



PROGRESS UPDATE ON THESSALONIKI EMBRACIN PROGRAM

This report covers the last 4 months of the Embracin Thessaloniki Program and is always guided by the needs of those served and their gradual integration into the Greek reality, various actions, collaborations and activities took place.

- Vocational guidance and Career Counseling
- Psychosocial & Legal Support
- Support in Health issues
- Cultural events
- The team
- Challenges & Difficulties

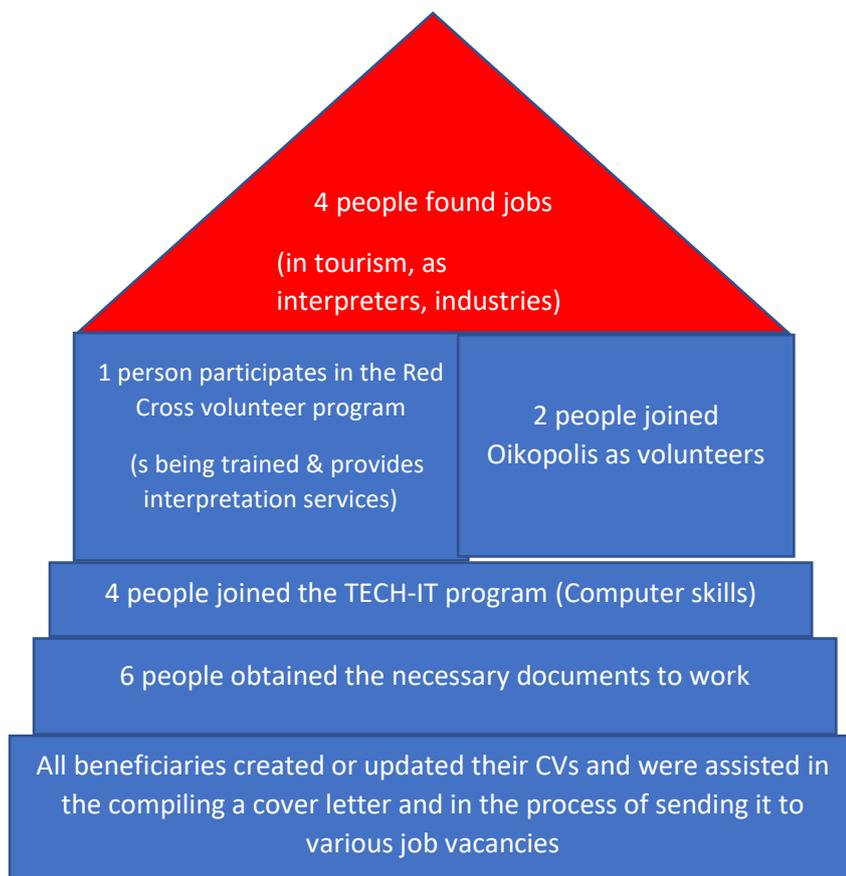


Vocational Guidance and Job Counseling

Tools

- Individualized meetings with the beneficiaries (acquaintance with each other, skills, desires, dreams, needs, thoughts)
- Customized/individualized action plan was devised (recording and organizing next moves to achieve the goal, strengthening the self-determination and independence of everyone.)
- Liaison (referral to job counselors, job information, registration on online job search platforms)
- Preparation, organization, support (drafting cv and cover letters, interview preparation, support in sending email and managing various electronic platforms, communication of Social Worker with employers and HR, support for the issuance of necessary documents for work)
- Training / volunteering (submission of applications for various training programs eg training seminar for Metadrasi interpreters, Greek courses, scholarships, Red Cross volunteer program, etc.)

Results of the above actions and goals achieved



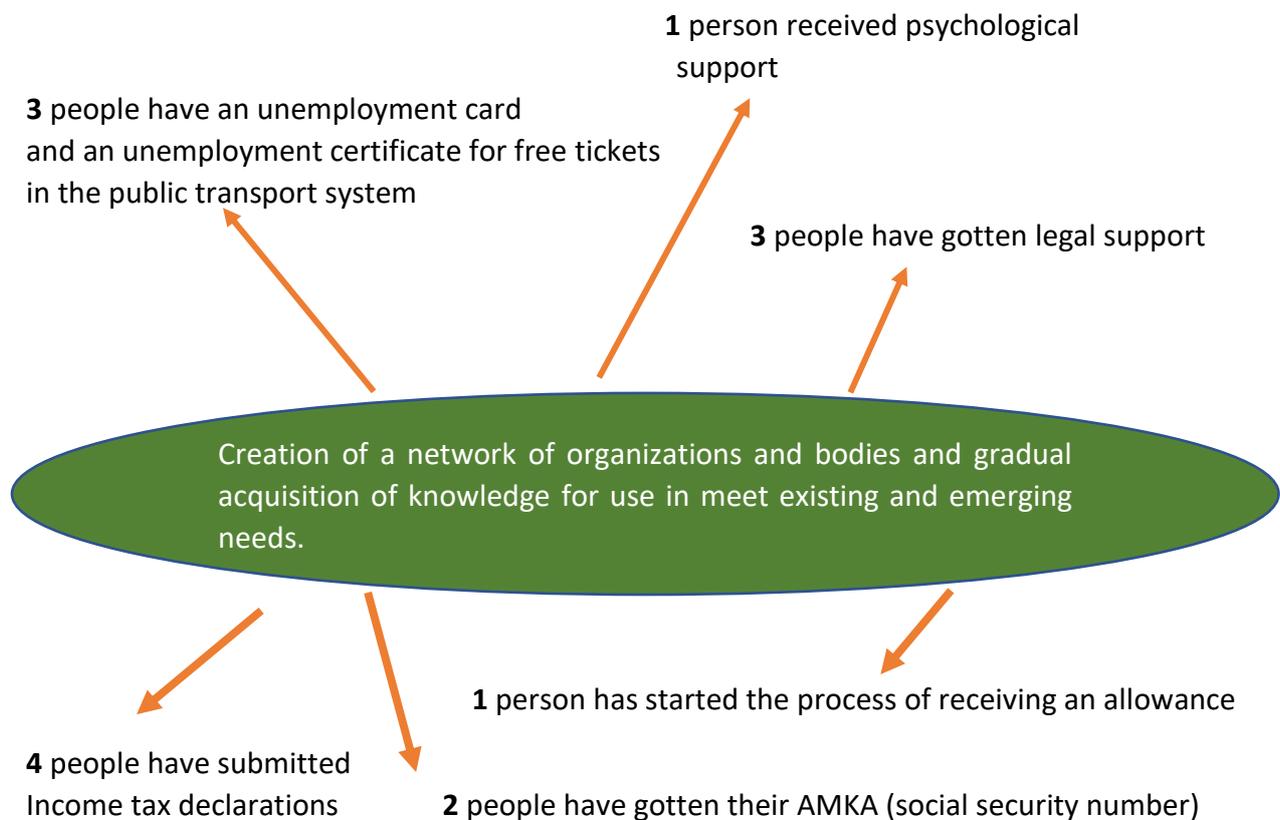


Psychosocial & Legal Assistance

Tools

- Individual sessions and case management.
- Support & guidance of the supportive and social environment of the beneficiaries.
- Liaison and cooperation with NGOs, agencies and public services to meet various needs, such as psychological support, issuance of welfare benefits, tax return, AMKA (social security number) etc.
- Support, accompaniment and familiarization of beneficiaries with NGOs, agencies and public services to meet various needs.
- Legal support through referrals for the issuance of their legal documents.

Results of the above actions and goals achieved





Health Related support

Tools

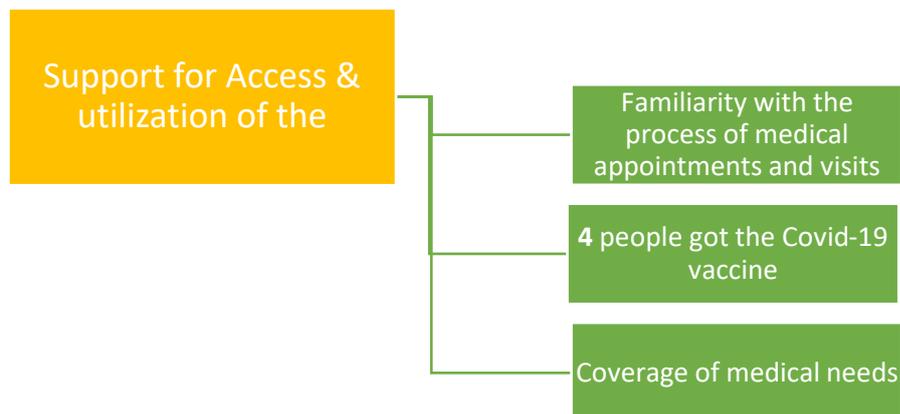
Covid-19:

- Sending information material on prevention and protection measures translated into the respective language.
- Individual meetings with everyone and providing information and personalized information.
- Management of the electronic platform of gov.gr and cooperation with the Community Citizen Office, pharmacies, and Hospitals for the vaccination of the beneficiaries.

Medical problems:

- Mediation and accompaniment of the beneficiaries with Health Centers, Hospitals and other health units in order to cover emergency and chronic medical needs.

Results of the above actions and goals achieved



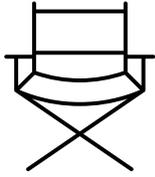


Cultural Events

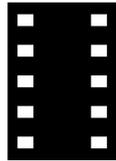
Tools

- Monitoring the cultural events of the city & informing the team.
- Meet & discuss with the beneficiaries about their preferences.
- Organization of the group's participation in cultural events and outings in the city.

Results of the above actions and goals achieved



Open air cinema



Concert at a historical monument of the city

Coffee group meetings in the city

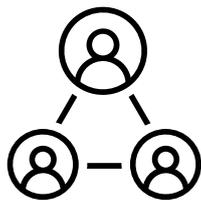




The Embracin Group



The members of the Embracin group have already participated through the various activities and cultural events and have gradually begun to develop relationships and interact. Beneficiaries are slowly getting to know each other, exchanging information about jobs and common interests.





Challenges/ Difficulties

During the course of the program, it has become clear that the beneficiaries find it difficult to commit and be consistent in the various activities, but also in meetings and issues that concern their immediate needs. In combination with everyone's full daily program, it is even more difficult to organize their group presence, for example, Greek lessons, psychosocial group meetings or other activities. Finally, although the beneficiaries seem to be committed to staying and integrating into Greek life, some of them nonetheless decide to leave the city and sometimes the country for a better life. In this case, there is nothing one can do.