**SfEE and HRC’s solidarity action on the island of Lemnos**

**Athens, January 31st, 2022.–** The island of Lemnos was the eighth station of the social initiative "**proSfEEroume**". The Hellenic Association of Pharmaceutical Companies (SfEE) and its member companies Lundbeck, Takeda and Vianex, with the support of the Regional Department of the Hellenic Red Cross (HRC) Lemnos, donated a significant amount of pharmaceutical - health and educational material to 225 students attending the 2nd Primary School of Myrina and the Special Education Laboratory of Repanidi, Lemnos, in order to meet the needs of the students.

This initiative is part of a broader framework of actions undertaken jointly by the Hellenic Red Cross (HRC) and the Hellenic Association of Pharmaceutical Companies (SfEE), in order to meet the needs, in pharmaceuticals, medical supplies, basic necessities and school supplies, for children and socially vulnerable groups, hosted in Structures and Social Welfare Centers in remote areas of Greece.

The journey begun at the end of 2016 from Rhodes, continued in Florina, Ioannina, Alexandroupoli, Xanthi, Kastelorizo, Komotini and the Accommodation Centers of the Greek Red Cross for Unaccompanied Minors. At the same time, in the framework of the social initiative "proSfEEroume", SfEE covered the cost of medical equipment for the support of the medication of patients with chronic diseases in the Accommodation Structures for Refugees / Immigrants in Klidi, Serres, Malakasa and Corinth. Contributing with all its forces to the COVID-19 pandemic, SfEE covered the cost of consumables for conducting mass Rapid Coronavirus Detection Tests through the mobile units of the Hellenic Red Cross (HRC).

Finally, following Lemnos, “proSfEEroume” will visit Evia next, in order to support students in fire-affected areas.

The President of HRC, **Dr. Antonios Avgerinos**, stated: "*The Hellenic Red Cross, in the context of the voluntary humanitarian philanthropy it has developed, cooperates with SfEE in matters aimed at strengthening social cohesion and solidarity, as well as activating civil society, in order to avoid the isolation of vulnerable social groups, and strengthening the current of volunteerism in our country*".

SfEE President, **Mr. Olympios Papadimitriou**, said: “*We are proud of our cooperation with the Hellenic Red Cross, which continues in 2022, embracing the needs of children and socially vulnerable groups in remote areas. We are committed to continuing this effort. At the end of the day, the goal of the pharmaceutical industry is to support society, to make everyone well, today more than ever, so that everyone can hope for a better future*”.

*For more information regarding the social initiative “proSfEEroume”. You may visit SfEE website:* [*https://www.sfee.gr/category/responsibility/the-social-initiative-prosfeeroume/?lang=en*](https://www.sfee.gr/category/responsibility/the-social-initiative-prosfeeroume/?lang=en)