

## HELP - SER 124 16

HELP – SER 124 16 project is a multilateral attempt of both Greece (through the collaboration of three organizations: ANTIGONE-Information and Documentation Centre on Racism, Ecology, Peace and Non-Violence, Greek Council for Refugees and Smile of the Child) and Serbia to improve the living conditions of asylum seekers and refugees in the respective two countries.

### **General project objective for ANTIGONE**

Development of activities within the Camp of Diavata for the enhancement of the interaction between refugees and the local communities.

### **Project objectives and activities**

- **Release of the accumulated anger and despair refugees experience** through activities aiming to improve their physical and emotional health: athletic activities, activities with music and movement, self-defense training lessons, artistic activities, chess lessons etc.
- **Psychosocial support of refugees** through activities focused on women groups and families: dance, theatre, photography etc.
- **Psychological support of refugees** through sessions aiming to address loss, death, grief and trauma as well as to support the mental resilience of children and to eventually address isolated women experiencing certain circumstances.
- **Improvement of the cohabitation and mutual approval between the groups living in the Refugee Centre of Diavata** through “get together” and team building activities, activities for getting to know each other as well as activities for building trust and respect in the group: theatre game, music, movie projections etc. Through their participation in such activities, refugees can gradually feel as a part of a wider community in which rules are not meant to repress them but to enable cooperation and community building between them.
- **Interaction with local community / de-institutionalization / socialization** through events, cultural visits, cooking lessons and other common activities. Organization of socio-cultural events as part of an attempt to promote social dialogue between the local community and the refugees and further to build stronger bonds between the two cultures, improving also their interaction.
- **Vocational training of intercultural mediators and psychologists** active in the refugee camps who conduct the communication between Arabic

speaking and Greek speaking people (interpretations). Training seminars addressed to intercultural mediators in order to enable and further improve their communication with the refugees as well as with the camp personnel.

- **Psychological support of volunteers who intensively support activities since March 2016:** intercultural awareness raising, educational sessions on handling conflict situations, externalization of concerns and feelings. Group work with volunteers who help within the refugee camps so that they are well prepared to efficiently work with the refugees.
- **Development of [www.123help.gr](http://www.123help.gr) platform** so that refugees have access to information of their interest as well as for Greek citizens to get informed on issues related to the refugees (needs that occur etc.). Platform active in English and Arabic so that refugees have access to transparent information with respect to the situation back in their countries as well as other issues. Provision of information on material and other needs of the refugees so as for the local community to be able to respond, if willing.

#### **Target group for the activities of ANTIGONE**

Refugees living in Diavata camp

#### **General project goals for Greece:**

- Enhancement of caring of refugee children and families with health problems.
- Provision of necessary hygiene - kits and relief items as well as of temporary hotel accommodation to refugee families.
- Aiding persons in need of international protection to gain access to the rights enshrined in national and international legislation.
- Development of activities within the Camp of Diavata enhancing the interaction between refugees and local communities. (ANTIGONE)

#### **Duration**

Until 31.12.2016

#### **Donors**

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