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## Foreword

Dear readers,

Today we would like to present the monthly report for June 2022 from SOS Bihac. This month we were again able to make life a little easier for numerous people and provide them with clothing, food, medicine and other relief supplies. This was only possible with the help of the donors and cooperation partners of SOS Bihac. We would therefore like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their great support, without which SOS Bihac would not have been able to guarantee the services mentioned in the following chapters.

SOS Bihac sees this as a sign of the trust of the international donors and partners and is doing everything possible to continue to provide the best possible services in all areas and to act 100% transparently. Because in addition to the help that we offer, the trust of donors and partners has top priority.

Sincerely,

SOS Bihac Team

## Medical interventions

Medical interventions and 24/7 operations are the most significant area of SOS Bihac. We can be reached at any time via the SOS emergency number and are often called for help by local ambulances or the police if they are busy. Our help relates to medical care in emergencies outside of the refugees and migrants, but we are also called within the city to carry out ambulance transport, among other things.

We treat the refugees directly on site or bring them to the SOS accommodation, where they receive food, drink and rest in addition to medical intervention.

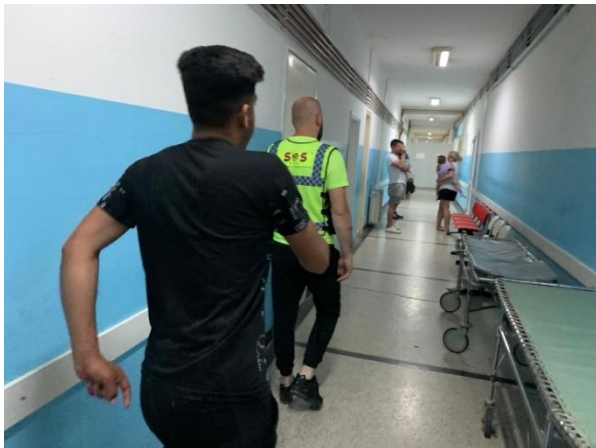
All refugees are taken to Camp Lipa after appropriate treatment and recovery, which is the best solution for them and their situation.

## Injuries

Again and again we are called when refugees are injured inside or outside of Camp Lipa. A patient suffered a stab wound on his right arm below the elbow this month. After appropriate treatment, the wound was able to heal very quickly.

Another person had to be transported from the camp to the ambulance and emergency medical center due to an injury to his right leg, specifically his foot.

But we are not only there for external ailments, we also provide help for internal complaints. For example, we gave a person with severe abdominal pain a quick intervention including therapy.



## Man hit by truck

Late that night we were contacted by the police asking us to take care of a man who was hit by a truck. On his way to the "promised" land, he hid under a truck, fell and was run over. We were called to care for him after he was hospitalized. Unfortunately, he already died in the hospital.

## Rescue missions

It is not uncommon for us to rescue or rescue people or entire families from certain circumstances. This month we rescued a woman and her 5 children, nurtured them and provided them with everything they needed.

After appropriate treatment and care, we try to find an individual and suitable solution for each individual.

We also regularly visit Bosnian welfare cases and offer them the help appropriate to their situation. This includes medical care, but also the delivery of relief supplies, food and medicine.



## SOS House

Also this month the SOS house was visited by several refugees, where they received the help and relaxation they needed.

In addition to our team as the main headquarters, the SOS house is also available to all needy people who are fleeing and whom we meet during our work. It offers them an entertaining opportunity for rest, warm food and regeneration until another solution is found for them. We are also equipped there with a generous stock of medicines and other medical supplies, which is why we can provide first aid for any medical problem.

Since the house has 19 beds (plus 6 emergency beds and mattresses), larger groups can also be accommodated and cared for spontaneously.

The two bathrooms, including the care items they contain, offer those affected the opportunity to pursue their hygiene needs, which is usually not enough for refugees who have to spend several days or even weeks outdoors.

In the event of injuries, we offer medical assistance and can monitor the patient's vital signs via a monitor. Like the EKG machine, this is located in a large sanatorium in the base.

The monitor and device are charged at the end of each shift and all other cables and accessories are attached to their dedicated devices.





## Internetcafé

We received several PCs, monitors and accessories from Space Eye and the organization "Grenzenlose Hilfe Kremsmünster", which we now want to use for an internet cafe in the SOS base. Therefore we have equipped a room with a total of 9 computers on the 1st floor of the SOS house. In future, refugees will have the opportunity to contact their families or carry out other activities via the Internet.



## Fruit trees

Some of the fruit trees at the SOS base are already bearing fruit. The cherries have already been harvested. The rest of the fruit, such as apples and pears, still needs a while until the fruit is ready for harvest.



## Daily patrols

At the side of the road we repeatedly meet individuals, but also groups of people fleeing to a better life.

This month we met, among others, 12 people who endured during the illegal deportation with a temperature of 33 degrees and were visibly injured. We carried out medical interventions and distributed food and water.





## Exercise with the fire brigade - BLS

This month we participated in a drill with firefighters to properly assist victims in inaccessible terrain and emergency conditions. The training and certification includes, among other things, height and water rescue, the recovery of fire victims and the appropriate treatment of the injured.

We can use and apply the knowledge gained from this very well in our daily work.

After the course, the attending SOS Bihac team received a BLS certificate (Basic life support). Zlatan Kovacevic and Fuad also got their license to drive a lifeboat.



## Dissolution of the warehouse in Bihac

The warehouse in Bihac was gradually emptied this month as it was liquidated at the end of the month. The relief supplies were stored in the 2nd camp in Izacic and in the SOS base. Among other things, this saves rental costs, which means that the money can be used for other humanitarian purposes.

## Football

Meetings of our football academy and children from Boric take place every month. There were about 10 children from Boric at the training, who were just as accepted by our children as their colleagues from the club. The training was great fun for everyone.





## Land of Hope Farm – Space Eye

The Land of Hope Farm is a Space-Eye sponsored project with the aim of socializing, raising awareness and caring for those at risk. With the help of experienced farmers and hard-working volunteers, we were able to finish the protective fence around the property, set up the greenhouses and start growing vegetables this month.

Concerned about the rise in food prices, we decided to produce the same, hoping that in the period that follows, we can gradually increase the harvest and help those in need.

### Bean and corn cultivation

The horse, which has only recently arrived on the farm, was able to help us plant the beans and corn earlier this month by having a device behind it that placed the seeds into the ground at regular intervals and in regular numbers duke.



## Vegetables

Little by little, the first plants in the greenhouse began to flower. A few days later small tomatoes, peppers and cucumbers could already be seen on the plants, some of which have now grown into vegetables ready for harvest at the end of the month.

It is important for a good, high-yield harvest to regularly check the moisture in the soil and water it if necessary. A measuring device that was stuck into the ground helps us with this. Furthermore, the strings on which the tomato plants hang must be regularly tightened and excess leaves removed so that the energy flows primarily into the growing vegetables.

Outside the greenhouse we could also see some plants.





## Distribution

The vegetables we harvested, including cucumbers, green and yellow peppers, were distributed by us to local welfare cases and refugees.





## Construction work on the farm

A third container, equipped with toilets, was delivered and placed in addition to the two containers used for storing tools and as a retreat for employees. In addition, the channel leading down from the containers was also completed.



The well on the property was also completed. He was dug deeper, altogether 4 meters, and provided with a lid. Gradually, this fills with new water for irrigation.





The access road, which now leads past the greenhouses, was also extended.



## Bee boxes

We received a valuable donation of bee boxes for the Land of Hope Farm project and at the same time received a one-day education on how to take care of the bees and consequently harvest the precious honey.

We thank Did Sejfa and his family for the support!



## Compost

Grass clippings or plant remains can be thrown into the compost we set up. The resulting compost can be used as fertilizer in the future.

## Final word

This month we were able to ease the situation of many people and make progress in our projects, which was only possible with the help of donations and our cooperation partners. We thank you again for the support!

SOS Bihac Team