

Working closer with the community of Lesbos



SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER 2020

After the devastating fire of September 9th, that destroyed Greece's biggest camp housing more than 12000 people, the Better Days team stepped up to support both the local and refugee communities affected on the island of Lesbos.

Responding to Covid-19 challenges by providing essential PPE and medicine

Enabling access to better and safer education for hundreds of children by providing student material, school furniture, PPE and IT equipment



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Actors were supported with donations

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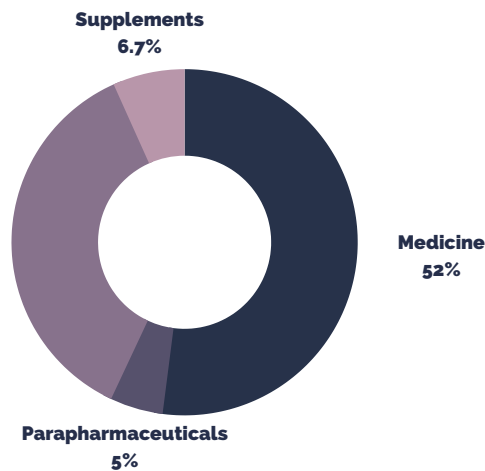
PPE and Hygiene items

669

Furniture and school supplies

Reinforcing communities with medical supplies and PPE

Fighting against Covid19



6544 Drugs and medical supplies

HELLENIC RESCUE TEAM

27 different items adequate to replenish their 5 emergency care kits for at least one month and create stock in case of another emergency. Hygienic products donated will be included in the "Love Package" that 60 underprivileged families of Lesbos will receive during the Christmas period.

ZAHARIO-RETIREMENT HOME

Located in Agia Paraskevi village of Lesbos is hosting 50 people above the age of 55 from all over the island. They provide caring for the elderly who are not self sufficient, kinesiotherapy, and nursing care. PPE and medication was donated for the patients. As an additional gift to its residents, we supplied them with pill cases for organising their medication.

MUNICIPALITY OF PLAGIA VILLAGE IN PLOMARI

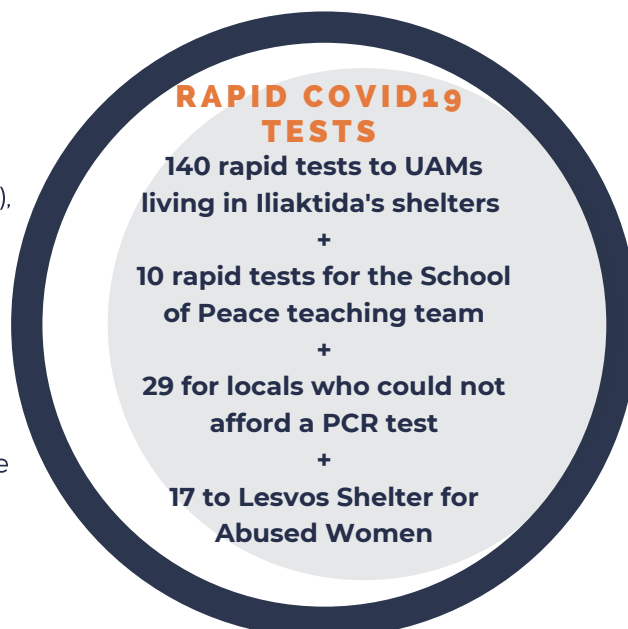
After processing the request from the mayor, we donated PPE and hygiene items for the 30 children who are enrolled in formal education, elders, families in need and the village's doctor.

THE ART BRIDGES

They are developing the self-esteem of Greek Roma in Pagani and Papado Slum where they live in extreme poverty. 30 Roma kids enrolled in formal education so we supported them with 35 reusable masks and lice treatment, school supplies including books, painting blocks, water bottles and clothes. In order to support the art lessons by Art Bridges, two tablets were donated

THREE HEALTH CENTERS

Located in Polichnitos, Antissa and Plomari, (villages of Lesbos), these centres are deprived of basic items and funding. BD covered 100% of the monthly needs in medicine and essential PPE for 15 doctors' offices and local patients as a preventive measure against the fight of Coronavirus.



ONE HAPPY FAMILY

24000 masks, face shields, disinfectants, liquid soaps and gloves to cover 100% of the centre's hygienic needs for three months. Over 500 camp residents visit the centre every week.

MSF

Masks, single use aprons and 140 scrub sets for medical staff and volunteers were provided for their new mobile clinic treating refugee population.

BOAT REFUGEE FOUNDATION

21 different medicine for health services provided close to both refugee camps.

DIOTIMA

Masks, disinfectants and necessary supplies along with hygiene products, condoms and pregnancy tests to be distributed to refugee women in their GBV Center in Mytilene

PPE breakdown

51186	Masks
10500	Pairs of Gloves
15690	Aprons & Covers
495	Disinfectants
439	Googles & Face shields

ABUSED WOMEN'S SHELTER

Hosts local and refugee women and its capacity reaches 20 mothers plus children. Except from medicine and PPE, the centre was in critical need of furniture and educational material. Together we created a safe study area for these children.

Covering students needs and improving the quality of educational spaces

MOSAIK SUPPORT CENTER

It continues to offer language, computer, music classes and workshops to mainly adult refugees. School furniture and books (Science and English Language material) were donated to the centre to refurbish their space and enrich their library.

INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF PEACE

Their school might have been burned but their team never gave up! Today it provides adult classes and a leadership class to 35 teenagers. Gekko student kits (bag, notebook, pencils, rubber, sharpener) were put together for these students in support of ISOP's leadership youth program.

ATTIKA HUMAN SUPPORT

Attika plays a vital role in the distribution of humanitarian aid across Lesvos, Samos, Chios, Kos and mainland Greece. We are grateful for their ongoing support. Most in-kind donations received by Better Days are usually passed on to Attika. In September we transferred a few boxes of winter clothes, shoes, bedsheets, and hygiene kits; all items generally suitable for their winter distributions.

YOGA & SPORTS

Yoga mats, footballs, water bottles, exercise balls are some of the products donated to Yoga & sports to support their sports activities in OHF.

SAPFO WOMEN'S FOOTBALL CLUB

One of the two amateur women's football clubs based on Lesvos island which empowers local girls through their participation in sports. In honour of Gekko's Empowerment Program for Girls (which was cancelled for Summer 2020), we supported this team of incredible young women with essential equipment (balls and sports clothes). We hope to see women's football grow on the island in the years to come.

2ND PRIMARY SCHOOL OF MYTILENE

At the start of every academic year, Better Days puts together an average of 250 student packs for Gekko Kids. This year 90 sets containing a notebook, a pencil case, colouring pencils and reusable water bottles were instead prepared for the students of a local public school. This centre has accepted and supported many refugee children and Gekko students in their ZEP/DIEP classes.

NFI	179
Furniture	490
School Supplies	802

SPOROS REGENERATION INSTITUTE

Better Days' beloved ecological program 'EcoHub' (2017-2020) was handed over to our local partner Sporos this summer. In support of a smooth transition we handed over BD's gardening assets, remaining funding as well as valuable educational equipment (16x Tower Gardens). We remain committed to supporting Sporos ecological and educational activities with the local and refugee community.

POLIANA

Poliana's local art institute educated Gekko artists who received scholarships during their time at Gekko. To receive a nomination a student's attendance, behaviour and talent were taken into consideration. Colourful desks and chairs were donated to empower their work and make their studio more comfortable for the young artists.

KANENAS MONOS

A local group of volunteers that support the most vulnerable groups of the local community, especially families living below the poverty line. Apart from the usual monthly contribution, Better Days donated 20 computers and laptops along with literature books to support remote learning and online education for children living in rural areas.

MONETARY DONATIONS

Several local suppliers are supported. Better Days credits over a thousand euro worth of food and essentials every month to support the most vulnerable families on Lesvos.

OUR SINCERE APPRECIATION GOES TO OUR DONORS AND PARTNERS WHOSE SUPPORT ENABLES US TO CONTINUE OFFERING TO THOSE IN NEED

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