

Updates, News, and Observations

WE CARRIED OUT

22

SESSIONS

WE WORKED WITH

131

CHILDREN

WE PLAYED FOR

53

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.

Living Standards

The environments that children are living in do not meet basic requirements of sanitation, privacy, or safety. Evidence of this was highlighted this month with **several incidences of children toileting outdoors in open spaces and behind bushes**.

In April, our volunteers have once again noted that many children were **wearing dirty and inadequate clothing**. With limited donations, NGOs providing clothing often did not have enough supplies for the children.

A.16: Right to Privacy

A.27: Adequate Living Standards

Emotional Wellbeing

Many children seemed **extremely tired** and often became **visibly upset** during play sessions. Of course, it is normal for children to have trouble self-soothing sometimes. Yet our volunteers are noticing an exceedingly high number of children who are reaching high levels of emotional distress and are **unable to regulate their emotions**.

A.23: Right to Disability Care

Disability services

This month, we worked with one child who is **blind**, and another child who is **deaf and mute**. The state provides **no support** for **children with disabilities** who are on the move. All children deserve to have their needs met.

A.28: Right to Education

Education

With no access to schooling, **educational resources** and materials were **popular** this month, especially with children who have been showing up to play sessions for **several weeks**.

A.24: Right to Mental Health

We met 12 **unaccompanied minors** in April. These figures appear to be **growing**.

