

# REFUGEE RESCUE



Hundreds of people have lost their lives making the short sea crossing from Turkey to the Greek island of Lesbos. Fleeing war, poverty and persecution, people set off across the water in flimsy rubber boats, often under the cover of darkness. Often wearing fake lifejackets.



As media looks the other way, people are still being forced to take what is now one of the world's most deadly migratory routes. The majority of those people are women and children.

Refugee Rescue is now the **ONLY** remaining professional and humanitarian search and rescue organisation operating on the North Shore of Lesbos. Our skilled volunteer boat crew are on call 24/7, ready to respond in the event of an emergency.

The number of arrivals to the North shore of Lesbos is steadily increasing. The last few months have been the busiest our team have experienced since the implementation of the EU-Turkey deal in March 2016.

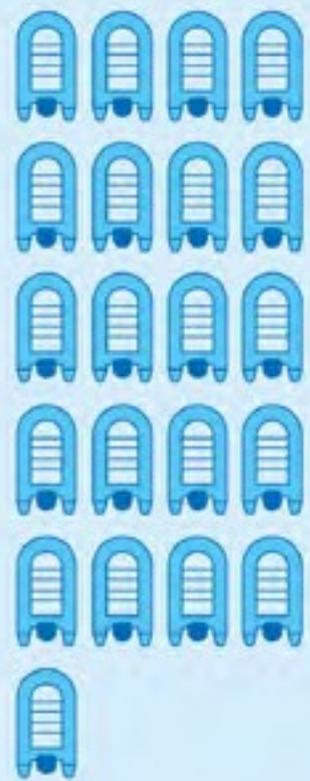


## SEARCH AND RESCUE AT SEA:

At sea we operate aboard our nimble an ex-RNLI Atlantic 75, “Mo Chara”, which means ‘My Friend’ in Gaelic. From rescuing people abandoned at the foot of inaccessible cliffs, to intercepting fragile dinghies and guiding them to safe landing zones, to facilitating transfers with authority vessels: the skilled Refugee Rescue crew are ready to launch within minutes and get people to safety fast.



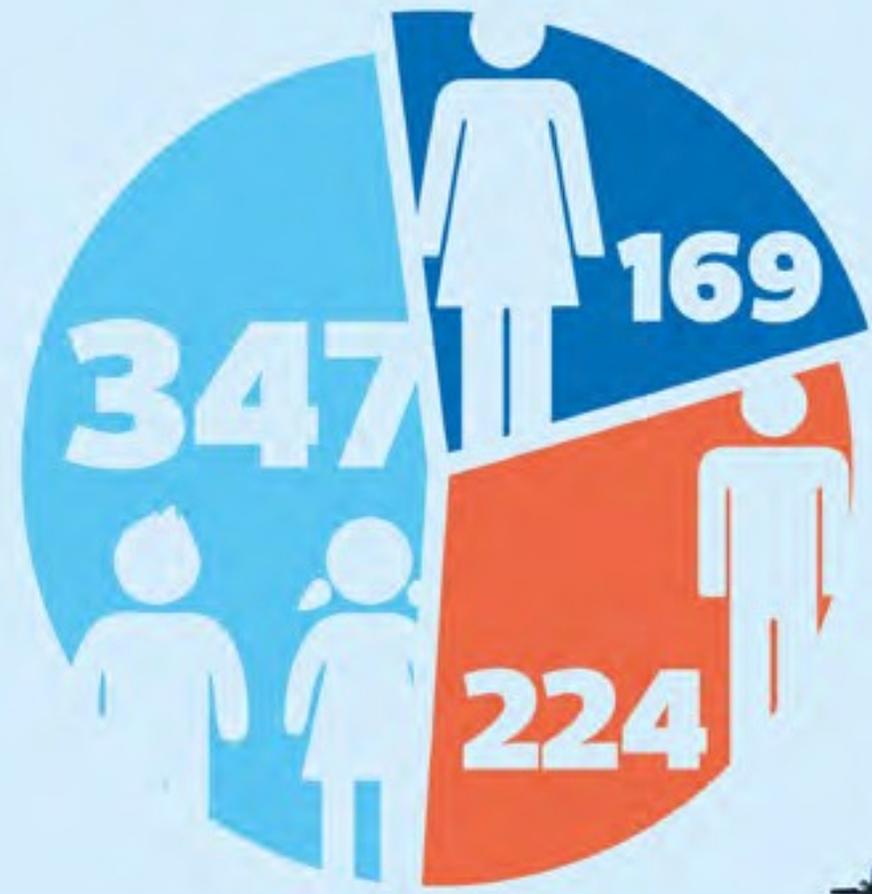
# 21 BOATS



**\*UAM: Unaccompanied Minor**  
A child who is travelling alone without a parent, guardian or responsible adult.

# 811 ARRIVALS

# 2018 SEPTEMBER



Refugee Rescue is a registered UK charity, reliant on small grants and crowdfunding to maintain operations. Our budget runs at around £11,000 – £12,000 per month. We have itemised breakdowns of all our income and expenditure, fixed and otherwise. A full breakdown of our accounts is available on request.

- £500,00 keeps our crew safe with essential repair and replacement of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE).
- £1000 covers the cost of vital maintenance every 100 hours of operations, to keep our rescue boat afloat.
- £11,000 powers Refugee Rescue's core costs for an entire month



**As long as there is no option for safe passage, people will continue risking their lives at sea, in an attempt to realize their right to refuge. We are currently desperately in need of financial support if we are to keep our crew on Lesbos.**

**Your donation could help us save a life.**

