Doa comes from Syria. During the last few years, right after the civil war in her country, she had been living in Egypt. But even there, living conditions were getting worse and worse. After her family’s consent, she and her fiancé decided to leave for Italy heading to Sweden as their final destination. Unfortunately though, the rotten boat which they boarded on, capsized. Her loved one, gave her his life vest which saved her life, but he didn’t make it and drowned.

Now, Doa is being hosted by people who are willing to support her during this incredibly hard time she is going through. She is in Chania, all alone, with no documents, no support, no money, no help. Doa did not want to come to Greece but now she is stuck in Crete. The government services – despite her tragedy and heroic attitude- did nothing but provide her with a temporary document which allows her to remain in the country for 6 months only.

When that time period expires, she will be deported to Syria. People like her, with the same courage and strength should be considered as examples to the rest of the society. But this is not the case with the 10 survivors of the 490-victim wreck.

Society was not by their side. And as far as the 19-year old girl is concerned, who involuntarily left her country , only to witness her fiancé drown, this heroic girl who survived pushing away bodies, holding two babies, alone in the ocean, fighting against the waves for 4 days, with no food or water, for that girl, there is nothing. Her heroic act is not even acknowledged.