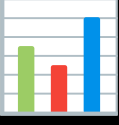


Leadership in Action: Caritas Athens - Athens, Greece

Caritas Athens

Caritas Athens is a nonprofit organization that was founded in 1978 with the goal of combating poverty and injustice and supporting vulnerable communities. Caritas Athens provides assistance regardless of nationality, religion, race, gender, language, and age. Its work focuses on meeting material, psychological, and social needs while promoting dignity, solidarity, and inclusion.

Poverty & Inequality in Greece

-  27.5% were at risk of poverty or social exclusion.
-  14.0% experienced severe material and social deprivation.
-  66.8% of Greece's population reported being subjectively poor in 2024, the highest rate among EU countries according to Eurostat's subjective-poverty measure.

How I Helped:

-  Meal, Clothing, & Essentials Distribution
-  Adult English Education
-  Community Resources & Advocacy

1. Helped connect community members with information and services aligned with their individual needs (eg. housing).
2. Strengthened my ability to advocate, problem-solve, and connect people with resources in an unfamiliar environment.
3. Developed a deeper understanding of the social-service network in Athens and the barriers individuals can face when accessing support.

What I Gained & Recieved

I went to Athens to help others, but I left realizing how much the Athens community had helped me grow.

RISK OF POVERTY OR SOCIAL EXCLUSION IN THE EU

