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Message from the President of the HRC

Dear Red Cross Women,
Dear Red Cross Men,

The ever-accelerating pace of human life, coupled with successive changes and adjustments, shapes conditions that make vigilance and full readiness of the Hellenic Red Cross (HRC) indispensable. Our presence must bridge the gap between our steadfast principles and human needs. Ethically inspired by an idea and a vision, we aim to translate into action the prominence of the HRC by enhancing its historical trajectory and prospects during the current challenging international circumstances.

A systematic process of knowledge and expertise transfer, targeting the education and skill development of volunteers and staff, reveals the Red Cross's arsenal with disarming honesty and analytical clarity. The personalization of knowledge through training and specialization programs leverages experience, planning, and organization to translate knowledge and expertise into field practice.

Through innovative social interventions and pioneering actions of preventive and therapeutic significance, we stand alongside individuals in immediate need who reside in urban and peri-urban marginalized environments, providing a framework of protection and livelihood.

The cultivation of collective responsibility, continuous education, training, and expertise compose the mosaic of our Humanitarian Pyramid. Fully prepared and with sharpened reflexes, we took a pivotal role in combating the summer wildfires.

Through a comprehensive approach, supplementary support, and effective services



for migration, floods, and all natural disasters across Greece, the HRC—with its numerous employees and volunteers—underscores its dynamic activity.

I wish you all a Happy New Year, filled with creativity and progress. I also hope that we all experience a year full of love, solidarity, contribution, and the realization of the greatest vision: «A world that advances collectively through respect for human dignity and humanitarianism.»

With Red Cross greetings,

Dr. Antonios Avgerinos

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President of the Hellenic Red Cross**

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The Hellenic Red Cross Presents Results of Nationwide Public Opinion Survey by PULSE

The Hellenic Red Cross (HRC), as part of its ongoing efforts for development and innovation, conducted a nationwide survey regarding the dissemination and impact of its work on Greek society. The research was carried out by the renowned and credible research and polling company PULSE RC during the period June 18-20, 2024.

The survey results were presented at a press conference organized by the HRC on Wednesday, December 11, at the Divani Caravel Hotel. During the event, Dr. Antonios Avgerinos, President of the HRC, extensively discussed the

organization's regenerative journey and the innovative actions and programs it implements. The ultimate goal is for the HRC to serve as a safe harbor and a guarantee for Greek society.

The survey results were presented by Mr. George Arapoglou, General Director of PULSE RC. It is worth noting that the research was conducted free of charge by the company.

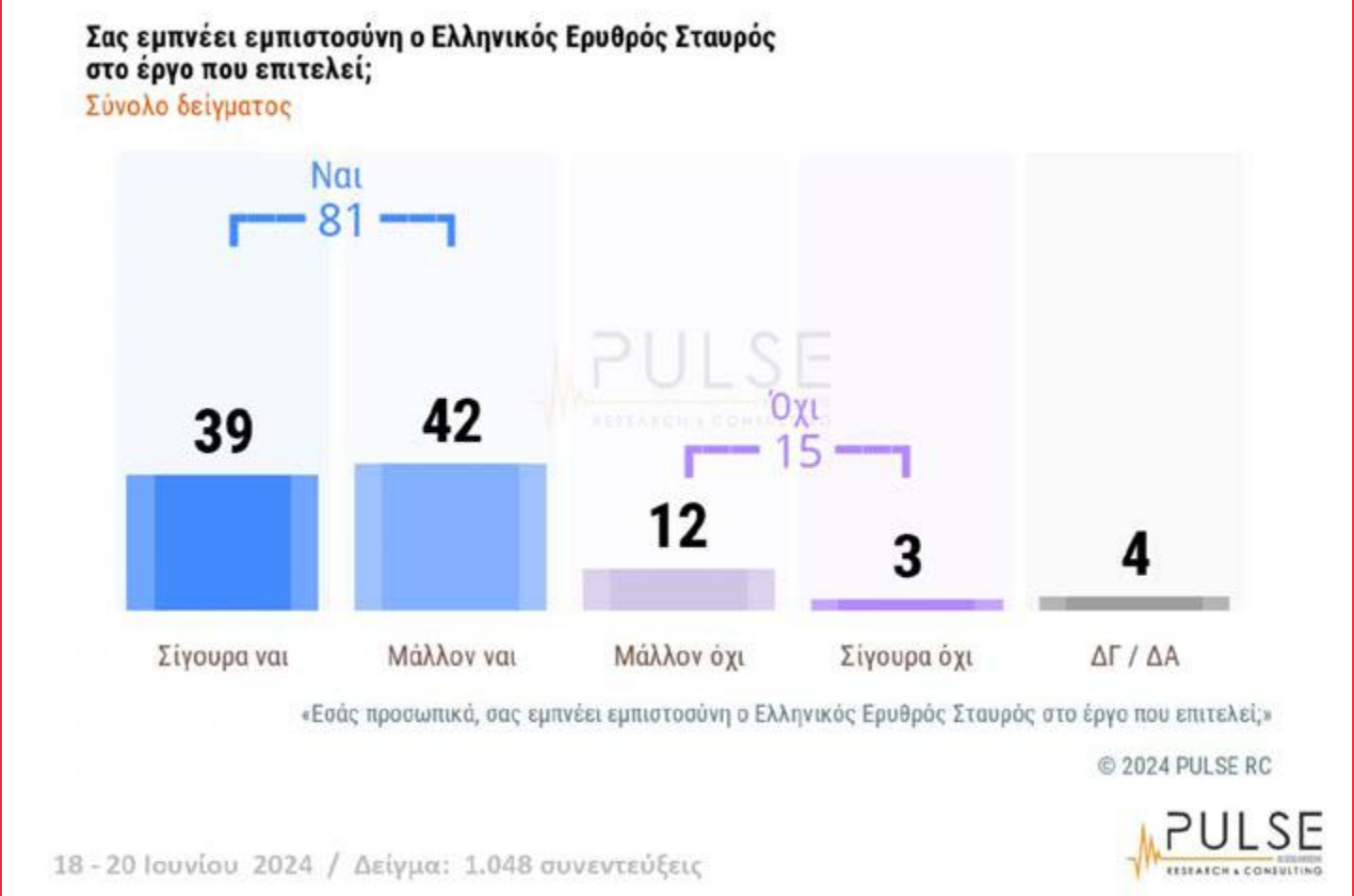
Key findings of the survey are as follows:

81% of respondents expressed trust in the work of the HRC, while **70%** believe the HRC carries

out activities that no other organization can implement. The HRC's role in social protection and responding to emergencies is considered particularly significant, with **83%** of respondents emphasizing its importance.

Additionally, **84%** of participants consider the HRC's efforts to educate the public on first aid highly important.

Nearly **6 out of 10** respondents have already supported the HRC in various ways, such as donating food, providing financial support, volunteering, or participating in blood donation initiatives.





Global Recognition of the Hellenic Red Cross's Participation in the International Campaign for Red Cross Victims in Conflict Zones

The Hellenic Red Cross (HRC) is participating in the global campaign of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, titled **#ProtectHumanity**. The campaign aims to raise awareness about the critical need to protect Red Cross volunteers and staff providing invaluable services under extremely adverse conditions and to honor the memory of 33 volunteers and staff members of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement who lost their lives in 2024 while performing their duties in conflict zones worldwide.

Volunteers and staff from all HRC sectors (Health, Social Welfare, Samaritan-Rescuers & Youth), wearing the organization's distinctive red vests and holding candles, gathered in the surroundings of Zappeion Hall to pay tribute to their fallen colleagues. They simultaneously sent a strong message advocating for the protection of volunteers and staff of National Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies worldwide.

Dr. Antonios Avgerinos, President of the HRC, stated:

«The memory of our fallen col-

leagues inspires and commits us to continue our multifaceted humanitarian work with even greater perseverance, selflessness, and passion. The fight to protect Red Cross volunteers and staff is a duty for all of us to ensure that the supreme values of humanitarianism, solidarity, and social contribution continue to illuminate the world.»

It is worth noting that the video showcasing the HRC's participation was recognized as the top and most popular video on the Federation's social media platforms.



The Hellenic Red Cross Delivered Massive Humanitarian Aid to the Lebanese Red Cross

The Hellenic Red Cross (HRC), always faithful to its humanitarian mission not only within Greece but also internationally, and recognizing the immense humanitarian crisis in the Middle East, sent significant humanitarian aid to the Lebanese Red Cross to support displaced populations temporarily residing in the country. Specifically, the HRC's human-

itarian shipment, delivered on New Year's Eve (December 31) via a cargo ship to the Port of Beirut, included blankets, long-lasting food supplies (such as canned goods, pasta), personal hygiene items (hand sanitizers, shampoos), medical supplies, and a large quantity of bottled water. This aid is already being distributed by the Lebanese Red Cross volunteers

and staff to displaced families in Lebanon.

The global dimension of the Hellenic Red Cross is acknowledged, magnified, and refracted worldwide through its continuous international humanitarian missions to assist those in real need.



The Hellenic Red Cross Organized a Major Event for Breast Cancer Awareness at Syntagma Square

With great success, the Hellenic Red Cross (HRC) organized an event at Syntagma Square, where hundreds of women received valuable information and practical training on breast cancer prevention. The event was attended by the HRC President, Dr. Antonios Avgerinos.

During the event:

- **263 women** were trained in breast self-examination

techniques.

- **54 women** underwent clinical examination and palpation performed by gynecologists and nurses of the HRC. These women also received free electronic prescriptions for screening tests (mammography, ultrasound), aiming for early detection.

The event included the distribution of hundreds of infor-

mational leaflets highlighting the importance of prevention, self-examination, and regular medical check-ups. Public response was impressive, with many women expressing gratitude for the opportunity to receive health education and preventive services in an open, accessible space.

The Hellenic Red Cross Organized a Grand Awareness and Education Event on Diabetes at Syntagma Square

On the occasion of World Diabetes Day, the Hellenic Red Cross (HRC) conducted a coordinated awareness and education initiative on diabetes on Saturday, November 16, 2024, at Syntagma Square. The event was attended by HRC President Dr. Antonios Avgerinos and General Secretary Mr. Georgios Skoumas. The HRC Health Sector, supported by its medical and nurs-

ing staff from various health services (Athens - Ano Liosia - Kallithea Health Education Stations, Home Nursing Services, and Mobile Health Units) and Health Sector volunteers, informed hundreds of citizens in central Athens about Type 1 diabetes, Type 2 diabetes, and gestational diabetes. The initiative included:

- Blood pressure checks.

- Rapid blood glucose tests.
- Referral of individuals with potential findings to the HRC's Primary Healthcare Services.
- Distribution of targeted educational printed materials.





Significant Distinctions at the Healthcare Business Awards 2024

The Hellenic Red Cross (HRC) achieved significant recognition at the Healthcare Business Awards 2024 (held on November 25), winning three awards for the multifaceted health services provided by the organization's Health Sector.

The award ceremony, held at the InterContinental Hotel on Monday evening (November 25), was attended by the President of the HRC, Dr. Antonios Avgerinos, General Secretary Mr. Georgios Skoumas, and representatives from the awarded HRC services.

Specifically, the Health Sector of the HRC was distinguished in the following categories:

- **Gold award** in the category «Patient Transfer Services» for the Accompanied Referrals Interpretation Program (ACC.REF).
- **Bronze award** in the category «At-Home Services» for the Athens Home Nursing Service.
- **Bronze award** in the category «Non-Healthcare Sector Organizations Contributing to

Health» for the Mobile Health Unit's TAKIDI Program (a campaign for the prevention and early detection of breast cancer in women across Greece).

These remarkable distinctions honor the immense daily contributions of the HRC's Health Sector to Greek society, through diverse human-centered actions and initiatives aimed at alleviating human suffering, promoting health, and supporting vulnerable social groups.

Dr. Antonios Avgerinos, President of the Hellenic Red Cross, Honored at the First AHEPA Awards

On Friday, November 29, 2024, the first-ever «AHEPA Awards» event was held at the Athenaeum InterContinental Hotel, organized by the largest organization of Greek expatriates, the American Hellenic Educational and Progressive Association (AHEPA). During the event, Dr. Antonios Avgerinos, President of the Hellenic Red Cross (HRC), was honored in recognition of the immense and multifaceted humanitarian work undertaken daily by

the HRC under his leadership. In his speech, Dr. Avgerinos highlighted the significant humanitarian challenges the HRC has faced in recent years, including conflicts in Ukraine and Palestine, the earthquake in Turkey-Syria, the Tempi train disaster, the shipwreck off Pylos, wildfires, and floods in Thessaly. He also commended the heartfelt and large-scale response of HRC volunteers and staff to these emergencies, both within Greece and interna-

tionally, emphasizing the HRC's integral role in Greek society. It is worth noting that AHEPA, the most historic expatriate organization, has undertaken a strategic initiative to support the HRC. In collaboration with sponsor companies, they established a state-of-the-art National Crisis Coordination and Management Center within the historic HRC building on 3rd September Street, further enhancing the organization's services.





The Hellenic Red Cross Had a Dynamic Presence at the 34th International Red Cross Conference in Geneva

The Hellenic Red Cross (HRC) made a strong impression at the 34th International Conference of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement in Geneva, held from October 28 to 31, 2024. During the event, the HRC showcased its multifaceted, diverse, and multidimensional humanitarian work. Hundreds of delegates representing National Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies from 191 countries became acquainted with the regenerative path the HRC

has charted and continues to pursue.

Dr. Antonios Avgerinos, President of the HRC, along with his associates, including the Head of International Relations and Partnerships, Ms. Thaleia Fonasaki, and the Head of the Press and Communications Office, Mr. Konstantinos Gavriilidis, provided clear and impactful presentations of the extensive daily work carried out by the HRC throughout Greece and

internationally.

Notably, Dr. Avgerinos engaged in warm and productive discussions with both Ms. Kate Forbes, President of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, and Ms. Mirjana Spoljaric, President of the International Committee of the Red Cross. Both leaders expressed high praise for the HRC's activities and initiatives.



The Hellenic Red Cross Launched a Specialized First Aid Program for Pharmacy Students at the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens

The Hellenic Red Cross (HRC), under a memorandum of cooperation with the Department of Pharmacy at the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens (NKUA), inaugurated a pioneering first aid training program tailored specifically for 8th-semester pharmacy students.

Addressing modern needs and demands, the HRC leverages the most innovative edu-

cational methods, combining theoretical knowledge with advanced practical training tools. The program includes:

- Basic Life Support (BLS)
- Primary Assessment and Management
- Hemorrhages and Trauma
- Musculoskeletal Injuries
- Burns
- Environmental Exposure Injuries

- Emergency Situations
- Parenteral Drug Administration

Through participation in this program, students gain essential practical skills for managing emergencies they may encounter as future healthcare professionals.

Dr. Antonios Avgerinos, President of the HRC, visited the training sessions and presented certificates of completion to students who successfully completed the program. His presence underscored the importance of first aid education and the HRC's unwavering commitment to supporting initiatives that enhance the preparedness of emerging healthcare professionals.



The Hellenic Red Cross Celebrated Universal Children's Day with a Festive Event at Syntagma Square

To mark Universal Children's Day, the Hellenic Red Cross (HRC) hosted a unique celebratory event for children and adults at Syntagma Square, attended by the HRC President, Dr. Antonios Avgerinos.

The event, which drew hundreds of participants, featured numerous creative activities, including an arts workshop for children of all ages and the decoration of a Christmas tree with wish cards. These activities were organized by social workers from the HRC's Social Welfare Sector with the support of Welfare Volunteers.

Additionally, hundreds of gifts were distributed to children supported by the HRC's social

structures and those who participated in the large-scale festive event.

During the celebration, children danced, sang, and enjoyed themselves to Christmas melodies played by a DJ. The entertainment for young attendees was enhanced by magician Toto, followed by a performance by the Philharmonic Orchestra of the Municipality of Athens, bringing joy and optimism. Artists Nikos Vellis and Sasa Papalabrou also voluntarily presented a festive musical program.

It's worth noting that the event was broadcast live by Athens 9.84 FM radio.



The Hellenic Red Cross Launched a Mobile Mental Health Unit

As part of the celebration of World Mental Health Day, the Hellenic Red Cross (HRC) organized a major event on Thursday, October 10, 2024, at Syntagma Square. The event marked the inauguration of the HRC's Mobile Unit for Psychosocial Support of Vulnerable Population Groups, with musical accompaniment provided by the band of the Municipality of Athens.

During the event, organized by the HRC's Social Welfare Sector:

- A participatory game

on recognizing and expressing emotions was conducted with **40 students** from the 3rd Elementary School of Tavros.

- Information was provided to citizens on the HRC's current programs and actions for psychosocial support, empowerment, and counseling, with an emphasis on services for individuals in precarious housing situations, the promotion of mental health, and Mental Health First Aid.

The event also included a blessing ceremony conducted by Father Vasileios Chrys-

opoulos, a representative of the Archbishop, along with the inauguration of the Mobile Psychosocial Support Unit. This took place in the presence of HRC President Dr. Antonios Avgerinos and numerous representatives of the country's political and state leadership.

The mobile unit is designed to travel across Greece, providing citizens with information about Mental Health First Aid, focusing particularly on the country's vulnerable social groups.





Once again, the Hellenic Red Cross (HRC) had a dynamic presence at the 41st Athens Authentic Marathon (November 10, 2024), providing healthcare coverage along the entire historic route.

Specifically, the HRC participated with:

- **Specialized nurses** at pre-hospital care stations.
- **170 Samaritan-Rescuers & Lifeguard volunteers** from across Greece, as well as Health Sector volunteers, who provided first aid for hundreds of incidents, including musculoskeletal injuries, dermatological issues, minor injuries, cardiopulmonary episodes,

The Hellenic Red Cross Played a Crucial Role in the 41st Athens Authentic Marathon

and fainting spells along the course up to the grand finish at the Panathenaic Stadium.

Rescue vehicles from the HRC patrolled continuously at key points along the Marathon route. Additionally, the Telecommunications Team, stationed at the Marathon Operations Center at the Hellenic Police Headquarters (GADA), kept volunteers and staff updated on new incidents across the course. HRC President Dr. Antonios Av-

gerinos and General Secretary Mr. Georgios Skoumas visited the volunteers at the Panathenaic Stadium, congratulating them on their exceptional contribution to yet another premier athletic event in the country. Notably, the Marathon's winner, Charalampos Pitsoilis, expressed his gratitude to the HRC volunteers and staff for the invaluable assistance provided to athletes.



Impressive Training for Samaritan-Rescuers & Lifeguards in Swiftwater Rescue

The five-day practical training (October 2-6) for eight Samaritan-Rescuers and Lifeguards of the Hellenic Red Cross (HRC) in the Nestos River, Xanthi, was successfully completed. The representative group included Samaritan-Rescuers from Athens, Xanthi, and Komotini.

Participants had the opportunity to apply their knowledge from prior theoretical training in realistic water rescue scenarios. During the inten-

sive training, they practiced:

- Proper use of rescue equipment in swiftwater and flood conditions.
- Standard procedures for rescuing individuals in danger.
- Techniques for approaching victims with rescue boats under exceptionally challenging conditions, in close collaboration with the Fire Service (EMAK), the Hel-

lenic Army, and other agencies.

Notably, this training adheres to the standards of RESCUE 3 INTERNATIONAL and leads to the acquisition of the "Swiftwater Rescue Technician (SRT)" certification, valid for three years. The training was made possible through the generous sponsorship of TRAS-TOR REIC, which covered the full cost of the program.





The Hellenic Red Cross Brought Gifts and Smiles to the Children of the Voula Rehabilitation and Recovery Unit for Children with Disabilities

Once again, the Hellenic Red Cross (HRC) created moments of joy and socialization for children hosted at the Voula Rehabilitation and Recovery Unit for Children with Disabilities (PAAPAV) by organizing a large festive event through its Social Welfare Sector. This year, the event included the participation of renowned singer Antonis Remos.

The celebration featured:

- Music from a DJ.
- A festive meal offered

by Social Welfare Volunteers of the HRC active at PAAPAV.

- The distribution of Christmas gifts in the presence of HRC President Dr. Antonios Avgerinos and Social Welfare Volunteers.

During the event, Antonis Remos performed several of his popular songs for the children, adding a special note of happiness.

For the second consecutive year, the Hellenic Association of Pharmaceutical Companies

(SFEE), as part of its social initiative "proSFEEroume" and its ongoing support of HRC's work and actions, donated health-care and medical supplies to address the increased recorded needs of the center.

The event was attended by:

- Mr. Olympos Papadimitriou, President of SFEE.
- Mr. Michalis Cheimonas, General Manager of SFEE.
- Ms. Maria Leontari, SFEE Communications Director.



The Hellenic Red Cross, in Collaboration with the Chefs Club of Attica "Acropolis," Offered Festive Meals to 250 Homeless People

The Hellenic Red Cross (HRC) extended a warm embrace to the homeless by organizing a large-scale festive action on Tuesday, December 24, 2024, in the historic center of Athens (outside the Thiseio station). This initiative supported vulnerable individuals by providing Christmas meals and items to protect against low temperatures. The action was launched on the initiative of HRC President Dr. Antonios

Avgerinos and executed in collaboration with the **Chefs Club of Attica "Acropolis."**

Specifically:

- Volunteers and staff from the HRC Social Welfare Sector, together with professionals from the Chefs Club of Attica, prepared and distributed warm festive meals and desserts.
- The event was accom-

panied by music from a DJ, bringing the joy of Christmas and creating a cheerful festive atmosphere.

- The HRC distributed gifts, including clothing items to protect against the cold (scarves, hats, gloves), and Christmas cards written by HRC volunteers.



The Hellenic Red Cross Supported Those Affected by the Devastating Floods in Rhodes

The mobilization of the Hellenic Red Cross (HRC) Samaritan-Rescuers in response to the extensive damage caused by the floods in Rhodes was remarkable.

The tireless volunteers from the HRC Rhodes Branch participated in numerous rescues

of residents during the flooding. In the days that followed, they carried out multiple water pumping operations in the affected areas while providing first aid and essential items to those impacted.

The volunteers delivered humanitarian aid, including es-

sential supplies and clothing, door-to-door. Additionally, using rescue vehicles, they facilitated the transportation of numerous chronically ill residents to hospitals in the area to ensure they could receive the necessary treatments.





The Hellenic Red Cross Opened a First Aid Station at the Athens Court of Appeal

The inauguration of the new First Aid Station of the Hellenic Red Cross (HRC) at the Athens Court of Appeal was successfully held on Wednesday, December 18, 2024. The station, located on the third floor of the court, operates from Monday to Friday, 8:30 AM to 2:30 PM.

Equipped with modern medical tools and staffed by specialized nursing personnel from

the HRC Health Sector, the station aims to provide immediate assistance and ensure the health and safety of visitors and staff at the courthouse. The inauguration was attended by:

- Dr. Antonios Avgerinos, President of the HRC, who emphasized that establishing the First Aid Station at the Athens Court of Appeal demonstrates

the HRC's commitment to delivering timely and high-quality first aid services to the hundreds of daily visitors to the courthouse.

- Ms. Sofia Lignou, President of the Three-Member Council of Administration at the Athens Court of Appeal, whose initiative led to the establishment of the station.

The President of the Hellenic Red Cross Welcomed the Minister of Health and the Deputy Minister of Development to the National Crisis Coordination and Management Center

On December 18, 2024, the Minister of Health, Mr. Adonis Georgiadis, and the Deputy Minister of Development, Ms. Zoe Rapti, visited the emblematic historic building of the Hellenic Red Cross (HRC) on 3rd September Street in Athens, which now houses the National Crisis Coordination and Management Center of the HRC. This cutting-edge facility is designed for the efficient management of humanitarian and

natural crises.

During the visit, the Minister and Deputy Minister were extensively briefed on the center's capabilities and functions, particularly regarding its specialized services in healthcare, especially for remote and isolated areas, as well as for citizens with chronic illnesses.

The demonstration of the center's functions was conducted

by the President of Eyeonix SA, Mr. Nikos Chatzi. It is noteworthy that the center is equipped with advanced communication and monitoring systems, enabling immediate coordination of rescue operations, humanitarian aid, and crisis management.



On Monday, December 16, 2024, the Hellenic Red Cross (HRC) successfully organized a seminar titled "Tracing: The Timeless Contribution of the Hellenic Red Cross & Contemporary Challenges" in the packed Ilissos Hall at the Divani Caravel Hotel. The event was held under the auspices of the Ministry of Justice.

The seminar was attended by HRC President Dr. Antonios Avgerinos, General Secretary Mr. Georgios Skoumas, distinguished members of the political leadership, renowned scientists, representatives of security bodies, and officials from all entities associated

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Deputy Minister of Social Cohesion and Family, representing the Prime Minister of Greece.

- Ms. Niki Kerameos, Minister of Labor and Social Security.
- Ms. Zoe Rapti, Deputy Minister of Development.

- Mr. Georgios Stamatis, MP and HRC Samaritan-Rescuer.
- Mr. Stylianos Kostarellos, Deputy Prosecutor of the Supreme Court.
- Colonel GES Mr. Doxakis Komitis.
- Ms. Ourania Kouzeli,



with the HRC's Tracing Service. The seminar aimed to recognize and scientifically interpret the increasing challenges faced by the HRC's Tracing Service, to provide updates, and to share good practices and state-of-the-art technologies in addressing this sensitive social issue.

The event included addresses from:

- Ms. Katerini Papakosta,

- Mr. Georgios Stamatis, Member of Parliament and HRC Samaritan-Rescuer volunteer.
- Mr. Pelopas Laskos, General Secretary of the Ministry of Justice, who officially inaugurated the seminar. The seminar was moderated and presented by journalist Ms. Eleni Chrona.
- Key speakers included:
 - Ms. Sofia Voultepsi, Deputy Minister of Migration.

- Appeals Court President.
- Professor Emmanouel Pikoulis from the School of Medicine at the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens.
- Forensic expert Mr. Konstantinos Kouvaris.
- Ms. Maria Liandri, Head of the HRC's Tracing Service.
- Representatives of Greece's security forces (Police, Coast Guard, Fire Brigade)

The Hellenic Red Cross Hosted the 20th Mediterranean Youth Conference of the Red Cross/Red Crescent "Atlantis"

From September 27 to October 2, 2024, the Youth Sector of the Hellenic Red Cross (HRC), under the initiative of its President, Dr. Antonios Avgerinos, organized the **20th Mediterranean Youth Conference of the Red Cross and Red Crescent "Atlantis"** in Mati, Attica. The event conveyed a hopeful message about fostering a healthy and empowered youth.

The HRC provided an opportunity for young

volunteers and future leaders from 17 National Societies (including the struggling National Societies of Lebanon and Palestine) to exchange experiences and perspectives on the mission and future of the Red Cross/Red Crescent Movement. Additionally, participants received training on key issues for young people, such as climate change, mental health, and safe internet usage.

The opening ceremony,

which celebrated 100 years of continuous service by the Youth Sector, featured performances by youth volunteers from the HRC's Nea Smyrni Branch. During the conference, participants were also introduced to innovative HRC programs, such as **"First Aid for Dogs"** and **"Sports Lifesaving"**.



The Hellenic Red Cross Organized a Unique Christmas Celebration for Children from Vulnerable Families

On Monday, December 9, 2024, the Hellenic Red Cross (HRC) and the city's radio station Athens 9.84 brought joy, hope, and optimism to 120 children from vulnerable families supported by HRC's social welfare structures. The event took place at the Miltiadis Evert Amphitheater in the Technopolis of the Municipality of Athens, in the presence of HRC President Dr. Antonios Avgerinos, Athens 9.84 President Mr. Nikos Laliotis, and numerous representatives of the country's political and state leadership.

The children supported by the Minors' Shelter Center, the Social Tutoring Program, and the Multifunctional Refugee Center

of Athens, all part of the HRC's Social Welfare Sector, experienced the Christmas spirit through a theatrical performance of "Scrooge, A Christmas Carol," based on the timeless story by Charles Dickens.

Following the performance, a short event was held for the children, where they were offered Christmas treats and gifts generously donated by employees of Procter & Gamble, a long-time supporter of the HRC's humanitarian work.

The event was attended by:

- Reverend Father Konstantinos Fergadiotis, representing the Archbishop.

- Deputy Minister of Migration Ms. Sofia Voultepsi.
- Deputy Regional Governor of Central Athens Mr. Konstantinos Zombos.
- Secretary General for Social Solidarity and Combating Poverty Mr. Pyrros Prodromos.
- Ms. Loukia Tzekaki, Director of Corporate Communications for P&G Central and Southeast Europe, along with P&G staff who, once again, brought joy to the children supported by the HRC's social structures.



The Hellenic Red Cross Organized a Grand Theatrical Performance for Children and Adults

Despite adverse weather conditions, a large crowd enthusiastically attended the magical theatrical performance organized by the Hellenic Red Cross (HRC) for children and adults, titled: "Handmade Christmas: This Year We Celebrate with What We Have". The event took place on Sunday, December 22, 2024, on the Main Stage of the Christmas Village at Pedion tou Areos.

Dr. Antonios Avgerinos, Presi-

dent of the HRC, attended the event and warmly thanked the volunteers for their touching efforts throughout the season to bring smiles to children.

The performance, organized by the HRC's Mobile Theatre Group of Social Welfare Volunteers, offered children and their families a heartfelt Christmas story that promoted empathy, solidarity, and creativity.

The show was complemented

by beloved Christmas songs performed by the Children's and Youth Choir of St. Spyridon, Corfu, under the direction of conductor Ms. Christina Kalliaridou. The script and direction were by Rafaela Martinez, while the set design and costumes were created by HRC staff and volunteers from the Social Welfare Sector.



Εκπαίδευση πολιτών στις Πρώτες Βοήθειες Ψυχικής Υγείας

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