



One Happy Family News

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Situation on Lesbos

At one point you think the conditions can't be worse, but unfortunately that is especially inside Moria not true. Tents everywhere, no waste disposal and big frustration.

Attempt to counteract the dramatic situation

The attempt of the UNHCR to counteract the dramatic situation on the island is still ongoing but hasn't managed to reach its goal to bring 3'000 people to the mainland or other islands until the 10th of December. But only around 850 people were allowed to leave the island until that date.

At the moment 89 people are accommodated in hotels, an accommodation that was planned for far more people.

At the moment round 200 people leave the island per day. But there are boats arriving on Lesbos everyday with 60 – 140 human beings. So in conclusion: The camps are still crowded.

Moria

Moria is an extralegal sphere. At the moment around 5'435 people still live officially in the camp. 1'200 – 1'500 of them in small summer tents. Even more (around 2'000) in bigger tents without the availability of heating.

As in previous months Moria was on fire in December. The frustration of the people is leading more and more into violence. People are scared of the upcoming winter, scared about the safety of their family and scared about their own future. They have nothing to lose.

Quotation

„If we were really to see one another as brothers and sisters, there would be no basis for division, cheating and exploitation among us. Therefore it's important to promote the idea of the oneness of humanity, that in being human we are all the same.“

Dalai Lama

We need you

Godparent-System for longterms

The OHF wouldn't be sustainable without people staying for longer periods and supporting the OHF with their knowledge and energy for the coordination. With as little as 23 Euro or CHF 30 per month you can become a godfather/godmother and help us to keep the OHF running. You find more information and registration by clicking the following link:

<https://ohf-lesvos.org/en/sponsorships/> or via mail to patenschaften@ohf-lesvos.org. Thank you!

Situation of minors and children

Sometimes care-givers (families that took care of unaccompanied minors) were able to leave to the mainland, whereas the children stayed behind.

493 minors are at the moment on the island of Lesbos, 330 of them live inside Moria.

Since "Save the children" left the island due to the cancelled funding by the European Union, the legal actor Metadrasi will take over the school classes in Kara Tepe. No one will take over the lessons in Moria though.

Health

With the sanitary situation as bad as it is, medical teams are even more important. Here are the news about the health situation:

- Emergency Response Center International (ERCI) is not in Kara Tepe anymore: Probably they will be taking over day- or week-endshifts only
- There is no medical consultation in detention at the moment. Municipality doctors are planned for detention
- Boat Refugee Foundation (BRF) as medical actor in Moria is pulling out; a Greek Medical Team overtook its place, but until now only negative information (e.g. transferring people instead of direct medical care) has been told about them

Interesting Links

- The inside story of what went wrong in Greece:
<http://bit.ly/2EkoMUX>
- Lesbos Authorities block ship container homes for refugees:
<http://bit.ly/2lAcoHO>
- Mark Stone from Sky News about Lesbos:
<http://bit.ly/2CqFfsv>

News from the Community Center

Around 600 people on average come to One Happy Family daily.

Christmas cards

We are truly amazed by the success of our cards for the OHF. 8'830 warm meals and 9'500 warm drinks have been donated. 154 people will get warm scarves and hats. 19 weeks of energy at the OHF are covered.

In total amazing CHF 21'317.25.- have been donated.

We act directly – so we already started buying much needed items: Men, women and kids underwear, towels and plates.

OHF as trainingcenter for jobs at other NGOs

Schwizerchrüz.ch, together with volunteers from OHF, managed to set up a Teahouse named Little Happy Family (LHF) in a very short time. Under the responsibility of these volunteers up to 150 people will be able to eat lunch at LHF. Besides that 5 Baby-Washing-Rooms have been installed to give mothers the possibility to wash their babies with warm water. The access will be granted by the doctors working in the camps through a ticket system.

The OHF-Team is proud and happy for our guys. :-)

Picture of the Month



Winter is coming closer and with it also the risk for emergency situations. At one point, everyone will probably need to be ready to act. For this reason we did an emergency-training day at OHF.

The daily business of the OHF was closed that day. Instead we did three instructions with all the teams and volunteers at OHF.

- **Introduction into medical first aid:**
The subjects hypothermia, CPR, bleeding and burns have been picked out as central themes. This instruction was organised by Sophie from Doc-Mobile – Medical Help e.V..
- **Emergency Exit Plans and how to use fire-extinguishers**
This workshop will improve the safekeeping of our community center and it allowed people to gain basic knowledge about fire fighting. The workshop was organised by Sophie, Swedish forest-firefighter.
- **Reaction Plan for emergencies in Moria**
During this instruction the issue of emergencies in Moria and the needed reaction of the OHF and its team was broached and planned. It has been organised by Fabian.

The actual living conditions as well as the overcrowding of the camp puts people in a high risk for emergencies. The OHF-Team is now prepared to react in such situations as well.

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**THANK YOU! DANKE! SHUKRAN! MERCI!
KHEILY MAMNUN! SPAS! EFCHARISTO!**

We would like to express our thanks to all of our amazing supporters; here are some examples of support activities of the year 2017:



Children raise money for the OHF with home-baked cookies: We award the MAFA: Most adorable fundraising award.



Our kitchen gets food supplies on site: The demand has been discussed before the purchasing with our food team.



Kindergarten-children organize an advent market and donate their earnings in its entirety to the OHF.