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Press Release

Free-of-charge vaccination for children in Perama
*Continuing partnership between MITERA Children's Hospital
and the NGO Doctors of the World*

HYGEIA Group's free-of-charge vaccination program for the children visiting the NGO Doctors of the World-Greece Medical Clinic in Perama has been running successfully for one year and approximately 1000 children have been vaccinated during this time.

On Thursday November 8, 2012, a group of representatives from MITERA Children's Hospital, a member of HYGEIA Group, delivered the fourth and final batch of vaccines for 2012 to the Medical Clinic. The batch included 8 different types of vaccines (300 in total), for the following diseases: diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, poliomyelitis, haemophilus influenza, rubella, parotitis, chickenpox, and hepatitis A & B.

The free-of-charge vaccination program for the children visiting the Doctors of the World Medical Clinic in Perama was launched at the end of 2011 with the aim of addressing the needs of children who – due to the adverse economic conditions – have lost one of their fundamental rights: that of access to healthcare and pharmaceutical care.

Mr Nikitas Kanakis, Chairman of the Doctors of the World-Greece Board, noted, "In these tough times and during this huge recession, the support of HYGEIA Group sets an example. Child vaccination is a right, not a privilege, and protecting the children should be a top priority for all."

On her part, HYGEIA Group's CEO, Ms Areti Souvatzoglou, stated, "In these difficult times, it is our duty to support the children, the most vulnerable population group. The free-of-charge vaccination program has fulfilled the needs of about 1000 children who had been deprived of access to standard immunization. Besides, for us at MITERA Children's Hospital, children are the center of our universe. In the almost 10 years it has been operating, MITERA Children's Hospital, the most comprehensive tertiary children's healthcare provider in Greece, has been standing by children and their families with respect and a sense of responsibility, fully addressing all their needs."