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**Minutes of the 78<sup>th</sup> MHPSS Technical Working Group at Babel Day Centre**

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**Participants:** Velos Youth Centre, ARSIS, GCR, Society of Social Psychiatry P. Sakellaropoulos, EPAPSY, Network for Children’s Rights, IRC, ADDMA, UNHCR, MsF VoT, MsF Swiss, Human Rights 360, MdM, DRC, Greek Forum of Refugees, MdM, Babel Day Centre

**Agenda:**

- Updates from the field and the other WGs
- Discussion on “Inclusion. Reality VS formalities”
- AOB

<b>Updates from ACCMR</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>ACCMR:</b> The pilot phase of the urban monitoring tool for access to services and integration has started. It is the result of the cooperation of UNHCR and ACCMR teams. At the same time, a relevant memorandum of cooperation has been signed between EL.STAT. and the Municipality of Athens. An informative email will be sent by the ACCMR team with specific instructions for the completion of the questionnaire. The members of the TWG can start using the form and communicating it internally to their organizations. The initial goal is to understand the profile of the people who receive services as well as their basic needs. To avoid double entries, if someone receives more than one service from the same organization, it is important to fill in the form only once. The pilot period starts now and will last until the end of September. Those who have already collected relevant information are kindly requested to send to the ACCMR team. The data will be available to all ACCMR members who will be involved in the process. The collection of integration data is very important, for municipal services</li></ul>
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	<p>but also for all the organizations, to improve the provided services and design policies as well as integration programs.</p> <p>The questionnaire that was sent to all the organizations was completed by 77 professionals. The most important issues that were referred to the questionnaire are related to interconnection with municipal services, evictions, homelessness and the more active participation of communities. Those who have not completed the questionnaire are kindly requested to complete it by tomorrow 19/06 at the latest. The suggestions of the professionals will be used for designing the next steps of ACCMR, in which the members of the committees will have a more active role. There will also be a further discussion on the ACCMR platform and the role that it could play for enhancing the collaboration and the dissemination of information.</p>
<p><b>Information on the exits and the current situation</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>ARSIS:</b> Big changes for the Estia programme related to budget have been made according to the new Ministerial Decision. The psychosocial impact of these changes needs to be discussed in the WG. The Ministerial Decision can be found in the following link: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="https://www.aftodioikisi.gr/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/%CE%A6%CE%95%CE%9A-15.pdf?fbclid=IwAR16IrlcEg0OyPiq5KJY_Pnq_CuVWDQipggVUOhZuglmjPL17pla3aKDggE">https://www.aftodioikisi.gr/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/%CE%A6%CE%95%CE%9A-15.pdf?fbclid=IwAR16IrlcEg0OyPiq5KJY_Pnq_CuVWDQipggVUOhZuglmjPL17pla3aKDggE</a></li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>ADDMA:</b> 30 individuals have left their apartments up to now and 193 refused to leave and remained in. The Ministry is responsible for the decisions for the prolongation of the stay of vulnerable cases in the Estia programme. The decisions are coming out the last minute so the POCs remain in uncertainty until then.</li> <li>• <b>HR360:</b> On 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> June a manifestation took place in Skaramagas site against the exit strategy. There is a number of HR360 beneficiaries who are asking for a certificate that they are receiving psychological help so that they can apply for a</li> </ul>

prolongation of their stay in the formal accommodation scheme.

- **DRC:** The cash assistance has finished for many individuals residing in Skaramagas site and therefore they face difficulties on covering their everyday needs of food.
- **GCR:** Many POCs are being left out of the asylum processes since they face many difficulties on the second level of their demand of asylum.
- **UNHCR:** The UNHCR hasn't still published an official announcement related to the new Ministerial Decision, however there is a discussion going on for the standards of the new Estia programme.
- **Babel:** The website which will provide information related to psychosocial aspects of COVID-19 for individuals that do not speak the Greek language is to be launched the following days. The link for the website is the following:

[www.covid19refugee.gr](http://www.covid19refugee.gr)

All the actors are requested to provide material for the website. This is an initiative taken in the framework of the MHPSS TWG with the support of Babel Day Centre.

- **IRC:** The piloting period for the webinars and the helpline focused on COVID\_19 epidemic has successfully finished. The level of violence has increased a lot during the last period in the site of Moria according to many beneficiaries of IRC that are residing there.
- **MsF Swiss:** The Day Centre of Msf in Solonos does not receive any new referrals since there is a long waiting list. However, the POCs, that have already received psychiatric services there, can be referred at the Centre for the continuation of their medication.

<p><b>Discussion on “Inclusion. Reality VS formalities”</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The difficulties that POCs are facing in their everyday life have been increased during the last period. The possible initiatives that the MHPSS TWG can take was discussed. The following suggestions came out: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A discussion on integration needs to be initialized.</li> <li>-Each professional needs to raise awareness on this issue in the organization that he or she works</li> <li>-A network of solidarity needs to be created in which people that are willing to take action can participate</li> <li>-A better coordination among the organizations needs to be accomplished in order to have better results on the issue of integration</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b>Discussion on the collaboration with Nancy Baron</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The cooperation with Nancy Baron regarding the tele-counselling has already started. Material on Greek language needs to be sent to be uploaded at the website.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Agenda for the next WG</b></p>	<p>-Discussion and updates on the current situation</p> <p>-AOB</p>

The next MHPSS WG meeting is going to take place on **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> of July** at **09:30 -11:30**.