



The Humanitarian Crisis in Bosnia is Ongoing

The media interest in the situation of the refugees in the Una-Sana region of Bosnia has waned. After having visited the Lipa camp, near Bihac, it seemed that the motivation of Italy's MEPs to encourage the European Parliament to take action was also fading. And yet the overall situation in the camp has not improved. Hundreds and hundreds of people still have no access to running water, electricity or decent toilets in the camp, forcing many of them to seek refuge in abandoned factories or in the woods. There is only one tent where the refugees can sit down in the warm and enjoy a meal.

THE ITALIAN EMMAUS MOVEMENT IS RENEWING THE CALL FOR DONATIONS SENT OUT IN LATE 2020 - LET'S TAKE ACTION TO ENSURE THAT THESE PEOPLE ARE NOT FORGOTTEN.

In addition to having provided the basics (food, clothing and all else required to offer more dignified living conditions), **Emmaus Italy and the International Forum of Solidarity (an Emmaus group in Bosnia) are now preparing to open a day centre in Velika Kladusa**, close to the site of the camp. At this centre the refugees will be able to come in, take a shower, wash their clothes, get first aid and charge their mobile phones (which are often their only means of contacting their families).

Opening such a centre every day will be an expression of our moral commitment to these forgotten people.

This comes at a cost and within Emmaus Italy, with your support, we hope to be able to sustain this expenditure in the long term.

We are thus renewing our call for public contributions in order to provide relief to our brothers who are currently facing terrible conditions in this camp.

At the same time we are sending out the following clear message to politicians and to the general public:

NO to turning people away at Europe's borders: European law demands that refugees be allowed entry, as does a decree by the Court of Rome

YES to humanitarian protection for these people in Bosnia

YES to protection and rehousing for these refugees in all European countries

You can support this call for donations by sending a contribution to the bank account listed below. The sum collected will be sent on to the International Forum of Solidarity group which will then use the funds to finance the aforementioned initiatives.

We believe that it is only by working together that we will really be able to change things.

On behalf of the entire Emmaus movement I just wanted to say "thank you for your support!"

The Chair of Emmaus Italy,

Massimo Resta

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