

## Clowns Nudging Experiential Learning in Crisis Environments

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## Emergency Smile

Tailor-made activities that address the specific needs of crisis-affected people, in particular children.

Main goals:

- To facilitate play in crisis situations
- To provide psychosocial support
- To convey important life skills
- To increase resilience and empower individuals

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## Emergency Smile – Jordan

In cooperation with Save the Children - Jordan

- Involved children in refugee camps and host communities
- Supported the education programme and the “Back to School” campaign of StC
- Implemented through shows and workshops for children and youth



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## Emergency Smile – Ukraine

In cooperation with IFRC, URCS, YMCA and Caritas

- Involved IDP children, children with disabilities and children from challenging socio-economic backgrounds.
- Focus on psychosocial support and well-being of children
- Families were also involved when possible, as well as IFRC volunteers
- Clown shows and workshops



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## Emergency Smile - Greece

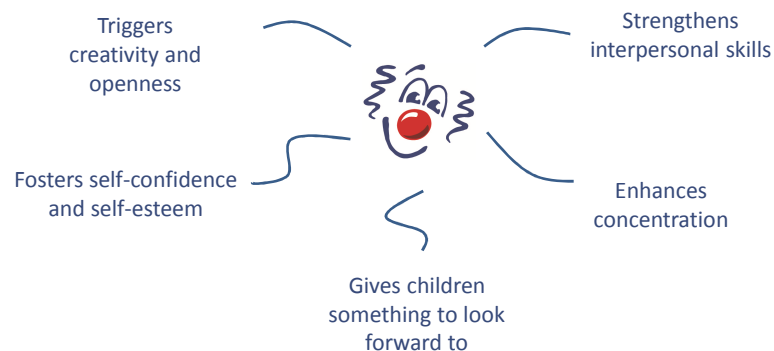
In cooperation with IFRC and Hellenic RCS

- Focus on children in refugee camps in Greece
- Transmission of WASH related-content and address topics related to behaviour and violence
- Implemented through parades, shows and workshops

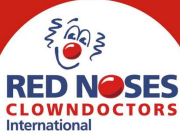


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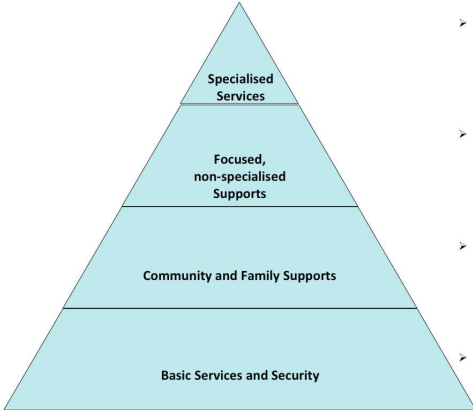
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- Complex psychological, psychiatric or social interventions
- Targeted programmes by trained persons for specific issues
- Resuming existing social practices or support to new ones
- Support to ensuring practical needs are addressed in ways that enhance wellbeing and not opposite

Source: IASC MHPSS Guidelines "Pyramid" (2007)

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## Emergency Smile – lessons learned

- Through play and humour, important life skills can be successfully conveyed:
 

Empathy  
 Interpersonal relationships  
 Effective communication  
 Express emotions  
 Think creatively  
 Solution finding

Children are invited to actively participate in play - that is when the magic starts, when a spark of happiness fills the air!

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