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#### 1. OFFICIAL DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE (ODA) – INTERNATIONAL FLOWS<sup>1</sup>

In **2022**, the net Official Development Assistance (ODA) provided by members (donors) of the OECD Development Assistance Committee (DAC) reached **USD 204.09 billion**, representing an increase of 13.6%, in real terms, compared to 2021. This was the fourth consecutive year ODA set a new record, and one of the highest growth rates recorded in the history of ODA.

Despite this remarkable increase, the share of DAC members'<sup>2</sup> ODA as a proportion of Gross National Income (GNI) reached 0.36% in 2022 (from 0.33% in 2021), and remains still significantly below the United Nations target of maintaining ODA at or above 0.70% of donor GNI.

The increase in ODA in 2022 was primarily driven by in-donor refugee costs, which amounted to USD 29.3 billion and constituted 14.4% of the total ODA from DAC member countries.

When excluding these costs, ODA rose by 4.6% over 2021 in real terms. Additionally, the rise in ODA for 2022 was given further impetus by net assistance to Ukraine, totaling USD 16.1 billion and accounting for 7.8% of the overall ODA. Within this total, USD 1.8 billion were provided in the form of humanitarian aid.

In 2022, DAC countries spent USD 11.2 billion on COVID-19 related activities, down by 45% compared to 2021. Vaccine donations amounted to USD 1.53 billion, implying a decline by 74.1% in real terms compared to 2021. This total included donations of USD 1.51 billion vaccine doses of surpluses in domestic supply, USD 16 million worth donations of doses specifically procured for developing countries, and USD 5 million for ancillary expenses. For the purpose of valuing donations of COVID-19 surplus vaccine doses from domestic supply, in 2022 OECD recommended that members apply a price of USD 6.66 per dose. All members but one have reported their vaccine donations based on the OECD's recommendation.

In the context of 2030 Agenda and the implementation of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) globally (Resolution A. RES.70.1.25.9.2015, 70th UN General Assembly, "Transforming Our World: Agenda 2030 for Sustainable Development<sup>3</sup>"), OECD is responding to the need to report the SDGs dimension of international assistance projects and

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>http:www.oecd.org.dac.financing-sustainable-development.development-finance-

data.statisticsonresourceflowstodevelopingcountries.htm.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> DAC member-states: Australia, Austria, Belgium, France, Germany, Denmark, Switzerland, Greece, USA, UK, Japan, Ireland, Spain, Italy, Iceland, Canada, Korea, Lithuania, Luxemburg, New Zealand, Norway, Netherlands, Hungary, Poland, Portugal, Sweden, Slovakia, Slovenia, Czech Republic, Finland and the EU.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> <u>https://documents-dds-ny.un.org/doc/UNDOC/GEN/N15/291/89/PDF/N1529189.pdf?OpenElement.</u>

thus contribute to the implementation of Agenda 2030. For this reason, new variables (fields) have been introduced in ODA reporting for the registration of SDGs (17 Goals and 169 Targets).

## (i) ODA Allocations

In 2022, the volume of **bilateral development assistance** for programmes, projects, and technical assistance (excluding in-donor refugee costs and humanitarian aid) saw an increase by 12.7% in real terms, partly driven by assistance to Ukraine. Humanitarian aid amounted to USD 22.3 billion in 2022 and rose by 1.0% in real terms compared to 2021.

Regarding **multilateral assistance**, contributions to the core budgets of international organisations remained stable in 2022, but have dropped as a share of ODA to 25.4%, compared to approximately 30% in previous years, due to the increase in bilateral assistance.

## (ii) Bilateral Donor Performance

The United States of America maintained its position as the leading provider of Official Development Assistance (ODA) amongst DAC members, contributing USD 55.3 billion, more than a quarter of the total ODA of the DAC. Other major contributors included Germany with USD 35.0 billion, Japan with USD 17.5 billion, France with USD 15.9 billion, and the United Kingdom with USD 15.7 billion.

The following countries met or exceeded the United Nations' ODA as a percentage of GNI target of 0.7%: Denmark (0.70%), Germany (0.83%), Luxembourg (1.00%), Norway (0.86%) and Sweden (0.90%).

Many providers outside the DAC have long traditions of development cooperation. Amongst these, according to the preliminary figures for 2022 reported to the OECD, Türkiye (0.79%) and Saudi Arabia (0.74%) exceeded the 0.7% ODA/GNI target. Donor countries outside the DAC are not obligated to comply with the DAC requirements regarding the content and procedures for providing development assistance.

## 2. AGGREGATE OFFICIAL DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE OF GREECE

Total Official Development Assistance of Greece (bilateral and multilateral ODA) reached **USD 360.44 million** in **2022** (**0.17%** of Gross National Income), up from USD 341.00 million in 2021 (0.16% of Gross National Income).

Type of Aid	2022		
Bilateral (ODA)	99.96	0.05% GNI	
Multilateral (ODA)	260.48	0.12% GNI	
TOTAL	360.44	0.17% GNI	

#### Official Development Assistance of Greece in 2022

In USD million (GNI 2022: USD 218.088 billion)

#### (i) Bilateral Official Development Assistance of Greece

In 2022, Greece's total **bilateral** Official Development Assistance (ODA) was provided by various Ministries and amounted to **USD 99.96 million** (compared to USD 74.49 million in 2021). A breakout of this amount reveals that USD 73.01 million covered in-donor refugee costs (compared to USD 36.49 million in 2021), USD 19.63 million supported international organizations' programs and funds and USD 1.68 million took the form of scholarships for developing countries' citizens engaged with studies in Greek Universities. The overall bilateral assistance witnessed a 34.2% increase, primarily attributed to increased costs related to in-donor refugees.

Aid Allocation by Geographical Region:

- Europe: USD 3.98 million
- Asia: USD 4.56 million
- Africa: USD 16.84 million
- Developing countries, unspecified: USD 74.58 million (including, inter alia, in-donor refugee costs in Greece)

#### (ii) Multilateral Official Development Assistance of Greece

In 2022, the total **multilateral** Official Development Assistance (ODA) granted by Greece amounted to **USD 260.48 million** (compared to USD 267.29 million in 2021). This form of assistance took the form of allocations to international organizations by various Ministries, each contributing funds for international development within their specific areas of expertise and based on relevant international commitments. International organizations supported play a key role in supporting developing countries and/or providing aid during emergencies.

Total flows granted by Greece to EU institutions for international development assistance amounted to USD 246.25 million. This figure includes Greece's contribution of USD 43.8 million to the European Development Fund (EDF). Furthermore, Greece extended ODA in the amount of USD 10.46 million towards constituent entities of the United Nations system, USD 0.34 million to Regional Development Banks, and USD 3.43 million to other international organizations.

## **3. HELLENIC AID ACTIVITIES**

#### (i) National Programme of International Development Cooperation

The Four-Year National Programme for International Development Cooperation 2022-2025 outlines the Greek development cooperation policy, shapes the strategic framework for the scholarship program and brings forward a strategic approach to bilateral cooperation, detailing ways of implementation and setting geographical targets.

The Programme aims to reinitiate bilateral development assistance programs in a limited number of selected countries in Sub-Saharan Africa, the Middle East, the Balkans and the Black Sea. The geographical strategy focuses on priority regions and countries, considering Greece's comparative advantages and serving foreign policy objectives.

#### (ii) Humanitarian Action

The Directorate-General for Development Assistance and Humanitarian Aid (Hellenic Aid) submitted recommendations for addressing humanitarian crises either through our country's response to calls for contributions by International Organizations or bilaterally.

- Contribution of EUR 30,000 to the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), for Yemen, in the context of the High Level meeting on the humanitarian situation in Yemen (March 2022)
- Provision of humanitarian aid (medical equipment, tents, surgical gloves, blankets and sleeping bags), in collaboration with the Ministry of Climate Crisis and Civil Protection, the General Staff of National Defense and the Hellenic Red Cross, in Pakistan (September 2022)
- Provision of humanitarian aid (medical equipment, medical equipment, long-lasting food, temporary housing and basic necessities), through the Ministries of Health, Defense and Climate Change and Civil Protection, as well as the Hellenic Red Cross, in Ukraine, amounting to EUR 7,051,842 (2022)
- Contribution of EUR 200,000 to targeted UNICEF actions for children inside Ukraine, within the framework of the UNICEF International Appeal for the humanitarian crisis in Ukraine (December 2022)
- Contribution of EUR 40,000 through the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), to support the Moldovan Government in its efforts to care for Ukrainian refugees, following the relevant Berlin Donors Conference (April 2022)

- Contribution of EUR 100,000, through UNICEF, for the children of Syria, in the context of the 6<sup>th</sup> Brussels Conference on Syria ("Supporting the future of Syria and the region") (May 9-10, 2022)
- Contribution of EUR 200,000 for the rescue of a ship called SAFER (Safer Salvage Operation Project/SSOP), located off the coast of Yemen (Southern Red Sea), through the United Nations Development Program (UNDP), on the sidelines of the General Assembly of the UN in New York (September 2022)
- Voluntary contribution of EUR 30,000 to strengthen basic resources, in the framework of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) Appeal for the provision of rescue and protection services to women, girls and young people (2022)
- Contribution (purchase of materials) for the realization of projects in the road network of the Municipality of Dropoli, Albania (2022)
- Participation in a WFP (World Food Programme) program for the restoration of the port of Benghazi in Libya (2022 and 2023), amounting to EUR 551,000
- Contribution of EUR 30,000 to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA), following a political commitment in the context of a relevant International Conference (Brussels, November 16, 2021)
- Contribution of EUR 30,000 to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA), following a political commitment in the context of a relevant International Conference (New York, June 23, 2022)

# (iii) Fetal Medicine Programme in Cooperation with Fetal Medicine Foundation, London

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs launched a programme for the establishment of Fetal Medicine Units and relevant training in cooperation with the Fetal Medicine Foundation, London, in five countries (Albania, Armenia, Ethiopia, North Macedonia and Moldova), as well as in Kosovo<sup>4</sup>.

The programme includes the following actions, for the period 2022-2025:

1. Establishment of a Fetal Medicine Unit (FMU) within the structure of the National Health Care System in the maternity unity of a public hospital in the country's capital. The Fetal Medicine Foundation will provide the necessary equipment, ultrasound machines, computers, software and furniture.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244/1999 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo declaration of independence.

2. Launching a Fetal Medicine training programme with two components: (i) Creation of a one-year MSc Degree in Obstetric Ultrasound and Fetal Medicine in the Obstetrics Faculty of a public university, (ii) Provision of scholarships for 2-year Fellowship in Fetal Medicine Foundation, Kings Hospital in London, for newly qualified obstetricians. The trained doctors will be employed in their country of origin where they will be providing high quality services in the Fetal Medicine Unit and train other doctors.

Fetal Medicine Foundation London (<u>https://fetalmedicine.org/</u>) is a nonprofit Foundation which aims at the dissemination and wide implementation of the innovative research and methods which the Fetal Medicine Centre London has developed. These methods have contributed prominently to scanning, diagnosing, and treatment of issues arising during pregnancy. The programme, which will be implemented in close cooperation with the Ministries of Health of the participating countries, constitutes valuable knowledge transfer and offers support in the implementation of methods which advance fetal and maternal health and decrease mortality. The programme also advances the doctors' participation in innovative medical research and technology implementation.

By the end of 2022, relevant Memoranda of Understanding were signed:

- with Armenia, on November 29, 2022, by the Minister of Health of Armenia, Ms. Anahit Avenesyan and

- with North Macedonia, on December 9, 2022, by the Minister of Health of North Macedonia, Dr. Bekim Sali.

#### (iv) Coordination and Management of Issues Related to the COVID-19 Pandemic

Given that Hellenic Aid had undertaken the coordination and management of issues related to the COVID-19 pandemic since 2021, it coordinated the dispatch of vaccine doses and medical equipment to developing countries, both bilaterally and through COVAX.

BILATERAL VACINES					
Gabon	150,000	6.1.2022	Johnson & Johnson		
Iran	193,020	12.1.2022	Astra Zeneca		
Libya	30,420	17.11.2022	Pfizer		
Armenia	35,000	23.2.2022	Moderna		
TOTAL	408,440				

DONATIONS THROUGH COVAX					
Indonesia	362,000	10.1.2022	Astra Zeneca		
Ethiopia	1,346,400	27.1.2022	Johnson & Johnson		
Nigeria	906,450	7.2.2022	Johnson & Johnson		
TOTAL	2,614,850				

## (v) EU Ministerial Councils and Meetings of EU Directors-General on Development Cooperation

The Directorate-General for Development Assistance and Humanitarian Aid (Hellenic Aid) prepared Greece's participation and/or relevant memos and interventions at the following EU Ministerial Councils and meetings of EU Directors-General on development cooperation:

- Informal Foreign Affairs Council/Development Cooperation meeting (FAC/DEV) (Montpellier, 6-7 March 2022)
- Meeting of EU Directors-General of Development Cooperation (Paris, 5-6 April 2022)
- Foreign Affairs Council/Development Cooperation meeting (FAC/DEV) (Brussels, 20 May 2022)
- Meeting of EU Directors-General of Development Cooperation (Brussels, 21-22 June 2022)
- Meeting of EU Directors-General of Development Cooperation (Brussels, 28 September 2022)
- Foreign Affairs Council/Development Cooperation meeting (FAC/DEV) (Brussels, 28 November 2022)
- Meeting of Directors-General of Development Cooperation (Prague, 16 December 2022)

#### (vi) Other European and International Meetings

1. European and international meetings

The Directorate-General for Development Assistance and Humanitarian Aid (Hellenic Aid) participated and/or prepared dossiers for the following European and international meetings:

- Informal ("Gymnich") meeting of EU Foreign Ministers (Brest, January 13-14, 2022)
- > Foreign Affairs Council (Brussels, January 24, 2022)
- > European Humanitarian Forum (Brussels, March 21-23, 2022).
- Regional Meeting of Donors of Southeast Europe in the context of SEE 2030 Strategy (March 28, 2022)
- > International Conference of Donors for Ukraine (Warsaw, May 5, 2022)
- Scheduled bilateral meetings of the Minister of Foreign Affairs on the margins of the Ministerial Meeting of the Global Coalition against ISIS (Marrakesh, May 11, 2022)
- 2nd Meeting of the SEE 2030 Strategy Monitoring Committee, (Thessaloniki, June 7, 2022)

- General Affairs Council (Luxembourg, June 21, 2022)
- > Participation in "Ukraine Recovery Conference" (Lugano, July 4-5, 2022)
- Ministerial Conference Supporting the Republic of Moldova (Bucharest, July 15, 2022)
- Working Group on External Aspects of Asylum and Migration (EMWP, September 6, 2022) - Progress Report - Discussion on the consequences of the Russian invasion of Ukraine
- > Arab-DAC Dialogue (Brussels, September 15, 2022)
- General Affairs Council (Brussels, September 20, 2022)
- South East European Cooperation Process (SEECP)-Regional Cooperation Council (RCC) Working Lunch in the context of the High-Level Week of the 77th UNGA Session (New York, September 23, 2022)
- Meeting of the Prime Minister with the President of the Commission, Mrs. Ursula von der Leyen (Athens, September 29, 2022)
- Informal European Council (Prague, October 7, 2022)
- Meeting of the Group of Friends for Women in Afghanistan (October 19, 2022)
- International Forum on "Development of multilateral economic relations in Southeast Europe and the Danube region in the context of sustainable development" (Iaşi, October 18-19, 2022)
- European Council (Brussels, October 20-21, 2022)
- International Conference of Experts on the Recovery, Reconstruction and Modernization of Ukraine (Berlin, October 25, 2022)
- Minister's visit to Niger (November 2, 2022)
- Visit of the Lebanese Foreign Minister Mr. Abdullah Bou Habib (Athens, November 11, 2022)
- > European Business Summit Roundtable (Brussels, November 17, 2022)
- Participation of Mr. Prime Minister in Tripartite Summit of Greece-Cyprus-Jordan (Nicosia, November 21, 2022)
- Solidarity Conference for Ukraine (Paris, December 13, 2022)
- General Affairs Council (Brussels, December 13, 2022)
- European Council (Brussels, December 15, 2022)

#### 2. Bilateral meetings

The Directorate-General for Development Assistance and Humanitarian Aid (Hellenic Aid) participated and/or prepared dossiers for the following bilateral meetings:

- Visits of the President of the Republic to Moldova (February 28-March 2, 2023) and Kyiv (September 2022)
- Minister's visits (indicatively) to Praia, Cabo Verde and Dakar, Senegal (February 23, 2022), Tirana (May 23, 2022), Paris (July 19, 2022), Yerevan (September 27, 2022), Warsaw (October 5, 2022), Kyiv (October 19, 2022) and Rome (November 16, 2022)

## (vii) Working Parties of the Council of the European Union

1. The Directorate-General for Development Assistance and Humanitarian Aid (Hellenic Aid) participated actively in and prepared positions for the meetings of the following Working Parties (WPs) of the Council of the EU:

- Working Party on Development Cooperation and International Partnerships (CODEV-PI).
- > Working Party Agenda 2030.
- Working Party on EU's Cooperation with Africa, Caribbean and the Pacific Countries (ACP-EU).
- > Working Party on Humanitarian Aid and Food Aid (COHAFA).

2. The Directorate-General for Development Assistance and Humanitarian Aid (Hellenic Aid) participated in the NDICI-GE Committee Formations: Sub-Saharan Africa, Asia and Pacific and Global Challenges.

NDICI-GE (2021-2027) is the new EU's financial instrument for development cooperation and partnership with the rest of the world. It unifies and advances the development and partnership instruments of the previous financing period (2014-2020) and incorporates them within the European Union budget, creating a consolidated instrument of international presence and cooperation for the EU, with a total budget of EUR 79.462 billion. The main direction of NDICI-GE is developmental and a minimum of 93% of total financial allocations constitute Official Development Assistance.

The NDICI-GE Committee meets in four different geographic formations (Neighbourhood, Sub-Saharan Africa, Asia and Pacific and Americas and the Caribbean) and five thematic formations (Democracy and Human Rights, Civil Society Organizations, Peace Stability and Conflict Prevention, Global Challenges, Rapid Response and EU Foreign Policy Needs). The diverse formations of the Committee, comprising representatives from the European Commission and the member states, discuss and approve

multiannual indicative programmes, annual action plans for each respective partner country and regional programmes, as well as actions contained therein. A substantial part of these actions take the form of Team Europe Initiatives (TEIs) which combine the EU financing with external development actions and financing by member states and development banks. The goal is to deliver a coherent intervention effort, with a significant impact in partner countries.

3. Preparation of Greek positions on the post-Cotonou framework of relations between the ACP countries and the EU.

## (viii) UN Second Committee (Economic and Financial) - Other UN High Level Meetings

1. The Directorate-General for Development Assistance and Humanitarian Aid (Hellenic Aid) prepared positions and interventions/statements in the framework of the UN Second Committee (Economic and Financial) and other UN High Level Meetings:

- I<sup>st</sup> Regular Session of the Executive Board of UNDP (United Nations Development Programme) / UNFPA (United Nations Population Fund) /United Nations Office for Project Services UNOPS (January 31- 4 February 2022)
- 60<sup>th</sup> Session of the Commission for Social Development (New York, 7-16 February 2022)
- High-Level Meeting on the Global Food Crisis (New York, 18 July 2022)
  National Intervention Plan in collaboration with the Ministry of Rural Development and Food
- > High Level Week of the 77<sup>th</sup> UNGA (20-26 September 2022)
- Completing a United Nations questionnaire on policies to reduce the digital divide for youth, in collaboration with co-competent Ministries

2. The Directorate-General for Development Assistance and Humanitarian Aid (Hellenic Aid) prepared positions for the adoption of humanitarian Resolutions at the UN General Assembly (indicatively) on:

- Established annual open debate at the UN Security Council. on "Protection of civilians in the context of armed conflicts" (New York, May 25, 2022)".
- UNGA Plenary: Draft Resolution on "Strengthening the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations - Omnibus Resolution" (October 2022).

#### 3. Second Voluntary National Review (VNR) – HLPF 2022

Greece presented its second Voluntary National Review (VNR) on the Implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development on 12 July 2022 at the UN High Level Political Forum for Sustainable Development (HLPF), 5-15 July 2022. Greece's second VNR reflected challenges and strategies related to three crises: the aftermath of a decade-long national depression, with persisting economic and social issues, the consecutive COVID-19 pandemic which put a significant strain on the national health system and the economy and, before this is over, the repercussions of a war outbreak within the European continent causing deep global concern.

The VNR process was led by a designated Working Group set up in 2021 within the Presidency of the Government, in close cooperation and consultation with all ministries, the Hellenic Statistical Authority and key stakeholders, including the Hellenic Parliament, regional/local authorities, social partners, civil society, guided by a whole-of-government and whole-of-society approach.

### (ix) Development Assistance Committee (DAC)/OECD

1. The Directorate-General for Development Assistance and Humanitarian Aid (Hellenic Aid) participated and/or prepared dossiers for the following Development Assistance Committee (DAC)/OECD meetings:

- DAC "Tidewater" meeting with the participation of the Director-General of Hellenic Aid (Neuchâtel, 14-15 June 2022). The Tidewater meeting is an annual gathering of Development Ministers, heads of aid agencies, and other senior officials focused on timely and relevant development topics as well as opportunities for partnership. It is named after the Tidewater Inn in Easton, Maryland, the venue of the inaugural meeting in 1968. The main topics of the meeting were the socio-economic impact of Russia's war against Ukraine, financing development in the light of multiple crises and climate change.
- b. DAC Senior-Level Meeting/SLM (18-19 January 2022).
- > c. Monthly regular meetings of DAC members.
- > d. Working Party on Statistics (WP-STAT).

2. Mid-Term Review of the Greek international development cooperation system by the Development Assistance Committee (DAC) of the OECD (November 28, 2022). The aim of the Mid-Term Review was to examine the country's progress in implementing the Recommendations of the 4<sup>th</sup> Peer Review of the Greek international development cooperation system, which took place between March and November 2018 and was published in 2019<sup>5</sup>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> To access the Results of the Report: https://www.oecd.org/dac/oecd-development-co-operation-peer-reviews-greece-2019-9789264311893-en.htm

3. Participation of Greece, as peer reviewer, in the 1<sup>st</sup> Peer Review of Hungary's development cooperation system (March-December 2022). The review process included, among other things, a six-day on-site visit by the assessment team to Budapest (June 20-24, 2022), participation in the preparation of the final report of the DAC/OECD on Hungary's development program, "Review of the Development Cooperation Policies and Programmes of Hungary" and participation in the presentation of the final results of the review during the 1116th regular meeting of the DAC (November, 2022).

4. Participation in the selection of the new DAC Chair.

5. Completion of an OECD questionnaire on policy coherence for sustainable development.

6. Participation in the ENVIRONET and GENDERNET Networks of DAC/OECD.

## (x) Team Europe Initiatives (TEIs)

The Team Europe approach, which emerged from the need for a collective EU and MS response to the COVID-19 pandemic, evolved into the Union's compass in planning its external action for the period 2021-2027, with the aim to strengthen transparency of EU and MS actions in developing countries. In the context, Team Europe's flagship initiatives (Team Europe Initiatives/TEIs), are gaining prominent importance as projects with a long-term transformative impact on the partner countries, focused on priority areas identified by the EU and the member states and in line with partner countries' national development plans and priorities.

In this context, Hellenic Aid continued contacts with the European Commission and different Greek Ministries in 2021 to formulate the Greek position and explore opportunities to participate. A relevant list was drawn up with proposals for participation in selected initiatives.

## (xi) Forward-looking discussions on Hellenic Aid

In the context of the proposal for the establishment of an implementation body under the name "Hellenic Aid Agency", which will be the executive arm of the bilateral development cooperation, under the supervision of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, bilateral contacts were held by the Permanent Hellenic Representation in EU with competent officials of the European Commission DG INTPA and the Practitioners' Network for European Development Cooperation.

## (xii) Legal framework

The Directorate-General of Hellenic Aid, in collaboration with the Office of Legal Support of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, completed the processing of three Presidential Decrees: (i) on the organization, staffing and operation

of the Service; (ii) on the registration of CSOs in its Registry; and (iii) on the conclusion of bilateral and regional development agreements cooperation with partner countries in the EU and the DAC/OECD).

## (xiii) Legal disputes

In the course of 2022, Hellenic Aid has drafted reports, stating its views on a number of cases, pertaining to legal disputes with contracting NGOs.

In this context, and following extensive correspondence on the subject, the Legal Council of the State ruled that the competent body to charge debtors when it comes to financially settled conventions (programmes) between the former YDAS (International Development Cooperation Agency) and NGOs is the General Inspection Directorate of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Thereafter, Hellenic Aid cooperated with the competent Directorate and the National Authority for Transparency, providing them with all necessary data to carry out their task.

## (xiv) Correspondence with defendants – Data provision

When asked to, Hellenic Aid provided defendants (often former staff of its own), with data related to their cases, ahead of the relevant court hearings. In addition, it replied to letters of defendants, regarding their penal prosecution by the judicial Authorities.

## (xv) Other Activities

- Presentation of the International Development Cooperation System of Greece to Students of the Department of Political Science and International Relations of the University of Peloponnese (May 6 and December 12, 2022)
- > Drafting of the 2021 Annual Report of Hellenic Aid
- Redesign of the website of the Directorate-General for Development Assistance and Humanitarian Aid (<u>https://hellenicaid.mfa.gr/</u>) and regular supply with new content

#### ANNEX



Second Greek donation -150,000 doses- of vaccines against the Covid-19 virus to Gabon (6.1.2022) and Greek donation of 35,000 vaccines to Armenia (23.2.2022), as an example of Greece's commitment to share resources to fight the COVID-19 pandemic



Greek donation of 193,020 vaccines to Iran (12.1.2022) against the Covid-19 virus, as an example of Greece's commitment to share resources to fight the COVID-19 pandemic



Greek Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr Nikos Dendias, visited Odessa, on behalf of the Greek government and delivered a humanitarian aid package to the Governor of Odessa Oblast, Col. M.Marchenko, to provide relief to the city's population, including Greek diaspora. The Director-General of Hellenic Aid, Mr. Alexandros Diakopoulos, accompanied the Greek Minister.



Information Day to Students from the University of Peloponnese (6.5.2022)



Departure of the 9th humanitarian mission of the Hellenic Red Cross (HRC) to Ukraine to support those affected by the war (21.9.2022)



From an event presenting Greece's contribution to the United Nations World Food Program (WFP) programme for the restoration of the city's port, in the context of the visit of the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Nikos Dendias, to Benghazi (17.11.2022)