

## Snapshot: Displacement in Lesvos

Thematic series on migration – 22 September 2020

### Moria Displacement



On 9 September fires broke out in three different locations inside the Moria Refugee camp, **resulting in displacement** of all its inhabitants across the island of Lesvos. The Moria camp is one of Europe's largest refugee camps. Although **its official capacity is only 2,600**, it was estimated to be hosting approximately **13,000** refugees before the fire broke out.

Kara Tepe Two camp is located 4.5 km from Moria, and was built on September 11 as a response to the fire. Kara Tepe Two is built on top of a **former archeological site** and Greek **military shooting range**. As of 20 September **its capacity was 12,000**.

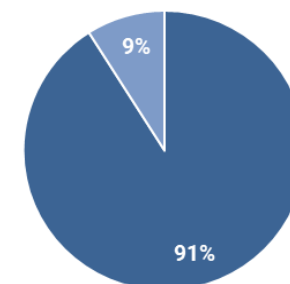
The first Kara Tepe refugee camp was built in 2016 and serves as the overflow site for Moria refugee camp. **The main purpose of this camp is to host the most vulnerable refugees.** Kara Tepe Two was built only 0.5 km from the first Kara Tepe camp.

Approximately **1,000 of the most vulnerable refugees** from Moria are currently being hosted on a ferry ship which is docked in Sigris on the west coast.

### ! Disclaimer

This snapshot presents information available at the time of publication. ACAPS will publish an expanded report on this topic shortly. Due to a lack of data, the exact number of people in need in Lesvos is unknown.

Identified Children Displaced in Lesvos (approx. 4000)



### WASH

- Since Kara Tepe Two is a former archeological and military site, WASH infrastructure can only be built under **specific procedures and interventions**.
- For the time being, until the municipality connects running water to Kara Tepe Two, **NGOs are providing water tanks and hygiene stations**.
- As of 18 September, 400 portable chemical latrines were installed in the camp. Priority is given to women. Currently no latrine maintenance is provided.

### COVID-19

- Prior to the fire, **35 people tested positive** and were self-isolating in Moria.
- **17 mobile public health units** are testing everyone entering Kara Tepe Two.
- As of 21 September, **214 people have tested positive** and are currently self-isolating in the new camp in **isolation tents behind barbed wire**.

### Health

- There are only **two health facilities** in the camp providing health and reproductive care.
- Over **300 people** with underlining health conditions require **special attention and care**.
- NGOs are providing **mental health support** for people traumatised by the fire and extreme living conditions.

Source: ArcGIS