

Meeting Minutes			
Name	Victoria Site Coordination	Meeting Date	06/05/2016
Meeting Location	Salvation Army Corps, Athens	Meeting Time	15:00
Chair person	Emily Carlsson, Program Coordinator, Salvation Army	Meeting Duration	1:30 hours
Minutes prepared by	Anne Veildkamp, Volunteer		
Participants	Caritas Athens Refugee Centre, Faros, GFR, Mercy Corps, MSF, PRAKSIS, Salvation Army, United Society, JRS, Samaritan's Purse, Internews		
Agenda	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Preparing for Ramadan 2. Update on Victoria Square site profile. 3. Q & A between agencies 4. AOB 		

Summary of discussions and action points

1.	<p>Preparing for Ramadan</p> <p>The SA gave information about the Ramadan which is soon to be started. The hours in Greece will be 5am-9pm; It will last 1 month. People distributing food/water should put the goods in bags for refugees to take home for the evening: Ramadan package. People concerned are girls from 9-10yrs up and boys 16-17yrs up and adults. Pregnant women don't fast if they are after their 8th month. Neither do women breastfeeding. These women usually fast later. When people travel outside of Athens they don't fast either. Also doctors are allowed to ask someone to eat for medical reasons</p>
2.	<p>Update on Victoria Square site profile</p> <p>The SA explained that VS is being forgotten because people don't stay there anymore. It is necessary to advocate with UNHCR for VS to become an official area for urban refugees. The estimation is that 900 people live in the area. It was reminded that people have different needs on VS than in the camps and Piraeus. Their needs have to be identified. For example they need food to cook, not ready meals. The VSC WG (Victoria Square Coordination working group) will form a group to do research on who lives where, profiles, basic needs.</p>
3.	<p>Q & A between agencies</p> <p>None</p>

4.	AOB
	<p>MSF: has set up medical services and psychological support at VS for women, men and children. It is located at Faros place. Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays are for people who speak Farsi and Tuesdays, Fridays for Arab speaking people. It operates 5-8pm and maybe later on will expand to 4-8pm. MSF is asking everyone to refer to them people suffering from psychological problems. Signs are if people are crying or if they speak about the past experiences for example.</p> <p>FAROS: explained that they have a new manager for their Day Centre A place is being renovated that will have more services for families. There are 3 showers mainly for women plus also an information desk.</p> <p>Mercy Corps: is assessing the camps near Athens. They want to set up language classes (120hrs language course) for migrants: 48 people will be able to participate as of mid-June. The target is adolescents speaking Arab and Farsi: men between 18-20 and women between 15-22. It will consist of basic Greek language plus socialization: they will learn to compare their culture to the Greek culture, about their legal rights and also sport. It will be conveniently located near VS.</p> <p>SA: told about a UNHCR CWC meeting on urban refugees on Thursday 12 May at 9am-12pm.</p> <p>UNHCR gave information on the mass pre-registration process that will be organized by the Greek government in the near future. They have not received definitive information from the asylum service yet. It will allow people who want to apply for asylum in Greece, people that are candidate for relocation and family reunification to get an asylum card. They will be given a date for proper registration but she does not know what the deadline will be. It will be first of all for people staying in camps. It will take long because there are thousands of people. Priority will be given to individual with vulnerability. The 2nd phase will be for the urban population. With this pre-registration people will have the same rights as asylum seekers except the right to work. Praxis asked whether these people would be allowed to get housing. UNHCR will check and clarify later. She reminded all that the focus is still to empty Piraeus and priority is given again to people with vulnerability.</p> <p>The SA registered some of the VS refugees on May 6th. Due to the strike the people visiting the day center on that day were people who live in the area: 300 were registered.</p> <p>Action Points: SA: said they need to start working on the 2nd brochure and added that the SA still has brochures left if people need some.</p> <p>SA/Emily, will prepare a 3W for VS to be filled in by actors.</p>