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Minutes of the 9th Mhpss Sub-Working Group at Babel Day Centre

Chaired by Nikos Gkionakis, Scientific Associate of Babel Day Centre

Participants: Praxis, Society of Social Psychiatry and Mental Health, IRC, Solidarity Now, METAdrasi, Faros, International Federation of Red Cross, Save the Children, MDM, UNICEF, Babel Day Centre.

Agenda:

- 4Ws Service Mapping update
- Utilization of ToT on IASC principles and PFA
- Update on organizations' proposals for 2017
- Update on the situation in Lesvos and Northern Greece
- Feedback on the draft letter to the ministry

Updates

4Ws Service Mapping updating	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Many changes have been made in the sites during the last days to effect the winterization plan. In many cases people where moved to temporary accommodation. The lack of information about the ongoing changes remains a crucial issue. All the actors present agreed on the importance of the right preparative procedures before the transfer of the population to the new shelters.• The departure of some missions from Greece and the closure of some programs need to be addressed. Often updates need to be conducted in order to plan and implement the management of the above situation.
Update of the situation in the island of Lesvos	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• MHPSS Manager of IRC in Lesvos introduced the participants of the WG to the current situation in the island. Many people are being moved to the mainland and the number of the newcomers remains stable. The living conditions in the site of Moria remain unbearable.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A task force for the MHPSS issues operates under the Health WG in Lesvos. Liaisons with Health WG have proven quite effective.
Update of the situation in the Northern Greece	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continuing changes are made in the sites of the Northern Greece. The living conditions in many sites remain unacceptable. The number of the population living in the sites has been reduced. There is a great lack of preparative procedures for moving people from the sites. Usually the professionals and the refugees are getting informed no earlier than the previous day of their departure. • Lack of MHPSS services for children and specialized services for drug addicts is noticed in Northern Greece. • Lack of coordination among organizations remains a crucial issue, according to the MHPSS Manager of IRC in Northern Greece.
Update of the Assessment Sub-WG	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The questionnaires for the assessment were discussed in the last meeting. Demographic characteristics that are to be collected were agreed. • Next Assessment Sub-WG will take place on 1st February in Babel Day Center.
Agenda for next WG	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Utilization of ToT on IASC principles and PFA • Final discussion on the advocacy letter to the Ministry of Migration • Update on the implementation of the new program "Integrated emergency health intervention for the refugee crisis" of Hellenic Centre of Disease Control and Prevention (KEELPNO) • AOB

The next meeting is going to take place on the **27th of January** at **09:30** at **Babel Day Centre** (72 I.Drosopoulou St.)