



MOVEMENT ON THE GROUND





THE MOTG MISSION



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Worldwide there are 71 million refugees. On average a refugee spends 17 years in supported refugee camps. We believe this time can be used to benefit both refugees as well as host populations. We want both refugees and hosting communities to feel empowered and safe in a dignified, self-sustaining and healing environment, and we believe we have found disruptive model that can make this happen.



OUR MISSION VALUES



EMPOWERMENT



We give the power back to the people. From day one, we set out to build trust amongst the residents in which we plan to support. By building this trust, we are able to assess each individual's strengths and skills, and truly unlock the potential of human capital, thus, returning a sense of empowerment back to the hosted community.

SAFETY



We believe that providing a sense of safety and security is imperative. Our safety model is human-centric, and we simply do not impose systems that create safety, We build them alongside the people that will benefit from them.

DIGNITY



Dignity is an integral part of a person's sense of self-worth. We restore the sense of dignity within refugee camps by providing residents with programs and services that cater to their needs and skills and by distributing goods that put their needs first.

SELF-SUSTAINING



A refugee camp should be able to run without the extended assistance of outsider parties, it should be sustainably run by the hosted and hosting community. This means that programs and services should be run and created by refugees themselves and infrastructure should be built with local supplies by locals and camp residents.

HEALING



Many camp residents have experienced severe trauma prior to having to flee their home, during the journey to a new life and even within their new environment. We are aware of the impact that trauma cause on your mental state so we have prioritised the need for camps to be healing for the hosted, but also the hosting community.



WASTE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM



Our waste management program creates clean and safe living conditions for the refugee population while improving the islands' overall environment as it suffers from the refugee crisis.

It affects the lives of 12,000 residents of the Olive Groves on Lesbos and Vathy camp on Samos. A clean and safe living area is an important element of our aim to dignify the living conditions of refugees in camps.

About 220 *resident volunteers* with very diverse backgrounds work closely together. Giving purpose to their day while supporting their community.



EMPOWERMENT



“It’s dirty work but I see this choice as an act of love towards the rest of the community. We try to motivate others to join as well, because I believe that serving others and helping each other is the best part of humanity.

This place [the surroundings of Vathy camp] is a bush and before we starting collecting garbage, the area was filled with dangerous animals like snakes and insects. Thanks to our work hygiene is improving, the animals are disappearing and it is helping to prevent sickness.

The reason I like being part of Movement On The Ground is because of the people I get to work with. It’s a group of inspiring young people and I like to also be an inspirational person myself.”

Mohammed - Samos resident volunteer



SAFETY, DIGNITY AND THE ENVIRONMENT



We recently teamed up with the Municipality of Mytilini, local Lesvos recycling companies and several partner NGO's to clean the river running in the outskirts of camp Moria. In this mammoth 520 kg of recycling waste and 31 tonnes of general waste were cleared from a 300 meters long river stretch.



BUILDING BRIDGES



An integral part of MOTG's philosophy is ensuring host communities feel supported, understood and considered.

That's why we recently coordinated with the President of Panagiouda village on Lesbos and Moria camp management in a clean up of Panagiouda beach and village.

Together with a team of MOTG resident volunteers and visiting volunteers, we were able to clean and appropriately dispose of built-up garbage from a vast area of the beach and village.

This collaboration has resulted in immediate positive environmental impact and has given a wonderful opportunity for the refugees to connect with their host community and environment.



CLEARING 1750 TONS OF WASTE



LESVOS

Purchase of garbage bags, facemasks and gloves
@ 4,680 euro per month

Rental of 228 trucks per month
@ 69 euro each = 15,732 euro per month

Rental of 1 large skip
@ 217 euro per month

Emptying the skip 24 times
@ 237 euro each = 5,688 euro per month

Program coordination & support to the resident volunteers
@ 2,000 euro per month

Total cost @ Lesvos per month = 28,317 euro
During one month 230,000 kg of waste is collected

SAMOS

Purchase of garbage bags, facemasks and gloves
@ 1,750 euro per month

Rental of garbage truck
@ 3,500 euro per month

Program coordination & support to the resident volunteers
@ 1,170 euro per month

Total cost @ Samos per month = 6,420 euro
During one month 62,000 kg of waste is collected

TOTAL BUDGET:

208,422 euro / 241,522 USD
Clearing 1750 tons of waste over 6 months
@ 0,12 euro / 0,13 USD per kilo



THANK YOU!

