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The Athletic Union of Neos Voutzas honors HSBC for its support after wildfires ravaged the area in July 2018

HSBC contributed in restoring the facilities and in replacing the equipment of the Neos Voutzas Athletic Union, which was severely impacted by last summer's wildfire. On 11 May 2019 the Athletic Union held an inauguration ceremony of the renovated facilities to honor HSBC for its support.

During the July wildfire one of the Union's buildings, the equipment and the surrounding outdoor area were completely destroyed. Also, the fire destroyed the fence of the facilities and caused other major damages to outdoor courts.

HSBC covered the costs of restoring the fence and replacing part of the equipment destroyed (musical instruments, audio system, air conditioning, outdoor furniture, drinking fountains etc.).

On top of the funds offered by HSBC Greece, HSBC Malta and HSBC staff from across the Group contributed to this cause. HSBC employees from various countries of the Group offered to support this cause voluntarily, in the immediate aftermath of the catastrophic fire.

Stella Rossi, Member of the Board of the Athletic Union said during the inauguration ceremony: *"Today we honor HSBC for supporting us to revive the facilities of our Union after the catastrophic fire of the 23rd of July. HSBC's contribution not only gave us courage and motivation to work hard to get back to normality but inspired other organizations to support the Union.*

Peter Yeates, CEO Greece, commented: *"We believe that restoring the facilities of the Neos Voutzas Athletic Union, which is the cultural heart of the local community, will have a sustainable effect on the area. The Union's activities give a creative 'way out' to the residents of the affected area and especially to young people who need it after this summer's shocking experience. It was impressive to see the solidarity that staff members not only in Greece but from around the world*

showed to the victims of the devastating fires in Attica. I would like to thank all those who contributed to the relief efforts of HSBC.”

Other fire victims’ relief efforts by HSBC

In July 2018, immediately after the wildfires in the Southeast Attica, HSBC donated medical equipment, water and food supplies to support the victims. Similarly, HSBC staff members collected goods for this purpose.

Later on, the Bank supported financially an initiative by the SOS Villages aiming to relieve school children affected from negative feelings affected by the 2018 wildfires. The programme will be run in all the schools in Nea Makri and Marathonas in the schoolyear 2018-2019.

About the Neos Voutzas Athletic Union

The Union was founded more than 30 years ago. On an annual basis, more than 3.000 individuals participate in the Union’s activities. More than 250 people, most of them children, use the facilities of the Union for sporting or other cultural activities on a day-to-day basis. The locals characterize the Union as the “soul of the community”, especially for young people.

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