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### Gender

**61,8**% — male



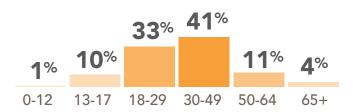


38% female



**0.2**% other

#### Age



- 10% of the beneficiaries supported were Unaccompanied minors (below 18 y/o), mainly from Pakistan.
- Individuals between 55 87 years of age were mainly Greek citizens.

#### **Nationalities**

16%

14%

6%

Pakistan Greece

Afghanistan

Ukraine Iran

and the remaining 63% from 66 Other Nationalities.

Since the outbreak of the war in Ukraine in February 2022, there was an influx of Ukrainian refugees requesting support from the ASC.

#### Legal Status

Asylum Seekers	<b>45</b> %
Undocumented and/or persons with 2nd instance rejections	20%
Greek citizens owners of National identity card	
Recognized refugees	10%
With residence permit	8%
Migrants, owners of EU identity card or other.	<b> 2</b> %

30% were extremely vulnerable and in need of specialized support:

- 33% were unaccompanied minors accounting for 84% of vulnerable individuals
- 28% had serious medical or mental health condition
- 17% were single parents or caregivers with young children







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ASC Beneficiaries' Stories

## **Employability Service**

Click to meet Mr. A

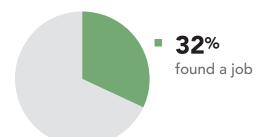
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sessions

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329 people

were supported with job and education counselling, career orientation



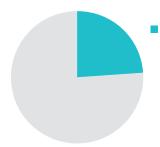
Of those finding a job most were from: **Greece, Nigeria, Iran, Ukraine, Afghanistan** 

ASC Beneficiaries' Stories

### **Social Service**

Click to meet Mr. N.K.

1.986 sessions



24%

of the 141 individuals supported to apply for accommodation, received a positive response



15 individuals

rejected the accommodation proposal because the type of accommodation provided was an open accommodation site, outside Athens.



25%

of the beneficiaries requesting accommodation, were from Pakistan





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ASC Beneficiaries' Stories

### Legal Service

Click to meet Ms. A

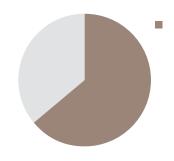
1.224

sessions



206 beneficiaries

were legally represented (before the Asylum Service, civil courts, decentralized administrations, tax & insurance authorities).



64%

received a positive response to their asylum applications and family reunification cases

ASC Beneficiaries' Stories

### **Accounting Service**

Click to meet Ujjal

775

sessions



241

tax declarations submitted



252 people

received administrative support to facilitate their social inclusion: access to social benefits, tax registration numbers, debt settlements support etc.



16%

of the beneficiaries were supported to access social benefits Greek citizens requested administrative support to facilitate their access to the social welfare system and benefits such as the renewal or issuance of an unemployment card. The need for issuing: Social Residential Tariff, Child Allowance, Guaranteed Minimum Income and Rental subsidy Power pass were also outstanding.





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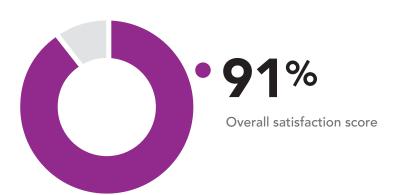
### Satisfaction survey

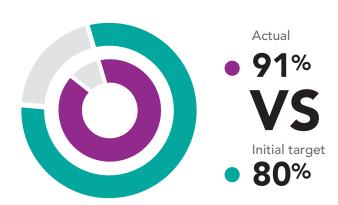
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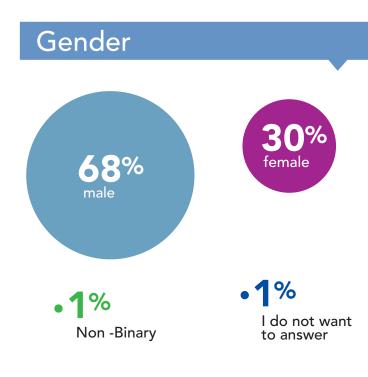


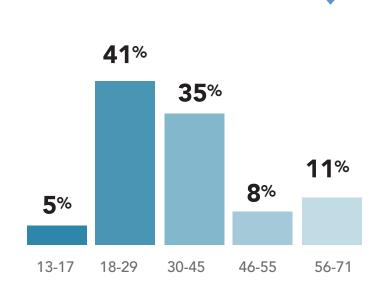
Beneficiaries were asked to recall their experience with the ASC services' provision and provide their feedback. The survey's aim was to provide an in-depth knowledge of their needs and identify challenges and areas of improvement.





Age









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### Survey Findings

More than 50% of the respondents have been receiving continuous support over the last two years (instead of one-off).

83% would refer their friends and relatives to the Athens Solidarity Center for support.

88% will revisit the Athens Solidarity Center as their case is still open. 3% of the respondents already received a 2nd rejection to their asylum request, while 36% are asylum seekers and 31% are recognized refugees.

5% are illiterate, while 34% already have completed a secondary level of education. The Concern Response and Feedback Mechanism (which can also secure anonymity and confidentiality) was operational and accessible throughout the reporting period to the beneficiaries willing to provide feedback. Beneficiaries provided messages of appreciation, suggestions and/or concerns about the ASC's operation or their personal case/condition. ASC secured that the responses received were forwarded to the management.

#### ASC Beneficiaries' Voice

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"During the pandemic, I was forced to quit my job because I have a serious medical condition, and I wasn't allowed to work. The employer denied providing me with the relevant remuneration package. Hence, I raised this problem to the lawyer of the Athens Solidarity Center who mediated with my ex-employer. Through her constant support, via communication and escorting to public services, my problem was solved",

40-year-old woman, from Nigeria residing in Greece more than 12 years.

"As I am in the age of retirement, lacking 500 insurance stamps, I requested support from the ASC Employability service. Through the support of the Employability service, today I am working to complete my insurance obligations and retire",

64-year-old man from Greece.

"SolidarityNow needs to publish its services more so that more people are informed about the intervention", 25-year-old woman from Greece.

"I had a perfect experience during my visits to the Employability service. They offered me multiple job opportunities. I have already been interviewed by two different employers and I am waiting for the result", 48-year-old man from Iran.

"Please try to improve your services to support those affected by the continuous increase of the cost of living", 62-year-old woman from Greece visiting ASC since 2016.

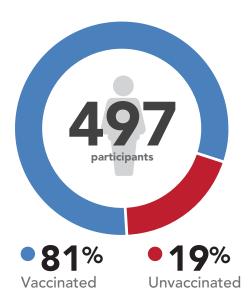




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### **COVID-19 Response | Survey:**

Survey on the beneficiaries' experience with the vaccination process, obstacles faced and areas of concern.



#### **▶** Challenges faced:

- a) they could not easily communicate with the authorities as the majority can only, or mainly, communicate in their mother tongue (45%)
- **b)** the authorities were not adequately informed about refugees' or asylum seekers' rights to the vaccination or were unwilling to facilitate the procedure (27%)
- c) issues related to their Social Security number or Tax number/TAXISnet codes (28%).

#### Important notice

Until December 2021 individuals without documents did not have access to a social security number and could thus not access the vaccine at all.

## Survey participants' requests

- 49% requested more information related to the vaccines, irrespective of their vaccination status
- 16% requested support with booking a vaccination appointment
  - 2% requested the provision of free self or rapid tests
  - 9% requested facilitation in the legal procedure in order for them to get asylum, thus access to vaccination
  - 9% asked interpretation support to communicate with the authorities.

# **Athens Solidarity Center's Response**

Continuation of the online appointments of the services' teams with beneficiaries (beyond the quarantine periods)

Legal mediation with employers to protect labor rights mainly during quarantine periods

Production of informational poster for vaccination (disseminated digitally and in print)

Social service's mediation to facilitate access to vaccination for the beneficiaries

Arrangement of rapid tests for the nonvaccinated beneficiaries

