Question for written answer E-008722/2016 to the Commission Rule 130 Beatriz Becerra Basterrechea (ALDE)

Subject: The most vulnerable groups are being excluded from public health systems

The latest report by the Doctors of the World International Network reveals the extent to which the most vulnerable groups in society are being excluded from public health systems.

More than 40% of the pregnant women surveyed had had no access to antenatal care, and 54% of children had not been vaccinated against measles, mumps and rubella. 97.1% of pregnant refugees resident in Turkey had no health cover.

In the case of refugees resident in the EU, there are major differences in the health services to which they have access in the various Member States, as I reported in my question E-003803/2016.

Bearing in mind that citizens' access to healthcare is one of the four key objectives of the Third Health Programme:

- 1. Does the Commission consider it necessary to expand and increase the funding allocated to EU health projects for refugees?
- 2. Will it conduct a gender audit to improve women's access to public health systems?
- 3. How will it ensure that the Turkish authorities meet the basic health needs of the most vulnerable groups, as laid down in the aid programmes?

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