

Dank und Bericht aus Camp Moria

I would like to deeply thank Bridge of Humanity for helping me and the refugees here in Lesbos. I really hope one day you could have the chance to meet and see personally my "patients" they are great people.....simply thank for your help!

The situation here is 'stable' at least for now. There have been no reports of infections, which is encouraging. Quarantine is a 'preventive' measure for the virus not entering Moria because this would be devastating. But in another hand it limits us a lot to assist people in the Moria camp. The island does not have the capacity to respond to this medical emergency and the European countries are dealing with their own health catastrophe. Moria and the people living there are not a priority for any European government. This virus is the perfect excuse to abandon these people. And to all of us who work with them too, because it is very difficult to carry out our work with the constant siege by the police and local fascist groups. However, it is in these moments where we must be intelligent and creative:

a) Distributing food supplies: I am preparing my equipment (plastic suits and mask, all made by hand) that allows me to protect myself and others and I go to Moria three times a week to check if people need food supplies or medication from the pharmacy and bring it to them. I have also distributed some donations received: compression socks and nutritional supplements. And I am waiting for other donations to arrive for Moria medical center.

b) Relocating people in houses: I have been relocating vulnerable single youths without families in houses in Mytilini. A year ago, I have rented a house in Mytilini for young refugees from Afghanistan (Hazaras all of them) to recover from injuries because inside of Moria it is IMPOSSIBLE to walk on crutches or stand in long lines to shower. They need a safe place to recover. They are all young singles without families.

Due to the tense situation among the locals. They do not rent houses to refugees. So I assume that responsibility and create a bridge of trust between the neighbours and the refugees. Little by little they begin to have confidence and lose their fear.

Here the houses are usually empty, without furniture. With the help of the refugee boys we collect things that people do not use, we clean and repair them. It is an important process for boys, it is like building their own safe space.

With the donations that I received last year, I managed to pay the rent for the house, electricity, water and internet for 1 year. I am very happy about that!

At this moment I am waiting to recondition another house to relocate more people from Moria. Since we are in quarantine, it is not very easy to go outside, so we must wait, I think 1 more week to start the work. There is nothing concrete yet.

Until now, families and children have been prioritized, this makes me very happy, even it is very little. But young single people without families who have been victims of terrorist attacks and tortures by radical groups have been left aside. Please don't abandon these young men, especially Hazaras from Afghanistan. They are victims of a terrible ethnic genocide that has been taking place systematically since 1995. I can't give you more information about this, all my patients are Hazaras and I have collected terrible stories of the persecution they suffer inside Afghanistan and the violence exerted by the Taliban against this ethnic group.

With love, Fabiola