



Monthly Impact Report

AUGUST 2026



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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

29

SESSIONS

WE WORKED WITH

334

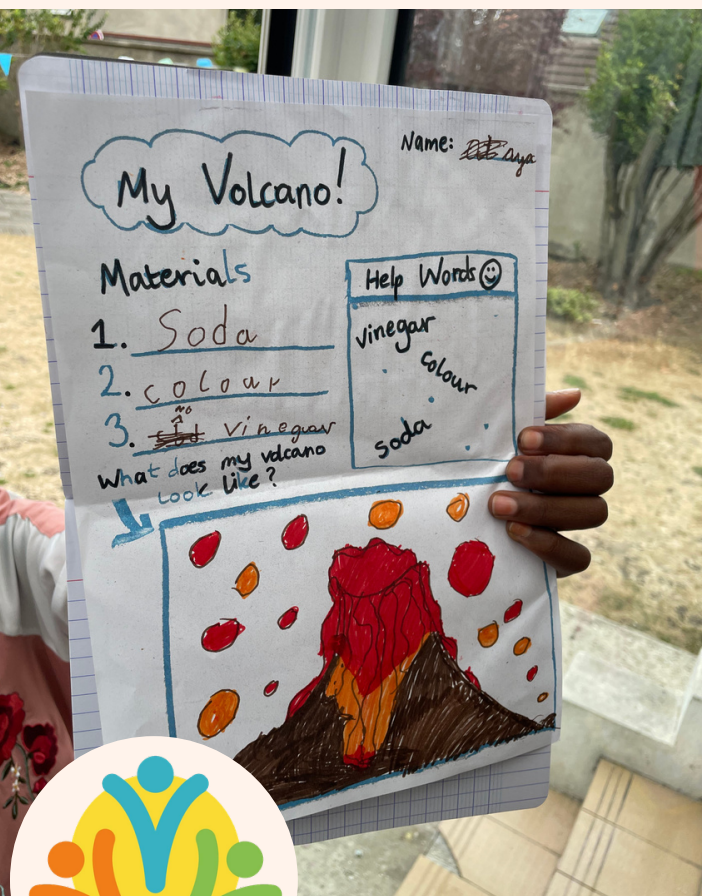
CHILDREN

WE PLAYED FOR

55

HOURS

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



Session Spotlight

This month, the focus for our education sessions was science experiments.

One of the experiments we ran was 'exploding volcanos', mixing bicarbonate of soda, food colouring, and vinegar to achieve a bubbling volcano. We made differentiated worksheets for the various ages of children which they filled out as we went along. Throughout our experiments we have been thinking about expected outcomes vs what actually happened.

It can be challenging to engage children in an education session outside of a formal learning environment - we find that choosing a monthly topic and involving play makes it much easier for children to focus and get excited about learning.



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NEWS and UPDATES

From the border:

With a smaller team, we tried to keep a similar level of presence in the field as the need in August was very high. Because of the weather conditions and the presence of more police, the crossings have become harder, and we have heard of many incidents and at least two fatalities. We have received numerous testimonies of a boat set on fire by tear gas thrown at it by the police; many adults and children were involved, especially from the Sudanese community.

Key issues:



Lack of NFI for families - Due to limited resources and the unprecedentedly high numbers of families in Dunkirk this August, we are increasingly working with children who lack appropriate clothing and footwear leaving young children to walk across distribution point littered with sharp objects without shoes.



Many unaccompanied minors - Many organisations have reported working with a higher than usual number of unaccompanied minors. We have been collaborating with partner organisations to best support this group.



Unhygienic living conditions - We have noticed living conditions deteriorating in both Calais and Dunkirk living sites. As a result of continuous evictions and a lack of state waste collection we observe more waste present in living sites, including broken tents. Children often complain about the unclean toilets or lack of access to toilets.



Parental Support & Casework



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



We **made 92 referrals**, mainly for medical support, tents, sleeping bags, clothes and food, for families in need of these services.



GALLERY

some favourite moments this month! 🪁



We were very excited to welcome back the amazing spoon circus this August, who brought so much energy and fun to our sessions!

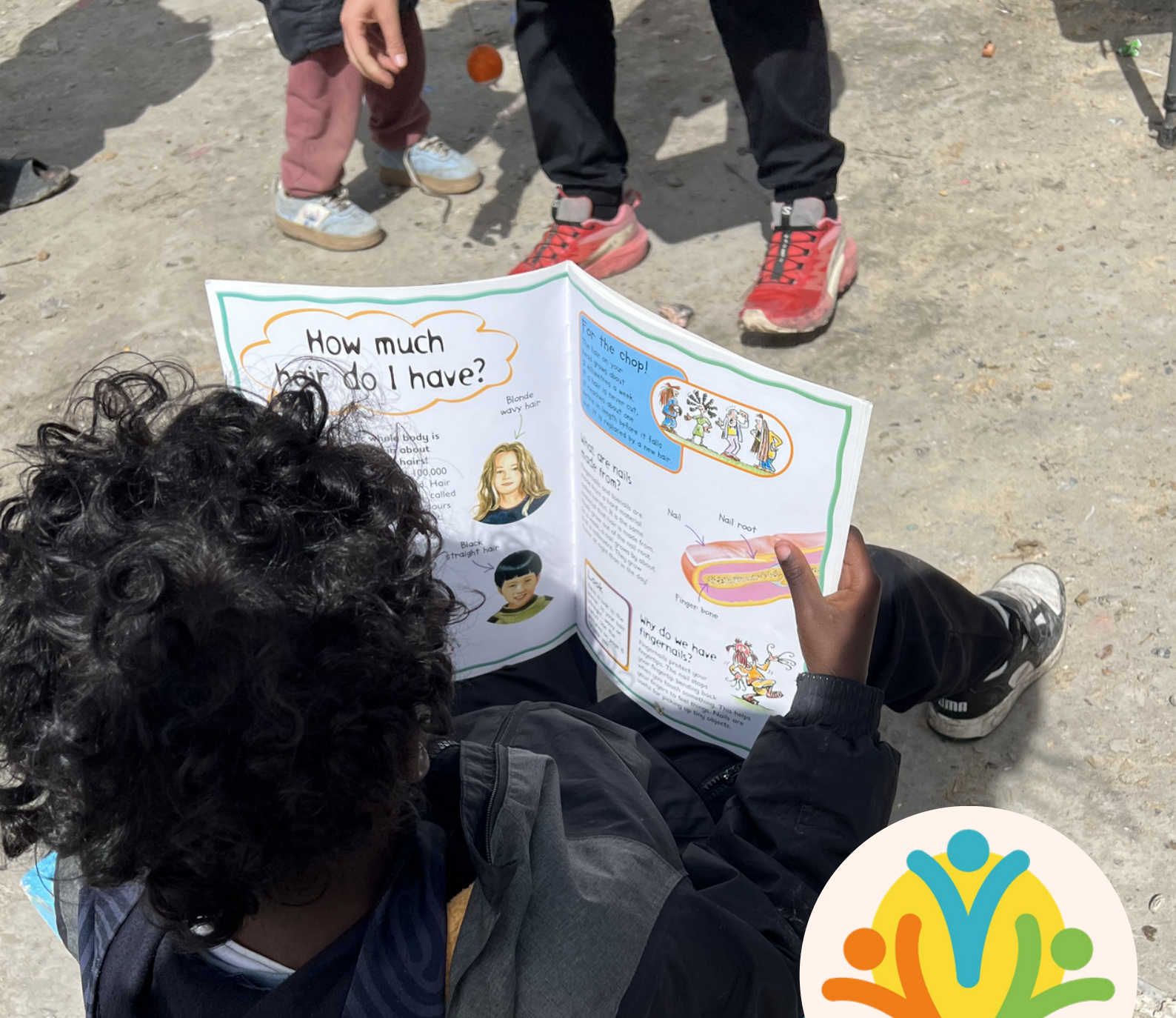


During nature week, we continued to make big murals alongside individual landscapes using plants and flowers foraged from the bankside next to the warehouse.



Building lego homes at a day centre





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