

METAdrasi supportive network for homeless minors

1) Presence on field

Since 2014 METAdrasi has been operating the **Guardianship Network for UAMs**, most of the beneficiaries specially in Athens and Thessaloniki were homeless UAMs.

Since February 2020 METAdrasi has been operating a supportive network for homeless UAMs in Athens.

METAdrasi's supportive network consists of four complementary activities:

1. Drop in center "1stop4homeless" (February 2020)
2. Emergency COVID-19 line for homeless UAMs (March 2020)
3. Mobile Unit- Street work team (April 2020)
4. Pilot dormitory project (May 2020)

2) Best practices

- Specialized and tailormade support of each minor
- Possibility of direct communication on minor's language
- Problem solving approach from the 1st meeting
- Multidisciplinary teams on field
- Multidisciplinary team supporting both professionals in the field and minors
- Availability to respond in a 24/7 basis
- Holistic approach of the supportive network for homeless UAMs
- Avoid overlapping/ good cooperation with all actors in the field



3) Gaps - field context

- Lack of viable durable solutions
- Lack of a Child Protection State Policy for homeless minors
- Lack of specific referral pathways and support services to cover basic needs
- Lack of information about options and new initiatives
- Lack of long term funding on projects focusing to support homeless UAMs
- “Homeless is an invisible problem” need to advocate and highlight the problem
- Strengthen coordination among the actors in the field

4) Actors - we contact or we are in contact with for specific cases

- EKKA - apply for housing
- Public Prosecutor - for informing and guidance
- BABEL - psychiatric support
- VELOS - 18 and cases
- DDP- case management
- Khora- case management and food contribution
- Steps- food contribution
- MSF/MDM- referrals for health issues

