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## Implementation of Prevention and Therapy of STIs (including HIV and HBV infections) for Undocumented Migrants in Europe: New Challenges

**Implementation of sexual and reproductive health  
care to undocumented migrants in European  
hotspots and transit camps: The example of Greece**

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# The “refugee-migrant crisis”

- 59,5 displaced million persons in the world (UNHCR-2015)
- 20 million refugees, over half of whom are under the age of 18
- Europe is currently experiencing the largest global displacement since WW II
- Sea arrivals in Europe
  - 2015: **1,015,078**
  - 2016: **362,753**
  - 2017: **110,374** (last update 17 July 2017)

Source: UNHCR



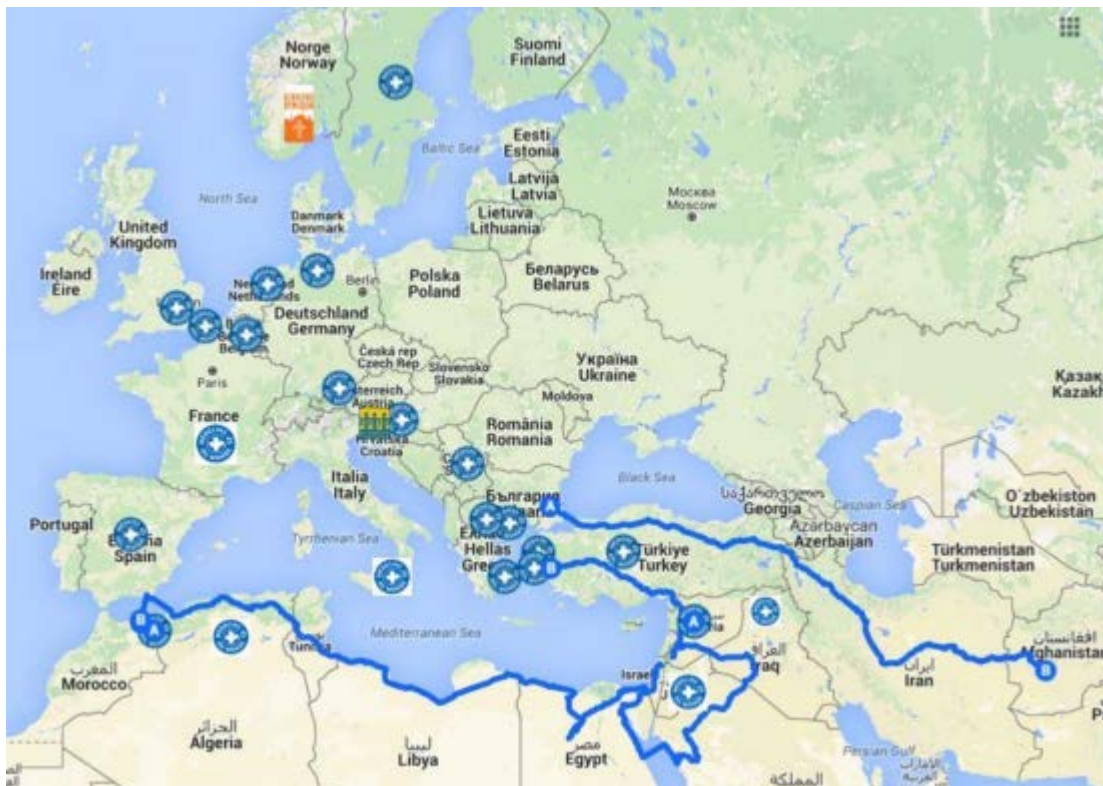
# The “refugee-migrant crisis” in Greece



- **872,519 arrivals** on Greek islands in 2015
- **3,713 arrivals** through land borders in 2015
- **173,450 arrivals** on Greek islands in 2016
- **2,810 arrivals** through land borders (1.1.2016 - 31.10.2016)
- **20,164 arrivals** after the EU-Turkey Statement (April – October 2016) – (18,519 on Greek islands and 1,645 through land borders)
- **10,250 arrivals** on Greek islands up to 17 July 2017

Source: UNHCR, mediagov.gr

# The “refugee-migrant crisis” and MdM



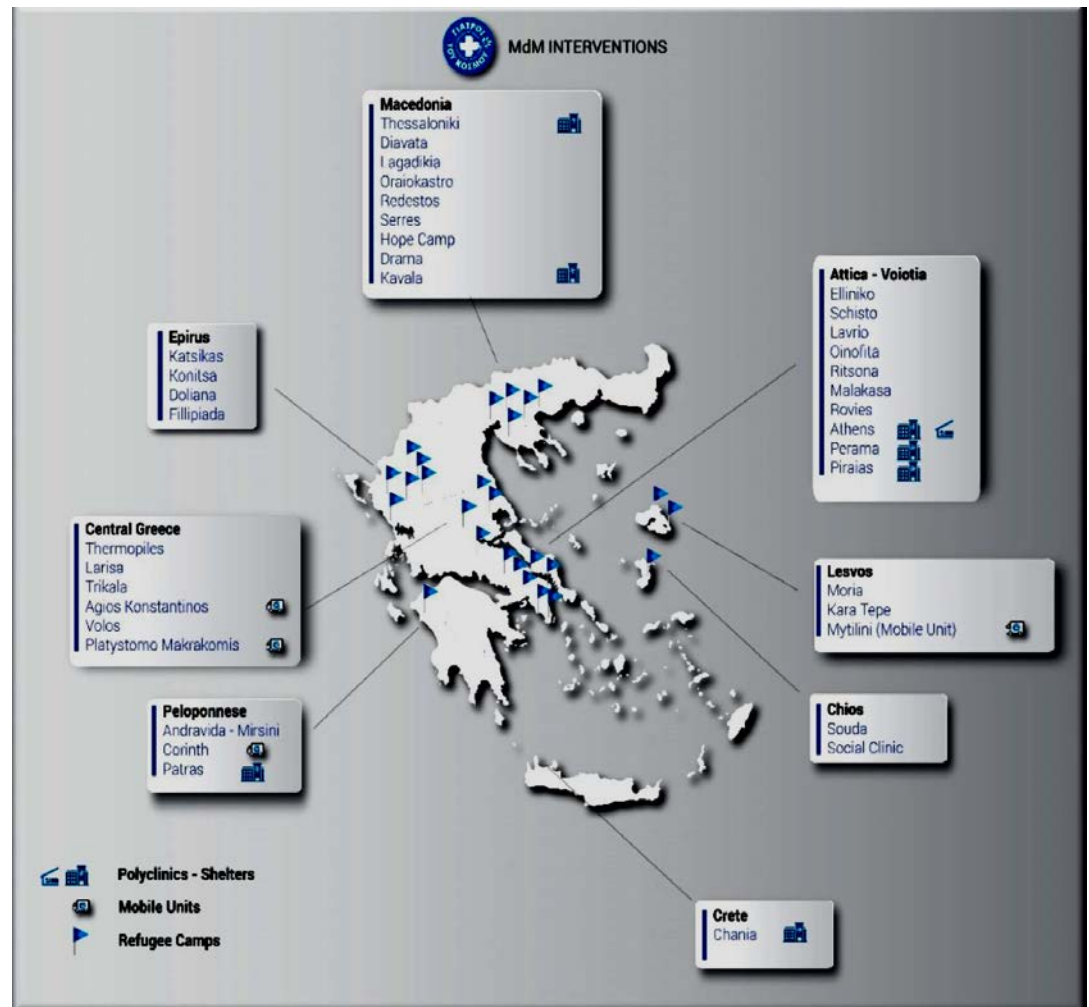
- MdM runs 439 programs in > 80 countries
- 15 Chapters run 270 domestic programs (and some also international programs)
- A network of projects in transit and destination European countries, including partnerships with other organizations and public health institutions/medical centers and Search and Rescue operations in Central Mediterranean



# The context in Greece

- Currently 62,327 persons stranded in Greece (18/07/2017)
  - 14,133 in the islands
  - 21,861 in accommodation places (apartments, hotels, host families, UASC shelters, etc.)
  - 3,661 in pre-departure/closed centers
  - 8,250 estimated as self-settled
  - 14,422 in 32 open camps in mainland (>50 in the beginning)
- 32.5% children, 21.7% women, 45.8% men (as of Jan 2017)

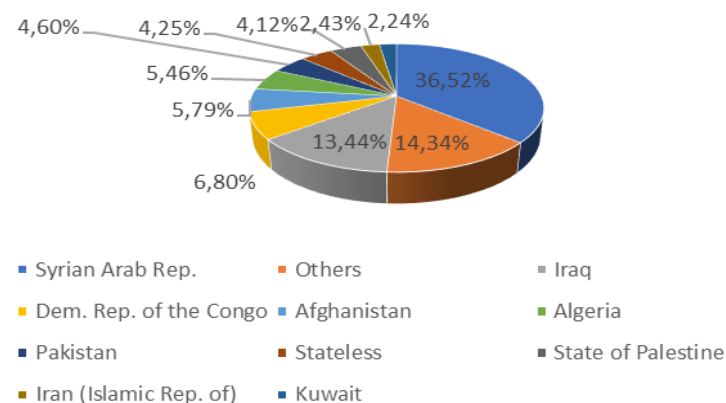
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# The context in Greece

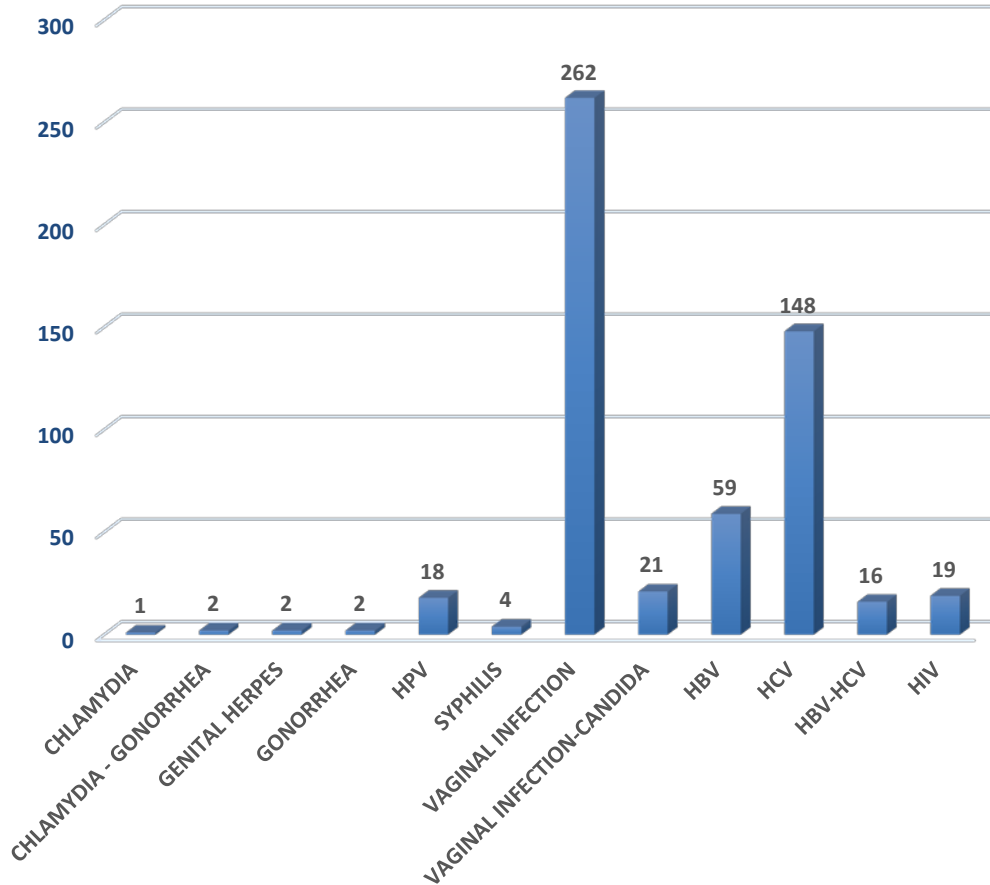
- Volatile context
- Pre-registration
- Legislation 4368/2016 - gaps in practice
- Administrative barriers - AMKA number
- Actual access to healthcare facilities
- Victims of violence (including sexual assault and rape → risk of STI)
- UDM → access to health only through Emergency Departments

Arrivals to Greece by nationality as of January 2017 (Source UNHCR)



# STIs - MdM Greece Data

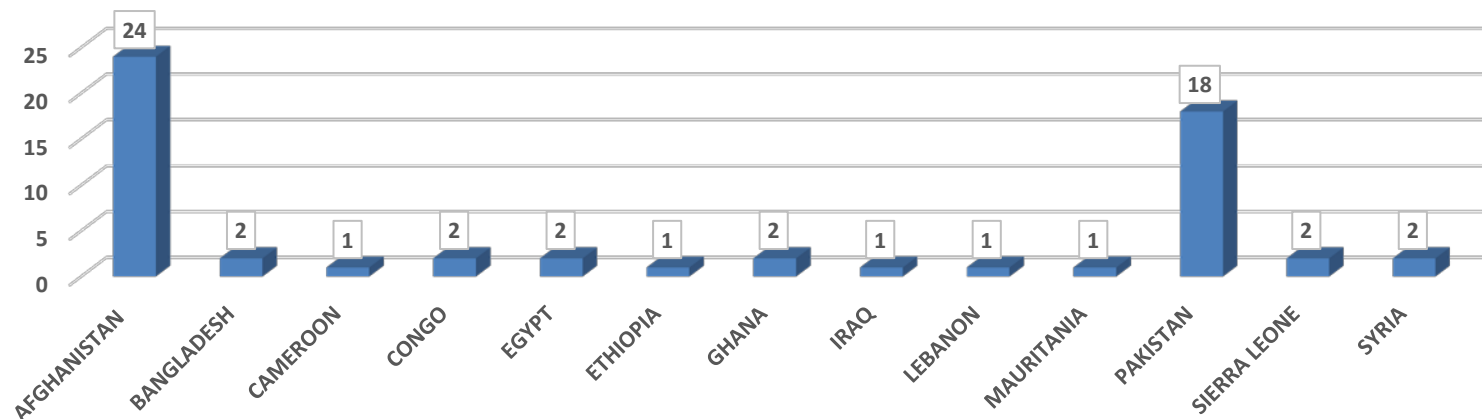
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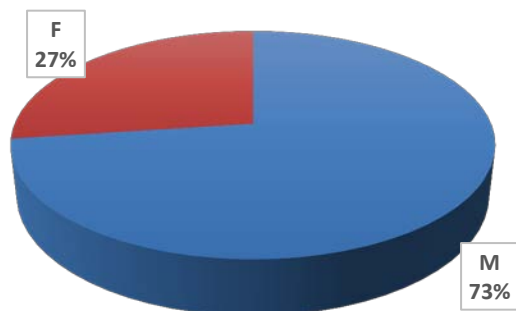
- Chlamydia: Syria, M, 27y
- Chlamydia – Gonorrhea: 1 couple from Afghanistan, 18-19y
- Genital Herpes: Afghanistan, M, 18y – Syria, F, 30y
- Gonorrhea: Pakistan, M, 22y – Bangladesh, M, 35y
- Syphilis: Pakistan, M, 40y – Morocco, F, 33y – 1 couple from Afghanistan, 24-22y
- Vaginal infection: 163 cases, 21 identified as Candida
- HBV-HCV: 15 cases in M from Pakistan 22-46y – 1 case in F from Syria, 37y

# STIs - HBV

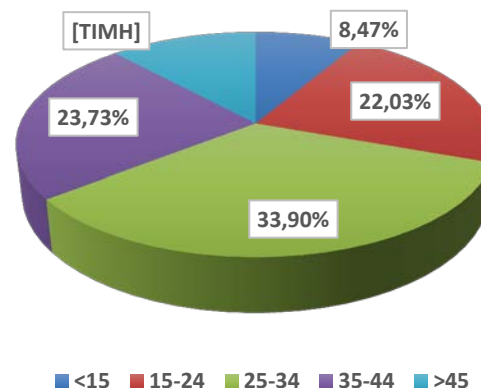
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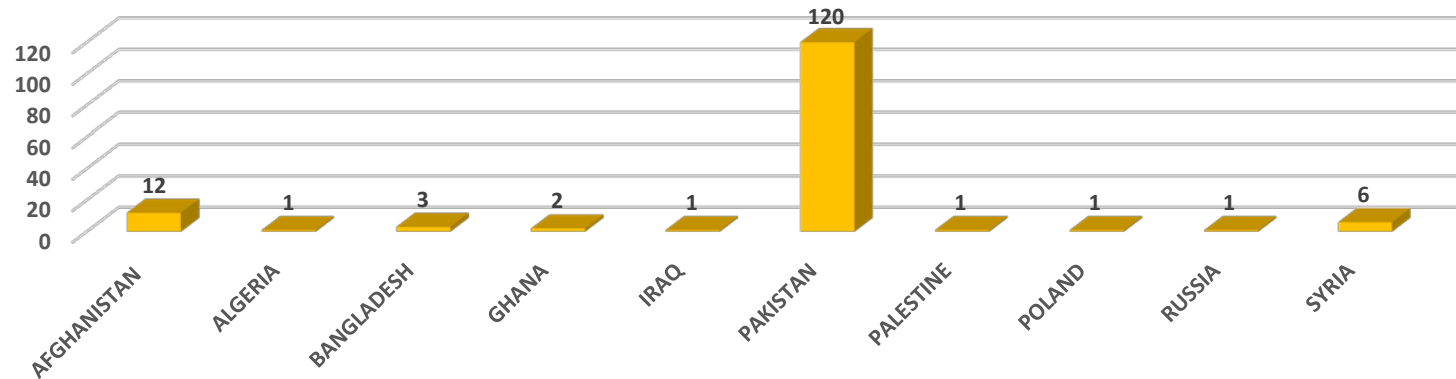
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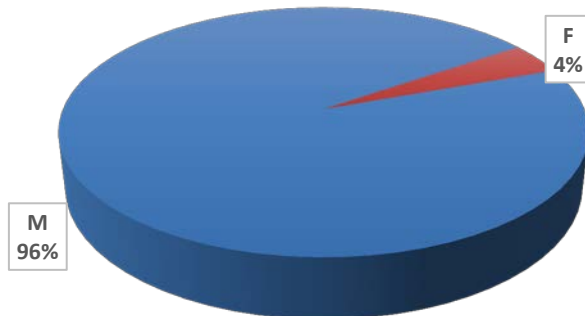


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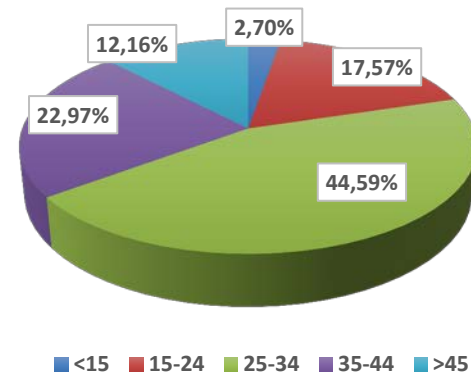
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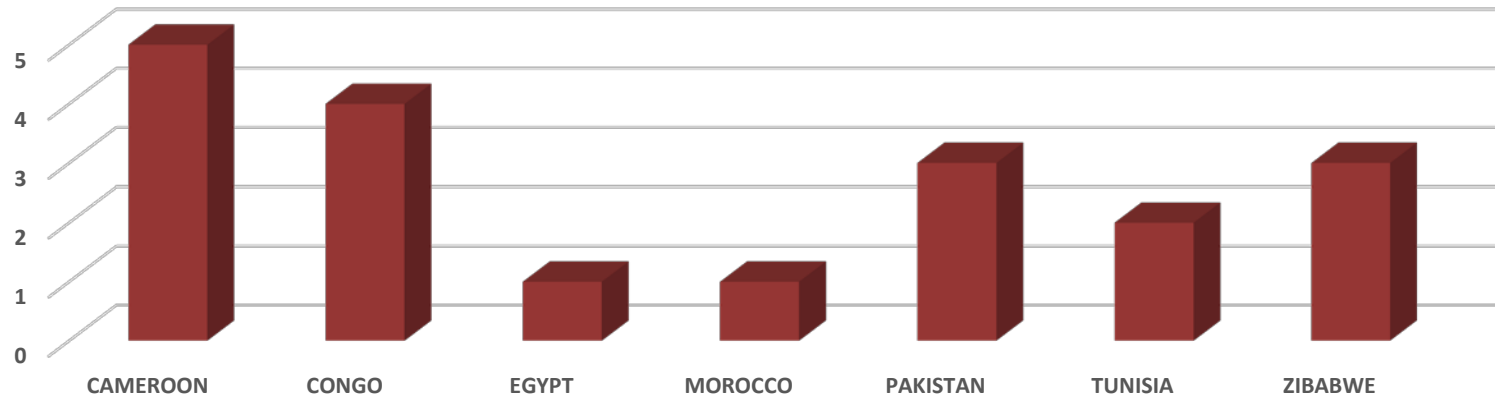


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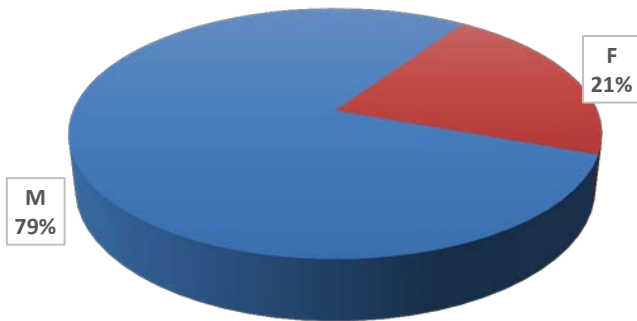


# STIs - HIV

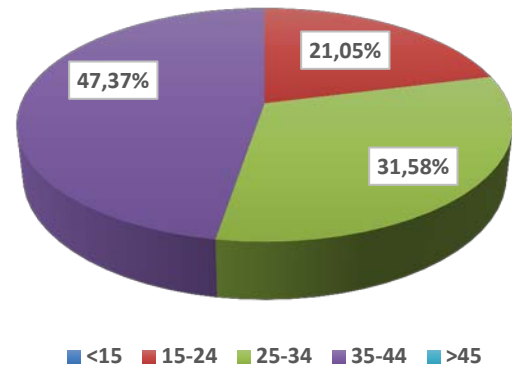
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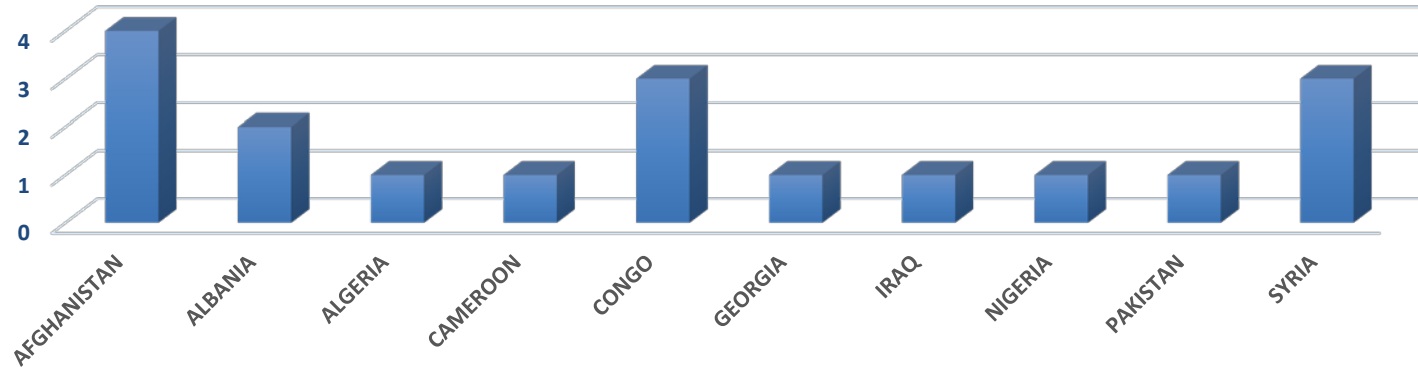


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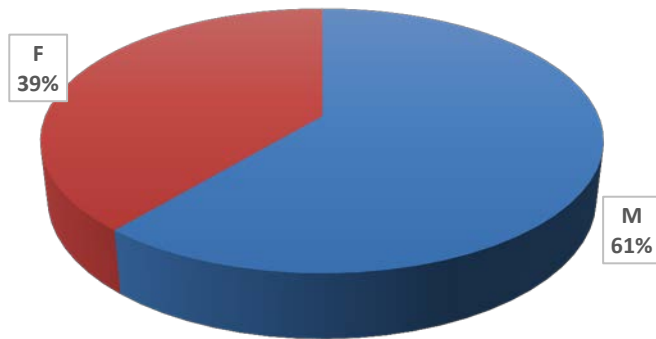


# STIs - HPV

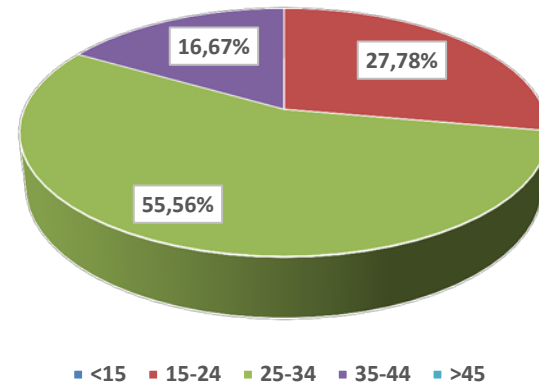
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HPV GENDER BREAKDOWN n=18



HPV AGE BREAKDOWN n=18



# MdM Greece Response

- SRH is a core axis of MdM interventions
- Provision of services (Holistic approach) - Provision of medicines/ appropriate treatment
- Referrals – follow up
- Screening at the entry points (!)
- Participation in working groups (HWG, SRHWG, etc.)
- Advocacy
- Training of staff
- Focus on SGBV – VoV



# MdM Greece Response

- Health Promotion
  - During individual consultations
  - Group sessions
  - Printed material
- Vaccinations (HBV - >1600 children vaccinated)
- Condom distribution
- HPV screening
- Harm reduction
  - SNP
  - Condoms



# Challenges and the way forward

- Volatile context
- Language barriers
- Administrative barriers in access to secondary health care
- Overwhelmed NHS
- Lack of experience in mass displacement in Greece
- Better and more efficient coordination – information exchange
- Screening for ID – STIs
- Ensure appropriate living conditions
- Ensure adequate/timely access to health care for all migrants
- Special focus on prevention services
- Further data collection and research on the impact of STIs on migrant populations health and the risks for public health



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