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Project Play is a grassroots NGO that aims to provide safe spaces for displaced children in northern France.

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In GS

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In MA

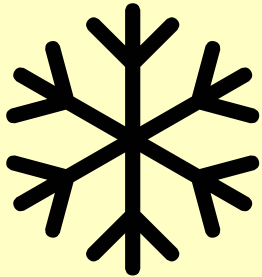
We work with children in the informal living site in Grande-Synthe (GS), as well as in independently run safe houses and day centres (maisons accueillantes - MA).

This month, we worked with 67 children - 44 in Grande-Synthe and 23 in MA.



Large-Scale Eviction & Freezing Temperatures

A severe, large-scale operation saw the erection of a concrete blockade at the entrance of GS, restricting vehicular access. Not only are evictions a source of mental and physical violence, this prevents organisations from providing essential services - food, water, clothing, shelter, and safe spaces for children.



The extreme cold has been of particular concern. 22% of the children we worked with did not have proper clothes or shoes, and one father expressed concern that his baby was very cold.

On a number of occasions, rats were observed in and around living sites.

Exposure to Mental and Physical Trauma

The mother of a young baby told us that she was extremely exhausted following a crossing attempt. Her boat had sunk, throwing her into freezing water. No-one should have to experience this in their search for safety. The governments of both the UK and France must end their pursuit of hostile border policies, and ensure safe, legal routes are available to all those who wish to seek safety in the UK.



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All children have the right to play.

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