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### Feedback Review Refugee





In The Loop explores the concerns and perceptions of people affected by the EU refugee crisis. Internews documents online and offline feedback gathered from refugees and migrants on a daily basis. By providing analysis of this feedback, the review aims to strengthen accountability and close the feedback loop by giving voice to Persons of Concern.

### **HARD DRUGS AVAILABILITY IN** SITES: "EVERYBODY IS ADDICTED HERE'

In certain sites, refugee and migrants complain about the high availability of drugs. They told ITL that some hard drugs such as opium are easily accessible, sometimes even at than outside (a couple of euros for a single dose). The detrimental consequences of drugs consumption are a top concern for respondents, and they don't know how to deal with it.

We can find many kinds of drugs here. You know those drugs you cannot find in the whole country but you can find them here, at a cheaper price. Most of the young guys who have nothing to do, they sleep during the day and at night they use drugs

- Afghan male, 18-25, Malakasa

This place has ruined our lives. My husband was a good man, he's an addict now. All this pressure has ruined him. He uses a lot of opium and is always out of it. - Afghan female,

26-35, Malakasa

Everybody is addicted to some sort of drug here. At first there were a lot of healthy, strong, young men. Now they are all trouble making, depressed, criminal addicts.

Afghan female, 26-35, Malakasa

## **PSYCHOSOCIAL HEALTH:** "WE ARE ALL DYING **SLOWLY HERE'**

Many refugee and migrants reported to ITL their acute state of desperation. They explained that their stranded situation, combined with a complete lack of information on future perspectives, has be-come unbearable. It is trigger-ing heavy psychological disorders. Some of them reported some tragic suicide events.

> We are all dying slowly here, both literally and metaphorically. We don't know when we're leaving.

- Morrocan male, 26-35, Moria

> I don't remember how long I've been here. I don't even remember when we arrived or how. I'm losing my memory. But I'm not the only one, most people in the camp are losing their mind too.

Afghan female, 36-49, Malakasa

We've reached the suicide point. Death is far better than what we are going through right now. Morrocan male, 26-35, Moria

# SINGLE MEN IN **SUPPORT US"**

Young single men in sites reported to ITL suffering a differthe residents. They say they feel overlooked and excluded in the camp, with no opportunities or support given to them ment. Some reported that the lack of activities available to young men is driving up drugs

We have talents, but there is no NGO to support us. All the no support for the young generation.

Afghan male, 18-25,

Malakasa

The single guys they have nothing to do here, they really feel so bad and tired and their mind

is being destroyed.
- Afghan male,
18-25, Malakasa

All the single guys no activities for us, no programs. And that's why most of them are using drugs, because they feel hopeless.

Afghan male, 18-25, Malakasa

SITES: "NO ONE

possibilities are given to women and children; the single guys are nothing in Europe. It is the same in Afghanistan, there is

Psychosocial health 11%

gender:

have some psychological problems. There are sport and no education

This issue of In The Loop is based on 158 interactions recorded by Internews Refugee Liaison Officers and Social Media Editors. Interactions are documented in line with a set of common standards, and themes are developed inductively using content analysis techniques. A combination of general and unique themes is presented in order to represent dominant concerns and highlight minority voices.



language:

51% Arabic Farsi

**WHO AND** WHERE

144

face-toface

14

online

FACE-TO-FACE INTERACTIONS

age:

16 - 25

26 - 35

36 - 49

locations:

**FACE-TO-FACE** 

& ONLINE INTERACTIONS

23

17

Security

and NFIs 8%

Food

conditions 10%