

# WASH Sector Inter-Agency WG

Meeting of 9<sup>th</sup> June 2016

## MINUTES

Place: UNHCR Office, 1<sup>st</sup> floor, 91 Michalakopoulou Street

Time: 10:30 – 12:30

Minutes by: Ioannis Georgiadis (Attica WG), Natasha Sim (North WG), Ralph Bland (Sector WG)

### Key point

On Monday 6<sup>th</sup>, the WASH Sector WG had meetings at the Ministry of Migration Policy with representatives of the Ministry's technical department and also with representatives of the First Reception Service's technical department.

The WASH Sector WG welcomes the participation of the Greek Government at our meetings and is confident that by working together we will be able to better address the needs of the Refugees and Migrants.

WASH gaps are not being filled quickly enough due frequently to administrative procedures involving permissions that block the implementation process.

### Action points

#### 1. Information for FRS/IRS:

- A. WG to draft and communicate to FRS/IRS a comprehensive list of the sites indicating:
  - Planned works that need permission in order to complete/implement.
  - The procedures that are holding back or slowing down implementation.
  - The authorities involved in granting permission.
- B. WG to approach Shelter (Site Planning) Sector to set up a specialized WG that will draft a summary of Recommendations, Minimum Standards and Best Practices in site planning, and communicate this to FRS/IRS (Ralph).
- C. FRS submitted a list of required works for all accommodation sites. The main message is to invest in portable units.
- D. Five sites have been identified as long term: Elaionas, Diavata, Schisto, Skaramangas and Lagadikia.
- E. Permits that might be required are from the Ministry of Migration Policy, Safety/Fire department etc.
- F. In sites where connections are needed to main municipal sewage network, it needs to be clarified who pays the connection and the running costs.

#### 2. Ongoing:

- A. UNCHR WASH (Nikos) with the assistance from NCA/Apostoli (Ioannis) and IRC (Maria) are looking into compact treatment units and into water treatment units. Ms. Mouteveli from FRS will provide the specifications for a compact wastewater treatment unit that is available in the Greek market.
- B. Minimum NFI list being finalized (Natasha) and to be translated into Greek (Nikos).
- C. WG to contact Ministry of Agriculture for tips on eliminating the presence of snakes and rats – preventive measures are recommended, like food waste management.

**Points/issues raised:**

- IRC will not be working in warehouse sites in Greece unless certain conditions are met.
- IRC is prepared to provide short-term emergency assistance at all sites, however will not be providing long-term support to warehouses unless certain conditions are met.
- There are significant fire and safety risks at all sites, particularly the warehouse sites in the North of Greece. Already fires have been reported at many sites.
- There is a need for more WASH actors in the North of Greece.
- There is a need for the long term sites to be clarified so sustainable solutions can be put in place (e.g. connecting to sewerage systems).

**Dates for the next WG meetings:**

- **Attica/Central:** Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> June at 9:30am in Apostoli office.
- **North:** Every Monday morning at 10am.
- **North-West:** Contact Oxfam if you want to participate.
- **National:** Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June. Waiting for confirmation from Ministry about possibility to hold the meeting at the Ministry or at FRS.
- **Hygiene task force for Attica/Central:** Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June at 9:30am in Apostoli's office. A Dropbox has been created to share materials.

**Today's National Level WG meeting was attended by:**

Name	Organisation	
George Migadis	FRS	
Meropi Konstantinidou	FRS	
Evangelos Petratos	ECHO	
Jens Christensen	DRC	
David Castellano	IFRC	
Dimitris Tsesmellis	IMC	
Iro Pappa	IMC	
Natasha Sim	IRC	
Sophia Mokoros	IOM	
Dorien Verheyen	MSF	
Ioannis Georgiadis	NCA/Apostoli/IOCC	
Yves BERTRAND	Solidarités Internationale	
Nikos Koukoulas	UNHCR	
Ralph Bland	UNHCR	