

Factsheet - SAO Association, Women for displaced Women

Association

SAO is an association under Swiss law, founded in 2016 and registered in the Canton of Aargau with headquarters in 5436 Wuerenlos (UID CHE-438.203.855). The association has been tax-exempt since 2017. The office is located at Badenerstrasse 21, 8004 Zurich.

SAO Association Hellas has been affiliated to SAO since 2018. SAO Hellas is officially founded as an NGO in Greece and operates on Lesbos and in Athens (VAT 997028413).

Board of Directors

The Swiss board consists of eight women, President is Marina Villa. The entire board including the general manager work on an honorary basis.

The board of SAO Hellas consists of two board members of SAO Association (Switzerland), with Raquel Herzog as Head of Field Operations and Ursula Hess as Head of Administration. The board of SAO Hellas also works on an honorary basis. The team in Greece consists of 10 permanent employees and about 10 volunteers who have to commit for at least one month.

History

SAO was born out of necessity, thanks to a private initiative by Raquel Herzog. She travelled to Lesbos as a volunteer at the end of 2015 and founded SAO in Switzerland as an association in February 2016. Until the end of 2016 SAO managed the warehouse Attica on Lesbos and handed it over to a local organisation in January 2017. Ever since, SAO focusses entirely on displaced women with and without children. The association is operated two day centres for displaced women: «Bashira» on Lesbos and «Amina» in Athens.

Work

SAO works short, medium and long term. First, with the «Bashira Centre» on Lesbos, where there is an urgent need for protection and security. Later, with the «Amina Centre» in Athens, where accompaniment and care are important. And finally with the «Back on Track» program to set the course for young displaced women's future.

save (short-term)	Bashira Lesbos – day - and protection centre for particularly vulnerable women and their children living on Lesbos in the Moria deportation camp - focus: emergency aid, protection.
assist (medium-term)	Amina Athens – day care and protection centre for particularly vulnerable, disabled and old women and their children in Athens - focus: everyday support, integration.
outreach (long-term)	Back on Track – Study fund for young women who had to drop out of their studies because they had to flee.

Members

Status December 2018	200
Individual membership	100 CHF / €
Collective membership	500 CHF / €

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Finances

Budget 2019 650'000 CHF (575'000 €)

Donations – Bank details

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1. Swiss francs:

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Donations – Post account

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- Account name: SAO Association
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