



RED SOS
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Asociación de ayuda humanitaria

Monthly report: MAY 2021

Greetings,

Our colleagues report from Athens that camps around the capital are being closed and food is no longer being distributed by the government, IOM or UNHCR, not because regularisation or asylum processes are being resolved en masse in Greece or other countries, but because of the disastrous European policy on the plight of migrants. So, in the coming weeks and months, NGOs in the capital will find many more migrants surviving on the streets and many others in camps totally lacking in food and hygiene. Together with other NGOs, we are coordinating and forming groups (housing, medical service, food, etc.) to optimise the distribution of the resources we have among the camps, shelters and streets of Athens.



House distribution, 7 May.

While this is happening in Athens, deportations to Afghanistan continue; the plan to build new camps on some Greek islands continues; thousands of migrants continue to die in the Mediterranean because instead of facilitating the rescue work of NGOs and managing rapid rescues to take them to safe ports, irregular returns of migrants continue in the central Mediterranean or in the Aegean in breach of asylum regulations and in violation of all rights; or a blind eye is turned so that the Libyan or Turkish

coastguards, with European money, intercept the boats and leave them once again, in many cases, at the mercy of the abuse of the smuggling mafias.

COLLECTIONS, EVENTS AND SOLIDARITY INITIATIVES:



Unloading the container at the Athens warehouse. A breath of fresh air.

Finally, in mid-May, the container that had been held up in Valencia for a month and a half due to the collapse of the Suez Canal arrived at our warehouse in Athens. Thanks again for your solidarity to: *Legumbres Penelas* (León), Villar del arzobispo (Valencia); Sandra and her friends from El Ferrol; association *Samadhy Jy*, from Leganés; neighbours from Torà, Lleida; NGO *Tira Avant*, from Alboraià (Valencia); Yolanda, from Barcelona; Natalia from Abadiño, Bizkaia; Draz, Laia and the friends and clients of the shop *La comanda*, from Valencia; *The Health Impact* NGO (Madrid); *SOS Refugiados Salamanca*; *L'Eliana Refugianostrum*; *Llumm* group from Barcelona; *Hotz Oñati*; Flor and friends from Bordeaux; *Pedriza Solidaria* (Manzanares el Real); Goyo and friends from



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Villaluenga de la Sagra; Aida; and friends from Alcázar de San Juan.



In the meantime, the next objective is to complete a new container so that it can leave for Athens as soon as possible. We need all of you to make it happen. If we want to avoid being out of stock like last month, we have to fill it as soon as possible, to see if it can be sent by the end of June. For the moment, the powerful collection made by *Móstoles sin Fronteras* (you're awesome guys) has already arrived in Valencia, as well as the pallets of *Dolls4 Girls*, from Argentina; and the *IES El Foix* from Santa Margarida. In Vigo, María Coronado has already finished her collection.

We also hope that in the coming weeks our friends from *La Guindalera* in Madrid, *Premià de Mar*, *Grupo Llum*, *SOS Ibiza*, *L'ElianaVol*, *SOS Barcelona*, *Plataforma Pro-Refugiados Alto Aragón*, *SOS Salamanca* and *Plataforma Pro-Refugiadxs Alcázar de San Juan* will arrive in Valencia.



Purchase of food thanks to donations. 8 May.

The tireless association *L'ElianaVol* de L'Eliana, as well as organising an imminent food collection, is preparing an exhibition of solidarity artwork and the sale of handmade earrings, the proceeds of which will go to SOS Refugiados. *Zaporeak* is preparing a lorry full of milk for SOS, which will arrive in a few days. Finally, the chocolate factory *Ibercacao* has donated 60 boxes of chocolate and *Laboratorios Verkos* a box of toothpaste. Thank you all from the bottom of our hearts.

FINANCIAL DONATIONS:

Through Teaming, bizum, paypal or bank transfer, many of you have sent us your solidarity. Heartfelt thanks to individuals and associations who continued to defend the rights of the most disadvantaged with your contributions during the month of May. Thanks to the following groups: *Escuela de S. Juan de Plan del CRA Cica-Cinqueta, de Sobrarbe; Solidaritat a la Valldigna; Fundación Ajudant Ajudar, Plataforma Por Refugiadxs Alcazar San Juan; Hotz Oñati; Biodanza solidaria; Coesma Estructura.*



Purchase of fruit and vegetables thanks to donations to SOS.

The *Keramós* solidarity initiative of ceramists who have donated their work to help us continues. If you would like to place your order, please visit the gifts



page of our website: <https://sosrefugiados.org/categoria-producto/artesania/>



Distribution of food bags in Malakasa, 12 May.

The campaign to buy T-shirts and bags is finally underway. In the next few days we will send them to the groups that have already ordered them. And for the rest of you, we will announce through social networks how to contact us to order yours. It's a good time to give T-shirts and bags as a gift.

NEWS and links:

1. Pilar Revilla, volunteer of **SOS Refugiados** has been awarded the 3rd prize in the 9th *Gràcia Solidària* photography competition (thematic on development cooperation, fight against poverty, defence of human rights, diversity, social inclusion...). She received her prize accompanied by representatives of *SOS Barcelona* at the event held on 6 May in the Gràcia district of Barcelona. Our volunteers Rober Astorgano and André Naddeo also entered the competition. All three have participated with their photos in our solidarity calendar 2021.



2. The European Rights Agency urges Greece to stop rejecting migrants. <https://greekreporter.com/2021/05/12/europe-rights-body-urges-greece-to-stop-migrant-pushbacks/>

YOU CAN CHANNEL YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT THROUGH:

BIZUM. From your application, in the "Donate to an NGO" section, search in the general list of associations for Red SOS Refugiados, campaign "Por la dignidad" (For dignity) or enter the code no. 01146 there.

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Teaming* (1€/month)

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We propose four ways to collaborate financially so that we can buy and distribute bags of food, nappies, baby milk, oil or milk. We have calculated the cost of the weekly bags that we distribute to the refugee families in Athens and in the camps of Malakasa, Lavrio (I, II, III), Skaramangas; Sounio, Schisto, Ritsona, Inofita, Patras, Thiva.

We have also estimated the monthly cost per family for oil, milk, nappies and baby milk so that you know what we use your donation for. Visit the website:

<https://sosrefugiados.org/categoria-producto/paquetes-solidario/>

PAQUETE SOLIDARIO: 15€

15€ Cuando donas 15€ proporcionas 1 bolsa de comida a una familia para 1 semana GRACIAS

La bolsa contiene: legumbres, leche, latas de conservas, tomate frito, pasta o arroz, galletas, aceite...

PAQUETE SOLIDARIO: 25€

25€ Cuando donas 25€ proporcionas pañales y leche a un bebé durante 1 mes GRACIAS

PAQUETE SOLIDARIO: 40€

40€ Cuando donas 40€ proporcionas aceite de cocina a una familia durante 10 meses GRACIAS

PAQUETE SOLIDARIO: 60€

60€ Cuando donas 60€ proporcionas leche para una familia durante 4 meses GRACIAS

Take care of each other so that we can continue to take care of the forgotten.