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Project's name	Organisation	Countries	Duration	Amount (CHF)	Summary
UNHCR Providing legal assistance to asylum-seekers in Greece	UNHCR Grèce	Greece	1 year	300'000	The aim is to provide legal assistance to protection seekers, by facilitating access to the asylum procedure, providing information and legal advice, facilitating family reunification and providing representation before various appeal bodies. The SEM has cooperated with UNHCR Greece on several projects.
CORE Life skills im non-formalen Bildungsbereich in Griechenland	PHZH Switzerland	Greece	15 months	83'900	PHZH has developed online educational material for refugees. In addition, in the project CORE staff was trained in the use of this educational material, along with other NGOs. There is still a significant demand in Greece for support measures in the field of non-formal education for minors, particularly in camps and other accommodation structures.
SAO Psychosocial Support Programme at the Bashira and Amina Day Centres for displaced women on Lesbos and in Athens	SAO Switzerland	Greece	17 months	210'000	The project aims to give priority support to women refugees or asylum seekers with vulnerabilities. The project provides a wide range of psychosocial assistance. This includes psychological consultations, social work, links with other services, informal Greek and English language courses and cooperation with various doctors. Through these services, the women can begin the healing process, have secure accommodation, can be supported in their quest for international protection and have access to other organisations, particularly those active in the fight against human trafficking or gender-based violence.
IOM Assisted Voluntary Return and Reintegration from Canary Islands	IOM Spain	Spain	1 year	210'000	The project aims to encourage voluntary return and reintegration from the Canary Islands. The project includes information and awareness-raising sessions, counselling sessions with potential beneficiaries, flight organisation and financial assistance in cash to promote reintegration.
Enhancing support and integration, care and protection for refugee and migrant children in EU countries	UNICEF	Bulgaria, Croatia, Hungary, Poland, Romania, Slovak Republic	17 months	5'000'000	The overall goal of the project is to ensure that refugee and migrant children from Ukraine are integrated into the national systems of EU host countries, and that their needs are assessed in a timely manner and met through an effective case management system with access to high-quality support, care and protection services. The project aims to provide appropriate services and improve and strengthen infrastructure in EU countries neighboring Ukraine. It supports national and local authorities, public and private service providers, universities, civil society organizations, foster families and residential institutions for children and young people. The project is a response to the UNICEF 2022 Appeal for funds in relation with Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine.

Strengthening the humanitarian response to crisisaffected populations in countries affected by the Ukraine Crisis	IOM	Hungary, Poland, Romnia, Slovakia, Czech Republic	8 months	5'000'000	In 2022, IOM launched an appeal for funds to meet the needs of people affected by the war in Ukraine and neighboring countries. Under the RRF, activities were financed in neighboring EU countries. The overall aim of the project is to provide safe, dignified and sustainable living conditions and accommodation solutions for the people concerned. The measures financed mainly cover the thematic areas of asylum procedures and infrastructure for migrants.
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