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Minutes of the 73rd MHPSS Technical Working Group at Babel Day Centre

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Participants: ARSIS, GCR, IOM, Society of Social Psychiatry P. Sakellaropoulos, Network for Children's Rights, EPAPSY, UNHCR, MsF VoT, PRAKSIS, DRC, HR 360, Solidarity Now, ADDMA, TDH, IRC, Action Aid, The Home project, Hellenic Red Cross, KODEP, MDM, Velos Youth Centre, National Public Health Organization, Babel Day Centre

Agenda:

- Updates of each organization
- Next goals of the WG during COVID-19 epidemic
- AOB

Updates of each organization and the other WGs	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• MsF VoT: MsF VoT clinic work with reduced staff and they try to keep continuity in the provision of services to PoCs.• TdH: The on-line seminars for COVID continue as usual. An email will be sent with the schedule.• IOM: Ritsona and Malakasa sites are locked down. There are only emergency transportations, that are taking place and any other emergency needs are covered. Solidarity Now does not provide services in the camp.• PRAKSIS: The service provision in the islands is being conducted from distance. There is a collaboration with the new facility for homeless people by the Municipality of Athens. PRAKSIS is mainly providing health and social services.
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EODY's staff is also collaborating with the facility. Referrals are made through KYADA.

- **IRC:** In the islands the situation is quite explosive. There are tensions among different ethnic groups and in some cases there is a negative attitude against professionals. The mapping of the existing services is quite challenging at the moment. There is also limited access to psychiatric services.
- **The Home project:** The protocol focused on how to act in case of a COVID-19 positive case was shared by EODY. However there are some issues that are under discussion.
- **ARSIS:** ARSIS produced some videos with instructions for COVID-19, that can be found in the following links:

<https://www.facebook.com/AthensNeonChora/videos/1468455660001187/>

<https://www.facebook.com/AthensNeonChora/videos/2578268765728426/>

<https://www.facebook.com/AthensNeonChora/videos/223695098865364/>

https://scontent.fskg1-1.fna.fbcdn.net/v/t1.0-9/91984364_2688287858065931_8462890176643858432_o.jpg?_nc_cat=104&_nc_sid=8024bb&_nc_eui2=AeGaRpfYqL91VMkvX4bbACnJ0cRxEOxtF_DRxHEQ7G0X8PZ84zR2Kpg--VWzWwM_wTU&_nc_ohc=SI34dXO7yY8AX-e66Y1&_nc_ht=scontent.fskg1-1.fna&oh=29bec7e5a932c164ae004ccdf24a1814&oe=5EB3D6AC

More videos are to be created in the next days.

- **DRC:** The PSS group activities have been paused. Protection is continuing the monitoring and basic referrals when needed, with reduced staff on site. Also distributions of essential kits and food are being continued from SMS teams whenever relevant.
- **Velos Youth Centre:** Velos provides services through what's up and other means. There were only two cases that they met two homeless individuals in order to provide them with sleeping bags. All the safety measures were taken.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HR360: The provision of services related to the integration programme is being made by phone or other means. • ACCMR: There is a small increase on domestic violence that they are trying to address. An effort is made so that the children can have access to e-learning programmes. There is a collaboration with a psychiatrist that also accepts new referrals after contact. • Society of Social Psychiatry P. Sakellaropoulos: Society of Social Psychiatry P. Sakellaropoulos participates in the support line 10306, where professionals working in the field may call in case that they need support. • Solidarity Now: Solidarity Now provides services from distance. It provides also online psychological support. There are many information translated in different languages in the facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/athenssolidaritycenter/?epa=SEARCH_BOX • Hellenic Red Cross: A challenge that is being faced in the shelters for UAMs has to do with the security staff. HRC also provides psychosocial support services in the new facility for homeless people of the Municipality of Athens. Food was also distributed in the Municipality of Vironas. • Babel: Babel has created a website to provide useful information to parents during the time of COVID-19. https://mostgreentomato.wixsite.com/parentscovid?fbclid=IwAR1fVZp-PHIEEVTE8LRhAJvOata2Dd085JiMg-ICiGFwznexPOw2u4kpX28
<p>Suggestions on the priorities of the WG during COVID-19</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A discussion on the protocol for COVID case in the shelters took place during the meeting. According to professionals that work in shelters some of the measures that are mentioned in the protocol can not be implemented in shelters. A more

<p>epidemic</p>	<p>detailed discussion is to take place in the next WG, when all the actors will have received and read the protocol.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is still a discussion going on on how we can manage all the information related to the provision of services, the guidelines and the different kind of resources. • The meeting to discuss the challenges and good practices in conducting sessions by distance will take place the first week of May. An invitation will be sent by Babel and all the professionals that would like to participate need to send an email at babel@syn-eirmos to state their interest. Solidarity Now representative was offered to help with the organizational issues of the meeting. More details about this meeting is to be discussed in the next meeting of the MHPSS TWG.
<p>Useful Information</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Storybook for Children on COVID-19 by IASC: https://interagencystandingcommittee.org/iasc-reference-group-mental-health-and-psychosocial-support-emergency-settings/my-hero-you • CwC Folder on Google Drive, which has been circulated through the Communication with Communities Working Group chaired by UNHCR and Solidarity Now; it is constantly updated providing useful CwC information on Covid-19; all the material is arranged according to language in separate files. You will find 22 languages. These folders are to be accessed by PoC directly. Access the google drive here: https://drive.google.com/drive/u/3/folders/1Y8JO-d8EHRrGXQCf2hRBNjBXY6pePgfV<https://eur02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fdrive.google.com%2Fdrive%2Fu%2F3%2Ffolders%2F1Y8JO-d8EHRrGXQCf2hRBNjBXY6pePgfV&data=02%7C01%7CDIMITRIO%40unhcr.org%7C1dae1eb5b62c46bfd90308d7dd532579%7Ce5c37981666441348a0c6543d2af80be%7C0%7C0%7C637221221487472086&sdata=f%2Babmil%2BuTEi8%2BozR7GypM2KLtdjtThpx8cTLbn6%2F5A%3D&reserved=0> • The Help Website Coronavirus page now available in seven

	<p>languages: https://help.unhcr.org/greece/coronavirus/</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updates on the cash assistance: https://help.unhcr.org/greece/living-in-greece/access-to-cash-assistance/ • Google drive folder with information on COVID-19 focused on MHPSS issues: https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1Z4LYTPSFmF3zB4eQhzmg5RMPdb2Jjtey • Atiica MHPSS mapping: https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1tZ4WvmvdO6xFQ40ZKpYDXCUnlO69a1fk/edit#gid=1145083450
<p>Agenda for the next meeting</p>	<p>-Discussion on the organizational details for the meeting focused on the sessions from distance</p> <p>-Updates from the field</p> <p>-AOB</p>

The next MHPSS WG meeting is going to take place on **Friday 24th April** at **09:30 -11:30** at the following link:

<https://meetingsemea8.webex.com/meetingsemea8/j.php?MTID=m9494f313a299613427483a4a9477fedc>