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Project Play is a grassroots NGO that aims to provide safe spaces for displaced children in northern France.

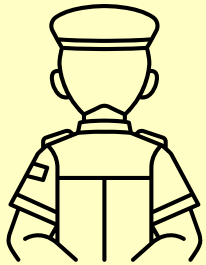
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We work with children in the informal living site in Grande-Synthe (GS), as well as in independently run safe houses and day centres (maisons accueillantes - MA).

This month, we worked with 93 children - 59 in Grande-Synthe and 34 in MA.



Hostile Eviction Operations

Eviction operations are a constant source of mental and physical trauma. This month, the churning up of ground created extremely muddy conditions and destroyed spaces used by children to play.

Exposure to Adverse Weather

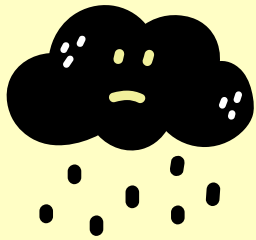
On three occasions, children were seen shivering.

Children were often seen without boots in deep mud, wearing rubber shoes, sandals or trainers.

Mental Health & Wellbeing

When doing an emotion check in with children in GS, nearly all indicated that they felt worried, anxious or scared. Children we worked with in MA were often very distressed and struggled to emotionally regulate.

Children who were in GS for long periods of time became increasingly disengaged, and told us that they felt sad and exhausted.



This month, just over a year since at least 31 people lost their lives seeking safety, news came of a further four deaths in the Channel. Seeking asylum is a human right. Until safe, legal routes are made available to all who need them, the border will remain deadly.

We stand in solidarity with all those forced to undertake perilous journeys, who have lost their lives or the lives of loved ones. The UK government must create safe, legal routes - now.



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All children have the right to play.

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