



CARE: Common Approach for REFugees and other migrants' health

The CARE Project is a twelve month EU funded project, approved through a specific call under the Third Programme for the Union's action in the field of health (2014-2020)

The CARE project, coordinated by the Italian Institute for Health, Migration and Poverty (INMP), has been launched on April 2016, with the participation of a consortium, consisting of fifteen partners from five EU Member States (Italy, Greece, Croatia, Malta, and Slovenia).

The partnership consists of a broad and highly skilled mix of public health authorities and civil society organisations, all with scientific, policy and public health background, capable to ensure its general objective achievements, namely to promote and sustain the good health of migrants and refugees in EU Member States experiencing strong migration pressure.

In order to achieve its objectives, the CARE project will be implemented in close cooperation with national and local authorities of the involved Member States.

In 2015, 1,015,078 sea arrivals of migrants and refugees were documented in Greece, Italy, Malta and Spain (UNHCR). Such high figure has intensified the need for appropriate healthcare provision to migrants and refugees, particularly at the entry points, with a focus on specialised tools and health management processes. In this context, WHO strongly recommends ensuring that all migrants and refugees in need for health protection have access to healthcare, with an emphasis on the most vulnerable groups (i.e. minors, pregnant women, elderly). Overall, as the migration phenomenon is transnational, it is a top ranking priority and, therefore, there is a need for better cooperation and use of a common approach between health authorities and professionals over EU Member States, especially those facing the greatest burden of the migration crisis.

In this context, the CARE project aims to promote access to appropriate health care for migrants and refugees, through an integrated model for healthcare provision to be implemented in hotspots and migrants / refugees centres. The project activities are expected to increase coordination at EU level, promote cooperation between



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health practitioners and health authorities across Europe, as well as boost the development of valuable expertise, while supporting public health.

Main project instruments are: the multidisciplinary health approach to the migrants hosted in the hotspots and reception centres of Italy, Greece and Croatia participating in the project, the use of a portable device containing the migrant's health data, the monitoring of infectious disease risk through an operational platform and the holistic model for age determination for unaccompanied minors.

The CARE project is expected to obtain more appropriate health care deliveries, increased control of infectious disease risk at the early phase of migrant's hosting and better taking care of migrants' health over the European territory.

For more information

For more information on the project and the national partners, please visit www.careformigrants.eu

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