

MHPSS Sub-Working Group

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Participants:	UNHCR, Antigone, IFRC, IRC, Save the Children, TDH Absentees: Solidarity Now, Ministry representatives, Alkyone, Metadrasi, Praxis, IOM, RTI, MSF, MDM	
Chair:	IRC, UNHCR	
Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Action points from the previous meeting • Updates from the Health and the Protection WG • Updates on basic PSS activities-Identification of gaps • Continuity of care for psychiatric patients • Specialised support for victims of torture • Translation in Public MH structures 	
Agenda	Discussions	Action points
Updates	<p><i>Health WG:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Developmental and Mental Health screening tool was approved by the MHPSS and the Health WG and is circulated for use. Actors are encouraged to disseminate the tool as widely as possible. As a reminder this tool is created to be used by non MH professionals. <p>The document is also translated in Greek and is uploaded on google drive</p> <p>It can be accessed in the following address:</p> <p>https://docs.google.com/document/d/1rvY303P82jm-iiyEKQTVXQN7Nt684ymfMLw9oD2jekE/edit?usp=sharing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An appointment with the developmental clinic is arranged for tomorrow-Wednesday 24/5. If anyone is interested in participating can contact Angeliki Kosmatopoulou from UNHCR • A meeting with EKEPI/KELPNO with the medical actors will take place on Thursday and some of the issues discussed can be raised to them 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A meeting with the directors of the child psychiatric clinics-organized by EKEPI is still pending. <p>Issues to be raised in the meeting with the Directors of the Child psychiatric clinics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Referral pathways and referral criteria ➤ Continuity of care for minors ➤ Prescription and provision of medication to UAMS especially an issue since they don't have access to cash assistance • UNHCR informed that the hospitals should provide psychiatric drugs and medication for neurological conditions. It is a circular that was approved some time ago • There was the suggestion in the Health WG for the medical files of patients to be transferred with the patient when moved from one site to the other or from the islands in mainland. Patients are given a copy of their files but a copy should be kept by both medical teams in the arrival and in the departure point. A record release document should be signed before the departure. The file should be transferred when the point of arrival is confirmed. • Red Cross will take over the medical activities in the islands and UNHCR in Athens proposed to wait until this transition is been made and then the medical files to be transferred. It was proposed for the clients followed up by a psychiatrist, a paper mentioning diagnosis or medication to be added into the client's medical file <p>Suggestion by the MHPSS sub-WG: After client's consent there can be a note in the medical file that there was a meeting with the psychologist followed by the psychologist's name and contacts to facilitate continuity of care</p>	<p><i>UNHCR to share the circular and advocate with EKEPI for the prescription and provision of psychiatric medication</i></p> <p><i>UNHCR to update when Red Cross will take over</i></p>
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	<p><i>Protection WG:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Koutsochero, Kavala, Drama, Serres, Alexandria, Veria, Diavata, Doliana, Konitsa, Filipiada, Katsika and Agia Eleni are the camps that are recognised as long term and secured funds. All the other camps will close until the end of the year. There is a willingness from MOP for refugees to move to Urban accommodation <p><i>Child protection WG:</i></p> <p>Main issue continues to be that unaccompanied minors don't have access to cash assistance-leading up to more minors to being detention</p>	<p>No updates from the last Protection WG since RTI are not present in the meeting</p>
Substance use	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A pilot meeting was going to be arranged for Softex to discuss substance abuse. IRC raised the issue that more minors are under the influence of prescribed psychotropic drugs and this created additional difficulties in identifying and addressing the dependency IRC informed the group that a meeting was held with Anadysis, KETHEA program for minors. Anadysi is going to visit all safe zones and shelters for Unaccompanied minors to evaluate the needs 	<p><i>MSF to provide updates if the meeting happened</i></p>
People with disabilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Referral pathways should be created with public and private institutions to support people and especially with disabilities and developmental problems A contact is still pending to be established with the associations for people with developmental problems as well as the Speech therapist's association and the occupational therapist's association to assess if there is someone with Arabic language skills. A contact with the Faculty for special education to see if students would like to support is also pending 	<p><i>Everyone who is interested to support in the creation of these pathways should contact Angeliki Kosmatopoulou</i></p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UNHCR will reach out to Down syndrome association and TDH will try to establish contacts with ESVE, ELEPAP, Anemoni, Elpida and inform the group. A meeting with the organisations/associations interested could be organized following those meetings 	
Advocacy letter by MHPSS sub-WG	Non of the participants showed interest in signing the letter	
Continuity of care for psychiatric patients	MSF were not present to provide updates on their discussions with the Psychiatric hospital	<i>MSF to provide updates</i>
Translation in Public Mental Health structures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A list was circulated by the MHPSS sub-WG in Athens regarding the translators hired under AMIF program and their duty post. In NGR an Arabic translator was placed in Papanikolaou and one Farsi translator in Papageorgiou. Even though Giannitsa hospital is mentioned to receive one translator there is no confirmation on his/her arrival <p>UNHCR mentioned that there are already incidents reported were the patients were not asked if they need translators even though translators were available in the hospital, and the communication took place in English.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TDH suggested to organize an interagency training for translators of how to work with psychologists. A training on cultural issues for psychologists was also identified as a need. UNHCR internally proposed a list of trainings needed for approval, one of which is a training for cultural mediators. The idea of a taskforce to discuss the training of translators was also proposed <p>Antigoni shared information about a seminar for translators on the 31/5. It is open to translators and psychologists. As the issue of working with children that was identified as a need by the MHPSS sub-WG,</p>	<p>MSF to update on the translators that they have placed in hospitals in order to identify gaps and needs</p> <p>UNHCR to raise the issue with EKEPI/KELPNO</p> <p><i>IRC to share documents regarding translation for MH</i> UNHCR to provide information if it will be approved</p> <p>All participants in the WG can send proposed themes for discussion until</p>

	it will be included in the seminar. It is an open discussion and the thematic discussed are still flexible and actors are invited to suggest themes to be discussed	the end of this week
Chairing of the MHPSS sub-WG	Angeliki from UNHCR will continue alone to chair the group until a replacement for Angela arrives from IRC. At that point the venue of the meeting can be discussed again	
Agenda points for the next meeting	Victims of torture referral pathways	
AOB	<i>As a reminder all interested actors to receive the training on SOPs GBV referrals to send an e-mail to Angeliki Kosmatopoulou. This training will be organized for actors that are not present in a specific camp, but are working through mobile teams</i>	
	The next meeting will be on the 7 th of June in UNHCR offices at 10:30	