



SECTOR KEY FIGURES



©UNHCR/Gordon Welters - Greek doctor taking care of a refugee at the "PIKPA Village" on Lesbos
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JULY-SEPTEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

In the reporting period the Health and Nutrition WG was focused in organizing the mass vaccination campaign for PoCs children in all the camps. MSF, MdM, IFRC, Praksis under the coordination of MoH started the vaccination of the children with MMR, PCV and BCG. At the end of September almost in all the camps the children have been vaccinated (first round) and medical booklets with the vaccines that have done was release to all the children. At the end of the vaccination campaign a discussion about the routine vaccination program was started and the first updates of how this can be organized was released.

During July IMC presented at the WG the results of the MHPSS assessment that has done to almost all the camps and the need of the creation of a sub working group focused on mental health and psychosocial support was raised. This sub working group, MHPSS WG, was created with the participation of all the actors that providing Mental Health and Psychosocial Support services. In the same period a draft of the IYFC statement was presented to the actors of the Health and Nutrition WG. Updates and feedbacks were asked to be done from all the actors so to be finalized and then be presented to the government.

An SOP for the transportation of non-emergency cases has been created in the North and a similar one was being discussed from the actors that can have effect in a National level.
A big problem that the Health WG had to face in the reporting period was the lack of medications in many sites, especially for the chronic diseases. Through the collaboration of all the agencies the problem has been dealt but not completely resolved. In some cases and after the mediation of the WG solutions to this problem has been offered also by the MoD.

A very important issue that the Health WG faced in the month of September was the AMKA number (National Insurance Number). All the fully registered PoCs now can obtain this AMKA number that provides them access to Secondary Health Services and medicines free of charge. This service was successfully obtained thanks to the efforts of the WG and the collaboration of the MoH and MoM.
At the end of the reporting period a meeting was held at the offices of EKEPY (National Health Operations Centre) with the participations of all the actors of the Health and Nutrition WG, were was announced that EKEPY through KEELPNO will be the main health actor in the sites and the NGOs will have a supplementary role. Also EKEPY announced that will be responsible for the coordination of all the Health services.

It has to be noticed the significant role that Health and Nutrition WG has played for the organization and the successful completion of the mass vaccination campaign but also for the procurement of these vaccines.

Also it is worth mentioning that for the reporting period through the efforts of all the actors that participating at the WG the relations with the MoH were strengthen, members of our WG participated regularly in various committees of the MoH but also representatives of the government more often were attending the meetings.

NEEDS ANALYSIS

Significant concerns were raised with regards to access to health care, primarily the lack of transport to and from hospitals, as well as the shortage of medical staff on sites. People also face difficulties in accessing secondary health care due to the lack of transport and lack of financial resources to pay for transport, as well as lack of translators, negative experience with Greek health system and with camp health providers.

In the sites the reported needs are medicines, pregnancy tests and condoms and in many occasions people have never been examined by a doctor. Pregnant and lactating women have issues with their levels of nutritional intake that is not sufficient and leads to a sub-standard wellbeing of themselves and their children. Breastfeeding patterns were also far from optimal and complementary feeding practices are also sub-optimal with insufficient feeding frequency and poor diet diversity.
The accommodation scheme with rented accommodation for relocation candidates and asylum seekers, implemented by the Municipality of Athens includes also the provision of medical and health services. The lack of medication especially for the chronic diseases was a big issue and was discussed also with the representative of ECHO.
The difficulties that the PoCs are facing to obtain the AMKA number even those that has the right to obtain it, because yet the AMKA offices are not informed about this, that the fully registered can obtain AMKA and have free access to secondary health care and medicines free of charge.

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