2017, SolidarityNow initiated a new project with UNICEF, which extends the operational role of the hubs created for children and their families by strengthening the child protection and gender-based violence services and also introducing non-formal education activities in selected sites. The new intervention's objective is to ensure that refugee and migrant children and families can access an inclusive package of both protection and education services in campsites and urban settings, with a focus on increased protection, well-being and social integration.

Also, SolidarityNow was responsible for the communication of the project "Following their Footsteps" implemented in collaboration with Faros, Merimna, Syn-eirmos Babel and CIVISPlus, aiming to identify and protect Unaccompanied children in Greece.

 **6,704 beneficiaries / 80,409 attendances**

 **2,097,130.87**

Donors and Supporters: UNICEF, EPIM, OSF

The right to Employment

For SolidarityNow, employment facilitation and empowerment services are an integral part of the support provided to Greeks and migrants through the Solidarity Centers in Thessaloniki and Athens. Linking people to the labour market and enabling them to find an employment is aiming to support the social integration. This leads to the decrease of people's dependency on the state and NGOs' assistance as well as provides opportunities for personal growth and development.



More specifically, our initiatives concerning access to employment during 2017, were as follows:

- **Thessaloniki Solidarity Center**

1 out of 3 Greeks and 1 out of 10 refugees/migrants-beneficiaries of the Center found an employment through the experienced employment consultants. Thessaloniki Solidarity Center successfully supported 30% of Greek beneficiaries and 16% of refugee / migrant beneficiaries to find a job.

- **Blue Refugee Center**

Since its establishment in December 2016, 16% of beneficiaries of the employment support services at the Blue Refugee Centre in Thessaloniki, have found a job.


- **Athens Solidarity Center**

In 2017, employability services at the Athens Solidarity Center have reached 1,263 people, through the NGO Praksis.

In 2017, SolidarityNow continued to implement specific actions to enhance skills of individuals. More specifically:

- Contributed an improvement in marketable skills, by providing ICT and English language training and certification for 100 Greeks and refugees, with the support of UNHCR.
- Provided intensive training in professional interpretation techniques for 100 arab and farsi speakers to improve their chances of successfully entering the labour market with the support of the Guerrilla Foundation.
- Partnered with academic institutions to analyze job market trends and employability prospects for its beneficiaries.

 **1,832 beneficiaries / 2,815 services**

 **34,646.94** (does not include the operational cost and co-financing of the Service provided by the NGO Praksis through the Athens Solidarity Center)

Donors and Supporters: EU-E@si, UNHCR/ECHO, OSF

Athens Solidarity Center

The Athens Solidarity Center (ASC) is an innovative operational response to the complex needs formed, and rapidly increased, by the economic crisis and further deepened with the onset of the refugee crisis.

Over the years since it was established, the ASC has become well-regarded and known in the community, providing –without any discrimination– much needed services to vulnerable populations (either directly or through partners) who would have otherwise been excluded from relevant support. The holistic approach of the “one-stop-shop” provided through the Center is unique and brings together expertise across different fields and complementary synergies. The dynamic nature of the intervention, with the continuous evaluation and re-alignment of services provided to better meet the needs of the people, will ensure that the Center is always responding to the current needs of the target population in a relevant, efficient, and effective way.




The ASC aims to support marginalized and vulnerable individuals residing in and around Athens, to empower them to become active and productive members of society. More specifically, the project target groups are those who are (or at risk of becoming) socially excluded. This includes: a) individuals with minimal or no income regardless of national or ethnic origin; and more specifically, b) long term migrants – who have not found their place in the social sphere; c) ethnic minorities (such as Roma); d) refugees and asylum seekers; and e) young people who are not in the educational system.

In 2017 the ASC provided the following services:

- Social Services
- Psychosocial support
- Medical (Praksis)
- Cultural Mediation / Interpretation – to support ASC services
- Legal Aid
- Employability (Praksis)
- Child-Friendly Space (Network For Children's Rights)
- Specialized services for children and adolescents with learning difficulties (BABEL SynEirmos)
- Helpline for children in need of psychological support (Together for Children)
- Pre and post-natal support to women (Fainareti)
- National asylum services for vulnerable cases



 **8,979 beneficiaries / 23,746 services**

 **794,752.41**

Donors and Supporters: OSF, EU-E@si

Thessaloniki

Solidarity Center

In Thessaloniki, SolidarityNow established a new Center in November 2016, the Blue Refugee Center (BRC), bringing the total amount of Centers operating in the country to three. The BRC is a community and livelihoods support hub, a de facto safe space for vulnerable refugees and asylum seekers in the urban and peri-urban area of Thessaloniki. SolidarityNow invested in the establishment of a centre for a specific target population, to address specific first-level needs of the population, while keeping Thessaloniki Solidarity Center as a place for second level assistance and specialized services. The two Centers act as a very close network, with complementary activities and services and have already emerged as a referral point for the wider area.

& Blue Refugee Center

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Services offered:

- Social Services
- Psychosocial support
- Legal Aid
- Cultural mediation
- Employability support
- Child-Friendly Spaces
- Internet corner
- Non Food Items

/ People receiving legal assistance (unique beneficiaries): 1,021 (TSC 515, BRC 506)

/ People receiving psychosocial support (unique beneficiaries): 2,925 (TSC 686, BRC 2,239)

/ Attendants at informal educational classes (non-unique beneficiaries): 9,193 (only BRC)

/ Children attending Children Friendly Space @ BRC (UNICEF-funded, unique beneficiaries): 1,165



Thessaloniki Solidarity Center

3,009 beneficiaries / 8,514 services
€ 158,932.81

Donors and Supporters: OSF, UNHCR/ECHO

Blue Refugee Center

4,050 beneficiaries / 15,379 services
€ 556,870.62

Donors and Supporters: UNHCR/ECHO, UNICEF, OIF

Support to civil society

SolidarityNow's re-granting strategy has targeted initiatives that complement the services of the Centers, as well as other interventions that support specific population groups who are excluded from mainstream funding. Grants have been closely monitored and support has been provided to grantees, to ensure the effective implementation of programs to best reach the target population.



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SynEirmos

Provision of specialised psychological therapies to migrant and Greek children and adolescents in the Athens Solidarity Center

€35,400

01/04/2017 - 30/09/2017

Provision of specialised psychological therapies to migrant and Greek children and adolescents in the Athens Solidarity Center

€11,000

01/11/2017 - 31/12/2017

Doctors of the World

Provision of medical support to refugees in Northern Greece in camps and urban facilities – Thessaloniki Polyclinic and Blue Refugee Center

€25,600

01/01/2017 - 31/03/2017

Provision of medical support to refugees in Northern Greece in camps and urban facilities – Thessaloniki Polyclinic and Blue Refugee Center

€32,050

01/04/2017 - 30/06/2017

Provision of psychiatric support to refugees in Northern Greece through the Thessaloniki Polyclinic

€36,164

01/04/2017 - 30/06/2017

Together for Children

Operation of Helpline and Counseling Center for Families and Mothers at Athens Solidarity Center

€144,599

01/09/2016 - 31/12/2017

CISP (Comitato Internazionale per lo Sviluppo dei Popoli)

Technical assistance on organizational capacity-building, with particular focus on protection

€6,400

July 2017

Melissa

Network of Migrant Women in Greece – Operation of Melissa Day Center for migrant women in Athens

€40,000

01/01/2017 - 31/12/2017

Raise their voices

Each crisis has a face;
it has a name, a country;
it has fails, dreams
and hopes.

SolidarityNow makes sure that all these will be articulated through advocacy initiatives and the human stories we document to share with you.

ADVOCACY

A.

Reception and integration conditions for asylum seekers, refugees and migrants in Greece

The effects of the **EU-Turkey statement** related to human rights' violations and the asylum procedure have been one of our main priorities in 2017. SolidarityNow has been closely monitoring and advocating against the containment policy and the substandard conditions in camps on the Greek islands and has been making recommendations on how to address the gaps on critical issues such as access to international protection, reception conditions and service provision in the country.

Most notable initiatives

- A **Statement** to the Greek Government against a policy limiting asylum-seekers' right to appeal negative asylum decisions;
- A joint **letter** against the imposition of geographical restriction on asylum seekers;
- An open **letter** to the Prime Minister of Greece requesting the end of the containment policy on the Greek islands and a campaign to #opentheislands;
- *"Transitioning to a Government-run Refugee and Migrant Response in Greece", a joint roadmap recommending more humane and fair migration and asylum policies*

People stranded in Greece remained with little or no **integration** prospect. The design and implementation of holistic integration programs for access to education, the labour market, social services such as housing and healthcare and for social inclusion are yet to be introduced, leaving recognized refugees in limbo. We are implementing programs to support self-reliance and integration, while bringing refugee and local communities together. The organization is also a member of the Athens Coordination Center for Migrant and Refugee issues (ACCMR), which brings together stakeholders to shape the necessary conditions for the smooth integration of migrants and refugees currently living in the city of Athens.

Key advocacy actions

- A joint **report** to the authorities on issues regarding the granting of Social Security Number, Tax Registration Number and unemployment cards to applicants of international protection;
- A **report** to the Greek Ombudsman about the discrimination against foreign workers residing in the country, regarding labour conditions and social security rights;
- A joint letter to the authorities about **housing issues** for recognized refugees;
- *Refugee Voices on Integration* – a joint special edition **report** featuring the voices of migrants and refugees in Greece on the topic of integration

INITIATIVES

B.

Advocacy at the European and International level

Our advocacy goes beyond the local and national level to accelerate our efforts for addressing migration issues in Greece and beyond. SolidarityNow is participating in the public dialogue regarding EU regulations, directives and decisions relating to the **Common European Asylum System** (CEAS). The main priorities in 2017 were the Commission's proposal to recast the Dublin Regulation, and the resume of returns under Dublin Regulation. Additionally, we have been actively participating at the thematic discussions for the development of the UN Global Compact, which aims to strengthen the international response to large movements of refugees.

Most notable initiatives

- A **petition** submitted and accepted by the European Parliament's Petitions Committee regarding Greece's failure to establish humane and dignified reception conditions to persons seeking international protection despite substantial EU funding allocated to the country;
- A **joint letter** to European Institutions, UNHCR and the competent authorities in Greece and Germany about the violation of the right for family reunification of asylum seekers regarding transfers from Greece to Germany;
- A **joint statement** to the Council of Europe Committee on Legal Co-operation, expressing our concerns regarding the proposed codification of the EU migration detention rules.

human stories

Ahmad

**"I love painting and its magic,
more than anything else I do"**

Ahmad. The 50-year-old lawyer, writer and poet from Raqqa in Syria, is among the well-known contemporary authors of the Arab world who now lives in Athens along with his eldest son, Yozan.

Most of Ahmad's works depict moments from the war in his homeland, moments as "indelible memories" as he characterizes them, while in other drawings there are moments of things he loves.

human stories

Thodoris & Eleni, 27
Touba, 35
Ahmad, 50
Danyal, 17
Bassam, 20

At SolidarityNow, we encourage our beneficiaries to speak up hoping that their voice, enhanced by our efforts, will lead to change. For a better life for themselves. For a fairer world for all of us.

In 2017, we ***followed the lives*** of those benefiting from the Blue Dots Units' operation with the photographic journey entitled **#FollowMyLife**.

We lived with them at Tilos' pilot accommodation shelter, creating a photo album entitled **#Living-Together**.

We traveled to Lesbos to support the awareness campaign **#OpenTheIslands** with the request to transfer refugees and asylum seekers from the islands to the mainland.

We have spoken with the refugees-beneficiaries of the **Safe Refugee program** which focuses on the LGBTI refugees.

We have recorded and now share the stories of people who talk about their new life in Greece and our common efforts for their smooth social integration.

**“In four years,
I’ll be the best!”**

Danyal, 17
beneficiary of the
Blue Dots program,
#FollowMyLife

The “bright leader”, Danyal, came to Greece from Afghanistan along with his family. This 17-year-old boy is the living proof that there is hope and that the world can be a better place for everyone. In the refugee hosting structure, Danyal is the best example for his siblings and for the other children too. The children love him and trust him. *“I am happier when I help others than they themselves are - I never get tired!”*

He is a restless teenager with black lively eyes, curly black hair and expressive hands that talks endlessly!

“In four years, I’ll be the best”! In whatever he decides to do. Besides, he’s got plenty of dreams that have this beautiful arrogance and exaggeration of a teenager; of a young man who wants to leave nothing to chance, but he has the will to fight and is certain he will succeed! We share his confidence that in four years from now he will be studying biology, will sing amateur, will be a very good volleyball player, and at the same time he will be speaking ten different languages! But above all, he will be the “bright leader,” as he characterizes himself, for his family!

**“We do not believe in
heroes; we believe in the
power born when people
meet and interact honestly”**

Thodoris and Eleni
SolidarityNow,
field workers,
Blue Dots program

Thodoris: Occupational therapist with postgraduate studies and trainer of the Sherborne method (pedagogical method), with large experience in storytelling and team empowerment

Eleni: Psychologist and art historian, also with experience in storytelling and group empowerment.

“Our mission was to create a safe space -both psychological and physical- for the children, where they can play and mainly express themselves. The greatest need for the refugee children is to win back their roles in life; the roles of the child or adolescent, son or daughter, student. Thus, we developed a program to primarily achieve this goal. The key component of our work is to be honest and direct in our communication with the children, paying attention to each one of them personally.

For us, every child is unique. Each one of them has their own story, personality and future. If we manage to support them, we are proud of our work. We do not believe in heroes; we believe in the power born when people meet and interact honestly”.

**“Things could be worse.
But, life goes on,
and I am starting over now”**

Touba, 35

from Turkey, beneficiary of the
Future Interpreters program,
SolidarityNow

Touba is 35 years-old, mother of 2 children and married to the former editor-in-chief of a Turkish magazine. Her husband has been accused of “involvement in a terrorist organization” and “attempt of government overthrow” and sentenced to 22 years and 6 months imprisonment. For a long time, the couple had lived in a situation of fear. They were forced to part from each other and live hidden from the authorities that could find and arrest them. Her husband had already been imprisoned in the past for 2 months, due to a front page that had bothered the government. *“Many of our friends are in prison as we speak, while others are missing”,* says Touba.

She arrived in Greece with her family in December 2016 with the help of a smuggler. Greek authorities arrested them and transferred them in the Detention Center in Fylakio, Evros. They stayed there for 14 days. As journalists, they contacted the Greek Journalists’ Union, the members of which helped them to get to Thessaloniki. We ask her how the children dealt with the situation. *“We tried to tell them it was all a big adventure, like a fairytale. We had to be careful. It is very easy for the kids to be traumatized”,* says Touba. As she talks about what she’s been through, we don’t see her crying, not even once, but wearing a big smile instead. *“I don’t know if I’m strong, but I am definitely optimistic. When I think about my pain, I always observe the pain and the lives of other people. In Turkey, I lost everything. I lost my job, my belongings. I have nothing of these here in Greece. But I have a house and money to buy food for my children. Things could be worse. But, life goes on, and I am starting over now”,* she adds.

**“We live
in the woods,
in the cold”**

Basar, 29

from Syria, father of three
children, hosted at the
refugee camp in Moria,
Lesvos

Basar comes from Syria where he worked as an electrical engineer. He arrived at Lesvos in November of 2017 with his wife Bara, 23, nine months pregnant, and their two children, Rima, 4 and Muhammad, 2 years old.

“We came here to the woods because we were told that there is no place for us in the camp. We kept waiting out in the cold. For what? For nothing. My wife was nine months pregnant. The first few days, we were offered help by friends, but also by people who didn’t know us at all. Then, someone left and gave us their tent. A few days ago, my wife gave birth to our third child, a girl. Her name, Rafif. My wife was admitted to the hospital and three days later the birth they told me we could leave. But we didn’t have anywhere to go, so we came back to the tent.

I left my country’s hell, a place without houses, people, life; a destroyed place. If I knew this would be the case, I don’t know if I had come. Maybe, I would have stayed to die in my homeland. The only difference here is that they don’t bombard us.

I cannot see any future here, life, prospects. We live in the woods, in the cold. Every morning we wake up frozen. I help my wife get up because her body hurts. We are sleeping down. I asked to transfer my wife to Kara Tepe. Nothing happened.

All I ask for is safety and dignity for me and my family. If there was a life for us in Greece, a job, I would like to stay here”.

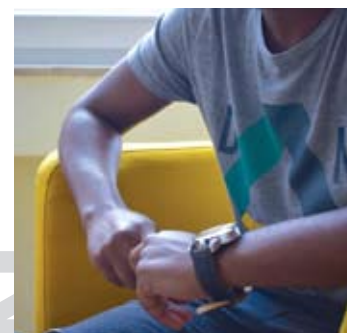
**“Now I feel safe.
I feel free.
No one criticizes me”**

N., 27
from Ethiopia,
beneficiary of the Safe
Refugee program

Although he is 27 years old, he seems much more mature for his age. Displacement and its outcomes make people older, you can see its traces on their faces. N. lives in Thessaloniki and he is a beneficiary of the Safe Refugee program, SolidarityNow’s specialized assistance program for LGBTI refugees and asylum seekers.

He has grown up in a deeply conservative family, city, country. In his country, both male and female same-sex sexual activity is illegal and punishable by up to 15 years in prison. Thus, homosexuality can lead to shame-induced suicide; that is why N. was forced to live a double life.

N. left Ethiopia in January 2017. *“Now I feel safe. I feel free. No one criticizes me because I’m gay”,* he confesses. *“It is difficult to erase the past, because all these happened in my life. You do not easily get the decision to leave your country, when you live there, you have almost everything, your family, your friends, your job... But I prefer to be here because now I have rights as an equal member of an open society. I saved my life, but my feelings are mixed. I feel unhappy because I left, but also happy for my new life”.*



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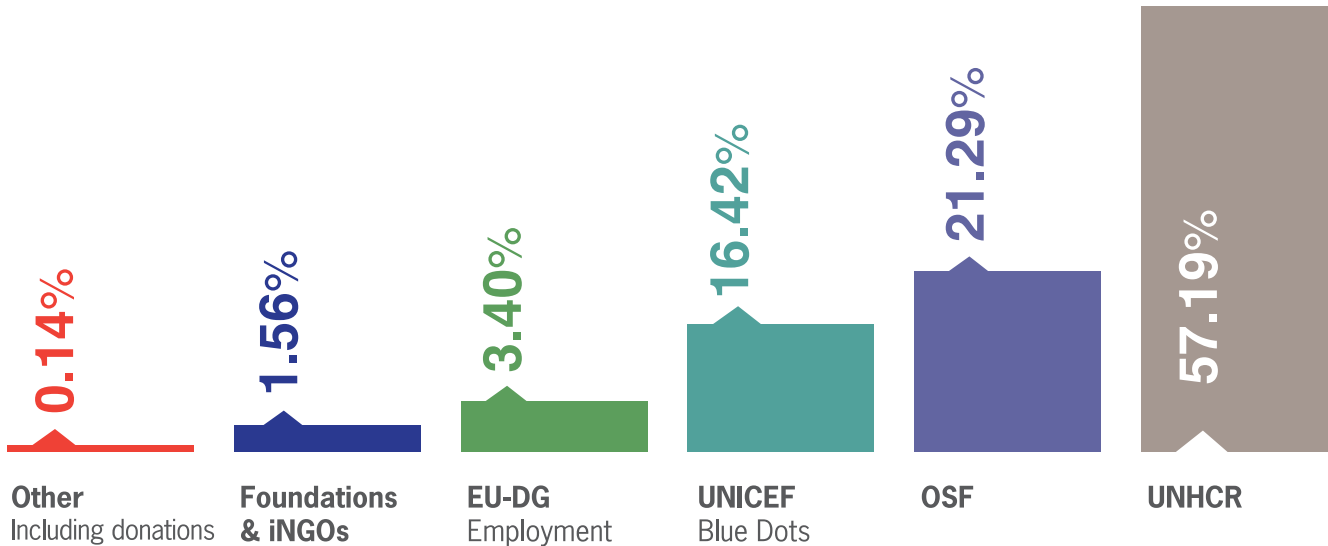
SolidarityNow was established in 2013 and aims to support those most affected by the socioeconomic and humanitarian crises in Greece. By providing services to both the local Greek and migrant populations, we seek to restore the vision of a strong Europe based on solidarity and open values. Through the adroit use of direct implementation, fund-managed grant-making and strategic advocacy, SolidarityNow undertakes and supports targeted and prioritized activities – co-designed with beneficiaries, communities of concern and other key stakeholders – which employ innovative, best-practice grounded approaches to mitigate the causes for and alleviate suffering associated with the socio-economic, political and psychological impacts of crises. Apart from responding to the needs of those fleeing conflict, political upheaval, extremism and the impacts of climate change, we foster, cultivate and strengthen the resilience of open societies through targeted essential service programs, advocacy/policy initiatives as well as preparedness and relief activities.

SolidarityNow in Numbers

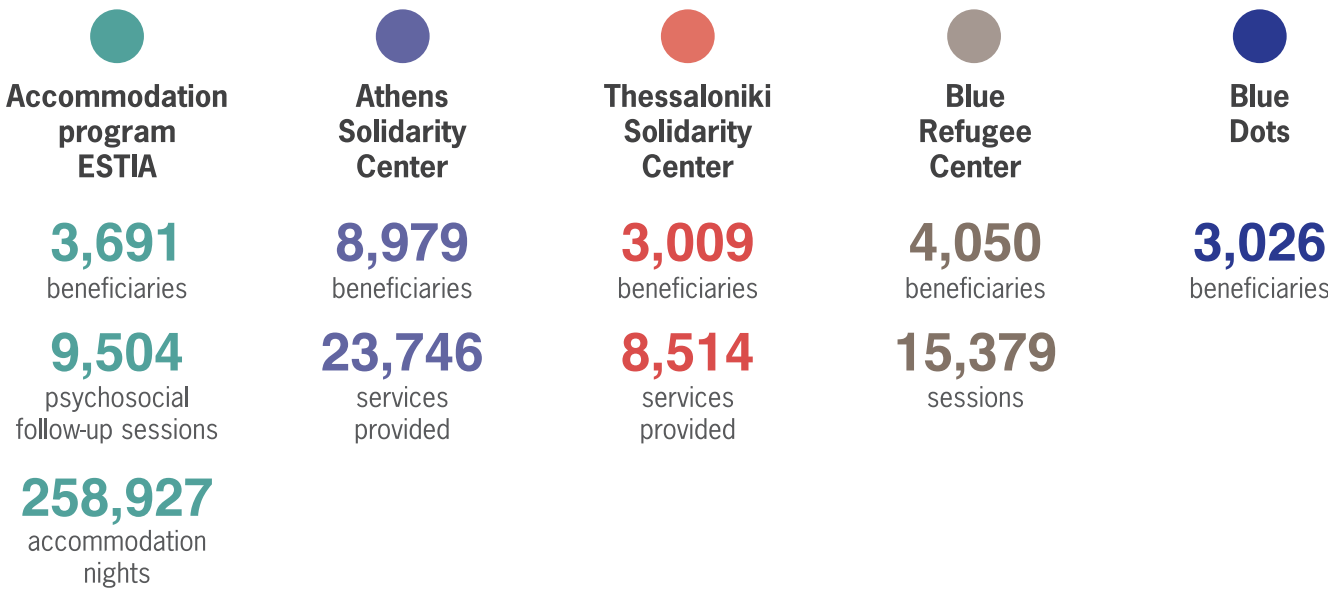
Statement of activities January - December 2017

Auditing/ With the initiative of SolidarityNow, independent auditing by Ernst & Young Hellas is carried out and the results are published at www.solidaritynow.org.
At the same time, SolidarityNow is also being audited by certified auditors for every grant received.

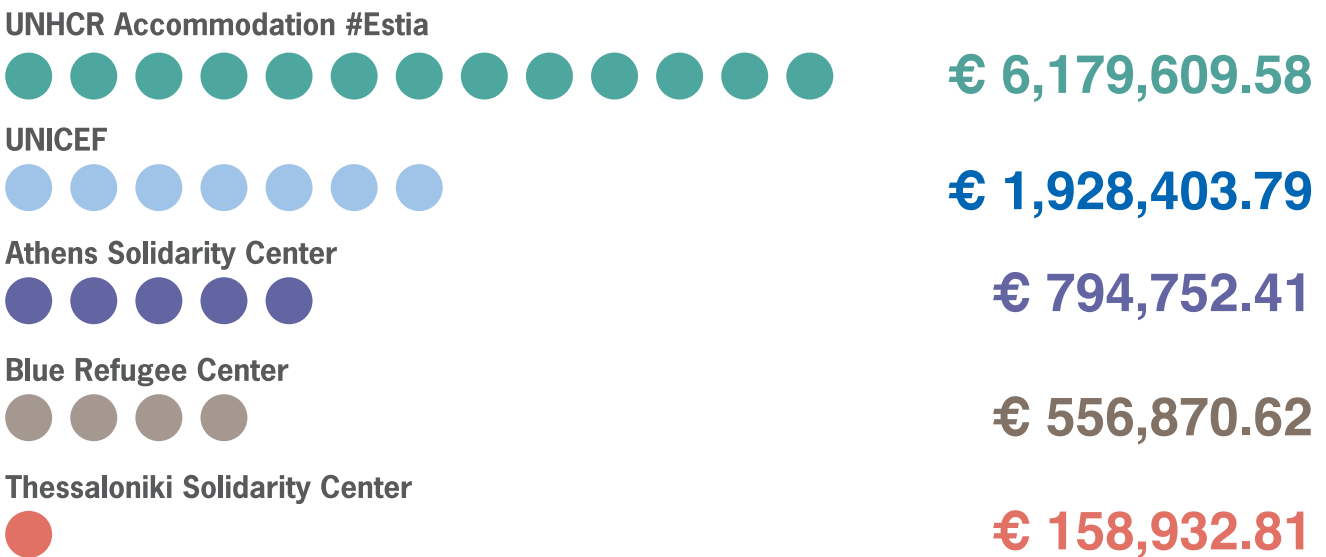
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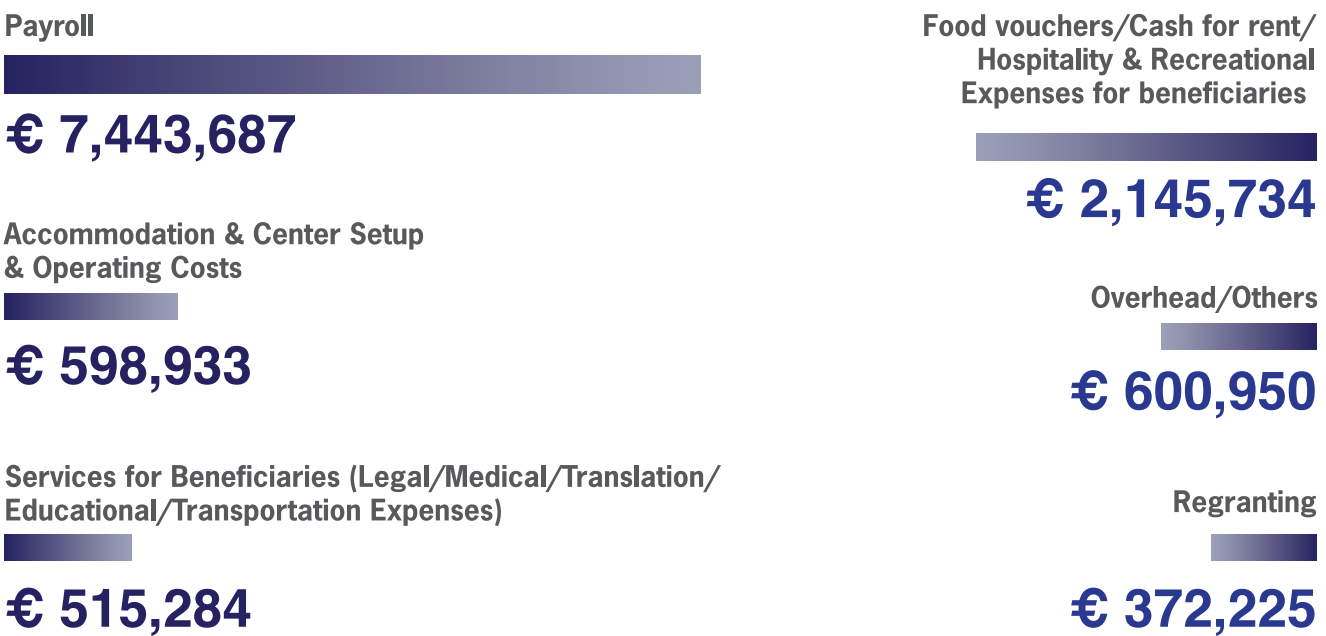
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Allocation of Expenses SolidarityNow



Human Resources 2017 SolidarityNow



Financial Statement

2017

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION according to the GREEK ACCOUNTING STANDARDS 01/01/2017 - 31/12/2017 (amounts in Euros)

ASSETS	1/1/17-31/12/17	1/1/16-31/12/16
Tangible & intangible assets	659.795,09	448.572,25
Less : Accum. Depreciation	(581.141,38)	(434.185,08)
Net Assets	78.653,71	14.387,17
Accounts receivable	150.710,79	51.950,58
Advances	1.064,18	26.306,30
Other receivable	3.598.010,40	1.438.872,45
Total Assets	3.828.439,08	1.531.516,50
EQUITY & LIABILITIES	1/1/17-31/12/17	1/1/16-31/12/16
Capital & reserves	(3.757,78)	(22.085,78)
Non current Liabilities	318.834,18	0,00
Current Liabilities	3.513.411,92	1.553.602,28
Total Equity & Liabilities	3.828.488,32	1.531.516,50

STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS according to the GREEK ACCOUNTING STANDARDS 01/01/2017 - 31/12/2017 (amounts in Euros)

	1/1/17-31/12/17	1/1/16-31/12/16
Revenue	11.343.241,15	7.203.057,15
Less:		
Payroll	(6.865.118,09)	(3.310.010,91)
Depreciation	(179.741,99)	(433.598,25)
Other expenses	(4.257.537,89)	(3.482.058,36)
Plus:		
Other income	1.992,66	42.818,18
Less:		
Finance expense	(24.507,84)	(20.207,81)
(Loss)/Profit before tax	18.328,00	0,00
Income tax	0,00	0,00
(Loss)/Profit before tax	18.328,00	0,00

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Members of the Non-Profit Association "SOLIDARITYNOW"

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements **Opinion**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Non-Profit Association "SOLIDARITYNOW", (the "Association"), which comprise statement of financial position as of December 31, 2017, the income statement, the statement of changes in equity and cash flows for the year then ended and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly in all material respects the financial position of 'SOLIDARITYNOW' as at December 31, 2017 and its financial performance and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards, as adopted by the European Union.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (ISAs), as incorporated in Greek Law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the "Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements" section of our report. We remained independent of the Association in accordance with the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants' Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (IESBA Code), as incorporated in Greek Law, together with the ethical requirements that are relevant to the audit of the financial statements in Greece, and we have fulfilled

our ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements and the IESBA Code. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Responsibilities of the Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards, and for such internal controls as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Association's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Association or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs, as incorporated in Greek Law, will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs, as incorporated in Greek Law, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Association's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Association's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Association to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

Athens, 20 July 2018
The Certified Auditor Accountant

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SolidarityNow is supported by an experienced and passionate team of more than 280 individuals with diverse backgrounds and areas of expertise.

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The vision of SolidarityNow would not be realized without the active support of organizations, institutions and companies that share common values with us



OPEN SOCIETY INITIATIVE FOR EUROPE (OSIFE)/OSF

Open Society Foundations co-funds the Athens and Thessaloniki Solidarity Centers, and the organization's operational expenses.
<https://www.opensocietyfoundations.org/>

EC-DG European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid (ECHO)

ECHO funds all SolidarityNow projects and activities that are implemented through UNHCR and UNICEF support.
<https://ec.europa.eu/echo/>

UNHCR

UNHCR supports the refugees and asylum seekers accommodation program (ESTIA), including the specialized LGBTI (Safe Refugee) program, and co-financed services in Thessaloniki Solidarity Center (until 31.7.2017) and Blue Refugee Center.
<https://www.unhcr.gr/>

UNICEF

UNICEF supports the Mobile Units - Blue Dots project and child-related services and co-finances the Blue Refugee Center in Thessaloniki Blue Refugee Center.
<https://www.unicef.gr/>

EC-DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion /E@SI program

E@SI program co-funded services provided in Athens Solidarity Center and legal support at Kypseli Single Entry Point, under the Municipality of Athens.
<http://ec.europa.eu/social/>

INTERNATIONAL RESCUE COMMITTEE (IRC)

The IRC has established the Refugee. Info platform and funds a SolidarityNow lawyer who provides information on legal aid and rights.
<https://www.rescue.org/>

HELP REFUGEES

NGO Help Refugees funded a project which provides accommodation to 6 families receiving asylum in Greece, in order to facilitate integration into the local community.
<https://helprefugees.org.uk/>

GUERRILLA FOUNDATION

Guerrilla Foundation supports the realization of the training program "Future Interpreters" for community interpreters and cultural mediators in Athens and Thessaloniki.
<http://guerrillafoundation.org>

EPIM

The European Programme for Integration and Migration (EPIM) funds the Following their Footsteps program.
<http://www.epim.info/>

Stavros Niarchos Foundation

The Stavros Niarchos Foundation funded the research for the SNUPS program.
<http://www.SolidarityNow.org/eng>

Global Challenges Research Fund (GCRF)

GCRF funded the research conducted by SolidarityNow under the University of Glasgow, for the employment, educational background and aspirations of young Syrian refugees.
<http://www.rcuk.ac.uk/funding/gcrf/>

ORGANISATION INTERNATIONALE DE LA FRANCOPHONIE

Is funding the provision of French language classes in Athens and Thessaloniki (starting in September 2017)
<https://www.francophonie.org/>

AIRBNB

Airbnb in partnership with SolidarityNow launched Open Homes in Greece, a platform that will make it easier for people to open their homes to refugees and displaced populations.
www.airbnb.com/welcome/refugees

Memberships

SolidarityNow joins forces with international and Greek organizations, networks and institutions of the civil society and works together in order to enhance human rights and support all vulnerable populations.

OSEN

SolidarityNow is a member of **OSEN** (Open Society European Network). The Open Society European Network brings together spun-off national foundations of the Open Society Foundations in Europe with the aim of ensuring a continued level of coalition, the exchange of information, and to provide the opportunity to contribute to the mission of the Open Society Foundations in Europe. Currently, members of the Open Society European Network are based in Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Greece, Lithuania, Latvia, Poland, Romania, Slovenia, and Slovakia.



The International Detention Coalition (IDC) is a unique global network, of over 300 civil society organizations and individuals in more than 70 countries, that advocate for, research and provide direct services to refugees, asylum-seekers and migrants affected by immigration detention. / www.idcoalition.org



The Racist Violence Recording Network was created on October 2011 through the initiative of the UNHCR office in Greece and the National Commission for Human Rights, in order to monitor the escalation of hate crimes. There are currently more than 35 non governmental organizations and other bodies that participate in the Network, providing legal, medical, social or other support services and come into contact with racist violence victims. / www.rvrn.org



Transparency Register

Citizens can, and indeed should, expect the EU decision-making process to be as transparent and open as possible. The more open the process is, the easier it is to ensure balanced representation and avoid undue pressure and illegitimate or privileged access to information or to decision-makers. Transparency is also a key part of encouraging European citizens to participate more actively in the democratic life of the EU. The transparency register has been set up to answer core questions such as what interests are being pursued, by whom and with what budgets. The system is operated jointly by the European Parliament and the European Commission.

SolidarityNow joined the Transparency Register platform to contribute to its goals and vision. <http://ec.europa.eu/transparencyregister/>



SolidarityNow is member of Accountable Now, a global platform that supports civil society organizations (CSOs) to be transparent, responsive to stakeholders and focused on delivering impact. Our Members are internationally operating CSOs who drive this agenda together with us. Accountable Now was founded in 2008 under the name International NGO Charter of Accountability by 10 leading CSOs, including development, humanitarian, environmental, rights-based and advocacy organizations. www.ingoaccountabilitycharter.org

Registries

SolidarityNow is registered in the National Registry of Institutions of the Private Sector Non-profit holding social care services and in the Special Registry of the Volunteering Non Governmental Organizations of the Greek Ministry of Health and Social Solidarity. The registered members in the above registries are recognized as certified bodies of the National Social Care System.

SolidarityNow is a member of the International Human Rights Funders Group, a global network of donors and grantmakers committed to advancing human rights around the world through effective philanthropy. / www.ihrfg.org



SolidarityNow is a member of ECRE (European Council on Refugees and Exiles), a pan-European alliance of 90 NGOs protecting and advancing the rights of refugees, asylum seekers and displaced persons. Our mission is to promote the establishment of fair and humane European asylum policies and practices in accordance with international human rights law. / www.ecre.org

Together we can make the difference



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Even a small amount, an in-kind donation or a bit of your personal time can make the difference. All efforts are going directly to the implementation of our programs which are aimed to improving the lives of the most vulnerable communities.

You can donate through a:

CREDIT CARD

Press the “Make a donation” button at our website (www.solidaritynow.org) to send electronically the amount you wish.

BANK DEPOSIT

You can visit one of Eurobank branches and deposit your donation to the following account:

Account Number EUROBANK: 0026.0012.36.0201017438

IBAN: GR7702600120000360201017438

Beneficiary Account: SOLIDARITYNOW

Corporate donations

The concept of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) is put into practice by many companies operating in Greece. The partnerships we seek are various: financial aid, donations in kind, information, awareness of their employees’, volunteerism, etc.

When there is a willingness to help, there is always a way to put it in practice!

Hands-on!

SolidarityNow is constantly looking for volunteers to offer their assistance to the organization.

If you are interested, please complete the online form you find on our site, and soon we will contact you to explore the ways that you can contribute to our efforts.



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