



SYMPLEFSI PRESENTATION – SPONSORSHIP PROPOSAL

WHAT IS SYMPLEFSI





An Organization...

aiming to support and improve the living conditions of the residents of the remote Greek islands. Symplefsi, on a purely voluntary basis, organizes activities throughout the year, aiming to provide the maximum possible contribution to the remote islands.

Our People

More than 100 volunteers (half of which are doctors and nurses) that participate in our activities, contributing significantly in our efforts.



OUR MISSION

The improvement of the living conditions of the residents of the remote Greek islands through, primarily, the provision of medical examinations free of charge, the realization of infrastructure works, the support of the educational functions with electronic and educational equipment and supplies, and additionally the carrying out of various events ranging from prevention (anti-smoking, breast cancer, etc) to entertainment and culture. Overall, the meticulous improvement of services and infrastructure in the remote islands, so that we can bridge the gap between the basic services available in the latter and those that all of us enjoy in the Greek cities.



We ensure the right for free first-degree healthcare to the residents of our islands, who, due to the significant cost of transport to and accommodation in mainland Greece for access to the country's major hospitals, may not be able to enjoy adequate health services.

WHAT DOES SYMPLEFSI DO:

We carry out two annual missions to the islands:

ANNUAL CROSSING

Spring / Participation of 100 volunteers / 11 Days

Crossing the Aegean as far as the opposite coastline or the southernmost point of Gavdos, every 24-hours we reach an isolated or remote island with our rib-boats, we set up and operate medical practices, we inaugurate works, we deliver electronic and education equipment to schools, whilst we also organize entertaining and educational events for children and adults, before going out to sea again, onto our next destination.





WHAT DOES **SYMPLEFSI** DO:

We carry out two annual missions to the islands:

AUTUMN MISSION

**October or November / Participation of 70 volunteers /
3 Days**

We target islands that due to their geographical position or other conditions, are difficult to be included in our annual Crossing. We are focusing on the provision of medical examinations and services to the majority of the residents, without neglecting other sectors of our actions. The Autumn Missions also serve as an “acquaintance” for new volunteers and sponsors.





WHAT DOES SYMPLEFSI OFFER

The volunteers of Symplefsi reach their destinations via the members' privately-owned rib-boats and have so far traversed more than 2.800 nautical miles in six spring Aegean Crossings and six Autumn Missions, in 23 islands (Agathonissi, Agios Eftstratios, Anafi, Antikythera, Arkoi, Astypalaia, Gavdos, Iraklia, Therasia, Ikaria, Kassos, Kastellorizo, Kimolos, Kinaros, Levitha, Lipsi, Patmos, Samothrace, Sikinos, Schinoussa, Telendos, Folegandros, Pserimos).

The doctors and nurses of Symplefsi have provided more than 8.600 specialized examinations free of charge to more than 5.200 people, have collected more than 1.700 blood samples (which have been analyzed and the results alongside the comments and the medical instructions have been sent to the residents), have conducted hundreds of Pap tests, biopsies post mole-removal, as well as other minor surgeries where needed.

This effort was greatly assisted by the Henry Dunant Hospital Center providing its mobile unit, the Anti-Cancer Society with their mobile breast screening devices, as well as other organizations.

In collaboration with the public education staff that provide their services in the remote or isolated islands, we record various school needs which are supported by the volunteers' own funds (also sponsorships in case there is such an initiative). This endorsement includes state-of-the-art electronic equipment (interactive boards, multi-functional devices and laser printers, projectors, etc) as well as basic means and material that are necessary in both primary and secondary education.

In 2018, more than 1.000 friends of Symplefsi acquired for this purpose the Supporter's Card, an initiative that we are continuously expanding.



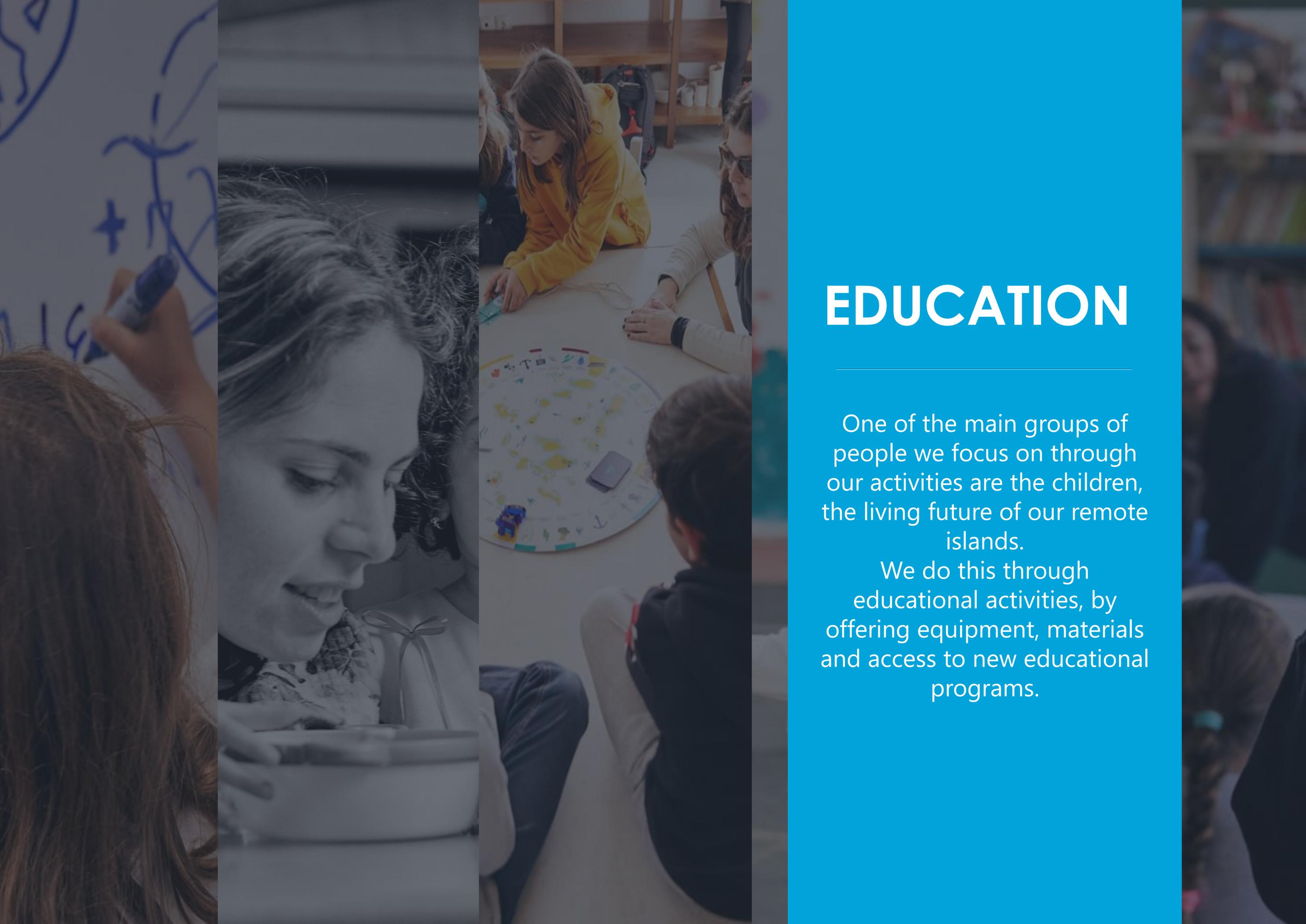


The fatigue is significant during these actions as they involve daily travel by sea regardless of the weather, followed by the set-up of medical units immediately upon arrival, limited rest at night, the medical units require hard work from the early hours until noon and upon completion we have to collect everything, board the boats and depart for next island. We do not recover our physical power by rest but rather we "recharge" once we meet more people ready to contribute and to assist. One or two islanders eager to work suffice to speed up and improve our contribution; like in Samothrace, where local volunteers had on their own already ensured that those in need would be at the medical practices at their designated slots, so that nobody would be deprived of the possibility to be examined by doctors and equipment that normally are not available even in neighboring city of Alexandroupolis.



**OUR
WORK**





EDUCATION

One of the main groups of people we focus on through our activities are the children, the living future of our remote islands.

We do this through educational activities, by offering equipment, materials and access to new educational programs.

EDUCATION

Every year, once the local teachers have been assigned to their schools, Symplefsi commences its communication with them in order to record and cover the specific needs, whether this is in the form of electronic equipment or other materials required. This action is usually covered through the funding of our volunteers.



Some of our completed works:

- The provision of electronic and educational equipment and materials to all the schools on the islands
- The addition of a modern and fully air-conditioned classroom for the school in Agathonissi
- The planting of a botanical garden in the school of Schinoussa
- The purchase of musical instruments for the Children's band of Lipsi island
- The creation of sports venues within or close to the schools (multiuse courts, 5x5 soccer fields, basketball courts) in Therasia, Kassos, Kimolos, Lipsi, Schinoussa
- The creation of modern playgrounds in Agathonissi, Iraklia, Kimolos, Sikinos, and Schinoussa
- The creation of a new library in the elementary school of Lipsi and of Schinoussa
- The provision for further enriching the Municipal Library of Folegandros with books
- Educational anti-smoking talks to children
- The provision of access to electronic databases and other resources for students in middle and high schools



MEDICINE

We work hard so that we can offer our services to all the islanders that reach out to the medical practices of Symplefsi, because we are well aware that if we are not the ones to make this happen, it is very likely that these people will not have the chance to be examined by other doctors until another volunteer reaches their island.

MEDICINE

Since the beginning of our action in 2014, we have offered more than 8.600 specialized examinations free of charge, more than 5.200 people have been examined, we have provided more than 1.700 microbiological and biochemical examinations, while in parallel hundreds of PAP tests and biopsies have been performed.



8.600+

Specialized medical examinations free of charge



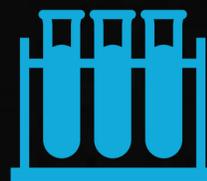
5.200+

Residents have been examined by our doctors



4.100+

Hours of medical services



1.700

Blood tests for analysis



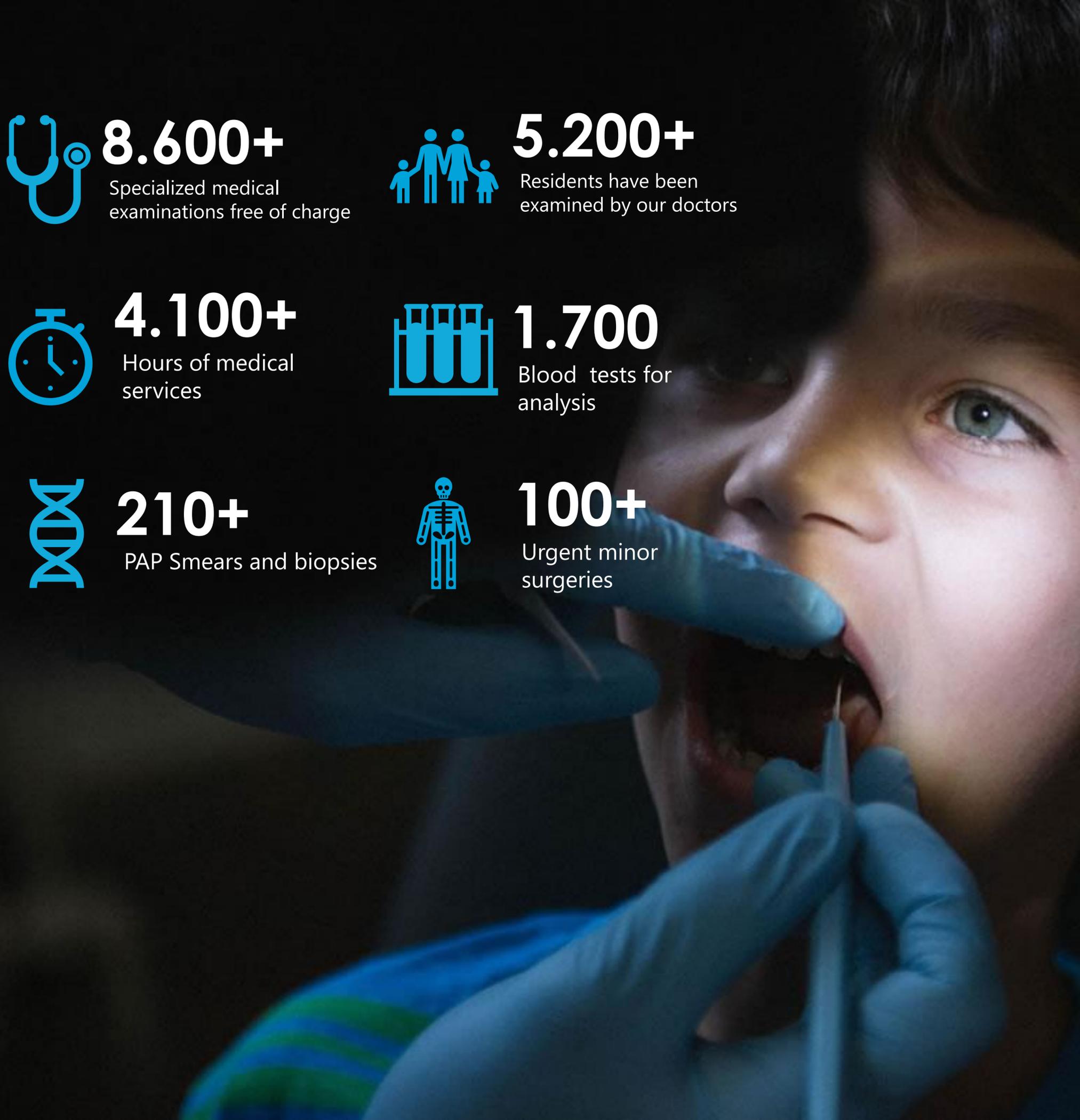
210+

PAP Smears and biopsies



100+

Urgent minor surgeries



EQUIPMENT

From our major projects up to the tools for the technical services on the islands, from the valuable medical equipment to the gauzes or from the additional spaces in the ports to the water purification, we are trying to give to the residents and the visitors of the islands the quality of life that all of us enjoy.



EQUIPMENT

Symplefsi maintains a close relationship with the local authorities on the islands on which we operate, we listen to their needs, evaluate their requests, seek solutions and innovative actions before commencing the realization of sponsored actions in collaboration with companies and individuals.



Some of our works include:

- Creating a fully equipped dentist's office in Folegandros
- Donating a modern ambulance in Sikinos
- Offering an automatic defibrillator and providing training for its use in Agios Efstratios
- Offering a blood analyzer in Schinoussa
- Installing desalination equipment for settlements or the whole islands in Agathonissi, Gavdos, Kassos
- Equipping the Patmian Intellectual and Cultural Centre with mechanical equipment, computers, air-conditioners and furniture
- Adding two floating docks to the port of Sikinos
- Donating a garbage truck to Agathonissi
- Donating a truck to collect recyclable materials in Kimolos
- Placing new garbage bins in Schinoussa
- Equipping the military outpost of Agathonissi with electrical appliances
- Placing portable water dispensers with desalination units in many of the schools of the islands
- Boosting the Regional Medical Offices with material and equipment
- Granting new technical equipment to the Municipality of Sikinos
- Placement of a shelter by the dock of the port of Arkoi



CULTURE

We protect tradition and we support new creation in our islands, so that we can eternally enjoy this unique local culture, that remains so special in the course of millennia.

CULTURE

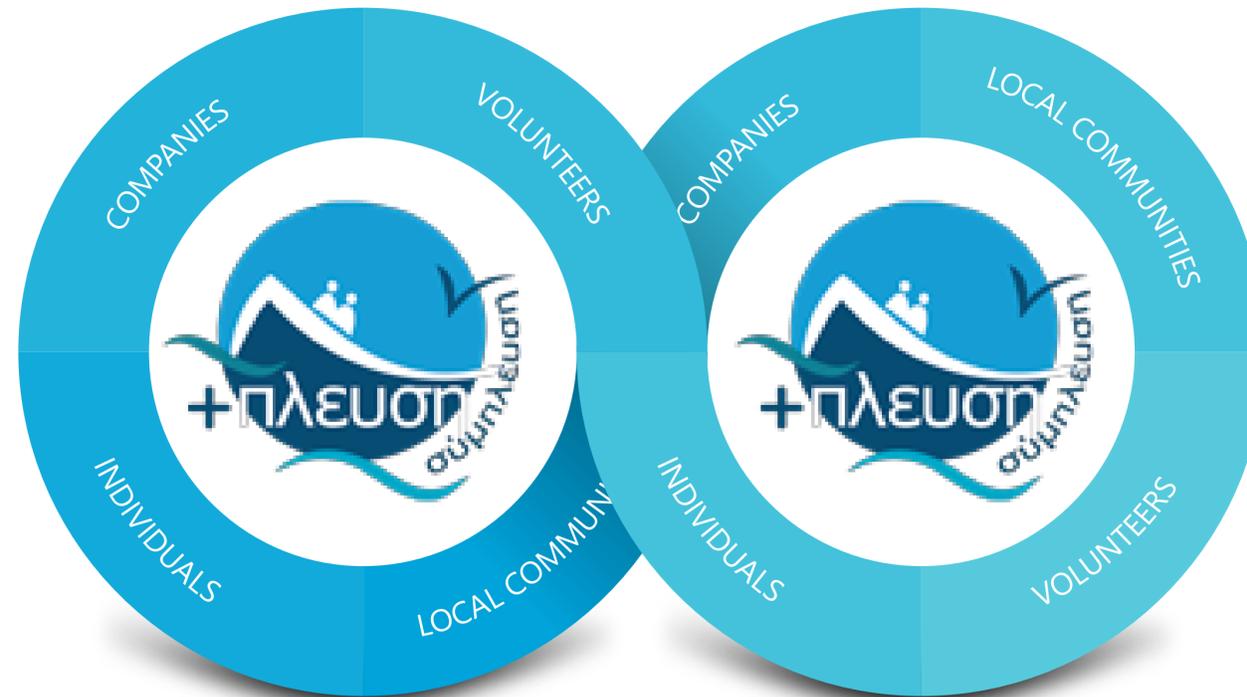
We look for the most active people in culture on the islands, we add our capable volunteers, we seek collaboration with the big institutions and museums so that we can maximize our contribution.



Some of our activities:

- Presenting the Kykladoupoli board game (of the Museum of Cycladic Art and WWF Hellas) to the islands' children for raising environmental awareness
- Geometrical pottery workshops for children in collaboration with the Herakleidon Museum
- Motivational speeches by Olympic gold medalist and world champion in gymnastics rings Lefteris Petounias to the children of Iraklia and Schinoussa about the value of effort in accomplishing big goals
- Shadow play performances
- Workshops of making puppets for shadow play
- Collective Writing workshops for children
- Games relating to the construction of objects and festive ornaments from recyclable materials
- Educational “treasure hunt” to familiarize children with the local landmarks of historical and cultural significance on the islands
- Cleaning up the beaches in Astypalaia and Lipsi
- Placing multi-language signs of touristic/historical nature in Antikythera
- Organizing photography exhibitions

HOW OUR WORK IS FUNDED



COMPANIES - SPONSORSHIPS

Leading companies in business in Greece are steadily by our side since 2014, namely The National Bank of Greece, Alpha Bank, Credit Suisse, Cosmote, Stoiximan.gr, Shell, Coca Cola 3E, Colgate Palmolive, Stanley Black & Decker, Blue Star Ferries, Lamda Star.

INDIVIDUALS

Fellow citizens in Greece and abroad, are also choosing Symplefsi in order to sponsor our islands, either by name or anonymously.

VOLUNTEERS

The foundation of all our actions and the special character of Symplefsi is the financial participation of the volunteers, who cover themselves the cost of operation, transportation and accommodation during the missions without any benefit.



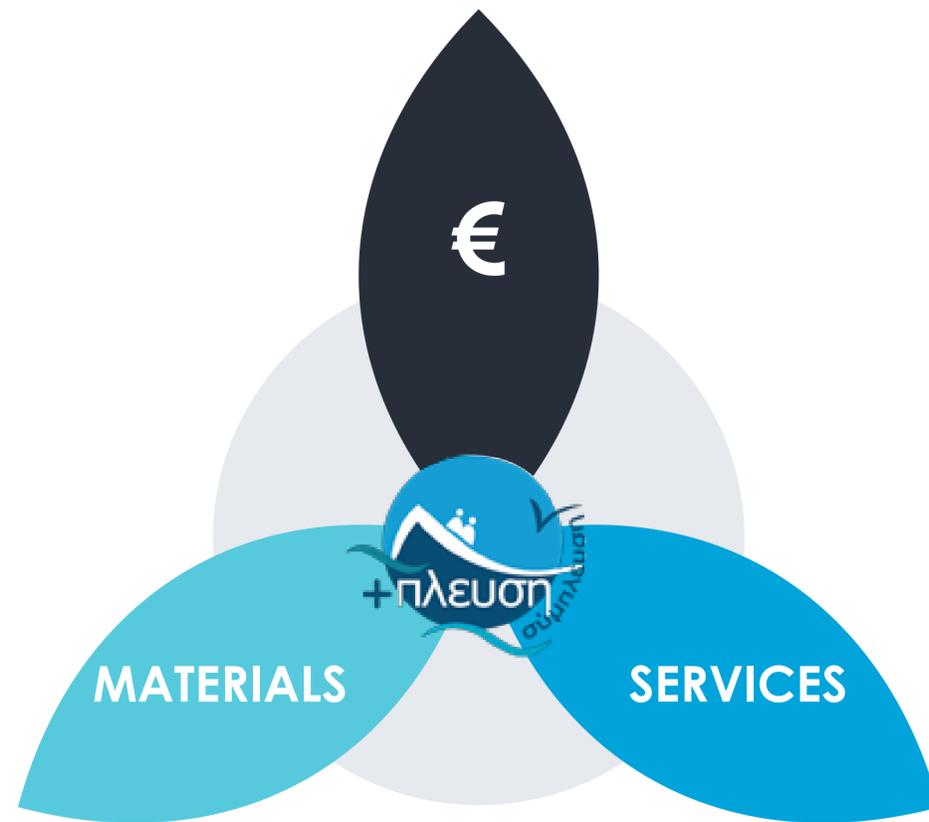
SPONSORSHIPS

WAYS TO JOIN FORCES WITH US



We have already exceeded the amount of 500.000 euros in contributing works regarding infrastructure, medical care, educational equipment and materials

...however, these are very little to cover the huge needs of our remote and isolated islands; we are trying methodically to intensify our work by seeking support from every Greek company. The sponsorship you can offer is not just of monetary nature! You can offer services, equipment, medical and pharmaceutical material, educational material and many more. From vehicles and machines to construction materials, school supplies, furniture and many more...



The needs of our residents in remote islands are very big and to us are of the utmost importance. In that respect, we do not divide our sponsors in categories and scale, as for the smallest and most isolated islands every contribution in capital, materials or services is very important.

We aim for the beautiful images, the children's smiles, the satisfaction of the grown-ups that stem from our contribution and are caught on camera to be also accompanied by the foundation and operation of the other daily and necessary infrastructure that we take for granted in the city.

We respect 100% the sponsors that share the same vision with us. That is why 100% of each sponsorship ends up entirely in each sponsored project. In Symplepsi, we take pride that, even with some difficulty, our volunteers pay their own expenses, offices, transportation, accommodation, nourishment.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT



Any donation will be 100% utilized for the funding of our projects on the islands

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EQUIPMENT



Any sort of material and equipment that can assist in making the living of the islands' residents better

02

SERVICES



All the types of services that can upgrade the life of the residents

03



PUBLICITY

- Exposure in all the communication of Symplefsi through Press Releases and articles that we publish in the Press
- Appearance of the sponsor's logos in specific materials and equipment that Symplefsi uses during its actions
- Specific missions with the presence of the sponsor's executives during our visits in the remote islands
- Giving the possibility to people relating to the sponsor to be present in our missions
- Complete photographic coverage of our action and usage of photographic material and videos by our sponsor
- Special mention in the annual events of our organization
- Promotion and presence of our sponsors in our events
- Promotion of our sponsor in our official webpage and social media
- Presence of the sponsor's representative in the events of Symplefsi
- Presence of Symplefsi's representative in the sponsor's events



ON BEHALF OF THE RESIDENTS
OF OUR REMOTE ISLANDS,
WE THANK YOU!

