

# Make Moria-camp a better place for refugees

Elim Open Doors was founded in December 2005 as a new branch of diaconal urban work, because in Kleinbasel people from many nations are based. Our immigration and refugee work has set itself the goal of providing the migrants admitted to Basel as professionally and holistically as possible. Focal points are the vocational integration through the mediation of the German language, the help and guidance in the job placement including the advice in training and education issues. Also on offer are legal assistance in matters relevant to asylum.

The majority of refugees who arrived in Switzerland from the Middle East, especially Persian speaking refugees from Afghanistan, Iran and Pakistan were complaining about the situation in Moria-camp that how Greece government behave with refugees. Indeed, the majority of them were asking Elim Open Door to help their friends and countryman who need help and attention. Elim Open Door was also looking for a solution to spread its connection into the broader scale.

Due to their tendency to help Moria-camp, I suggested to find the most vulnerable group of people there and their needs and announce Elim Open Door to bring those humanitarian aids they extremely need.



Moria-Camp located on the Eastern part of Lesbos island in Greece in an area calls Mitilini. Due to a short distance to Turkey, Mitilini is an appropriate target for refugees who tend to pass the Middle East and enter Europe.

The official capacity of Moria-Camp is around 2500 refugees. However, at the moment around 17000 refugees are living in the camp. Because of the current situation, so many humanitarian organizations and volunteer members try to make a better life condition in Moria-Camp.



- Step.1 (in Basel)  
Understanding how Moria-camp works?  
Understanding how UNHCR and communities working together?  
Understanding how communities send their help to Moria-camp?

- Step.2 (in Lesbos)  
Finding the real sense of Moria-camp  
Making interviews with Persian speaking refugees  
Finding the most vulnerable group of refugees

- Step.3 (in Lesbos)  
Asking for some instant help from Switzerland  
Making contact with a community (which works with UNHCR directly) to help efficiently  
Distribution of humanitarian aids  
Supporting the community for some urgent needs and actions

- Step.4 (in Basel)  
Making a critical photo gallery to illustrate the insane contrast between Moria-camp and Lesbos island  
Making the gallery as a fundraising idea and transferring the money to the community's account

- Step.5 (the future plan in Switzerland and Europe)  
Repeating the fundraising and donation idea to support the community  
Supporting volunteer ambassadors to Moria-camp to teach children  
(Education during the waiting time) on behalf of Elim Open Doors



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**Insane**

**Contrast**

Moria-Camp vs. Lesbos Island

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**Insane Contrast**  
**Critical Photography Exhibition**  
**A Tragic Line: Moria-Camp vs. Lesbos Island**  
This exhibition conveys the contrast within Lesbos island in Greece and concentrates on Moria-camp as an exception in the middle of the island. Currently, 16000 refugees live in the camp, but it was only set up for 2500. And winter is approaching.  
Each place should be compared with itself and its context otherwise that would be an irrelevant comparison. In the first layer of this exhibition different places on Lesbos island will be shown. By contrast, in the second layer, the overall concept and condition of life in Moria-camp will be exposed. And in the third layer, everyday life in Moria-camp will be portrayed.  
The exhibition will take place for a fundraising idea and all of the financial aids etc. will be transferred to Moria-camp.