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Healthcare for refugees in hot spot Lesbos, Greece

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Greece is in deep financial crisis since 2009. In addition, Greece is the major recipient of refugees escaping the Middle East war zone. During 2015 approximately 1 million refugees crossed Greece toward their final destinations. Today approximately 55.000 refugees are trapped in Greece waiting for political decisions. During their journey, refugees encounter multiple health problems such as exhaustion, dehydration, malnutrition and opportunistic infections. Others suffering wounds from the war or victimized by human traffickers also need treatment. The temporary camps that host the refugees are often crowded and they do not offer appropriate hygiene and protection from environmental conditions. Major health problems are often left untreated. A new law was established recently for equal health care access for the immigrants to the National Public HealthCare System, as till now, NGOs are playing a vital role in Primary HealthCare for them. The EEU support is not so efficient as it lacks coordination although several European projects are held.