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One Happy Family News

November 2017

Situation on Lesbos

Boats arrive still daily at the shores of Lesbos. From the 1st until the 24th October 1'644 new arrivals have been confirmed in official information.

Moria

All new arrivals to Lesbos are sent Moria to be registered. The camp, which is built for 1'800 people, currently accommodates more than 5'300 people, according to official information. The isoboxes are at maximum capacity. There are tents filling up all the extra space you can find in Moria. The tents are for the summer, and will not be suitable for winter. There have been some cases of people only receiving blankets on arrival and having to sleep in the open.

No more baby milk and diapers are distributed in Moria. The people have to buy it on their own; with the 90 Euros they get monthly. Different independent NGO's usually distribute these items, but there is no longer a coordinated response for these items. As a consequence, many people don't clear instructions on how much milk the baby needs, how they should clean the bottles etc.

The Medical night shift team in Moria has been deducted. The reason: The danger is too big. So there is only one military doctor on call at disposal for the people residing in Moria.

Security and safety continues to be a major issue at Moria Camp; But does the danger also now apply to the camp medical teams?

Almost daily disputes are happening, what ended in some people leaving Moria Camp and protesting at the main square in Mytilini.

Quote

"We are one human being, working for human beings."

Mahmud, our cook, in the "One Happy Family" Video

Video Clip of the Month



The Video about our Community Center has been published online. We are very thankful and proud that so many people feel good and safe at the Center and like to come here. We're as well thankful for the support from all different parts of the world; the video has been shared already more than 400 times. Can we reach one million viewers? ;-)

Facebook: <http://bit.ly/2icRaye>

YouTube: <http://bit.ly/2yZGtJe>

For more than ten days, the Afghani community have been protesting against the dangerous and inhumane situation in Moria, and the unlawful treatment of refugees on the Island. Men, women and children have all been involved. A few of the protestors have started a hunger strike. The UNHCR and Greek officials haven't reacted. Some families (around 200 people) have been transferred from Moria to the Camp "Kara Tepe".

Recently all (the Syrians as well) men who travel alone (this applies as well to male family members older than 18 years) are brought directly to a "pre-removal Center" in Moria. This is a restricted zone, which no one can leave without permission. With a fast track procedure they try to figure out if Turkey is a safe country for them to return to. This procedure has been used already for people coming from countries where the asylum recognition rate is lower than 25%. It's new that this procedure is applied to people travelling alone from Syria. There have been no clarifications yet if this use of the "pre-removal center" for all men travelling alone is meeting human rights law.

Multiple times, refoulements have been made to Turkey. We are against this policy, since Turkey signed the Convention of Human Rights only with an additive, so that it can be applied only to people from European states. Amnesty International also reported that the situation in Turkey is not safe, prison sentences and deportations to the country of origin threaten to happen.

Cold snap

As we move into Autumn and Winter, the nights are getting colder and colder. Unfortunately a young girl died in Moria because of hypothermia. Her family asked for a second blanket, which they were denied.

We signed a statement, together with more than 80 other organizations. It says how the Greek Government should handle the current situation and which actions are needed urgently and before the arrival of winter: <http://bit.ly/2zggll2m>

Small rays of hope

People, who at the first instance are declared as vulnerable, will be allowed directly, without a first interview, the permission to go to the Greek mainland to continue their asylum process. The difficulty here within is, that is has not been officially explained. So a lot of uncertainty and hope has been given, and much disappointment has followed.

Interesting Links

- Reuters about Moria: <http://reut.rs/2yaSVoJ>
- SRF – the Swiss television speaks about Moria: <http://bit.ly/2gUcz2m>
- Tagesschau.de reports about Moria, the title saying "welcome to hell": <http://bit.ly/2zhi17b>

One Happy Family



Her wish is simply for safety for her children.

Roula came together with her husband and her two children from Syria to Europe, they wanted to feel alive again, "in Syria there is only war left". Roula and her family have now been in Moria for 2 months. Roula is still to feel safe there. That's why she is very thankful to be able to help at the Community Center, where she and her husband volunteer. It is a safe and welcoming place where her family like to come. It also means her children don't have to spend the day in Moria Camp. By coming to OHF each day, she is able to spare her tears. Tears that are the daily normal in Moria.

Events

Charity Event in Zürich

12.11.2017, 16-19 Uhr
Voice+Music Academy Zürich
Kanonenengasse 18, Zürich

Information about the current situation on Lesbos and the "OHF". Volunteers talk about their experiences.

Facebook: <http://bit.ly/2hjllgQ>

Sonntag, 12. November 16:00 - 19:00 Voice+Music Academy Zürich Kanonenengasse 18 Zürich	Hoffnung schenken Mit ihnen, statt für sie
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News from the Community Center

At the beginning of the month around 700 people came daily to our Community Center. Unfortunately we weren't able to satisfy the needs of everyone, so we decided to interrupt our shuttle from Moria. Nevertheless there are around 500 people coming daily to our Center.

Distribution of winter clothes

#WINTERISCOMING

Together with other organizations (Bashira, Attika, EuroRelief and Humans for Humanity) we divided the Camp of Moria and equipped the groups with winter clothes. At the 21st of October around 400 people (300 women, 75 men and 60 children) came with a big bus to the Center. Everyone got one winter jacket, a sweater, a trouser, underwear, socks, a hat, a scarf and gloves. EuroRelief distributed cards on which the given items have been checked off. So if someone didn't find suitable clothing they can get it back in Moria. It has been a long and exhausting day but the collaboration of the OHF-Team was amazing. Thank you for the awesome teamwork!

Long-term-volunteers

It's irreplaceable for our work to have long-term volunteers, who dedicate themselves for at least 3 months to our project. This dedication is unfortunately most of the time connected to financial difficulties. That's why we will introduce in the middle of November a godfather/godmother-system where we'll need your support.

Interesting Links

- Interview with Fanny and Lukas from the board of OHF on RegioTVplus Television: <http://bit.ly/2yc6FkK>
- Article in the French speaking newspaper 24heures: <http://bit.ly/2iL4mxV>

We need you

„Winterisation“

Countdown for our Crowdfunding. Please share it again with your family and friends. Without a real isolation of the building it will be difficult to keep the OHF running during the cold season. <http://bit.ly/2xxprPd>

Share the News

Share our news about Lesvos and the Community Center. Since the media don't talk often about the current situation we need YOU even more!

We prepared Information-material which you can download for personal presentations, lectures, articles, media releases etc.:

Deutsch: <http://bit.ly/2gJiVhj>

Englisch: <http://bit.ly/2xw34JY>

Christmas Campaign

Postcards with 6 different subjects will be printed. These are supposed to function as a "donation paper". They say for example "Thank you, that you donate a meal for 50 refugees". We need you to sell these cards before Christmas. Contact us with your postal address and questions and the subject "Weihnachtsaktion" via fundraising@ohf-lesvos.org or fill out the online form here <http://bit.ly/2ydiBml> and we will send you a set of postcards with explanation. Unfortunately they exist only in German. Thank you!

Fundraising

Do you have ideas for the fundraising? Tipps? Events? Contact us at fundraising@ohf-lesvos.org

"OHF Support" Group in WhatsApp

Join us using the following link: <http://bit.ly/2gM3a9m>

Donate via PayPal

A simple way to send us money: <http://bit.ly/2lprYJH>

