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HEALTH SYSTEM RESPONSE TO THE REFUGEE/MIGRANT CRISIS WITH FOCUS ON SRH NEEDS

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IMPLEMENTATION OF MINIMUM INITIAL SERVICES PACKAGE (MISP) IN MACEDONIA

Ministry of Health - Leader

Institute of Public Health and Centers of Public Health

Crisis Management Center

Ministry of Labor and Social Policy

Ministry of Interior

Public Prosecution Office

The red Cross

NGOs

UN Agencies (UNFPA, WHO, UNWoman, UNHCR, IOM, UNICEF, UNDP)

Preparedness
Phase

Response
Phase

PREPAREDNESS PHASE

- First Regional MISP ToT training – May 2013
- Macedonia elected to Chair the Standing Committee of the Inter-Agency Working Group for SRH in Crisis – October 2013
- First MISP assessment with MISP Assessment Tool - 2014
- Development of national action for MISP during emergencies based on the MIPs assessment plan – 2014/2015; revisions every year, the latest in February 2016
 - Revision of National Plan for Preparedness and Response of the Health System during Crisis – to include SRH section
 - Workshop for collection and management of SRH data – draft MoU among MoH, CMC and IPH for cooperation and inclusion of module with SRH data into the CMC software/database
 - Three MISP trainings for sensitization of key stakeholders
 - Development of the first SoP for HIV and AIDS
 - Development of the Protocol for the Mobile SRH Clinic

RESPONSE PHASE - FLOODS



- 1) Flood – January – March, 2015
 - Key data:
 - 78.766 people affected (source : IPH)
 - Response:
 - ✓ 2400 dignity kits for the affected population (vulnerable groups) – UNFPA
 - ✓ Information materials for pregnant women
 - ✓ Technical assistance

RESPONSE PHASE – REFUGEE/MIGRANT CRISIS



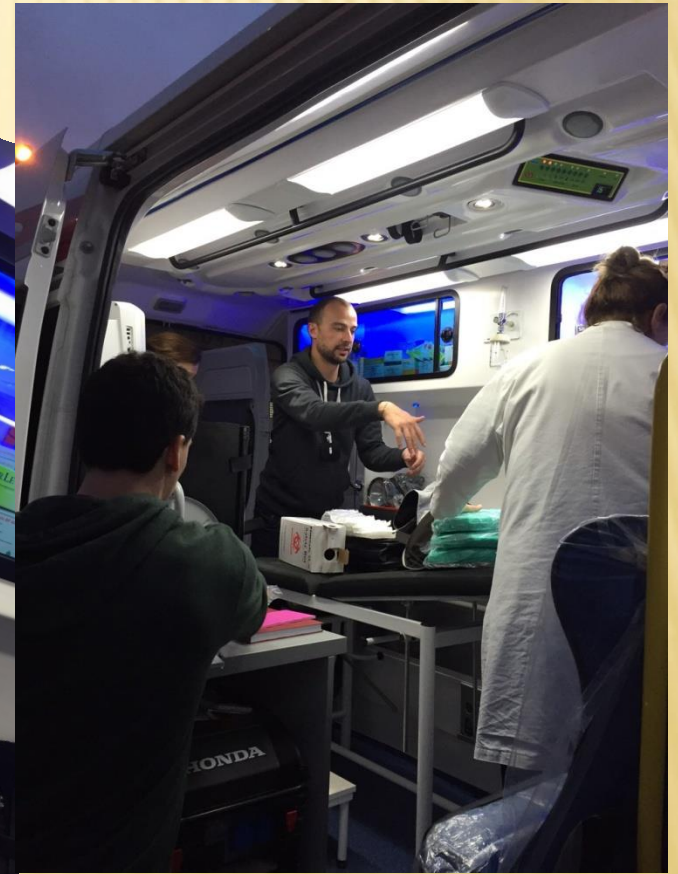
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2) Refugee/migrants crisis – June – ongoing

• How Macedonia responded

- Amendments to the Law for Asylum Seekers allowing for 72 hours for refugees/migrants to enter, stay and leave the country within 72 hours - June 19, 2015
- On August 19, 2015 the Government declared a state of crisis at the northern and southern borders of the country; On September 17, 2015 it was extended to June 15, 2016;
- Two Transit Centers – Gevgelija (entry point) and Kumanovo (exit point) – initially affected the Gevgelija center, while now the Kumanovo center
- The Ministry of Interior's statistics of refugees and migrants declaring their intention to apply for asylum reached 89.623 (in the period from 01/01/2016 to 09/03/2016) of which 35.381 are male, 19.617 are women, 34.399 children and 226 unaccompanied children. 476,877 registered intentions to apply for asylum in the period of January 1st 2015 – March 3rd 2016,
- Operational Plan for Response to Crisis developed - MoH has its own plan
- Overall Assessment of needs, including health – coordinator CMC
- Rapid Assessment of Maternities along the migrants route – MoH, NGO HERA, UNFPA

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• RESPONSE:

- Free of charge health services for all migrants – MoH and IPH
- Dignity kits and items for women and girls - UNFPA through Red Cross
- SOP for informing the Emergency Units - posted on MoH website & Red Cross
- Two Mobile SRH Clinics for Kumanovo and Gevgelija – donation of UNFPA to MoH
- Health Unit in Transit Center in Gevgelija
- SRH Equipment for maternity wards in Gevegleija and Kumanovo – donation of UNFPA to Ministry of Health
- Reproductive Health Kits – donation of UNFPA to MoH
- Disinfection, disinsection and deratization
- Information materials on SRH in languages of refugees/migrants (Arabic, Urdu and Farsi)

• SRH DATA:

- Health services provided since the beginning of the crisis
- 2650 examined persons in 2015 and 650 in 2016 (Health Care Unit in Vinojug transit centre) and around 1000 in other health centers
- Mobile Gynecological Clinics (3 mobile gynecological clinics)
- In total 162 women, out of which 112 pregnant women, received SRH services in the period of 2015/2016

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