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## Foreword

Dear readers,

Today we would like to present the SOS Bihac Monthly Report for July 2022. 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 important area of SOS Bihac. We can be reached at any time via the SOS emergency number set up by us 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 also within the city to carry out ambulance transport, among other things.

As every month, we treat refugees directly on site or bring them to the SOS accommodation, where they find food, drink and relaxation in addition to medical intervention.

We transported one patient among them to the health center, where a medical examination was carried out. He was given a packed lunch and water during transport and then returned to Camp Lipa.



## Injuries

Several times a month we are called for help by the police when refugees are injured inside or outside of Camp Lipa. We provide first aid, take them to the health center and, if necessary, take care of them after their stay. The SOS house is also available, where we can offer the injured refugees a place to rest.



## Daily patrol

We carry out daily patrols, during which we repeatedly encounter refugees or local people in need. Sometimes we also meet whole groups of people fleeing to a better life. They often suffer from various injuries, hunger and thirst due to long walks and heat. We give them medical treatment when needed and handy bags that contain food, among other things. We also distribute water, which is particularly needed on hot summer days.



## Laundry-Service

The laundry service has been an important area of responsibility for SOS Bihac since November 2021. Together with the "Lern for life" organization, we were able to start the project and have been implementing it for several months now.

We collect the laundry from the refugees on the street and put it in sacks for easier transport. We also get some help from the refugees themselves, who collect the laundry with us and load it into the van. The items of clothing to be cleaned are then taken to the laundry.

The organization "Lern for life" enables us to wash the laundry on site in Bihac, which brings logistical, time and cost-saving advantages. In addition to two washing machines, there is also a dryer available, which enables us to redistribute the clean clothes to the migrants on the same day, which is also a relief and saves time.

A total of 868.9 kg of laundry was washed, dried and returned to the refugees between November 2021 and July 2022.

The aim of SOS Bihac is to enable all refugees to wear clean clothes in order to minimize the spread of skin diseases.



## SOS House

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, a larger group can also be accommodated and taken care of spontaneously. In addition, 6 more mattresses/emergency beds can be placed in the rooms to allow a maximum of 25 sleeping places while still ensuring a certain level of comfort for the people accommodated.

There are also two bathrooms, a kitchen with dining area and a living room as a common room. 1 washing machine and 1 dryer are also available for the laundry service.

In addition to the extensive medicine store, the base also has medical aids, such as an ECG device in the sanatorium. We can monitor the vital functions of the patients via a monitor and offer them individual medical help.





## Srebrenica

On July 9th, 2022, a meeting was held in Bihac to commemorate the victims of the Srebrenica genocide. Numerous people gathered at the town square to remember the terrible incident.

The SOS team was there to attend the commemoration on the one hand, but also to keep an eye on the situation of the crowds on the other.

After the speech, those present set out on their motorcycles from the western to the eastern side of Bosnia, covering a distance of around 500 km. The SOS Bihac Team accompanied the motorcyclists with sirens and flashing lights to draw the residents' attention to what should be done to prevent accidents.



## Football

Events of our football academy and children from Boric take place every month. There were children from Boric at training, who were accepted by our children just as much 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.

Further progress was made this month and a good quantity of vegetables were harvested, which could be passed on to people in need.

### Daily routine

After the initial construction work, a daily routine has now formed to take care of the farm and the plants on it.

The greenhouses are opened early in the morning to prevent heat build-up on hot summer days. Depending on the temperature and solar radiation, the greenhouse is ventilated to a greater or lesser extent.

If there is no rain, the plants are watered about every 2-3 days. This is done inside the greenhouse using the installed irrigation system and outside manually with the watering can. The soil moisture is checked daily with an appropriate measuring device.

It is also necessary to pull weeds from time to time so that they do not deprive the fruit and vegetable plants of the valuable water and nutrients from the soil.



## Vegetable- and fruit plants

More and more plants are already bearing fruit and vegetables. Some have already been harvested. These include cucumbers, yellow and green peppers and zucchini.



The melons (watermelons and honeydew melons) gradually grow into harvest-ready fruits and it is only a matter of time before they can be collected.





Although the first tomatoes formed on the plants relatively quickly, they remained green at first. But now some of them were already given a red color.



## Distribution

We passed on the harvested vegetables to needy locals and to small local supermarkets.

## Fence completion

The fence around the property has already been set up temporarily. However, the wire mesh fence still had to be tightened, which was done this month.



## Current

In cooperation with the Aachener Netzwerk, we have summarized the work of SOS Bihac in the past few months in a 5-minute video. In addition to helping refugees, we also respond to calls from health centers, hospitals, schools, etc. and help the local people in need.

With the generous support of the Aachen network, it was and is possible for us to provide help where it is needed.

The video can be viewed on our Facebook and Instagram pages and has also been uploaded to YouTube (Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EG4gd1pMHJI>)

## 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