

All of the rumours are collected among refugees passing through Europe. By identifying misinformation and hearsay and responding to it with relevant, factual information, **NewsThatMoves** aims to keep the refugee population at the forefront of our communication response.

Rumour #1

“We have heard that Elliniko camp will close and all those people that live in this camp will transfer to other camps out of Athens.”

Answer

The Greek Refugee Crisis Management Coordination Body announced in June that the Elliniko site in Athens would not be a permanent camp and people eventually would be moved to other sites. More than 2,800 people were hosted at the site in mid-August, according to official data, but the population as of October 19 was 2,400 people. No official deadline has been set for evacuation of the site.

For more information:

<https://newsthatmoves.org/en/still-no-deadline-for-full-evacuation-of-elliniko/>

Rumour #2

“Many organizations have the ability to intervene with the processing time of the applications. Everything is related to your connections, and the language plays a major role.”

Answer

The date of your full registration appointment will be decided depending partly on the language you speak. The reason for this is so an interpreter can be scheduled to help during your appointment. Appointments for full registration are set by computer, with other criteria taken into consideration, such as vulnerability of the person, date of arrival to the country as stated on the police note, and the availability of a registration officer. Processing times vary according to each individual case.

For more information:

http://asylo.gov.gr/wp-content/uploads/2016/09/Qandanswers_ENG_Sep1_final.pdf

Rumour #3

“Families should be prioritised over the young adults. What is happening right now is that their [young adults'] applications are the first to be processed and they are the first to be provided with accommodation.”

Answer

Vulnerable people may be prioritised for registration appointments by the Greek Asylum Service and by organisations that are providing accommodation. Young adults (over 18) generally are not considered to be in a vulnerable category. However, unaccompanied children are vulnerable based on their age. Single-parent families with children also may be considered vulnerable.

For more information:

http://www.asylumineurope.org/sites/default/files/resources/wit_greece.pdf

Rumour #4

“It is being said that France rejects all applications and many people were transferred to France for relocation but they were returned back to Greece after their rejection from the authorities.”

Answer

France has relocated nearly 2,000 people from Greece and Italy since relocation began in October 2015. More than 2,974 relocation requests have been made by the Greek Asylum Service on behalf of people in Greece. Of these, France has accepted more than 87%. Between January and June 2016, France processed more than 41,800 asylum applications from asylum seekers of all nationalities. Out of the total number, 54% were approved or offered temporary protection.

For more information:

http://asylo.gov.gr/en/wp-content/uploads/2016/09/Relocation-procedures-up-to-18.9.16_en.pdf

Rumour #5

“Only the ones who registered through Skype are eligible for relocation.”

Answer

You are eligible to apply for relocation if you are from Syria, Eritrea, Burundi, Mozambique, Bahrain, Bhutan, Qatar, and Yemen or if you are a stateless person previously living in one of these countries. You must also show that you arrived in Italy or Greece after 24 March 2015 and before March 20, 2016, according to EASO. You must first register your request for international protection with the Greek Asylum Service. You must pre-register to get a full registration appointment. If you have not already pre-registered, you now must do so through Skype. The schedule for when people can call the Greek Asylum Service through Skype can be found at: goo.gl/gsQVXX

For more information:

<https://newsthatmoves.org/en/pre-registration-in-greece-what-you-need-to-know/>



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