



Monthly Impact Report

NOVEMBER 2025



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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

14

SESSIONS

WE WORKED WITH

70

CHILDREN

WE PLAYED FOR

36

HOURS

We worked at **five different locations**, including independent safe houses, community centres and informal living sites - reaching a consistently high number of children.

Session Spotlight!

Our Clown Mask activity was a real highlight! We gave the children a range of materials to use to decorate their masks - from wool, sequins, paper and materials of different colours and textures.

The children took inspiration from the example model, but developed their own creativity, freedom of expression and fine motor skills - working together and exploring the materials. They then loved using their masks as prompts for more play and silliness!



Parental Support & Casework



In November, we handled **two case files** for families in need of specific support.



We made **43 referrals**, 60% of which were for tents and sleeping bags.



We also made a number of referrals for **unaccompanied children**, working with our partner organisations to provide support.

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NEWS and UPDATES

From the border:

The weather in November has been very wet and windy on the border, and there has consequently been very little opportunity for people on the move to cross to the UK. This has meant that people have been stuck in challenging circumstances for longer, and we have worked with many families for a number of weeks. The impact of prolonged stays in these conditions on children is apparent, often in their deteriorating mental and physical wellbeing.

Key issues:



We worked with many families in November that have experienced numerous barriers against accessing emergency accommodation.



While November saw the reopening of the additional shelter provided by MSF, this cannot meet the level of need nor replace the necessity for the state to provide access to safe accommodation as it has limited capacity and can only be used for a few nights at a time.



With colder temperatures and longer durations between opportunities to cross to the UK, it is even more imperative that the French state respect their obligation to provide all children with an adequate standard of living, including suitable accommodation



In the News:

In November, UK Home Secretary Shabana Mahmood announced reforms to the asylum system that create yet tougher and more hostile conditions for people seeking asylum, in particular limiting their ability to work or access indefinite leave to remain if they enter the UK via small boat.

We are strongly opposed to this - not only does it conflict with international law, but it further criminalises and discriminates against people on the move who have no other means of accessing asylum in the UK due to the lack of safe and accessible routes.

We continue to call on the governments of both France and the UK to meet people on the move with dignity and humanity, rather than violence and hostility.



GALLERY

*some favourite
moments
this month!*



Some sensory paint fun is always a highlight - children love having the freedom to explore texture, colour and shape.

Animal week saw some super imaginative, collaborative free play!

Colouring and drawing is always a favourite - allowing children and young people to express themselves freely.

And of course, our clown masks were truly amazing and very silly!





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