



Monthly Impact Report

JUNE 2026



JUNE in PLAY



We are a grassroots organisation supporting children and families on the move in northern France through **play**, **parental support** and **casework**. This month:

WE FACILITATED

23

SESSIONS

WE WORKED WITH

207

CHILDREN

WE PLAYED FOR

59

HOURS

This month, we ran service at **six locations** across northern France - including makeshift camps, independent safe houses and community centres.



Session Spotlight

This month, our highlight was working with Changing Stories, a travelling arts organisation bringing theatre and play to refugee camps and shelters at the EU's external borders.

The Changing Stories team performed two shows for us, bringing interactive theatre, clowning, and puppetry to distribution points and day centres in Calais and Dunkirk. It was amazing for the children to experience something new and exciting, and an inspiring opportunity for our team to learn and grow as playworkers.

Many of the children we are working with have been at the border for several months. Moments of joy like this make a huge difference, providing space for laughter and relaxation.



CHANGING STORIES



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NEWS and UPDATES

From the border:

Numbers have remained high throughout June, and we have had many **children attending our sessions this month**. Many families have been in Calais for a long time now, and grassroots organisations don't have the means to support them, leading to increasingly challenging conditions. This month, we also started doing sessions at a new safe house that opened in Calais for women and families.

Key issues:



High temperatures - This month, France experienced a heatwave of exceptional intensity, with temperatures reaching 30°C along the coast. For many of the families we see at our play sessions, it is extremely difficult for them to follow guidance and protect themselves against the heatwave due to a lack of access to water, indoor spaces, appropriate clothing, and rest.



New Living sites - There are multiple new hard-to-access living sites along the coast, as families are forced to travel further along the coast in order to attempt to cross to the UK. Because of this, we are working with many families stuck in prolonged situations of displacement, moving along the coast over periods of several months.



Far-right groups - The presence of far-right groups and far-right journalists on the ground caused tensions in the living sites on multiple occasions. Groups are reported to have used candies and chocolate to attract children to film and harass them, trying to provoke the families, too.

Parental Support & Casework



In June, we provided specific casework support to **3 families**.



We **made 17 referrals**, mainly for medical support, tents, sleeping bags, clothes and food, for families in need of these services.



GALLERY

*some favourite
moments
this month!* 🎨

Changing Stories
brought so much joy to
our sessions, with
clowning, theatre, circus
skills, and bubbles



During a family trip to a
local soft play area, one
of the children we
support was able to meet
his favourite TV
character in real life



We came up with lots of games
and activities to help keep
children cool during the canicule.

The children especially loved
having water races!



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