

SHELTERS & DAY-CENTERS

BY CLUB FOR UNESCO OF PIRAEUS AND ISLANDS

MAIN ISSUES OF THE PROJECT

- Reach the people that are the most in need (people living in poverty, the homeless, and disadvantaged youth, both Greek and people coming from abroad as immigrants or refugees)
- Provide them residential space, the first help they need
- Ensure them a safe environment (psychological support, healthcare, ...)
- Deliver them the necessary skills they will need to reintegrate into society, by receiving support on multiple levels (workshops, training to increase their skills, social assistance to find steady housing and employment opportunities in the community, ...)

GENERAL GOALS OF THE PROJECT

Economic : Not any economic goals for the NGO (because the not-for-profit organization Club for Unesco of Piraeus and Islands is totally self-financed through the use of donations, charity, personal funds and fundraisers organized by the NGO or by the tenants of the centers), except the goal to remain financially independent by allocating a budget consistent with the project Shelters & Day-centers and also consistent with the others NGO's projects budgets. Concerning the people they support, the project aims to improve their economic situation.

Social: Fight hunger and homelessness of disadvantaged people, improve their health, provide them free education and skills workshops, increase the employability of youth and reduce crime by helping people find a legal job.

Environmental : Have facilities friendly towards the environment with a zero-waste policy and instill these values to their beneficiaries

INTERVENTION AXES

(see tool 1)

Provide the facilities (residential spaces and day-centers) open to all disadvantaged people & the Material required to host them

Ensure tenants a good health in a safe environment

Give tenants the means to reintegrate lastingly the society instead of just providing shelters where people live for a while and then move elsewhere

EXAMPLE OF ACTIONS & RESOURCES REQUIRED

- Inform people about the possibilities in the shelters and the day centers
- Make deals and partnerships with multiple organizations to ensure a steady income of donations and material help with the facilities' needs (beds, towels, sheets, clothes, ...)

- Examine and support the people hosted by doctors and mental health professionals
- Include and keep the tenants with safety procedures, especially amplified by the Covid-19 crisis that imply masks and hydroalcoholic gel for example

- Provide language education, books and other media, craft workshops by expert volunteers
- Provide assistance to explore employment and housing opportunities by expert social workers

RESULTS OBTAINED

Economic : An increase of some economic markers of their beneficiaries such as lower food insecurity, higher leisure time and less stress

Social : The tenants of the shelter and day center have only had a 2-year 17% return rate, which means that the majority manage to stay out of the streets. The NGO is currently in the process of organizing a 5-year report on the employment, housing and criminal status of its past tenants.

Environmental : the NGO does not gather any data on the environmental impact of this project. However, the zero-waste policy ensures that any waste is recycled or sent for composting.

SDGs CONCERNED BY THE PROJECT

(see tools 2 & 3)

