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The PIER Program - Protection, Integration and Education for Refugees in Greece, Italy and Austria - has been designed as a transnational response to the big numbers of people seeking asylum in three major refugee host countries in Europe: Greece, Italy and Austria. Its overall aim is to contribute to sustainable integration of refugees, asylum seekers and migrants by enhancing their opportunities for integration into their host communities and empowering them to stand on their own feet on the long run - with particular focus on empowerment of children, youth and young adults.



## TARGETED INDIVIDUALS WITHIN THE 2<sup>nd</sup> IMPLEMENTATION YEAR

PIER WILL SUPPORT **3,000** BENEFICIARIES IN GREECE, ITALY AND AUSTRIA IN 2018



MORE THAN **16,000** CONTACTS WITH VOLUNTEERS WILL EMPHASIZE THE STRONG ENGAGEMENT OF THE CIVIL SOCIETY

### USD 1 Mio.

granted by The Coca-Cola Foundation to support refugees, asylum seekers and migrants in Europe.



#### ARSIS YOUTH SUPPORT CENTER IN THESSALONIKI, GREECE

supports 1,900 beneficiaries (including unaccompanied minors) with psychosocial support, legal counselling and broad education measures.



#### CARITAS ITALY TOGETHER WITH 9 DIOCESES

provides 700 beneficiaries with courses to facilitate their integration process and become more independent and active members of their local communities making use of modern technology (e.g. tablets).



#### 9 CARITAS „LERNCAFÈS“ IN AUSTRIA

provide support to 360 beneficiaries: Children and youth receive study support and afternoon care. Additionally their parents get counselling regarding the housing and employment market.



WATCH THE IMPACT OF THE PIER PROGRAM HERE: [www.pier-program.com](http://www.pier-program.com)

## TOGETHER WE CAN ACHIEVE MORE AND MAKE THIS WORLD A BETTER PLACE

The PIER Program, in which the implementing partners Caritas Austria, Caritas Italiana and ARSIS Association for the Social Support of Youth joined forces with The Coca-Cola Foundation to support and assist refugees and migrants on their first steps in Europe, is a best practice example of what can be achieved if actors of different sectors and backgrounds work together. It is an import signal that great challenges require cooperation between all players - from businesses over politics to the civil sector.