

## **PRESS RELEASE**

## ELPEN covers the lab tests' cost for the residents of 7 remote islands during the 23<sup>rd</sup> Aegean Sea Crossing of the Aegean Team

Monday, May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2017. This year, for the **17<sup>th</sup> time**, **ELPEN** has discretely responded to the **Aegean Team's** calling: during the 23<sup>rd</sup> Crossing of the Aegean Sea, which lasted from the 11<sup>th</sup> until the 22<sup>nd</sup> of May, ELPEN covered –in full– the **cost of 485 lab tests**. These examinations were **offered for free to the residents of 7 small, remote Greek islands**, namely, Thymena, Fourni, Donoussa, Amorgos, Astipalea, Ios, and Koufonissi. A group consisting of twenty one specialized physicians, who were accompanied by nurses and lab technicians, visited the above-mentioned islands during the 23<sup>rd</sup> Aegean Sea Crossing, which was completed in Koufonissi, on May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2017.

Any activity that offers hope to the Greek population is necessary. Within this context, ELPEN is leaving its trace, by engaging in essential, creative projects for remote areas of the country and sponsoring activities such as: creating a playground in Anafi, funding the installment of a water reverse osmosis filter in Thymena, providing a water supply system for Keramidous, offering equipment for the medical cabinet in Koufonissi and Iraklia, and providing educational, teaching and recreational material for the schools in small, remote islands of the Aegean Sea.