

Minutes of the Health Coordination Meeting 9th June 2016

Participants: EKEPI, MSFB, Humedica, St. Elisabeth University, IOM, Save the Children, SAMS, Terres des Hommes, WAHA, MDM, DRC, INTERSOS, Rowing Together, ADRA, Team Rubicon, UNHCR

- The Director of Ekepi informed the meeting about three suspect cases of Leishmaniasis in the camps (Neokavala and Herso), the cases were identified by Keelpno. The patients will be confirmed and treated at Hyppocrates Hospital in Thessaloniki.

- Transport of non-urgent cases is a long standing issue, e.g. patients on routine dialysis.

Team Rubicon, a self-funded international NGO based in US has presented a Concept Note (CN) of gap filling services, which includes non-emergency transport of patients to and from hospitals. The same CN includes the availability, within the next two weeks, of medical providers on an “on call” system, who can triage the emergency night calls in the camp sites. The call will be made by the military responsible. In the case of Lagadikia camp (DRC), where there is no military presence, a private security company will be hired shortly on a 24/7 coverage routine. The responsible of the night shift will also be in charge of emergency calls.

- TB issues brought onto the table last week were further discussed. A decision was made to coordinate with Keelpno, for the issuing of TB treatment cards to Refugees patients. A letter with a request for better distribution of treatment at hospital level will be brought to the attention of the MoH by the UNHCR Representative in Greece.

- A meeting on vaccination in the camps was held by Keelpno this morning. MDM health focal point is to give feedback on decisions taken.

- 89 cases of scabies in Petra. Distribution of new bedding items is ongoing.

- Terres des Hommes (TdH) focal point presented their PSS ongoing project and possible step-up of activities, which includes the availability of PSS on-site training of protection officers.

- MSF, after the dismantling of Eidomeni has been conducting “explo” activities to identify existing needs and gaps in the North. Mental Health and Maternal Health seem to be the two main gaps. The assessment is ongoing.

- UNHCR Child protection officer will be attending next meeting as a number of issues have been brought up about distribution of milk and children food and also feeding areas and formula targeted provision. Save the Children (StC) focal point presented their program on Formula and Feeding areas.

- A health 4-W matrix will be completed by each NGO focal point. The format will be emailed to health NGOs by UNHCR Information Manager.

Next Health Working Group meeting will take place on 23rd JUNE 2016 at 10:00am, same venue