WHO/Europe action plan

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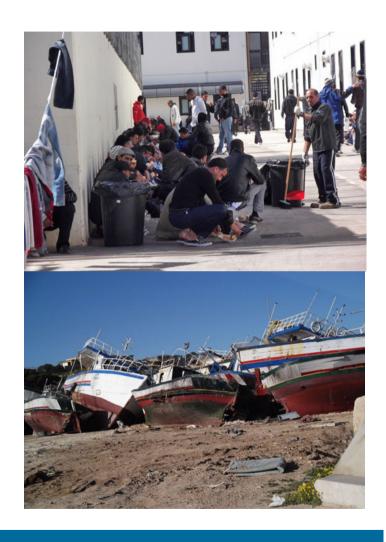
WHO support

- → WHO/EMRO provides significant and direct support to displaced populations in northern Africa, especially in Egypt, Tunisia and the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya
- → WHO/Europe provides technical support to Italy (including deployment of a Special Representative), Malta and Greece
- → Fact-finding missions conducted in Italy (Lampedusa and Sicily), Malta and Greece
 - In collaboration with <u>health ministries</u> and the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control
- Coordination with the European Commission <u>Directorate-General for Health and</u>
 <u>Consumers</u> (Health Security Committee)



Key findings of the missions

- → Country-specific problems:
 - Water and sanitation in Lampedusa, Italy
 - Limited health workforce and gaps in surge capacity in Malta
 - Severely overcrowded detention centres in Greece
- → Commonalities:
 - Need for consolidated international action and harmonized public health interventions



WHO/Europe action plan – 1

- → Support the preparedness efforts of local health systems

 (emergency preparedness plans, contingency plans of health facilities and assessment of the health needs of migrants with different disease patterns than the host population)
- → Support the coordination of preparedness and health response actions between ministries and health partners
- → Technical support on environmental health aspects (water and sanitation, food safety and waste management)

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- → Expert advice on public health operations disease surveillance, early warning and response system (jointly with the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control), chronic diseases and psychosocial support.
- → Health information, community mobilization, targeting public health messages to migrants
- → Communication support and media relations
- → Liaison and sharing information with WHO/EMRO and WHO headquarters



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- → Coordination with:
 - Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees,
 UNICEF, International Organization for Migration
 - European Commission
- → Intercountry coordination
 - Sharing country experiences
 - Harmonizing best practices in public health interventions



Country-specific action plan

→ Italy:

- Syndromic disease surveillance
- Water and sanitation
- Environmental management plan for camp settings
- Tuberculosis treatment strategy
- Psychosocial support services

→ Malta:

- International support to address health workforce gaps (such as nurses)
- Syndromic disease surveillance
- Tuberculosis treatment strategy
- Psychosocial support services

→ Greece

- Strengthening existing disease surveillance
- Tuberculosis treatment strategy
- Advocacy to improve overcrowding in detention centres
- Psychosocial support services



Thank you

