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Minutes of the 87th MHPSS Technical Working Group at Babel Day Centre

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Agenda:

- Discussion and updates on the current situation
- AOB

<p>Discussion and updates on the current situation</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• IRC: The MHPSS meeting in Samos is trying to create a 4Ws mapping for the island and establish a clear pathway for psychiatric cases in collaboration with EODY. IRC will continue provide services in Samos and Chios until the end of February and the Lesbos MHPSS Center will operate until the end of 2021.• HR360: Short videos that provide basic information on how someone can deal with the psychological impact the period of lockdown is uploaded in the organization’s website in Greek, English, French, Arabic, Farsi and Urdu language. Regarding referrals to psychiatric services, they mainly collaborate with Klimaka and they are trying to find a volunteer psychiatrist to collaborate with HR360, as they used to do. In Elaionas there are still many people who are living in tents.• ARSIS: It has been noticed that the typical procedure regarding the age assessment isn’t being followed often in the
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islands and in Athens as well in some cases.

- **ADDMA:** There is a difficulty regarding psychiatric referrals. The staff found out that PoCs with mental health challenges can be referred at the municipal health clinics that have psychiatrists (e.g., in Solonos str, in Petralona). The PoCs need to have any legal document and can receive services even if they don't have PAAYPA. Interpretation services are not being provided in the municipal health clinics therefore its organization needs to take care of this issue. A meeting focused on the evaluation of Helios programme took place last week.
- **MVI:** The staff of MVI is trying to reach out people in need that are living in squats or other types of informal accommodation, since due to lockdown the access to services has been more complicated.
- **Network for children's rights:** Many homeless UAMs are under protective custody. However, it was announced that Amygdaleza is to be emptied soon and all the UAMs will be transferred to IOM hotels.
- **GCR:** The issue with drug abuse has been worsened during the last months in Elaionas site. Discussions has been started with KETHEA for this reason.
- **Spyros Koulocheris:** On 19/11 the European Committee for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CPT) published a report that urges for change of administrative detentions and pushbacks in Greece. Maybe it can be asked by the MHPSS TWG to examine the living conditions in the sites as well.
- **Babel Day Centre:** More seminars for frontline workers during COVID_19 pandemic can be found in the following link:

	<p>https://www.frontline-covid19.com/seminaria/</p> <p>More information continues to be uploaded in the site that provides updated information regarding Covid-19 pandemic in English, Greek, Arabic, Farsi, Urdu and French addressed mainly to refugees and migrants living in Greece:</p> <p>https://covid19refugeesinfo.gr/</p>
Agenda for the next WG	<p>-Discussion and updates on the current situation</p> <p>-AOB</p>

The next MHPSS WG meeting is going to take place on **Friday 11th of December** at **09:30 -11:30**.