

Minutes of the Health Coordination Meeting, 7/7/2016

- Dr Gina Ekepi opened the meeting referring the poor hygiene situation in Redestos camp. The issue will be brought up with UNHCR Wash people who are in charge of hygiene promotion.
- Dr Gina again reminded the meeting of the requirement for all volunteers to register with the Ministry of Makedonia and Trake and have permission to work in the camps (permission given by Dr Gina tel. 6597834117).
- Presence of snakes in the camps, protocol on snake bites to be distributed by IFRC.
- Dr Gina is going to meet with the Head of Police in Thessaloniki about NGOs cars transporting refugees. This is a temporary measure until Health Point Foundation, NGO in charge of providing transport for refugees, has had permission given by all Ministries involved in transport.
- Sams reports that patients are discharged from A/E during the night and sent out of the hospital. Dr Gina will ask the hospitals to allow patients to wait in waiting rooms till 7 in the morning.
- Safety in the camps: doctors have been attacked by refugees for different reasons. The issue has been brought up to the attention of the UNHCR Deputy Representative, to be discussed with the Ministry of Defence
- After hours calls for ambulances still an issue. Hellenic Red Cross is giving First Aid training to members of the refugee community with medical back ground, to triage the calls for ambulance. The same training will be offered to other camps as well.
- Referrals are still an issue in term of time elapsed between request and appointment (3/4 months) For urgent cases, Dr Makis or Dr Gina should be involved.
- Vaccinations: IFRC have started sensitization in the camps they support. All NGOs in charge of PHC in camps to coordinate for further info with Dr Stavrou of Keelpno (tel: 69748775187) and IFRC.
- Mental Health. MSF to circulate their schedule again. Sams is organizing a PSS training program in their own camps, to start with. IMC might also have an interest in setting up a MH program in the North.
- Rowing Together are in the process of organizing a new, all comprehensive rota that includes all camps where there is no AN care. A list of camps will be made by the coordinator of Rowing Together and circulated to all NGOs.
- MDM will circulate the details of their clinic for secondary care, to which all NGOs may have access.
- The issue of TB treatment not fully available from hospitals was discussed again. With the new legislation refugees are supposed to have access to long term treatment, so the TB antibiotics should be released monthly as they are for Greek citizens. Moreover, with the International Protection Card, issued at the time of pre-registration, the refugees have full access to the National Health Insurance,

and are granted full coverage. Refugees who register through Skype must get the card from the Asylum office the day after registration.

- Team Rubicon is in the process of having MOU to cover PHC in Elpida camp.
- Health Point Foundation is in the process to attain permission from different Ministries, to be able to provide transport for non-emergency cases. UNHCR is in the process to have SOPs for the same activity.
- The process of relocation for medical reasons was explained. The case can be brought up by a protection officer or by the doctor of the clinic of the camp, a third party doctor (specialist in the hospital) must be involved in the exercise, as there are many more requests for relocation as there are places, a filter will be applied to the requests.

Next Meeting will be held the 21st July at 10:00, at UNHCR office.