**SNAPSHOT OF CONDITIONS IN VIAL CCAC ON CHIOS ISLAND**

**(**for those of us who eat and sleep well in our warm homes, who have not experienced the trauma of war or persecution and the dangerous journey to find safety, it is difficult to imagine the additional trauma, insecurity, anxiety and physical hardship of living in a closed ‘camp’.)

**1. Backlog Issues:**

* 480 general registrations and 326 medical registrations pending.
* Main causes: High number of arrivals and interpreter shortages.

**2. Unaccompanied Minors (UAM):**

* Only 5 of 128 UAMs fully registered due to unresolved guardianship issues.
* Discussions included approaching the Prosecutor.

**3. Expulsions from the CCAC ‘camp’**

* 15-20 individuals expelled for refusing mandatory transfers, now homeless.
* Rising trend as misinformation spreads about faster processing on Chios.

**Impact on those who are expelled**

* further delays at various stages of their asylum process.
* loss of government support (housing, food, and financial assistance)
* homelessness and destitution

**4. Health Care Crisis:**

* **Severe shortage of medical staff** (no doctors), no supplies of some medications for chronic conditions, only basic medication available.
* **Inadequate system for hospital appointments and transportation to and from the hospital (7 kms from the CCAC).**
* General **lack of essential supplies** (blankets, sleeping arrangements on floors).
* **Limited electricity**: Repairs expected by late November.

**5. Delay in processing applications = longer periods of detention.**

* **Postponement of key interviews** for months ahead without clear notice (lack of interpreters).
* **Short notice for rescheduled interviews** (24 hours), no time for legal assistance in preparation.
* **Delays in decision notification and appeal submissions.**