



PHI CENTER FOR PUBLIC HEALTH - VELES



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Mr. Toni Dimitriev was born on July 17, 1965, in Veles. He finished primary education in his native town, secondary education in the Medical School Center "Dr. Panche Karagjozov" in Skopje, and he finished higher education in Belgrade, at the Higher Health Sanitary School of Professional Studies "VISAN", where he acquired the title Bachelor of Sanitary and Environmental Engineering. He has been employed in the PHI Center For Public Health Veles since 1987. Immediately after the employment he engaged in the work of the sanitary-hygienic and communal activity. Since 1994 he has an active role in the establishment and the development of the Sanitary-Chemical and Bromatology Laboratory. In August 2017, Mr. Toni Dimitriev was appointed Director of the PHI Center For Public Health Veles. Mr. Toni Dimitriev is a family man, a father of two children and a grandfather of one granddaughter.

The PHI Center for Public Health Veles, as the former Regional Healthcare Institute in the Vardar region, has existed since the early sixties of the past century, with an active participation in malaria eradication. The PHI Center for Public Health Veles is a Regional Center that covers the area of 12 municipalities in the Republic of Macedonia, as follows: Veles, Kavadarci, Negotino, Sveti Nikole, Gevgelija, Rosoman, Demir Kapija, Lozovo, Bogdanci, Dojran, Chashka and Gradsko, with a numerous population, that is, more than 200.000 citizens – residents and more than 250 settlements. The PHI Center for Public Health Veles covers a territory of approximately 4.700 square kilometers, that is, approximately 20% of the entire territory of the Republic of Macedonia. The founder of the Center is the Government of the Republic of Macedonia. The Center's activity is preventive healthcare of the population, which includes performance of works within the sanitary-hygienic, epidemiological, laboratory and social-medical activity. The Center for Public Health performs determination and preparation of medium-term and long-term work plans for conducting the activities of public health and promotion of health, screening of the population, monitoring and control of infectious and non-infectious diseases, and the basis of the annual work plans for us is the National Annual Program for Public Health. The Center prepares annual reports for evaluation of the population's health and proposes measures to overcome the public health problems of the area covered by the Center. The Center performs monitoring, analysis and evaluation of the health-environmental and sanitary conditions with risk assessments, as well as proposal of measures to overcome the public health problems.

The Center monitors and examines the hygiene and health-environmental conditions in terms of air protection, food safety and safety of items for general use, drinking water, surface water, wastewater and solid waste.

The Center monitors the population's nutrition, as well as the diseases and the conditions that are a consequence of inadequate nutrition, and proposes measures to eliminate the causes that have led to diseases. The Center disposes of an Accredited Laboratory, with Accreditation Certificate number – LT – 027 and Standard MKC EN ISO/IEC 17025 : 2006, modernly equipped, in accordance with all standards, rules and regulations, where microbiological and physical-chemical laboratory services are performed, as well as analysis and evaluation of laboratory data and proposal of measures to overcome public health problems. In addition, the Center performs monitoring, analysis, conducting and evaluation of the measures for protection of the population in conditions of occurrence of infectious and other diseases, epidemics and other emergencies, and it performs active and passive immunization. The Center for Public Health also performs defining and conducting of health education for target groups, it conducts preventive measures for disinfection, disinsection and deratization of public health interest. It is important to emphasize that the Center prepares operational plans for its territory of activity within the national strategy for protection of the population in an event of public health emergencies. In the future the Center is focused and makes efforts for procurement of new modern appliances and expansion of its activity, by introducing molecular biology with new methods of examination of RESPIRATORY INFECTIONS, SEXUAL INFECTIONS and VIRUSES, however it is IMPORTANT to point out that the Center is facing a lack of working space - working premises, for which the Center's Management is already seeking an appropriate solution, through a request for donations, to upgrade the existing premises, and we use every opportunity, including this one, to address our request to the business community, various donor funds, embassies of foreign countries, etc., for assistance and support.



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