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Dank und Bericht aus Camp Moria

In my field of work, which is physical rehabilitation, I am the only therapist working full time, even on weekends. to help people in Moria and Kara Tepe camps. The only advantage I have is that I live here, this gives me the possibility to continue with this project and develop a deeper connection with the people I help and therefore earn their trust, which is tremendously necessary to advance in the rehabilitation process.

As part of the Greek government's anti-refugee strategy, since the beginning of this year, new asylum seekers arriving have not right to AMKA number, which supplies medical care access in the hospital. These people can only have medical assistance inside the Moria camp, which is basic and rudimentary.

Due to the current situation, I am going to list the priorities that I must attend to at the moment. The current priorities are:

1. To provide medical assistance and cover all expenses for those patients who need medical care with private doctors in Mytilini. These patients are referred to me, but they must be examined by specialists. Orthopedist, surgeons, rheumatologists, etc.
2. Creating a network with local specialists and medical private services to obtain a faster and more efficient medical care or test results (blood, x-ray, orthopedic devices etc.) because the local hospital can't provide these services.
3. To cover the expenses (rent, electricity) of the house I have rented in Mytilini for vulnerable youth.
4. To cover my basis expenses (petrol, internet, house rent, electricity) so that I can continue working full time, as I have been doing for 1 year.
5. To pay a symbolic 'salary' to a Dari-English interpreter and perhaps a Arabic-English interpreter, too.

I am sending you some photos and videos of the most recent cases I am working on. Today Sunday I was visiting these people. My way of working is to see patients at their tents. I do this for various reasons. First, because they cannot move towards Mytilini. Second, because it helps us to connect and build trust. I am interested in transmitting my concern for their health, I need them to see me, and share a cup of tea. Despite the inhumane conditions, I want to pass on good vibes, positive energy, and a sense of dignity to their lives. I want to make them feel that they are important and that they deserve to be treated with dignity and respect. They are happy when I visit them. They open their hearts and I mine, because at the end of the day, we are all human beings and I want them to see my human side, above my status as a therapist or "doctor" as they usually call me.

I would like to thank all of you for the enormous support provided. Without you, my work here would be much more difficult. Thank you for your generosity and thank you for not forgetting these people here. I know that you would like to do much more, but what you are doing is already an enormous help.

Sending love, Fabiola