



# OUR HELP ON THE GROUND

## NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2022

### UPDATES FROM THE GROUND

In this newsletter, we will share our new project in Serbia, our new clinic in Thessanolik, our social integration project in Germany and more.

**New MVI Project at the HOTSPOT HUNGARIAN-SERBIAN BORDER**



Following a shift in the main route, MVI started a project in NORTHERN SERBIA to assess and support People on the Move in their medical needs.

We support victims of Pushbacks and Border Violence all along the Hungarian-Serbian Border.

Mostly those that live outside the official camps in dire hygienical conditions with insufficient access to water, hygiene or basic medical care.





Completely forgotten and ignored in the shadow of Russia's war against Ukraine, the year 2022 saw the highest number of People on the Move (PoM) on the Balkan Route since the "closure" of the route in the year 2016, most of them fleeing war and oppression in their home countries.

With no effective legal and safe way to enter Hungary and claim asylum, every person that entered "irregularly" and is apprehended by Hungarian police will be pushed back to Serbia without their request for Asylum being heard.



To support this forgotten Population, MVI is now with a team of 8 people on the ground in Northern Serbia. In locations all along the 175 km long border fence, we see PoM in their Squats and support them in their medical needs.

The injuries from the massive violence of the Hungarian Border Patrol and the razor wire border fence include broken bones, bruises all over the body, lacerations from severe beatings, deep cuts from the razor wire, dog bites from police dogs, widespread signs of psychological traumatization.





While people fleeing the terrible war in Ukraine are welcome with open arms in the European Countries, many of the People on the Move fleeing war and oppression in their home countries of Afghanistan, Syria or Northern Africa, have to expose themselves many times to the risk of crossing the fence and being violently pushed back and mistreated before reaching safety in western European countries.

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**Welcome to the new clinic 'Shifaa', the new facility in Thessaloniki.**



Unfortunately, the situation in Greece has changed but has not necessarily improved. Greece still hosts thousands of refugees on the islands and on the mainland. Thessaloniki always has been a hotspot due to its geographical location and its importance for people looking to head to the Balkans.

From the beginning, was our intention to make available a place where everyone is welcome, feels respected and treated with dignity.

In the first month, we've seen a wide range of patients with different needs, many of them being elderly people.





In Thessaloniki, we have a patient who has Hepatitis B. He comes regularly to the clinic to be seen by one of our doctors. Last month, he did not get his medication from the public hospital. So we accompanied him to his next appointment to speak with the staff at the hospital and ensure that they would give him his urgently needed medication.

We have another patient who came from Afghanistan to Greece. She has dementia and several cardiovascular-related symptoms, for which she needs a lot of medication which we can provide. We also monitor her condition regularly in cooperation with partner organisations. She lives together with her mother and her son, who are also checking in every now and then.



Those are just a couple of the patients that we are supporting.

We provide medical care for patients in need, but we also support the community with transportation to hospitals, private appointments and general social support.



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**Join our local Groups in Germany**





We want to meet associations, organizations and initiatives that do insanely important work and network and meet again. We want to show possibilities to get involved and experience an informative, beautiful and open evening together with you.

If you have the time and want to support – please get in touch with the group in your town. If your city doesn't appear – get in touch and we'll find a local group in your hometown.

We look forward to meeting you at our "MVI meets friends" tour 2022!

**In the following cities we will be on our tour:**

23.9.22 - Hamburg

24.9.22 - Frankfurt am Main

04.10.22 - München

05.10.22 - Ulm

10.10.22 - Erfurt

08.11.22 - Regensburg

17.11. 22 - Kempten/Allgäu

18.11.22 - Feldkirch/Österreich

Info about dates and locations here and on social media:

## Meet the team on the ground in Greece



*MVI team in Thessaloniki*





*MVI team in Athens*



*MVI team in Lesvos*

**Do you wanna look cool?**





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Do you want to support MVI and at the same time have a cool t-shirt that represents the fight for the basic right to health?

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**#WorldHumanitarianDay**



# #WORLDHUMANITARIANDAY



## THANK YOU!

Recently the world celebrated World Humanitarian Day. Thousands of humanitarian workers around the world are dedicated to helping communities in need, seeking to restore peace and basic universal rights.

**And we need to thank our resilient and dedicated team who make MVI possible.**

## YOU CAN DO GOODIE



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**300 €**



1 x DOCTORS **TREATMENT**

**10 €**

**CONTINUING OUR MISSION IN 2022**





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ASKING FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Your ongoing support over the last years has enabled us to fulfil our mission and provide medical care in crisis areas. We are now asking for your support again.

As the expansion of our projects has increased our expenses on the ground, we need your help more than ever, so that we can continue our mission in 2022.

**"Health care is a human right"**, MVI will continue to help those in medical need for as long as possible.

**Your support is very important and does make a difference.**

Please consider supporting our mission.

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