

## **MHPSS S-WG meeting of July 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at Babel premises**

### *Participants*

Dorf Chantal, IRC  
Papandreou Katerina, Praksis  
Kanaris George, SN  
Gotsoulia Maria, MFC HRC  
Tataridis Sofoulis, Society of Social Psychiatry  
Spourdalaki Evi, Save the Children  
Kanakis Menelaos, HRC  
Zachou Lena, SN  
Samiotaki Despoina, CRS  
Gkionakis Nikolaos, Babel Day Centre

### **Agenda**

#### *Updates*

Spanish Red Cross provides a psychiatrist at Skaramangas camp once a week until the end of December

IRC jointly with Society of Social Psychiatry started providing MHPSS at Khora Community Centre

Babel ends providing mh specialized care to adults in camp settings by the end of July due to project completion

#### *Staff care S-S-WG*

Participants were informed that members of Staff Care SSWG have written a letter to be addressed to professionals of other organizations who would wish to participate in the meetings. As there missed a part concerning proposals on action to be undertaken, the letter will be discussed again and completed before it will be sent.

#### *WS on referrals*

It took place on June 28<sup>th</sup> at CRS premises and lasted 6 hours. There participated 23 professionals coming from 11 organisations (Praksis, Caritas Hellas, Caritas Athens, Solidarity Now, HRC, IFRC, Save the Children, KEELPNO, MDM, Society of Social Psychiatry, Babel Day Centre).

Participants had the opportunity to introduce themselves, speak about their work, exchange with others and understand how important is to meet and exchange upon concrete issues at regular timeframes. The draft report was sent to the participants who are asked to send back comments etc by Monday 10<sup>th</sup>. After that the final report will be prepared, translated in English and shared widely.

The next workshop on referrals will take place on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> and it will be a continuation of the first one. Thus, participants at the first ws should be facilitated to attend and more professionals representing more organizations should be mobilized to attend.

*On occasion of the discussion about the workshop, participants at the MHPSS S-WG expressed their concern about generic and specific conditions affecting negatively mental health and psychosocial wellbeing of PoC.*

*Generic conditions are related to the lack of access to the fundamental human rights as well as to refugee rights, the absence of an integration policy for those who have been granted the refugee status, the discontinuation of the projects for their support, the difficulties met in their efforts to access health, mental health and social care as well as employment, education.*

*Specific conditions are related to the inconsistency of the support PoC receive in their everyday life, the lack of proper and understandable information about their future, the delays concerning relocation and family reunification procedures. In addition, mental health issues are not recognized as having priority, thus the role of mhps professionals is considered of secondary importance or is disregarded. Often mhps professionals are asked to act in roles that have no relation to their professional status.*