

## NFIs/Logistics Meeting – Minutes

### 10 February 2016, 12:00, UNHCR office

ATTENDEES: UNHCR, Samaritan's Purse, NRC, Hellenic Red Cross, MDM

\*Meeting started with conversation about Vial, and a big number of questions were raised – regarding laundry, distribution modalities, storage space, sustainability of provision of blankets by the military etc –, however, since there were ongoing discussions in general Vial meetings, and since flow system on Vial was not finalized yet, it was agreed to revert to these points in the next NFIs/Logistics meeting, when more info about Vial would be available.

\*Action points from previous meeting:

1. SP and HRC could not cancel delivery of blankets expected. SP said that the 5,400 blankets they are receiving are high thermal blankets. They will donate some to Aigis rescue boat and they will also try to find options that will not affect NRC blankets' distribution plan. I.e, they will keep in stock some of their medium thermal blankets and distribute high thermal instead. SP added that they will keep washing blankets, sticking to their environmental sustainability approach. HRC said that they have not planned any blanket distribution for this week.
2. UNHCR concluded with NRC and SP in thresholds for Tabakika/Port and Souda/Dipethe. More threshold will be needed to be set for new types of NFIs.

\*NRC requested clarification on if NRC is responsible for Tabakika storage space/RHU including daily stock count (*in the RHU in Tabakika*) – this was confirmed by UNHCR and SP. It was also clarified that SP is still responsible for receiving NFIs for UNHCR warehouse and signing the waybill.

\*NRC pointed out the issue of some incidents of smoking, eating and sleeping in the RHU in Tabakika. It was unanimously agreed that no-one should smoke, eat or sleep in the RHU and all actors committed to pass this obvious regulation to their staff.

\*SP required for “expected quantities” of NFIs to be added in “total” sheet of the common pipeline tool >> **Action** (UNHCR).

\*Apostoli reported that a delegation from IOCC visited the island: Drop in the Ocean complained to them saying that they do not receive enough help from the organizations. NRC said that proper communication channels should be used to connect with volunteer groups. Option of all volunteer groups' participation in this meeting was discussed but rejected. UNHCR talked about some of the identified NFIs needs of volunteer groups present in the beaches (Drops mostly need food, while CESRT said that they have provided and can provide with NFIs other groups or sites), while volunteer coordinator (NRC Maria), who arrived in the meeting later on, spoke about NFIs needs that volunteers probably have in Kioski (thermal blankets) and Agia

Ermioni (clothing, water, food kits). She also talked about a new tool that was launched and displays day to day needs that can be met by volunteers (medical, provision of staff for food distributions etc). It was clarified and agreed among all that general needs displayed in the tool is one thing, while NFIs coordination is another: the latter can only be done through proper assessments, discussions and monitoring, and with the active participation of all actors. **Action:** UNHCR to more systematically monitor the needs in the arrival points and to focus on coordinating the NFIs provision in the beaches.

\*SP said they need to change the description of some kits on the common pipeline tool.

**Action:** SP to send new descriptions to UNHCR, UNHCR to make changes. UNHCR requested confirmation on if each and everybody PoC receives a HK – NRC and SP confirmed that (kids excluded). NRC said that, out of the 12000 HK they will receive, some of them will be feminine kits (with sanitary napkins in them). **Action:** NRC to clarify both types quantities and fill accordingly the common pipeline tool.

\*UNHCR updated the participants about NFIs allocated for Chios, highlighting that this info will be soon reflected on the common pipeline tool – not only for NFIs expected, but also for NFIs available but not necessarily ordered/expected >> **Action** (UNHCR).

\*MDM talked about their distribution practice: they explained it's similar to what is happening in the Tabakika boutique (they also have a changing room in their RHU in Souda). They distribute clothing, footwear, sanitary napkins, shampoo, baby kits etc, usually upon request. MDM said that WAHA does not distribute NFIs from MDM's stock, although they use a joint space in Souda. Apart from the RHU, MDM also store items in a separate warehouse in Chios town. UNHCR and MDM agreed that some of the clothing soon to be received via UNHCR pipeline (Zara donation etc) can be delivered to MDM, as done so far with other type of clothing (i.e. winter jackets).

\*Apostoli explained they often work together with MDM in distributions in case of baby kits or baby clothing. They also work together with SP and NRC, as Apostoli has only one man on the field. Apostoli added that they will soon receive socks (private donation), but the quantities are only determined within the same week of delivery in Chios. Their program will last at least until August. Apostoli stated they requested from their HQ not to receive more HK, as NRC and UNHCR have a lot of HK available (although their HK are different: include toilet paper). Although, the project is to keep bringing HK. All actors agreed that there are a lot NFIs available and therefore constant and good coordination is absolutely needed in order to avoid overlapping and/or NFIs staying forever in the warehouses. Apostoli highlighted that a proper distribution point inside Vial is crucial – they pointed out this need to Vial coordinator.

\*SP emphasized on the phenomenon of PoCs leaving behind unused items of the HK they receive, such as toothbrushes – these items are collected and given to MDM boutique in Souda to be distributed separately.

\*Regarding the containers with items from Scotland: UNHCR informed that custom clearance and storage has been arranged by CESRT (Toula's volunteer group).