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PRESS RELEASE

How many people have to die before we stop to stop talking about “random and exceptional incidents” ?

Doctors of the World Greece (DotW) express their deep sorrow about the death -the third in one week- in the Reception and Identification Centre in Moria camp, on Lesbos island. DotW restate their firm position that decent and safe living conditions for people in the camps are far more important than anything within the EU-Turkey Agreement.

Just a few days after the death of two people in the Reception and Identification Centre in Moria Hotspot, on Lesbos island, an eighteen year-old boy was found dead today, while another was transferred to the local hospital.

As DotW Greece, we express our deep sorrow about the death - the third in a single week- in the Reception and Identification Centre in Moria hotspot, on Lesbos island.

Although there is no official statement about the causes of these deaths, each has been connected to heater fumes or other heating mediums improvised by refugees in the camps.

DotW Greece as competent NGO in charge of the provision of primary healthcare services in the Reception and Identification Centre in Moria, we have already publicly highlighted the serious risks concerning the health and even the life of the refugees and migrants temporarily accommodated, due to the difficult living conditions.

As DotW Greece we wish to emphasize that decent and safe living conditions for all people that enter Greece, should be the absolute priority – far above and beyond any need for maintaining the EU-Turkey Agreement.

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About Médecins du Monde – Doctors of the World Greece

*Médecins du Monde-Doctors of the World Greece was founded in 1990 and is part of the International network of MdM that consists of 15 Chapters in the world (Argentina, Belgium, Canada, France, Germany, Greece, Japan, Luxemburg, Netherlands Portugal, Spain, Sweden , Switzerland, United Kingdom and U.S.A.) **It remains, though, a Greek organization**, taking its own path based on circumstances particular to Greece, while maintaining financial and administrative independence and transparency shared with the network.*

Completing 26 consecutive years of action in 2016, MdM-Greece has been acknowledged as a credible and efficient organization that fosters the sense of solidarity within the Greek Community.

Having conducted numerous humanitarian aid programs in Greece and in developing countries, Greek doctors, administration, medical staff and technical experts continue to offer their voluntary services.

MdM-Greece with more than 600 volunteers since its foundation, in around 50 countries around the world, contributes to medical and humanitarian aid programs. *Throughout the years, medical and humanitarian aid programs have been carried out in Iraq, Lebanon, Afghanistan, Sri Lanka, Indonesia, Serbia, Sudan, Palestine, Haiti, Gaza, Uganda, Tanzania, Algeria etc.*

Doctors of the World Greece works with other international Non Governmental Organizations in order to more efficiently provide humanitarian aid to people in need.

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