

Shelter/NFI Chios Working Group Meeting Minutes - 8 June 2016, UNHCR's office

Attendees

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What additions (AOB), if any, should we make to this agenda?

- What measures for fire suppression could be taken in Souda and Dipethe?

What progress has been made on last week's action points?

- *Coordinator to request from FRS permission for entrance of 3 Drops volunteers for 2 days. >>> DONE, for 4 Drop in the Ocean volunteers, for 2 days. UPDATE: cancelled, due to a last minute intervention of the Ministry of Interior, which was informed for the distribution by Vial Police Director. According to Chios RIS head, the Ministry of Interior, which consider Drops in the Ocean banned from entering Vial, asked Chios RIS to not allow them inside the hotspot, especially in the container areas.*
- *Drops to check quantities of shoes available for Vial from their side, especially women shoes. >>> PENDING.*
- *NRC to check with their Supply if they can procure a) re-usable metal cup for water and tea (Souda/Dipethe), b) brooms without stick (Vial) and c) adult diapers (all sites). >>> PARTLY DONE, NRC is procuring 3,000 re-usable cups, SP is also procuring 2,000. Both actors to follow-up between each other so that the quality is similar. No update for the rest of the items.*
- *Apostoli/IOCC to come up with quantities of the huts. >>> NO UPDATES, Apostoli was not present in the meeting, but informed the coordinator that the huts will be received in approximately 2 weeks.*
- *UNHCR to check a) if they can assist in storage provision for the heaters >>> CANCELLED, the heaters were burnt up in the fire in Souda.*

General updates by the participants:

- UNHCR informed that a rubb-hall will replace the burnt up one in Souda (it will be built tomorrow, Thursday 9 June), but it will be placed where admin units were – while 7 new containers will soon ship to Chios to be placed where rubb-hall 3 was and serve as admin units.
- SP started today the process of repairing the broken windows with plexiglass (approx 65). They will start asap the construction of the football pitch. Regarding summerization in Souda, SP in Athens is testing air-conditioning units for rubb-halls – if the test goes well, then there will be 3 air conditioning units for the rubb-halls in Souda, SP said. SP highlighted that they have some ideas about summerization in Souda, but any other ideas are welcome. Water cooling systems are a thought as well. >>> ACTION: UNHCR to check if plans to replace RHUs with family tents are still on. SP also highlighted the constant shampoo and laundry soap replenishment. >>> ACTION: Actors to check with their supplies how they can contribute to the procurement of these items.

- NRC will donate the recreational items for children to the school.

How can we finalize plans for the joint underwear (men, women, children) distribution in Vial?

- The following plan was discussed and agreed for a two-day underwear needs assessment and distribution: 4 Drops in the Ocean volunteers will join 4 SP volunteers in Vial tomorrow (Thursday 9 June), they will form 2 joint teams and they will go container-to-container taking down the sizes. This will take place at 10.30-12.30 and 15.30-17.00, as the Drops need to go to Souda at 13.00 to assist in food provision. On Friday, Saturday and Sunday the volunteers will sort out the underwear, and the distribution will take place on Monday, again with 2 joint teams. >>> **ACTION POINT:** *NRC and CESRT to check if they can assist with staff in the sorting. Also to check if they can provide bags or nets to pack the items for each container.* The option to involve refugees in the sorting and the distribution was discussed but rejected as possibly privileging certain PoCs. **UPDATE:** cancelled, see above.

AOB: What measures for fire suppression could be taken in Souda and Dipethe?

- SP requested clarification about who is responsible for the fire safety in Souda. SP said that legally and morally there should be a significant presence of fire extinguishers, which they should be consistently checked and recharged. SP also suggested a training by the fire department. >>> **ACTION POINT:** *Souda management to liaise with the Fire Department and arrange trainings for the municipal and the SP staff in Souda.* As an extra measure for fire suppression, make craft tents with tarps, which are flammable, will be replaced by UNHCR family tents – there are 18 available on Chios. UNHCR mentioned the UNHCR plan to replace the RHUs with UNHCR family tents in Greece (see action point above), and Souda Management expressed their concerns, from a space and a security perspective: one tent needs 25 square meters, while a RHUs needs only 18 square meters, Souda Management reminded, adding that the staff in the past did not feel safe working with refugees inside tents, among the ropes.
- SP highlighted that fire safety is also a big problem in Dipethe, because there is no emergency exit in the closed facility.

Other points that came out from the meeting:

- Other security concerns: SP has been exploring how Souda can be free from snakes, scorpions and rats without hurting children. NRC raised the same concern for Vial as well. Again, it was stated that it is unclear who's responsibility is this. CERST highlighted that throwing stuff from the houses on top of Souda could possibly cause serious problems.
- Regular time of Shelter/NFI WG meeting will change to **3.30**.