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Minutes of the 88th MHPSS Technical Working Group at Babel Day Centre

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Agenda:

- Discussion and updates on the current situation
- AOB

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| <p>Discussion and updates on the current situation</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• ADDMA: A meeting will take place with all the staff of ADDMA, in which announcements about changes on Hestia programme will be made after the publishment of new law. Changes will happen in the exit strategy as well. The assessment for someone in order to continue living in the apartment is expected to be conducted by the Ministry of Migration. Therefore, more staff was hired by the Ministry that will be focused on this issue. No exits took place this month due to lockdown.• Network for children’s rights: Protective custody will no more be a choice for UAM according to the new law that was published three days ago. It is left to see how this will be implemented. However, it is a step forward, since the whole situation with protective custody could only be known to the NGOs and not to the general public. |
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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GCR: The procedures for relocation of UAMs is running quite fast at the moment and the number of UAMs accepted for relocation have been increased as well. • EPAPSY: The project with community support workers will continue until the end of 2021. The procedure for relocation in Germany of vulnerable cases has been accelerated. • MdM: A new initiative has been taken by MdM, since the access to MHPSS services remains compromised. This initiative focuses more on supporting professionals that work on the provision of MHPSS services. A questionnaire is shared with many organizations, so that feedback can be given for organizing future webinars and trainings. Moreover, SOPs and good practices will be available for professionals. The referrals for psychological support have paused at the moment until it will be secured the continuation of the programme for the next three months. • MsF: The vaccination was completed in the camp in Lesvos. A new initiative will start the following days by MsF. The project will focus on the support of elderly people that live in rest homes. More information will be soon shared through email. • IOM: The PSS programme will continue on 2021 with the fifteen psychologists. A booklet focused on mental health issues will be shared to refugees the coming days. |
| <p>AOB</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spyros Koulocheris shared this article with the TWG, that is focused on the struggle of social-distancing in a crowded refugee camp published in the Independent: https://www.independent.co.uk/news/health/social-distancing-refugee-camp-coronavirus-pandemic-b1764983.html • A discussion on the creation of a referral pathway for the PoCs that are coming from the islands in Attica region was |

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| | <p>conducted. More ideas will be discussed on the next meeting. EPAPSY will share the mapping of the MHPSS services that was created for the handover of the PoCs that received mental health services by the project that was running under the umbrella of UNHCR. IOM mapping will be shared together with the mapping of the TWG, that needs to be updated by all the partners.</p> |
| <p>Agenda for the next WG</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 8th of January** at **09:30 -11:30**.