

WARNING

FALSE INFORMATION AND SOCIAL MEDIA RUMORS

- There have been reports of plans for an organized movement towards the northwest land border, referred to as the “Glitter of Hope”, with the intention to cross the border of Greece to move further onwards.
- UNHCR, IOM and their partner organizations do not encourage or support irregular movements. Please be aware that these informal movements, whether by land or by sea, are risky and dangerous. Attempts to cross borders irregularly are often unsuccessful, and can bear serious consequences including arrest, detention, family separation and even death.
- States have the right to manage their borders and strict border controls are already exercised by States in the region, in particular to prevent irregular movement.
- In addition to potential unwanted legal consequences, participants in these movements may end up in dire humanitarian conditions including being left without adequate shelter, food and other basic services. Children and others with specific needs may be at particular risk. Please do not endanger your lives and the lives of your family members and children.
- We encourage individuals and families in need of protection, assistance and support to approach Greek authorities, UNHCR, IOM and their partner organizations; these organizations can provide information, advice and support in a safe and legal way.
- Please also be aware that information shared via informal sources, in particular on social media, are often misleading or wholly incorrect. You are advised to avoid relying on these sources.
- To ensure that you have the correct information, please consult the official information channels of Greece and other EU countries, UNHCR, IOM and other partner organizations.
- For further information on access to rights and services in Greece, you can visit the UNHCR Greece Help website: <https://help.unhcr.org/greece/>