

# The Olive Grove Camp

— A BRIEF REPORT —



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**500 &  
2,000**  
RESIDENTS

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MEALS &  
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CUPS OF CHAI  
SERVED

We were operating in the **Olive Grove** from **November 2015** until **April 2016**, during this time over **200,000 people** passed through the Moria registration centre.

Our resident population fluctuated between **500 – 2,000 people**.

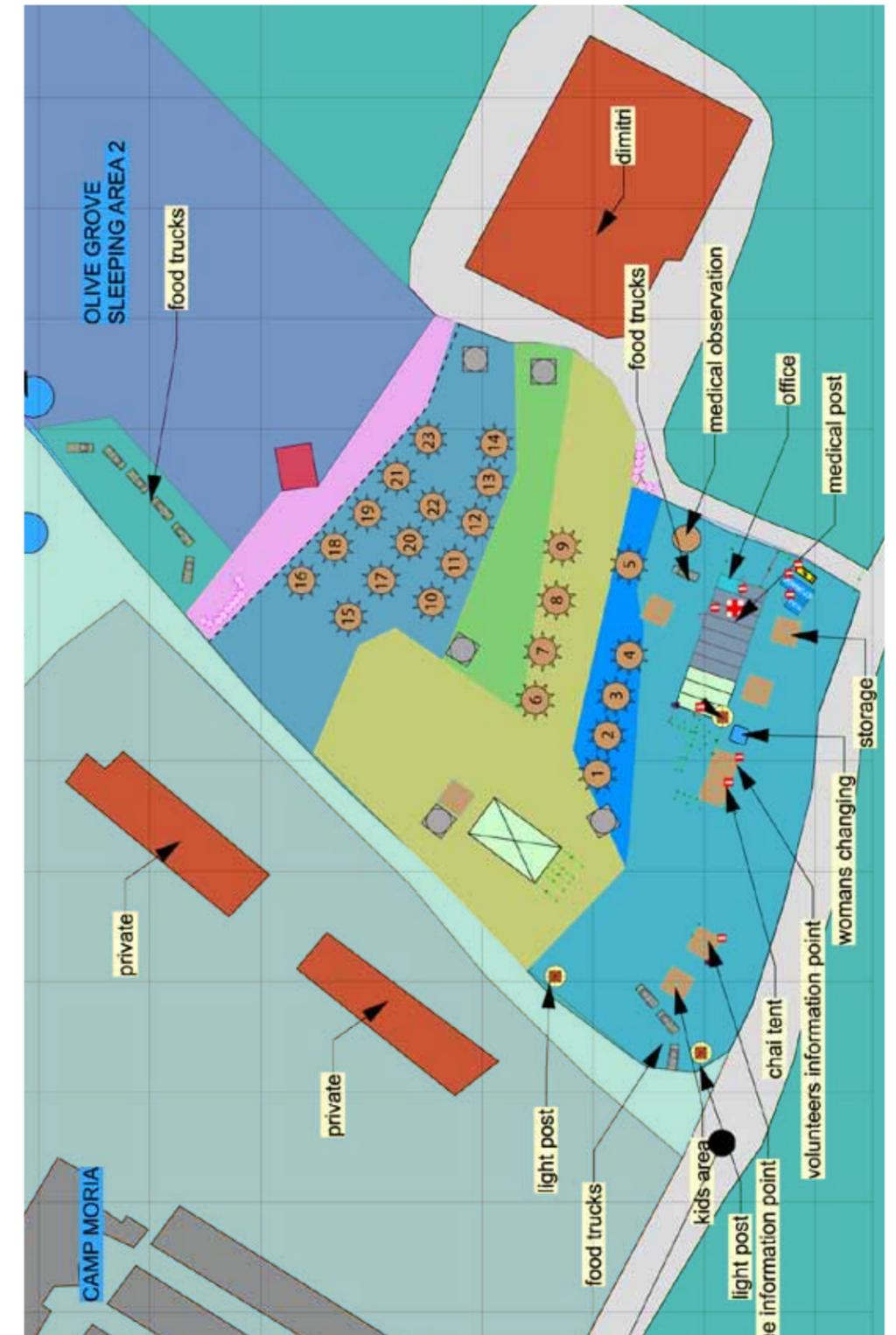
We operated in **3 shifts** covering **24 hours** a day **7 days** a week.

We served over **500,000 meals**, **700,000 cups of chai**, and distributed **NFIs** to thousands of people.

Worked in cooperation with other NGOs, small organisations, the local community and the local government.

**Entirely privately funded.**

Map of site





When we arrived in November there were **3,000 people** living in unhygienic conditions in the olive grove.

We cleaned the whole camp as well as making it a more dignified and friendly place to live. We managed to maintain a relaxed atmosphere on camp, creating a safe environment for children and families to rest, whilst also catering to their needs.

We created the infrastructure of the camp including

- Non-Permanent structures
- Running hot and cold water
- Drainage
- Self-sufficient power grid
- Lighting
- Ground-work

INFRASTRUCTURE  
OPERATIONS  
FOR BETWEEN

500 &  
2,000

PEOPLE



NON-  
PERMANENT  
STRUCTURES



RUNNING HOT  
AND COLD  
WATER



DRAINAGE



SELF-  
SUFFICIENT  
POWER GRID



GROUNDWORK

We built a fully functioning distribution centre that operated **24 hours a day** and could respond to the needs of hundreds of people around the clock.

We worked with a local voluntary organisation called **Attica** who supported us with a well functioning distribution system. We were well equipped to respond to a constantly evolving situation on the ground, and therefore we regularly supported the distribution system inside the hotspot.

DISTRIBUTION CENTRE OPERATING

**24**

HOURS A DAY



**8,000**

MEALS A DAY



**10,000**

CUPS OF TEA A DAY

The kitchen provided up to **eight thousand meals a day**.

Three meals were supplied by catering companies with extra meals cooked fresh on site to supplement the catered meals, and to feed people who arrived in between meal times.

We also had a tea tent that served up to **10,000 cups of tea per day**, as well as fruit and other snacks.

We worked with **crowd management experts** to develop systems for queuing and crowd control. This ensured that our distributions happened in an orderly manner, with all **individuals accessing food and NFI's equally**.



Our medical centre worked **24 hours a day** to provide basic medical care, outreach and dentistry.

We also had a team of qualified translators to assist the medical staff to ensure clear communication between doctors and patients.

Complex cases were referred to the local hospital.



MEDICAL CENTER  
OPEN

24

HOURS A DAY



The children's play area was a **safe space** for children and their parents to relax in a **secure environment**.

It was run by a local family with their two young children.

Numerous activities ran throughout the day to engage and stimulate the children who were residing in our camp and the neighbouring hot spot. These ranged from creative painting sessions, making dolls, to singing and dancing.

There was also a **play park area** where children could create their own games in a safe environment.



SAFE FAMILY AREAS  
FOR CHILDREN  
& THEIR PARENTS



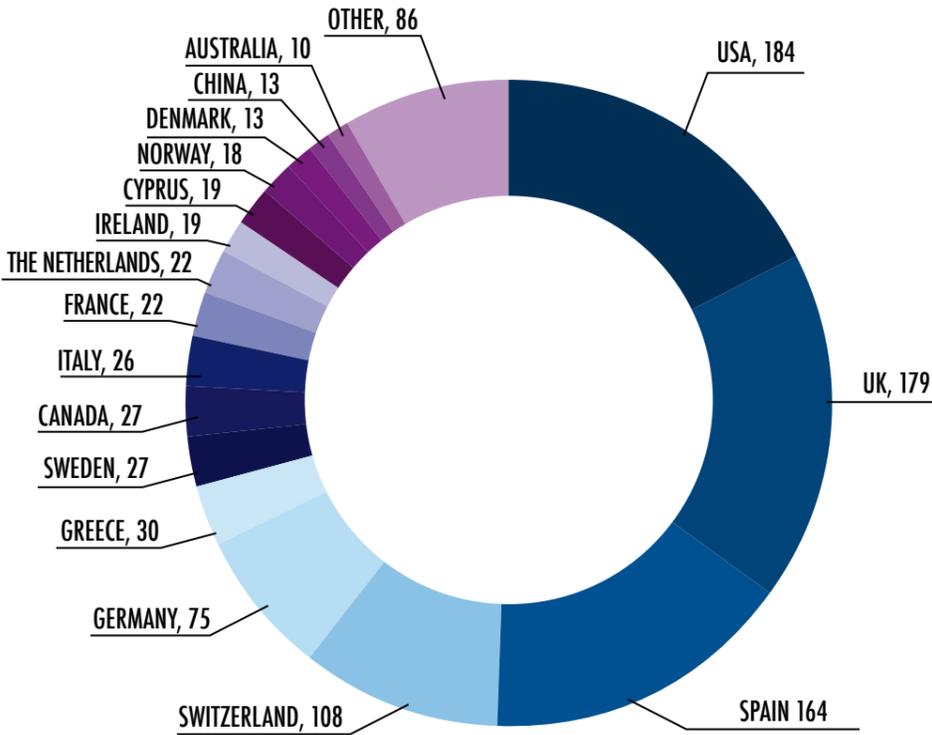
PROVIDING  
CREATIVE  
ACTIVITIES FOR  
CHILDREN



SECURE PLAY PARK  
AREA FOR CHILDREN

## VOLUNTEERS BY COUNTRY OF ORIGIN

23 DECEMBER '15 - 9 APRIL '16



Our volunteers come from all over the world. We had over **50 nationalities** helping on the Olive Grove project during the **6 months** we were running. We also set up volunteer registration and training procedures.

We incorporated long term refugees into our volunteering team. They assisted us in the kitchen, with camp maintenance and translation.

It was beneficial for both ourselves and for the residents to get them involved in the workings of the camp. By volunteering with us the residents were occupied and also they were able to input their feedback into our decision making process. This ensured that we were able to best respond to their needs and create a more harmonious and efficient camp.

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NATIONALITIES  
HELPING ON THE  
OLIVE GROVE  
PROJECT

