

Right to Health in Moria refugee camp?

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UNHCR 2020

70,2 million refugees worldwide

**1,2 million need resettlement
urgently (2018)**

0,07 million have been resettled

750 'invited' to the Netherlands

Dilemma

- **Providing substandard care**
- **Witnessing gross human rights violations**
- **Testimony dilemma**

Substandard care

- **Overcrowded waiting rooms**
- **Lack of diagnostics**
- **Lack of referral possibilities (except emergencies)**
- **Lack of care continuity**
- **Chronic disease management virtually absent**

Right to Health

- **Right to the Highest Attainable Standard of Health**
 - **(Right to Health) General Comment 14 (2000)**
- **Based on UN Conventions on:**
 - **Civil and Political Rights**
 - **Economic, Social and Cultural Rights**
 - **Rights of the Child**
 - **Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination Against Women**

Right to Health

- **Undelying conditions**

- Water & sanitation
- Food
- Housing
- Clean environment
- Safe working conditions

- **Health care**

- Availability
- Accessibility
- Acceptability
- Quality

- **Accountability**

- **Participation**

- **Core obligations**

- **Progressive realization**



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**A Right to Health assessment of the Moria refugee camp on
Lesbos Island, Greece. January 2020**

Conclusions

- 1. The Right to Health for refugees in Moria camp is violated in most of its aspects, both the underlying conditions for health and health care**
- 2. NGO's working on Lesbos, including the dutch Boat Refugee Foundation should establish a coalition for the protection and advancement of human rights of the refugees on Lesbos**
- 3. Such a coalition should use international human rights facilities and communications, such as**
 - a. Provide input for parallel reports for periodic reviews for i.a. the Committee on Social, Economic and Cultural Rights, the Committe of the Right of the Child and the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination of Women**
 - b. Provide input and seek cooperation the the UN Special Rapporteur in the Right to Health,**
 - c. Approach European human rights institutions and procedures**

• <https://www.ifhhro.org/news/a-right-to-health-assessment-of-the-moria-refugee-camp-on-lesbos-island-greece/>

Working with UN mechanisms

- **Create coalition of NGO's and/or professional organizations**
 - (my exploration on Lesbos: no coalition, no initiative, even by lawyers)
- **Write and submit parallelreports to:**
 - **CESCR**
 - **CEDAW**
 - **CRC**
- **Communicate with the Special Rapporteur on the Right to Health**

Communication with the SR on the RtH

Dear Adriaan

Thank you for this message and for your huge efforts to address situation of refugees in Greece

I agree that it would be important to have a country mission with the focus on this very important issue.

I will explore this possibility. But I cannot promise that this will happen. There are many things that complicate decision like this. I need to have country missions to all regions, as my mandate is global, and European region is already over-represented in the list of accomplished country missions. I have already agreed on my next country mission to Ecuador this September. After then I even do not know if I have one more country mission at all, as my rapporteurship ends in the middle of next year. anyway, we shall see.

Thank you, again, for raising this issue and for the information you shared in this message

Best wishes

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Testimony dilemma

- **Testimony policy to improve, but exposure to suppression or expulsion**

versus

- **No-Testimony policy to secure presence and restrict to 'silent diplomacy'**



no borders.

JWS and parallel reporting

In our opinion the JWS should include in their work coalition building and submit parallel reports, working with UN mechanisms

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Schaduwrapportage

Werkgroep social economische mensenrechten

Johannes Wier Stichting

Second periodic report by the Kingdom of the Netherlands on the implementation of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child