

Final Project Report – Support Female Refugees on Lesbos

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Dear supporters of Movement on the Ground,

We are sending you this report as a conclusion of the Refugee Women Empowerment Program on Lesbos in 2017 and 2018. We would like to thank you for your loyal support. Below you will find the results of the women program, which would not have been possible without your (financial) contribution.

In 2017 and 2018, the Refugee Women Empowerment program was active on Lesbos, Greece. With the support of you and other various donors, we organised women’s computer classes, girls’ football trainings, ladies’ dance evenings and female-only arts & craft activities that all provided female refugees with the support they so highly needed.

We hereby share an overview of the different activities and the number of women/girls we were able to reach through them:

Description of activity	Amount of women/girls reached 2017 & 2018
Women’s computer classes	7 per class, 1 class per week. Total: 44
Girls’ football trainings	30 per class, 5 classes per week. Total: 77
Ladies’ dance evenings	38 per evening, 1 evening per week. Total: 450
Female-only arts & craft activities	5 per class, 1 class per week. Total: 28



Girls’ football trainings (📷 Maartje Brockbernd)



We experienced many successes and learnings. Here is a summary of some of the highlights we will be taking with us in the new year:

Successes:

- With the women's computer classes, we provided 44 female refugees with certified training in typing and basic IT.
- The girls' football trainings allowed 77 younger female refugees time to relax and play, whilst at the same time improving their physical health and developing their social skills. By having them train together with Greek children, we also succeeded in building bridges between the refugee CampUs and the local community.
- With the ladies' dance evenings and female-only arts & craft activities, we created safe spaces for 450 female refugees to come together, many of whom would have not interacted with each other otherwise.
- Finally, we trained 6 female refugees to become coordinators in the Refugee Women Empowerment Program themselves; they are now teaching the women's computer classes and coaching the girls' football teams.



Women's computer classes

Learnings:

- Because female refugees continued to arrive by boat from Turkey, there were new women/girls in our Refugee Women Empowerment Program every week. This often led to having female refugees with differing abilities and needs in the women's computer classes and girls' football trainings. However, we learned that through a personal approach, we could make sure that every female refugee received the education that suits her best.
- We also learned that we do not have to look outside of the refugee CampUs for coordinators, teachers, or coaches; female refugees have capabilities and



experiences which make them very well suited to lead the Refugee Women Empowerment Program. All we have to do is empower them.

With these activities, we are turning our Camp to CampUs philosophy, which is centred around inspiring and empowering the residents of the refugee CampUs, into a reality. They supported the further development of our women's program into a stable and sustainable part of the Lesvos CampUs program.



Female-only arts & craft activities (📷 Joey O'Loughlin)

We deeply thank you for your donations! Through donations both grand and small, we were able to make a real difference in the lives of the refugee women/girls on Lesvos.

With warm regards and gratitude,
the Movement on the Ground team.

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