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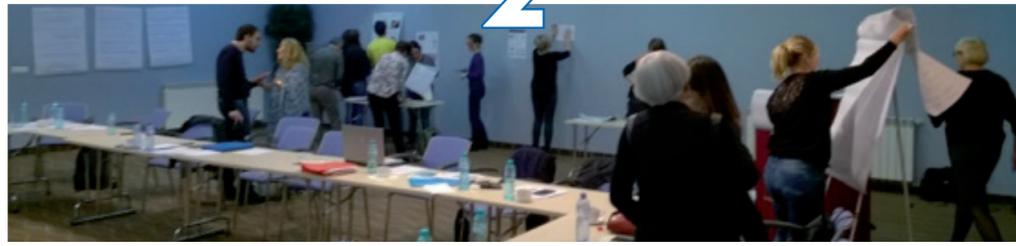
LAUNCH OF THE 2016 OBSERVATORY REPORT ON ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE, NOVEMBER 2016, BRUSSELS

This new report of the international observatory on access to healthcare shows again how inequitable access to healthcare remains in Europe for people facing vulnerabilities. Based on medical and social data collected throughout 2015 in 31 cities in 12 countries (European and Turkey), it reveals once more exclusion from mainstream healthcare systems.

2016 Observatory report on access to healthcare:
<https://mdmeuroblog.files.wordpress.com/2016/11/observatory-report2016-en-mdm-international.pdf>

2016 Legal report on access to healthcare in 17 countries:
<https://mdmeuroblog.files.wordpress.com/2016/11/mdm-2016-legal-report-on-access-to-healthcare-in-17-countries-15112016.pdf>

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SEX WORK SEMINAR, 27-28 OCTOBER 2016, BUCAREST

In the framework of the European Network to reduce vulnerabilities in health supported by the European Commission, Médecins du Monde International Network and our partner Carusel welcomed about 30 experts from 12 countries on sex work issues. Participants exchanged about tools and practices on sex work programs, best ways to support self-help groups and common advocacy on sex work.

Doctors of the World strongly denounces any form of exploitation, coercion, trafficking and violence practiced against human beings. Furthermore, and just as for any marginalized and repressed population group, Doctors of the World highlights as a priority the need to empower sex workers, whether under age or adult, to exercise their fundamental rights, provided for by international texts on the health, rights and protection of persons.

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« ALL FOR HEALTH, HEALTH FOR ALL » VIENNA CONFERENCE NOVEMBER 2016

Last November, Doctors of the World made four presentations at the EUPHA annual congress in Vienna on a self-assessed health among migrants visiting Doctors of the World in 5 European countries (session on "Health and care: research, policy and practice"). Also, we provided in the "Health data, methodology, monitoring and reporting" parallel session, a presentation on the "International Network Observatory: 10 year review of key challenges and lessons learnt on health data, methodology, monitoring and reporting" and during the "Migrant and ethnic minority health" session, we disclosed the results of the 2016 observatory report.

A round table on migration policies allowed us to speak again on our recommendations. The conference yielded to the Vienna declaration which is global reiteration of the commitment to the principles of the Ottawa Charter on Health Promotion. The Declaration calls on all parts of the public health community, in Europe and beyond, working at all levels, local, national, regional and global, to recognise the multi-tiered determinants of health and opportunities for action.

<https://ephconference.eu/vienna-declaration-294>

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10TH RIGHTS OF THE CHILD FORUM, 30 NOVEMBER 2016

"We must delink asylum law from children rights" said the Director of the UNHCR European Office. The 10th European forum on the rights of the child was held in Brussels by DG Justice with a special focus on unaccompanied children. Athanasia Retinioti, Project Coordinator of the Accommodation Centre for Unaccompanied Children of Doctors of the World-Greece was invited to speak on the right to health for children in migration. 18 months have passed since the definition of the strategic lines on the protection of unaccompanied children by the European Commission (Communication COM (2015) 240, 13 May 2015), but there nearly is no follow up.

To read MdM Greece presentation:
<https://mdmeuroblog.files.wordpress.com/2016/12/presentation-nansy.pptx>
More information:
http://ec.europa.eu/newsroom/just/item-detail.cfm?item_id=34456

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NEWS FROM OUR PARTNERS

• **Slovene Philanthropy** provides adequate and accessible health services to newly arrived migrants with a specific focus on children, unaccompanied minors and pregnant women (8 NGO in 11 countries project financed by CHAFEA-European Commission).

Read the testimony of Ali, 31 years old man from Afghanistan looking for healthcare in Slovenia: https://mdmeuroblog.wordpress.com/?page_id=1411&preview=true

• **What's new in Belgium?** The Antwerp Social Welfare board has decided to privatize the operationalization of the drop-in centre for people who are homeless the De Vaart in Antwerp. It had been managed by the commercial firm Carusel (CAW) for the last 18 years. It is the first time a social project in Antwerp is being handed to a commercial firm. In fact, a jury decided in December among the tender applicants, to hand it over to the security multinational called G4S Care. Sources: http://www.tijd.be/politiek/economie/belgie_vlaanderen/Antwerpen_privatiseert_daklozenopvang.9814862-3137.art?ckc=1&ts=1476447102 - http://www.standaard.be/cnt/dmf20160929_02493370

• **Health Centre for Undocumented Migrants in Norway**
Study on the Mental Health Care Needs of Undocumented Migrants
The overall purpose of this study is to explore how undocumented adults living in Norway perceive psychological distress, to gather insight on their living conditions and to explore associated living condition risk factors. To read: https://mdmeuroblog.files.wordpress.com/2016/12/myhrvold_et_al-2016-journal_of_clinical_nursing.pdf
A seminar for health personnel organized together with the Red Cross and the National ethical board for doctors took place in Oslo on 10th October about the legal rights of undocumented migrants and experiences from the health centre for undocumented migrants in Norway. The health centre published as well a leaflet intended for patients and health personnel to increase access to healthcare for undocumented migrants: <https://mdmeuroblog.files.wordpress.com/2016/12/leaflet-2016-norway.pdf>

• **Doctors of the World Luxembourg**
Launch of a new Doctors of the World health center in Bonnevoie on 14 October 2016
<https://www.facebook.com/MdMLux>
<http://medecinsdumonde.lu/>

• **Mdm Greece:**
Report on the situation in Moria Lesvos hotspot –published 23.11.2016. Doctors of the World Greece decided to publish regular analytical reports on the situation in the Reception Centre & Identification of Moria to the fullest extent possible signaling of major challenges that exist in the field.
<http://mdmgreece.gr/en/report-situation-moria-lesvos-hotspot-november-2016/>

• **Mdm Spain:**
September 2016, Media launch of the report La Salud en los márgenes del sistema. Cuatro años sin tarjeta sanitaria by REDER-Red de Denuncia y Resistencia al RDL 16/2012 (which MdM leads and coordinate): http://www.medicosdelmundo.org/index.php/mod_documentos/mem.descargar/fichero.documentos_La_salud_en_los_margenes_del_sistema_5a78594b%232E%23pdf

October 2016, letter sent to Members of the European Parliament to take immediate action on the repatriation plan between the EU and Afghanistan.

