

From Uncertainty to Safety: Supporting a Sudanese Family Seeking Protection

A Sudanese family of four—a mother, father, and their two children—arrived in Greece after fleeing the conflict in Sudan through Libya. Upon arrival, they were transferred to a reception center in Larissa. However, the living conditions proved unsuitable for a family with young children, leaving them distressed and uncertain about their future.

The family reached out to ASsIST for support. After assessing their situation and documenting their vulnerabilities, our team successfully advocated for their transfer to a more appropriate accommodation facility designed to host families. At the same time, their case was referred to the Independent Asylum Office for Vulnerable Persons, allowing for a faster examination of their asylum claim.

Although their asylum interview had initially been scheduled for spring 2027, the family received notice that it would take place just three days later. Faced with this unexpected development, the ASsIST legal team immediately mobilized. An emergency preparation session was organized to ensure that both parents fully understood the asylum procedure, the legal issues relevant to their case, and the interview process itself.

The family's persecution was closely linked to their ethnic background. During the civil war in Sudan, members of their ethnic group were widely perceived as supporters of the government, making them targets despite having no involvement in the conflict. Their experiences and fears of persecution made it impossible for them to remain safely in their country of origin.

The legal preparation provided by ASsIST was critical in helping the family clearly present their experiences and respond effectively to complex questions raised during the asylum procedure, including issues related to the possibility of internal relocation within Sudan.

An ASsIST lawyer accompanied the family throughout the process and attended both asylum interviews. Just 15 days after their interviews, the family received a positive decision granting them international protection.

Today, they can begin rebuilding their lives in safety and dignity. ASsIST continues to support them with the next steps, including obtaining residence permits and travel documents.

This case illustrates how timely legal assistance can transform the lives of vulnerable families, ensuring that protection is not only a legal right but a practical reality.

While the final outcome remains under review, ASsIST has already secured critical safeguards for the applicant by preventing his immediate return, ensuring continued access to the asylum procedure, and providing the legal representation necessary for his protection claim to be fully and fairly assessed.

This case demonstrates how timely legal intervention can make the difference between removal and access to protection for individuals facing multiple and intersecting forms of persecution.
