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Monthly report: July 2020

The Greek government is continuing to expel thousands of refugees from the reception flats in Athens in order to decongest the islands, thus creating a terrible problem and believing that it is solving another one. As we have been telling you for months, they are turning the city and its surroundings into an infamous spectacle of families and people who are helpless, harassed by the heat, the dirt, the hunger and the usual cowards. Because racist demonstrations of Golden Dawn and people of that kind are still being called.



The police in Victoria Square. 3 July 2020

At the end of June, Patricia informed us of the situation in Victoria Square, where dozens of families had been camping for weeks waiting for authorities and official NGOs to offer them a roof over their heads. They are victims both of the government and of groups that apparently claim to look after their interests but use them as an excuse to thrive at their own expense. A few days later, these hundreds of people were taken to the camps of *Eleonas* and *Skaramangas*. Of course, they and hundreds of others are still denied food.

And as always, along with indifference and abandonment, hatred in the form of violent

demonstrations such as that of Golden Dawn and similar that called for a rally in Plaza Victoria. Our colleague Victor, in Athens those days, informed us of this and of the presence hours before of pro-refugee and anti-fascist groups that wanted to show their support for our brothers. The police charged against these collectives to leave the field free for the fascist demonstration.

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Back home, the lack of news coverage about what is happening has been almost total. Only after MSF filed a complaint about these evictions, demanding that the Greek government stop them, has it finally been reported on public television (July 14).

Racist selfishness, deranged productivity or the simple disregard of the poor whose miseries make our society uncomfortable and frightening when pain "smells" so much. By way of example, in Spain and other European countries with the seasonal immigrants of our fruits.



Families expelled from their homes are moved to the camps. July 2020.



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Months ago, under the threat that confinement would leave crops unharvested, and the virus would wreak havoc on them if decent and safe housing conditions were not provided for all, many voices warned that it was time to get things right. And, although there have been far-sighted town councils, we are already seeing this: dozens of settlements in deplorable conditions of overcrowding and filth that are causing serious problems of all kinds for many workers, infecting many and causing fear, concern and racist reactions in many nationals. With numerous exceptions, too, from neighbours, citizens and activists who, once again, have covered up some of the cracks that the "incompetent" bodies are unable to resolve.



Delivering fruit shopping in Victoria Square. July 2020.

At **Red SOS Refugiados** we believe that it is not charity that the excluded want, but solidarity and, above all, respect for their rights. It is impossible to talk about this permanent crisis of millions of refugees and stateless people without talking about disinformation, plundering, economic interests and bastard priorities as determining factors for this pain and global injustice to continue.



Preparing the blue SOS Refugee bags for distribution in the warehouse and/or in the fields.

Therefore, we ask you all again, with the same will with which you give your time and money to protect the lives of the refugees, to be spokespersons for this shame and to denounce this extermination.

And now let's **sum up** everything we've accomplished this month.



Collections in Spain have resumed, although at half gas. Some groups and individuals have responded quickly to the request for help and their boxes and pallets are already on their way. Sonrisas en Acción, in Cáceres, is managing a generous aid turned into many pallets of food and hygiene that we hope to have. In places like El Ferrol, Zambrana, Albacete are in the middle of a collection campaign. And from Manzanares, Premià de Mar and Tres Cantos we are being



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told that they are preparing to start them. We hope that very soon many more of you will take over.



Donations buy food, fruit, juice...

COLLECTIONS: A container with more than 40 pallets of food, hygiene products, clothing and footwear has just arrived at the port of Piraeus and we expect a second container to do the same by mid-August. To the pallets and boxes from Móstoles sin Fronteras, Zaporeak, SOS Salamanca, SOS Barcelona, Hotz Oñati, No Name Kitchen, Be Linda, Tortas Inés Rosales and Almudena García that were waiting, have been added this month: the great delivery of Legumbres Penelas (thanks again), La Chatarrería of Segovia, Anticapitalistas of Madrid, Trayco and SOS Barcelona once again, Pensat and FetA of Valencia, Doll 4 Girls of Mataró and Caudete se Mueve. In addition, from Germany, the NGO Umino has sent a pallet of diapers directly to Athens to be distributed by SOS. Finally, Transportes Truck and Wheel has carried out an emergency free of charge delivery of several pallets: thanks to Héctor and to all of you who have intervened to collect this load in

record time. Thanks to all of you for your pick-ups.

DONATIONS: month by month, euro by euro, the *Teaming* group, with 450 members is one of those faithful supports thanks to which we can face regular expenses (maintenance and fuel of the van, warehouse rent, electricity bill, taxes). As you are the group of regular donors who trust us because you know that your money serves, helps and supports. Thank you very much for being there every month.

And finally, thanks to the generous donations received this month from Ajudant a Ajudar, Kepa Álvarez and Karmele Recalde, Hotz Oñati, Yolanda Pérez and Yolanda Tirado, María Gracia Parra and other anonymous donors... With your money we have been able to buy food and other necessities worth 7000 euros.



Because of the rights that are denied to so many human beings, **Red SOS Refugiados** continues to demonstrate with actions that we believe in them and that we risk our own dignity every time we decide to look at the face and help those who ask us, or turn our backs on them.

A big hug to everyone.