

## WASH Hygiene Promotion Working Group North Greece

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### Meeting Notes – 11<sup>th</sup> July 2016, 3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting, IMC Office Thessaloniki

#### Agenda:

- 1) Introduction
- 2) Minimum Standards on Hygiene Promotion
- 3) IEC Materials
- 4) Public health issues at sites
- 5) Presence of medical services at the sites
- 6) Hiring/compensating (pre-) registered refugees for Hygiene Promotion

#### 1) Introduction

- Actors present: IRC, IMC, People in Need, Red Cross, MDM, ADRA, Samaritan's Purse.
- See attendance list with contact information at the end of this document.
- See attached list of who is doing what in hygiene promotion in N-Greece (not complete yet).

#### 2) Minimum Standards on Hygiene Promotion

A draft has been prepared on Chapters 5 (Hygiene Promotion) and Chapter 6 (Hygiene Items) of the minimum standards document of the WASH sector inter-agency national level working group for Greece. The UNHCR is keen to finalise this document as soon as possible, then translate it into Greek and disseminate to all WASH agencies in Greece, to maximise consistency and continuity in quality and quantity service provision to the refugee populations.

You are requested to carefully review chapters 5 and 6 of the minimum standard document and provide your comments and suggestions to [Henk.Veerdig@rescue.org](mailto:Henk.Veerdig@rescue.org) by 15 July for final editing of the document. You will find the document in the drop box in the folder Hygiene Promotion Working Group/Minimum Standards, link: <https://www.dropbox.com/sh/8x1y88foj9v59dc/AABMQFMDO6ITGOM4iLA7fA9Qa?dl=0>

#### 3) IEC materials

IEC materials help to reinforce activities and messages provided by hygiene promoters to the site populations.

IRC has collected a variety of existing IEC materials in Arabic, uploaded in the dropbox (same link as above, in folder IEC materials).

IMC has designed Posters for hygiene promotion and stamped T-shirts and hats. The risk of items being vandalized can be avoided by using spray messages at certain places of the camp such as garbage bins.

Also it was suggested that the IEC material carry positive messages to the residents with a respect to their different cultural and religious characteristics.

#### 4) Public health issues at the sites

Participants mentioned following public health issues at the sites:

- Eye Infections
- Diarrhea
- Lice
- Snakes
- Mosquito bites
- Scabies
- Water quality related health issues(e-coli)
- Poor food quality
- Food storage
- Cases of hepatitis A
- Respiratory problems
- Bladder infection (menstrual hygiene)

#### 5) Presence of medical services at the sites

At present there are 23 known sites in Northern Greece. Access to medical services is essential, especially if isolated WASH related health cases further spread and become epidemic.

WASH hygiene promotion actors and medical services actors should closely collaborate and agree on how health problems can best be addressed and prevented, dividing roles and responsibilities. Henk will inquire about coverage of health actors in Northern Greece.

#### 6) Hiring/compensating (pre-)registered refugees for Hygiene Promotion

Participants were not clear on government policy, regulation and legislation on the subject. This needs further assessment. Anyone with information on the subject is requested to share.

**Next meeting:**

Monday 25 July 15:30 – 17:00

IRC Office

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