

CwC MEETING

Minutes - 09.08.2016

Chair: Jessica Duplessis, UNHCR

Participants: UNHCR, Danish Refugee Council, Hellenic Red Cross, Mercy Corps, IRC.

Small-scale activities in Moria

Mercy Corps, in cooperation with UNHCR, will explore the possibility of lending some of their screens in order to broadcast the Olympic Games. This could be the first step in order to start using screens and projects for entertainment and additional information purposes.

POCs strongly expressed their interest in being involved in the site management planning. It would be worth following up in order to identify suitable projects that they could help with.

Mercy Corps is already implementing activities in Moria related to photography, painting and Greek lessons and soon will start English lessons). Approximately 400 people have registered to take part in these activities in the past, but only 20 women attend. It was highlighted that Africans in Moria have both expressed and appear to be less involved in such activities; as such Mercy Corps agreed to raise this and make an additional effort to engage with African PoCs for their inclusion in activities.

Refugee Games

On the occasion of the opening of the Olympic Games in Rio, approximately 80 refugee children had the chance to compete in classic athletics on Friday in Kara Tepe on Lesbos, the hospitality site managed by the Municipality of Lesbos with the support of UNHCR. As part of the Refugee Games organized in refugee sites around the world, the UNHCR sub-office of Lesbos with the support of the Municipality of Lesbos and the Federation of Athletics Associations in Mytilene organized athletics for kids between 6 and 10 years old. As this was a successful event, organizing a similar event sporting event such as a football tournament that would include PoCs of mixed teams and PoCs in the organizing and management in Moria was discussed.

AOB

Red Cross has placed posters with health messages on how to protect from the heat in Kara Tepe and Moria. Alternative shelters are invite to express their interest if they would like to receive some of the posters.

Lack of transportation is a gap from Moria to Mosaik support center, making access to the centre a challenge for PoCs.

Action Points

- CwC WG partners are asked to highlight the need for any new signage. Consult the logo-free sign depository and select the signs you need; UNHCR will print and laminate them: <https://drive.google.com/open?id=0B0vvc3BBQQWqQ2JveXBlaEYwaDA>
- UNHCR to follow up on organizing a football tournament for POCs in Moria and identify the lead from within the POCs to take the role of trainer and referee.
- There is currently a gap in the mapping of CwC activities on Lesvos, in particular for both sites. UNHCR will lead on mapping CwC activities on the island per organization and eventually ensure this information is translated and shared to inform PoCs.
- The former Blue Dot in Moria still functions as an information space. Partners are requested to provide any information they may wish to share to be included there and updated regularly.
- There is a gap when it comes to information sharing on PoCs leaving the islands to the Mainland. An information sheet on access to services in Victoria Square (mainland) is currently available with data from March 2016, however in the coming days an updated version will also be circulated. It is important that all points of departure from Lesvos are mapped so that they can be provided these leaflets when leaving the island. It is also important that the following messaging be shared verbally. The following is proposed and further requires validation:
 - *If you have not already been provided with accommodation on the mainland, please make sure to take all measures to secure accommodation for yourself and for your family before leaving.*