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Minutes of the 84th MHPSS Technical Working Group at Babel Day Centre

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Participants: Society of Social Psychiatry P. Sakellaropoulos, Network for Children’s Rights, GCR, ADDMA, MsF Swiss, MsF Belgium, EPAPSY, TdH, MdM, IOM, HR360, PRAKSIS, MdM, IRC, Babel Day Centre

Agenda:

- Updates from the field and the other WGs
- AOB

Updates from the field	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• IRC: The sites in Chios and Samos are in lockdown. The communication with EODY staff is quite complicated in these sites. An invitation for a meeting was sent to all the actors that are providing services to refugees in Samos island, so that they discuss altogether on the situation.• Koulocheris: The continuous lockdown in certain sites can be perceived as discrimination and violation of the right to move freely. The platform for the asylum demands is quite complicated and also provided only in Greek language. Moreover, through the registration in this platform someone cannot receive a PAAYPA number.• GCR: Elaionas site remains in lockdown until 25th October. There was a small manifestation in the entrance of the site. People are filling very frustrated. Even emergency cases are difficult to receive appropriate assistance. EODY staff at the site is very helpful and collaborates very well with
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professionals from other organizations.

- **HR360:** Skaramagas site is no more in lockdown. People that were positive on COVID_19 is no more in quarantine. The difficulty for psychiatric referrals remains an issue for HR360, after the death of the volunteer psychiatrist.
- **ADDMA:** Communication with EODY was challenging in some cases. When a positive on COVID_19 case appears in a house, ADDMA provides the family with food for fourteen days. ADDMA staff works partially from house and from office. There is a worry about the difficulty to access the asylum services in a period that many people receive negative decisions on their asylum demands. Also, there is an increased difficulty for minors that are up to seventeen years old to be placed in shelters or any other kind of accommodation due to covid_19 pandemic as well.
- **MsF VoT Clinic:** The clinic is open again to new referrals and the waiting period for receiving services is estimated to be quite short. All the information for the referrals will be sent with an email to all the members of the MHPSS TWG.
- **EPAPSY:** The provision of mental health services to the Hestia programme, the help line as well as the project with the community psychosocial workers continue until the end of the year. Regarding the ToT PFA with Nancy Baron, the total cost of it, it is estimated to be 2500 euros. Babel could cover the 500euros, so each organization needs to pay about 191 euros for the participation of one professional in the training. The professionals that are to participate in the ToT need to have been already trained on PFA. An email with the names of professionals and their certificate on PFA needs to be sent to ct@epapsy.gr until **Wednesday 21st October**.
- **Babel:** The Greek version of the operational considerations for multisectoral mhps programmes during the covid_19

	pandemic -version 1.0 is almost finished.
Agenda for the next WG	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Discussion and updates on the current situation -Discussion with Dr. Nikolaidis on “Public health during Covid_19: the protective measures and how they affect the rights of people” -Discussion with Lighthouse Relief on future projects -AOB

The next MHPSS WG meeting is going to take place on **Friday 30th of October** at **09:30 -11:30**.