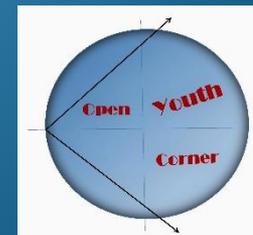
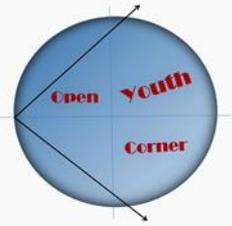


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# REFUGEES IN GREECE



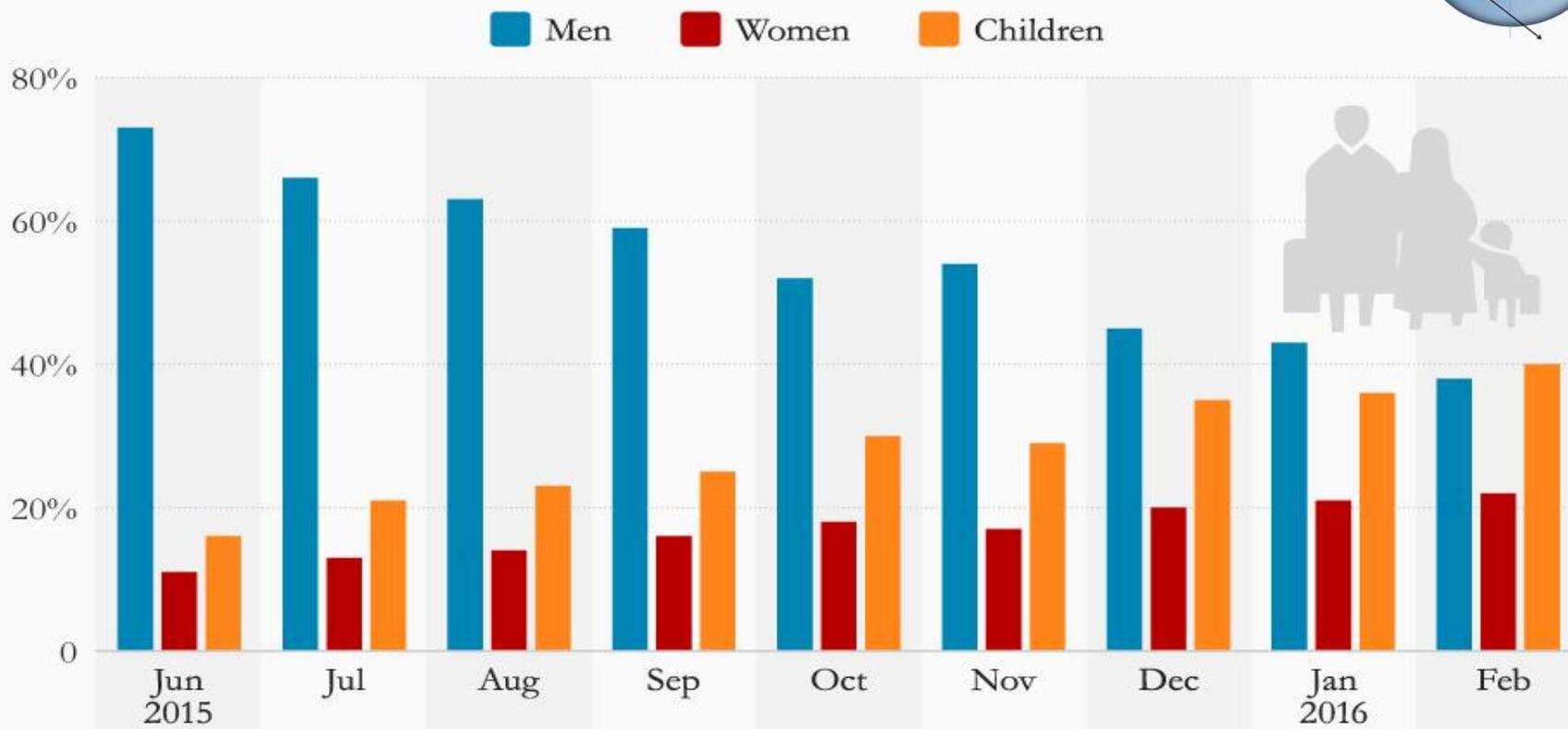


# Chronical Facts

- The European refugee crisis has increased in high extent in 2015, when a rising number of refugees made their journey to the European union (EU) to seek asylum and better living standards.
- Greece is a gateway to Europe and Schengen area for refugees and immigrants. The majority of them cross the borders on the land and the sea from Turkey attempt to travel to the other European countries (90,8% declare that they don't intend to stay in Greece). Since 2015, over than 800.000 refugees and immigrants have arrived into Greece ,most of them came from Syria, Iraq, Afghanistan , Iran ,Nigeria , Eritrea , Somalia .

# Child refugee arrivals increasing rapidly in Greece

Breakdown of refugee arrivals to Greece by age/gender



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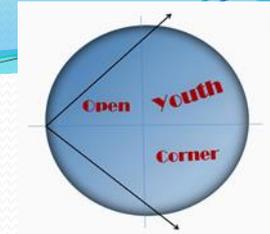
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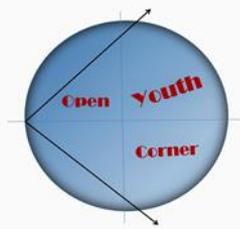
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# Statistics



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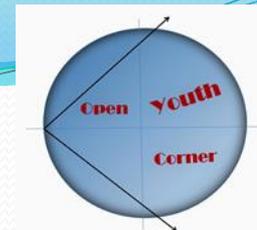
- East Aegean islands : 15.378 (capacity:8.030)
- Attika: 8.621 (capacity: 10.866)
- North Greece: 13.743 (capacity: 28.201)
- Central Greece: 2.164 (capacity: 4.760)
- South Greece : 202 (capacity: 300)
- UNHCR created settlements : 9.157 (capacity:14.322)
- Not organized: 11.452
- Total number: 60.717



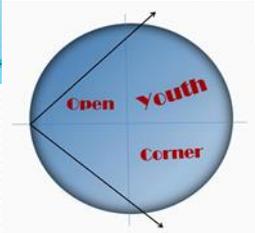
According to the statistics , 2016 will be the deadliest year on record in the Mediterranean Sea



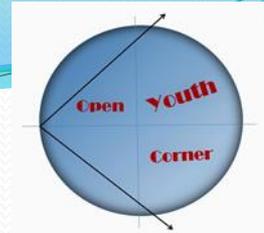
# Current situation



- On 9 March 2016, former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (FYROM) closed its borders with Greece where 12,000 to 13,000 migrants were stuck at Idomeni, at the northern borders between FYROM and Greece.
- At the same time the agreement between the EU and Turkey and the nearby countries' decisions to close their borders to refugees and immigrants transformed Greece from the temporary to long term settlement.



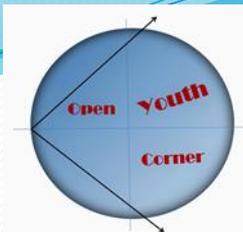
# Current situation



- On the islands of the Northern Aegean islands ( Lesbos, Kos ,Chios ,Samos ,Leros ) where the detention centers - former “Hot Spots”- have long surpassed the total number of accommodation capacity and people are obligated to live under frustrating conditions.
- *On 4<sup>th</sup> of November 11.920 refugees and immigrants arrived and stuck in Northern Aegean islands*

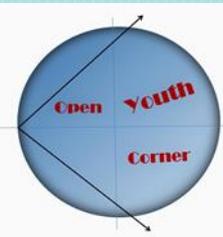


# Refugees at schools



- This school year was established an integration program in the Greek public school for refugees' children.
- On October 10th, the first 1,500 refugee children of all ages started lessons in six camps and 20 public schools across Greece .
- By the end of October, more refugee students were expected to be enrolled in the school system once their vaccination is completed.

# Refugees at schools



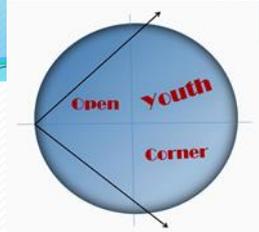
- The Greek society have reacted in various ways in the enrollment of refugees at school.
- In most cases, the children were welcomed by their Greek classmates, teachers and parents' associations

*"We want the refugee children in our school"*

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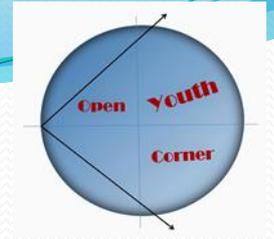
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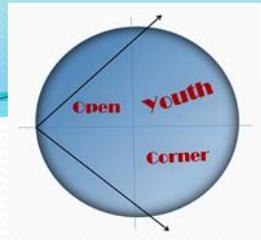
- There were some incidents that parents and local community refused the attendance of refugees' children's ,they were concerned the lack of vaccination
- Two primary schools in Oreokastro, Filipiada and Alexandria (northern Greece) were the first that claimed that they reject refugee children.
- Some parents closed the school in protest, waving Greek flags and saying they were concerned that the refugee children had not been vaccinated against infectious diseases. They also claimed that many state schools are already overcrowded and under-resourced.

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# Refugees' Accommodation



- Open accommodation centers
- Camps , Old buildings
- Detention Centre
- Solidarity homes - squats



*“Refugees have skills, ideas, hopes and dreams... They are also tough, resilient and creative, with the energy and drive to shape their own destinies, given the chance.”*

*UN High Commissioner for Refugees  
Filippo Grandi*

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