

## NFIs Meeting – Minutes

20 January 2016, 17:30, UNHCR office

ATTENDEES: UNHCR, Samaritan's Purse, NRC, Hellenic Red Cross, Apostoli, Save the Children

\*UNHCR described the basic NFIs current distribution map, explaining that regular distributions take place mainly in Souda temporary site upon arrival of PoCs, and secondary in Tabakika, if PoCs, due to high number of arrivals or/and to very low registration speed have to stay more than usual in the waiting area. NFIs distributions also take place in Dipethe and Port overflow sites.

\*The difference between NFIs provided regularly by organizations' pipelines (such as blankets, sleeping bags, hygiene kits etc) and items provided occasionally by individual donors (mostly clothing) was highlighted. In the first case, NFIs are distributed to each and everyone PoC, while in the case of private donations, items are provided to PoCs upon request, according to individual needs.

\*UNHCR, NRC and Samaritan's Purse reassured that, according to current stocks and expected deliveries in the future, and based on average daily arrivals so far in January (around 400), Chios will not run out of pipeline NFIs anytime soon. Regarding to blankets, which is considered the basic winterization item, NRC confirmed they expect 7,360 blankets during next week, SP said they have now around 6,000 available in Souda, while UNHCR confirmed that their stock can be replenished if additional quantities are needed. NRC noted that needs will differ in the future, i.e. there will be an increased need for water in the summer.

\* Items coming from private donations are also enough to meet PoCs needs now and in the future, as confirmed by UNHCR, NRC and Apostoli, with the exception of certain items, i.e. men shoes and children jackets. Save the Children said they will provide 250 children jackets, 100 snowsuits as well as nappies within January and agreed that those can be considered as not pipeline NFIs but more like separate clothing to replenish the boutique in Tabakika. Apostoli said they will provide some clothes to MDM to distribute in Souda. Save the Children added that they cannot contribute actively in distributions, but if there is a need of certain items, they could look into covering needs. Discussion about whether is feasible to track items distributed upon request, i.e. in the Tabakika boutique or at the beaches, came to the conclusion that this is not feasible and that what can be only tracked is the needs. **Action:** Humanitarian workers together with volunteer groups involved in private donations distributions to circulate on a weekly basis info about most needed items that are out of stock.

\* UNHCR referred to the stock sheet tool shared on Google docs displaying the current stock and the expected deliveries of the 6 organizations regularly providing NFIs (UNHCR, Samaritan's Purse, NRC, Apostoli, Caritas, Red Cross). UNHCR highlighted that each organization is responsible only for updating the stock of NFIs provided by their own pipeline, and that daily update is a prerequisite for properly tracking the common pipeline and replenishing stock in time. Organizations discussed on the new version of the stock sheet tool, previously shared via email by UNHCR. NRC suggested that the

threshold formula (red flag which alerts in case of low stock) should be expanded in the total amount of NFIs. Apostoli and NRC said that info about contents of every kit of items should be indicated on the first sheet of the tool. SP suggested for organizations that provide NFIs for individual cases to also write a summary/description of the items they provide on the first sheet of the tool. **Action:** UNHCR to adapt changes, finalize stock sheet tool and upload it on Google docs to replace the previous version.

\* Daily reporting system of distributions jointly taking place by UNHCR, SP and NRC was discussed in detail, under the given fact that all three institutions distribute all three institutions' NFIs. SP explained that they already report distributions daily, on behalf of both SP and UNHCR, and that they share these daily figures to NRC. SP asked to receive the same information back from NRC. SP also raised the issue of NFIs transferred urgently from Souda to Tabakika. UNHCR pointed out that, unless there is a special occasion/need, shipment of UNHCR NFIs is being done directly from the warehouse to the 4 sites, highlighting that it has to be planned one day before. UNHCR added that NFIs that may need to be transferred from site to site in some special occasion must be indicated in the daily reporting as transferred to the certain site and not as distributed to PoCs. **Action:** SP and NRC to discuss and finalize the system of exchanging daily reporting between them.

\* Two containers from Scotland, containing with sorted items (private donation) such as clothing, are expected to Chios, UNHCR mentioned. NRC said that they are already looking into the possibility of authorizing the custom clearance and have them arrived to Chios from Piraeus.