



Monthly Impact Report

MARCH 2026



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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

13

SESSIONS

WE WORKED WITH

35

CHILDREN

WE PLAYED FOR

30

HOURS

We ran a reduced service for one week in March, to allow our team some much-needed admin time. Despite this pause, we were able to provide service at **four locations** across northern France.



Session Spotlight

We've started running educational sessions, responding to requests from children and families staying at an independent safe house. These sessions help bridge gaps for children excluded from school. We're lucky to be able to work with parents too, allowing everyone to use native languages.



Other Updates:

We are recruiting for a number of remote roles to support our team in northern France, and improve our long-term sustainability. We are also continuing to support partner organisations - helping out in the RCK kitchen, joining CFC for a water drop, and joining Utopia56 maraudes - where needed.

Outside of work, we've begun transforming our garden - creating a beautiful space for our team to relax and unwind!



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NEWS and UPDATES

From the border:

The UK and France were due to renegotiate the Sandhurst Agreement, which oversees bilateral funding and operations to 'secure' the border. At the end of March, they announced a temporary two-month extension to enable further discussions. Our research has shown a direct link between increased funding and heightened risk to children. Meanwhile, the children we work with continue to face daily rights violations.

Key issues:



This month, many of the families we worked with were able to access accommodation on a temporary basis, as a result of winter provision supported by an NGO. However, this accommodation will close at the end of the month.



In previous years, we have seen that when children move out of this accommodation and back, for most, to makeshift camps, that there is an increase in levels of emotional disregulation and distress.

We work with partner organisations to urge the authorities to improve access to accommodation - and make safe, stable and unconditional shelter easily accessible.



Parental Support & Casework



In March, we supported families to **access essential services** through our partner organisations.



We **make referrals** for clothes, tents, medical needs and legal support - amongst other things.



We also **run safeguarding training for other organisations** present in northern France, to equip people with the knowledge they need to have safe and positive interactions with children.



GALLERY

some favourite moments this month! 🎈



We loved exploring the theme of nature, and learning about the world around us! Can you see what we found with our magnifying glasses?

We ran a craft session at an event for International Women's Day!

Creating a safe and delineated space for child-led play is fundamental to each of our sessions.

We loved our outdoor obstacle course! This was great for gross motor skills, problem solving and collaboration.





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