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There are presently 3,700 unaccompanied minors in Greece with more than 2,300 living in precarious conditions.


Many of these minors have endured horrific and traumatic journeys, only to find themselves in Greece without shelter, protection, or the means to survive.



Registration

Once refugees and asylum seekers have been detected or picked up by authorities, they are sent for registration, but the process is chaotic and inadequate.

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Lament

"It is the cry of those who see the truth of the world's deep wounds and the cost of seeking peace. It is the prayer of those who are deeply disturbed by the way things are."

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- Emmanuel Katongole



Shelters

Shelters and accommodation are in short supply for unaccompanied minors and almost 1,700 unaccompanied minors remain without shelter.

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Ministry of presence

"Compassion starts with a quality of attentiveness that requires the simple act of noticing the other as a person."

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- Lederach



Exploitation

Exploitation of unaccompanied minors occurs on both the Greek city streets and within reception centers and camps, leaving many minors vulnerable and at risk.

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Trauma

Thousands of unaccompanied minors in Greece are facing trauma and mental health issues on a daily basis.

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Advocacy

"Advocacy is vital ... to bring about justice, speak out for truth, defend the poor and oppressed, and work toward the redemption of the whole of creation."

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- Soerens



Isolation

Cultural and social isolation is caused by language barriers and being away from a home country and all that is familiar.

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Leadership

"It takes courage to leave the land of certain outcomes and the comfort of what we know to try a new approach or share a wild sounding idea."

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- Kelley and Kelley



Detention

Unaccompanied minors are habitually detained because there is no room for them else where or to avoid the risks of registration as a minor.

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The life of an unaccompanied minors is at times discouraging, and hard, filled with hazards, risk and frustrations.

Nevertheless, if we choose to journey with them, if we choose to engage in this issue, and if we choose to act justly on their behalf, we can provide them with hope and with the chance of a future filled with opportunity.