# Village Operations ATHENS 2011 OBSERVER'S PROGRAM

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#### **Functional Area Overview**

#### Have an "athletes first" approach

- Provide fully serviced accommodation, free-of-charge, to:
  - 10,000 athletes and officials for 12 days, from June 24<sup>th</sup> until July 5<sup>th</sup>,
    2011
  - Operate a totally integrated management team
  - Offer a residential environment that is safe, comfortable, convenient, stress free, and friendly
  - Leave the athletes and officials with a clear, lasting and positive memory of Athens and Greek hospitality
- Oversee the overall development and coordination of services delivered in the Special Olympics Village
  - by SO Villages Division directly
  - by other Functional Areas that operate in the SO Village(s)

### **Functional Area Statistics/Numbers**

- 10,000 Athletes & Coaches
- 26 Villages
- 105 Paid staff, 250 Volunteers, 400 Contractors
- 24 hr. operation

### **FA Overview – Locations of Villages**

#### Accommodations will be provided in the following areas:

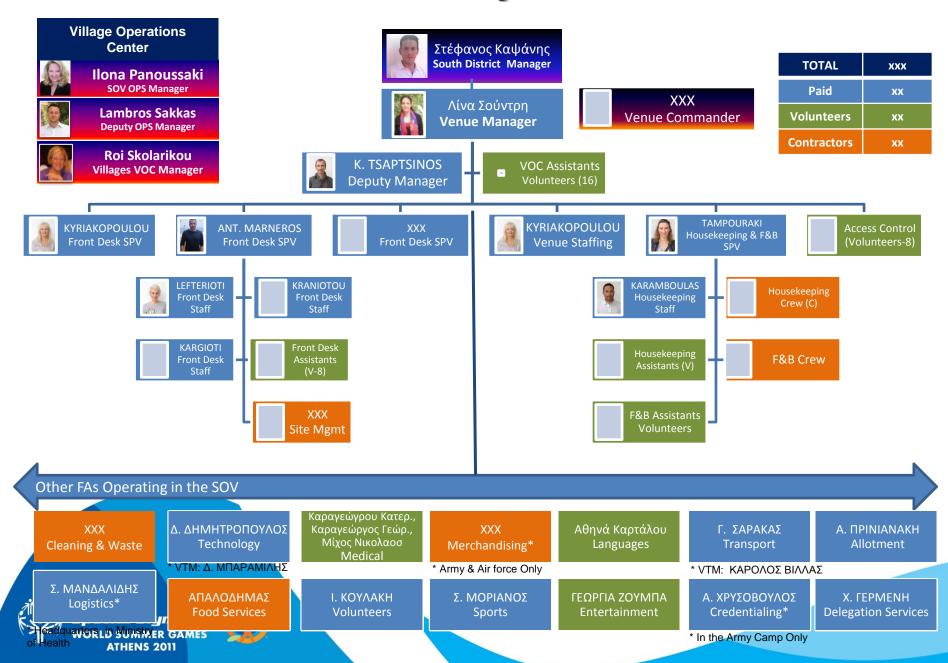






Aghios Andreas complex Golden Coast Resort Southern Accommo dation sites

#### **Games Time Organization**



### **Functional Area Planning Steps – Strategic Choices**

Customer service oriented planning process focusing on services

Dynamic planning process: starting with the basics and progressively refining

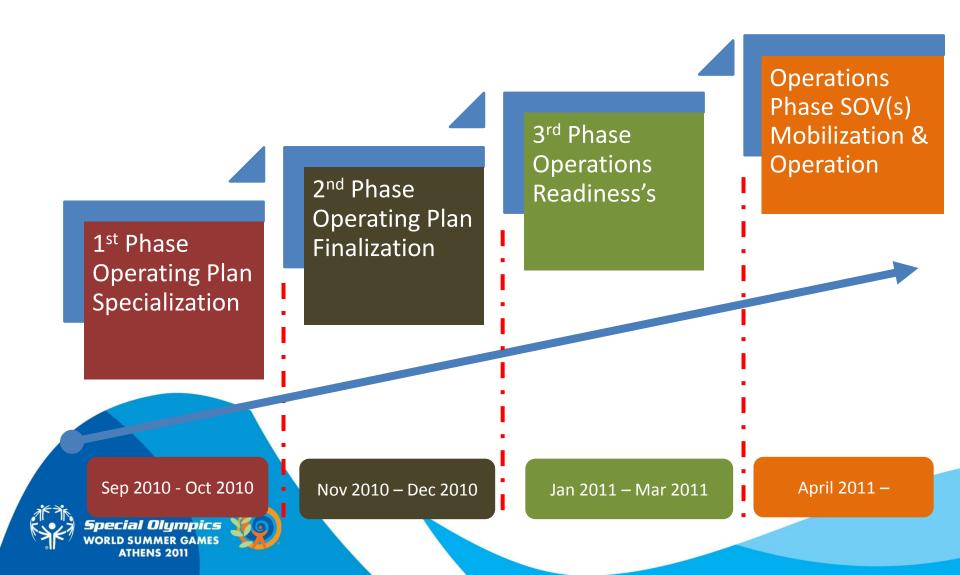
Creation of an Integrated SO Village(s) Team: one group made of all stakeholders

### Functional Area Planning Steps Resources/Inputs

- The Spaces in the Special Olympics Village necessary for housing the Villages residents, for supporting operations provided by Village Divisions, and for all other functional areas operating in the Village
- The Vehicles for Support Operations and for the transport of people and goods in the road network of the Special Olympics Village
- The Furniture, Fixture & Equipment necessary for the efficient operation of all housing units and office spaces in all the Special Olympics / Paralympic Village
- The technology equipment, including mobile telecommunications equipment, and audio-visual equipment
- The consumables necessary for the efficient operation of all Village staff, as well as for the needs of the Village residents
- The Special Olympics Village staff, (paid, contractors and volunteers) both pre-Games and Games time

### **Functional Areas Planning Steps**

**Operation Planning Phases** 



#### 2. Functional Area Service Levels & Available Services



**Front Desk Centers** 



**Dining Services** 



**Housekeeping Services** 



Leisure activity room(s)



Entertainment



Parking for T1 cars



Storage place for athletic equipment



Meeting room(s)



E-mail accounts for each HOD



Internet Access – Wi-Fi in Restaurants



Mail Boxes (At the DSC for Internal Communication)



**Logistics Services** 

## 2. Accommodation Overview – Services Provided Front Desk



#### **Front Desk Centers in Every Accommodation Site**

First point of contact for each resident in all matters relating to the Accommodation Venue activities and services.

The Front Desk will operate on a 24hr basis, from June 24th through July 4th.

Coordination of arrivals and departures

Answering questions about room facilities and their usage

Coordination of housekeeping requests

Allotment of rooms

Maintenance of room registers and authorization of room changes

Coordination of maintenance requests

General Information about other services Key distribution and collection

Booking meeting rooms

Lost & Found



## 2. Accommodation Overview - Services Provided Housekeeping







Every bed will have a clean mattress and set of linen

- Linen shall be changed every 5 days
- Mattress protectors shall be available upon request

Every delegation member will have two towels available.

- They will be changed every 2<sup>nd</sup> day
- Extra towels available from the Front Desk on a onefor-one exchange basis.

Daily housekeeping service

## 2. Accommodation Overview - Services Provided Dining

Offer an enjoyable and memorable dining experience, highlighting Greek cuisine.

Delegations may use their accreditation card, which will have a Knife & Fork picture indicator, to obtain meals within the accommodation and competition venues.

Meals will be served in a buffet, self service setting, offering 3 courses per meal with a selection between fish, meat, and poultry as well as a variety of grains, fruits and vegetables.

Three meals a day will be provided in each accommodation. In some cases, these times may change to suit competition schedules, or other Games related activities.

Breakfast: 5:45 – 9:30

Lunch: 13:30 – 16:30

Dinner: 19:00 – 22:00



## 2. Accommodation Overview Other Delegation Services



Delegation Services Center from 9:00 to 22:00



Sports Information Desk from 9:00 to 22:00



Transportation Services to Sporting Venues



Access control and safety & security staff



Access to Translation Services



Merchandising Store in SOV 2 (Army Camp) & SOV6 (Air force Camp)



**Medical Services** 



Credentials – Real Time Badging Center (Army Camp Only)

### Functional Area Challenges

- Dispersion of Villages 26 locations
  - Maintaining consistent level of service
  - Requires more staff
  - increases budget,
  - Creates more organization challenges
  - Splits delegations
- Budget cuts
- Staff issues
- Municipalities & local state organizations management
- Integration of other functional areas
- Host Town arrivals from all over Greece
- Making sure that everything will be in place and working on Day 1



#### **Functional Area** Recommendations

#### Things to do

- Hire key positions early
- Allow time for staff training (paid & volunteers)
- Early venuization integrate other FAs into your team
- Complete Vendor Contracts on time
- Obtain accurate info on time from Delegations for proper allotment
- Pay attention to transport
- Pay attention to catering & housekeeping services
- Pay attention to Medical Services
- Do a Test Event
- First Impressions Count
- Things not to do
  - Avoid dispersion of services
  - Don't overpromise level of service
  - Staff key areas with expert staff

## Thank You

