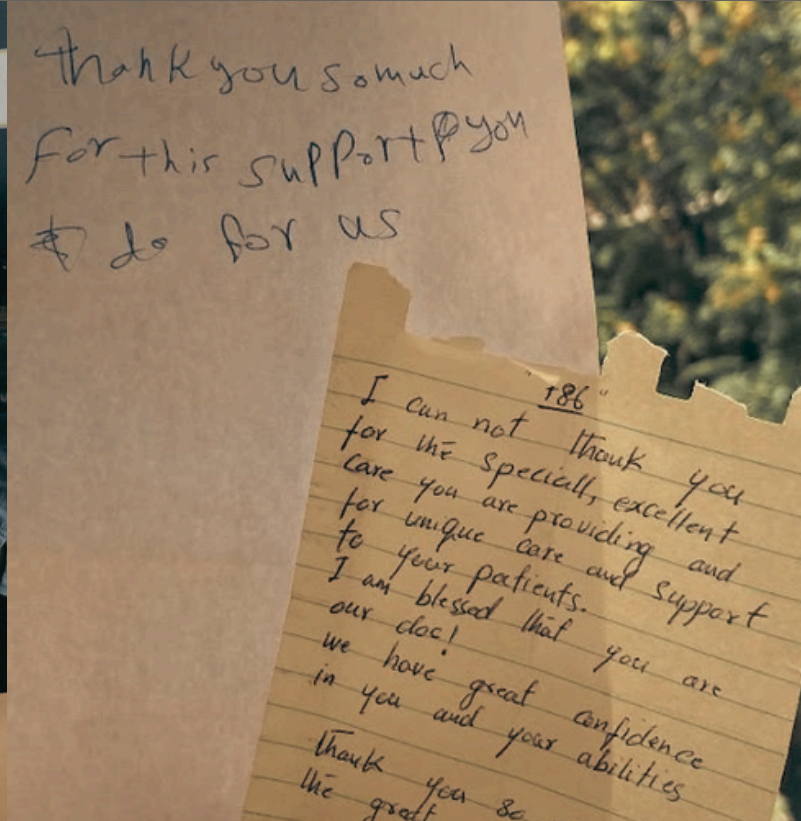


Greece

Mobile medical unit



Context

European and national restriction policies in recent years have led to a **reduction in the number of camps** and the **end of accommodation programs** for refugees. At the same time, the public healthcare system is facing **severe shortages of staff and equipment**, and many organizations have had to halt their programs due to insufficient funding.

Within the camps, **barriers to accessing healthcare are numerous** : **difficult living conditions, lack of doctors and translators, cost of treatments, and more**. Undocumented individuals are often afraid to turn to the public hospital system due to the risk of arrest, even in emergency situations.

Choice of partner

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

Its mission is to bridge critical gaps in access to healthcare, based on the belief that basic medical care should be available to everyone.

The organization has worked for three years on the Greek island of Samos, in Poland to support Ukrainian refugees, and carried out an emergency project in Libya following the floods. Since late 2023, **a mobile unit has been operating in the north of the country**.

Our commitment

To respond to this situation and the **growing urgency on the ground**, Van For Life has chosen to get involved as of **January 1, 2025**.

Given our ability to act quickly and in a targeted manner, we have mobilized our logistical resources to **strengthen the existing system and enhance its impact**.

By combining resources with our partner, **we significantly increase access** to healthcare where it is most fragile.

As part of this effort, **Van for Life has provided a vehicle** and covers all associated costs.

Objectives

In line with our values and fundamental human rights, **it is not acceptable that in 2025, on Europe's roads, people are put at risk due to lack of access to healthcare.** Therefore, we will deploy our **medical and logistical expertise** to meet primary healthcare needs in an equitable, sustainable, and effective way.



Improve access to healthcare

By providing free basic medical care : in-person consultations with translators and primary treatment.



Reduce barriers to healthcare access

By addressing the isolation of camps, as well as economic and language barriers, and the fear of local authorities.



Strengthen local capacities and develop a network

By training NGO volunteers and community members, improving coordination among stakeholders, and building a sustainable network.

Our **medical team** consists of **5 to 8 volunteer healthcare professionals**, supported by **3 volunteer coordinators** responsible for various organizational aspects. They are supervised by the **project coordinator**, who is also a **general practitioner**. **Translators** also provide support in our medical activities. Field operations are organized by a team of **logistics specialists**.



Supported activities

Medical care

Our **mobile clinic** allows us to operate **as close as possible to where needs are greatest** by bringing our **medical expertise** directly to the field. In addition to **immediate care**, our consultations include pharmaceutical services, medical advice, and referrals when necessary.

Consultations & treatments



- Tailored, high-quality care
- Accessible to all
- Special attention to women and children

Translation



- In-person with volunteer refugees
- Online through our partner Tarjimly

Triage system



- Reduced waiting time
- Effective identification of urgent cases

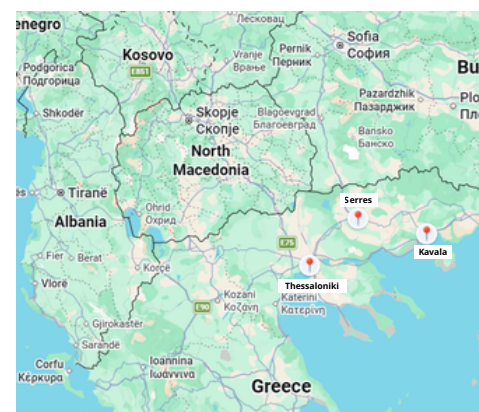


With a **continuous adaptation to field needs**, our **areas of intervention evolved throughout 2025**. In the first half of the year, activities took place in Thessaloniki, Lagkadikia, and Ioannina. Following a **field assessment**, intervention zones were adjusted starting in July 2025 toward Thessaloniki, Serres, and Ioannina. **Since January 2026, operations have been focused on Thessaloniki, Serres, and Kavala.**

Field partners



- **Thessaloniki** : Wave Center
- **Serres** : Lifting Hands International
- **Kavala** : Northern Light Aid
- **Ioannina** : Habibi.Works & BeAwareAndShare
- **Lagkadikia** : IHA



Supported activities

Health education program

To achieve **long-term improvement**, we aim to **strengthen local capacities**, **empower** communities, and ensure sustainability through health education sessions and first aid training. These are **designed for volunteers and vulnerable populations**, and are delivered across the facilities of **9 partner NGOs**.

Health education



- Intended for **community members** as well as field **volunteers**
- **Topics chosen by the community: women's health, mental health, hygiene, and basic medical advice**
- Delivered through **9 partner NGOs**

First aid



- Intended for **community members** as well as field **volunteers**
- **2 competency levels**
- **Emergency response techniques, cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), for both adults and children**
- **Sessions adapted** to the specific contexts of centers and audiences
- Delivered through **9 partner NGOs**



Results 2023-2026

Consultations & patients



6867 patients treated

37 % of patients are **women**

22% are **minors**

9% are under **4 years old**



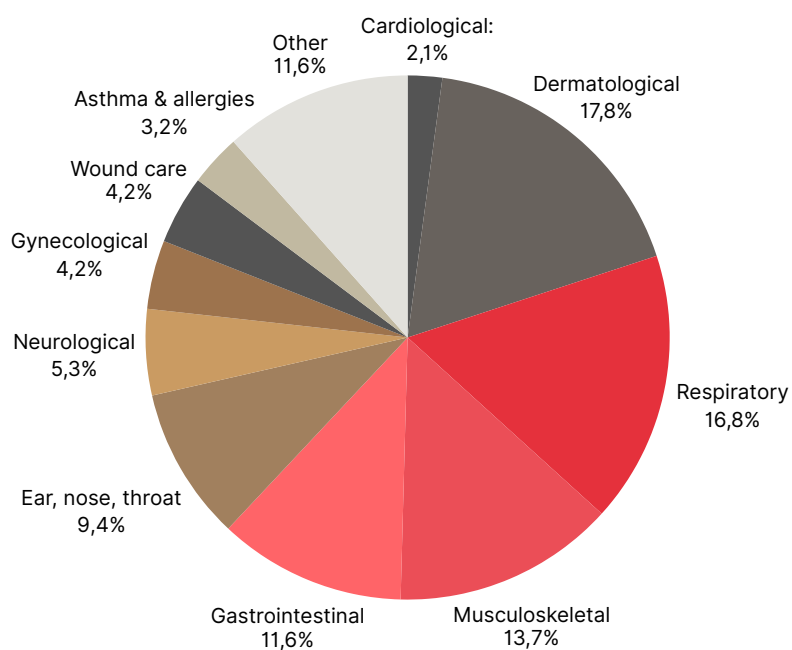
89% felt their **medical needs** were met

98% felt **heard** and **listened to**

96% appreciated the **location of** our clinics

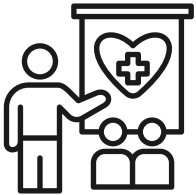


Categories & proportions of treated conditions



Results 2023-2026

Health education program



113 sessions delivered, including :

- **66 First Aid trainings** (9 partner NGOs)
- **43 health education sessions** (5 partner NGOs)
- **4 focus group**

769 community members trained

477 volunteers trained



97% considered First Aid trainings **relevant** to their work and/or context

97% rated health education sessions as “**very interesting**” or “**quite interesting**”

98% of participants felt **more comfortable with the topic** after the session

Team



120 international volunteers

20 community volunteers



Priorities 2026

Although this project has already **largely demonstrated its impact and importance**, funding allocated to humanitarian projects within the European Union remains insufficient.

Our organizations are therefore striving to **sustain this project and continuously adapt it to the evolving needs on the ground**, in order to keep primary healthcare and fundamental human rights accessible to all, while preserving the physical and psychological integrity of every individual.

NEEDS TO GO FURTHER



A full-time Van for Life coordinator



Purchase of a new vehicle



Strengthening financial resources



Funding exploratory missions and needs assessments



Hiring a Greek doctor



Your support - Our action

Supporting Van For Life means taking real action.

Van For Life was born from a citizen movement, from women and men who **refused to remain spectators in the face of humanitarian emergencies**. Since our first convoys to Ukraine, and through all our expanding operations in other countries where people are suffering, every action has been made possible thanks to this **collective commitment**.

Your support is our strength: it allows us to act quickly, to go where others do not, and to respond where needs are greatest.

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