

Updates, News, and Observations

WE CARRIED OUT

23

SESSIONS

WE WORKED WITH

145

CHILDREN

WE PLAYED FOR

56

HOURS

Both France and the UK have signed and ratified the **UN Convention on the Rights of the Child**, meaning they have the obligation to **respect, protect and fulfill** the rights within it. Instead, they **pursue hostile border policies** which prevent children on the move from accessing their rights.

Access to Food

Many of the children we work with live outside, in tents, and often struggle with food insecurity due to a lack of state support. On six sessions in GS this month, 16 different children told us that they were hungry. We provide juice and fruit compotes on session, and other organisations distribute food packs and hot meals, but this only goes so far in meeting the basic needs of children and their families.

Healthcare

Children on the move can also struggle to access the healthcare they need, and are at greater risk of illness and injury as a result of the living conditions they are forced to endure. In July, we worked with over 21 children who had minor injuries, including scabies, mosquito bites and other skin conditions. We also worked with 4 children who had more significant injuries, including a child who had stood on a nail.

A.24: Right to Health

A.27: Adequate standard of living

Sanitation

A lack of state provided access to essential services means they have inadequate access to basic necessities, including clothes and fresh water. Whilst grassroots organisations work hard to fill this gap, they can struggle to reach everyone who needs support. In 10 out of the 12 sessions we ran in GS this month, our team noted concerns about the high number of children who did not have access to adequate sanitation facilities or clean clothes.

This month, we also worked with a family who lost their 10 month old baby. If you'd like to show solidarity with them, you can donate to the Groupe Deces who work to support families of those killed on the border to mark the death of their loved one and grieve in dignity.

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