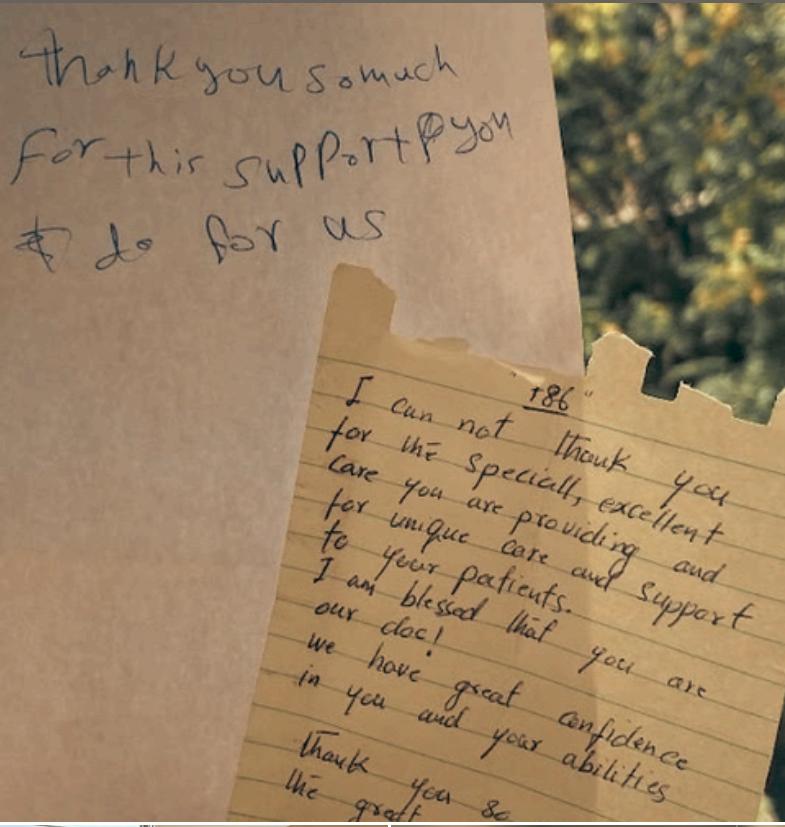


Greece

2025



Greece Project

Mobile Medical Units

Context

Recent European and national restrictive policies have led to a **reduction in camps** and to the **termination of refugee housing programs**. At the same time, the public healthcare system faces **severe shortages in staff and equipment**, and many NGOs have been forced to halt their programs due to insufficient funding.

Within the camps, **access to healthcare is limited by many barriers** : harsh living conditions, a lack of doctors and interpreters, and the cost of treatment. Undocumented people fear approaching public hospitals because of the risk of arrest—even in emergencies.

Choosing the right partner

Since 2018, the French NGO **Med'EqualiTeam** has been providing **free, professional, high-quality medical care** to displaced and vulnerable populations.

Its mission is to **bridge critical gaps in healthcare access**, believing that basic care should be available to all.

The organization worked for three years on the Greek island of Samos, supported refugees from Ukraine in Poland, and deployed an emergency response in Libya after the floods. Since late 2023, a **mobile unit has been operating in northern Greece**.

Our commitment

In response to this situation, and due to the **growing urgency on the field**, Van For Life decided to become involved **starting January 1st, 2025**. Thanks to our rapid and targeted approach, we mobilized our logistical resources to **strengthen the existing setup and increase its impact**. **Pooling our capacities with our partner significantly expands access to healthcare where it is most fragile**.

Objectives

In line with our values and with fundamental human rights, **it is unacceptable that in 2025, on Europe's migration routes, people remain at risk simply because they cannot access healthcare.** We therefore combine **medical and logistical expertise** to provide primary health services in an equal, sustainable, and effective way.



Improve access to healthcare

By providing free primary medical care: consultations with interpreters and essential first-line treatments.



Reduce barriers to health services

By overcoming camp isolation, economic and language barriers, and the fear of local authorities.



Strengthen local capacities and develop a network

By training partner-NGO volunteers and community members, improving coordination between actors, and building a sustainable support network.

Our **medical team** consists of **5–8 volunteer** healthcare professionals, supported by **3 volunteer coordinators** managing the organizational aspects. They are supervised by the **project coordinator**, herself a general practitioner. **Interpreters** assist with all medical activities, while field operations are managed by a dedicated **logistics team**.



Supported activities

Medical care

Our **mobile clinic** allows us to reach people directly **where needs are highest** and to provide **medical expertise** on site. Beyond **immediate treatment**, our consultations include basic pharmacy services, medical advice, and referrals when necessary.

Triage and reception :

- Reduced waiting times
- Efficient identification of urgent cases

Translation :

- On-site interpretation by trained refugee volunteers
- Remote interpretation through our partner Tarjimly

Consultations & treatments :

- High-quality, adapted medical care
- Accessible to all
- Special attention to women and children



Health education program

For long-term improvement, we aim to strengthen local capacities and empower community members through health-education sessions and First Aid training. These activities target volunteers and vulnerable groups and are delivered in the facilities of nine partner NGOs.

Health Education :

- Topics chosen with the community: women's health, mental health, healthy living, basic medical guidance

First Aid training :

- Two levels of skills: life-saving actions, adult and pediatric CPR



Med'Equali Team

Results



5931 patients received since the start of the project



39 % are **women**



25% are **minors**



10% are under **4 years old**



96% felt their **medical needs** **were met**



92% felt listened to during consultation



99 training **sessions delivered**



668 community **members trained**



435 volunteers **trained**

More than **60 international volunteers** and **7 community members** made these results possible!



Next steps

Expanding the existing network ...

Improving access to healthcare



Building on the successful missions of Van For Life and Med'EqualiTeam, our goal is to increase the number of mobile units so we can reach even more vulnerable populations.

Optimizing resources



By combining our skills and operational capacities, we maximize our impact in the field while ensuring the most efficient use of available resources.

Awareness and advocacy



Together, we strengthen our voice with donors, institutions, and the public by highlighting the living conditions faced by refugees and the importance of free access to medical care.

WHAT WE NEED TO GO FURTHER



A full-time Van For Life coordinator



Purchase of a second vehicle



Next steps

... and expanding to other countries

Access to healthcare and essential goods is worsening in many regions :

- **120 million** people were **forcibly displaced in 2024**
- **116 million** were deprived of essential services
- **307 million** require **humanitarian aid and protection** this year

The combination of our expertise and our proven experience has led us to develop a strategy to **deploy additional mobile units** in new areas of intervention, such as **Lebanon**, **Tunisia**, and the **Balkan Route**, logical extensions along major paths of exile.

REQUIREMENTS TO EXPAND OUR WORK



Fund exploratory missions



Assess needs on the ground to provide adapted responses



Strengthen our funding base to ensure long-term continuity across all projects

