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2022 has been a very complex year, characterised on the one hand by the gradual return to normality after several years of pandemic, and on the other by the dramatic outbreak of conflict with war.

MOAS, since the early days of the conflict, has been on the front lines in a country destroyed by escalating violence. To respond to the tragic humanitarian crisis ongoing in Ukraine, on February 25th, 2022, MOAS started a new program bringing emergency medical care, pharmaceutical aid and first response services to the people. Thanks to our paramedics, doctors and nurses, logistics teams and drivers, we have worked to reduce the incidence of illness and mortality. We are responding to the crisis with a fleet of 27 emergency response vehicles, with different specifications and capacities, depending on the needs of the specific environmental context. These vehicles are equipped with medical supplies, pharmaceuticals and state of the art equipment that allows our teams to provide both basic and advanced life support, advanced interventions and transport as well as some more expanded medical interventions. This life-saving work is being managed by our core strategic team, who are responsible for the orientation, training and deployment management for our entire in-country team. It also enables us to track the needs of vulnerable communities rapidly and

allows for quick response. MOAS also operated an MMU, a mobile clinic fully equipped to provide primary healthcare.

During 2022 we continued the missions already active in the rest of the world including the Training and Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) initiatives within the refugee camps in Bangladesh, both on Flood and Water Safety, and for Fire Safety with the training of several refugees and representatives of the host community. Our team has procured and distributed wheely pumps and carry pumps, while water tanks were placed in the camps.

In 2022 MOAS provided 80 tons of ready-to-use therapeutic foods to malnourished children in Yemen and Somalia.

In Malta, we launched the "Integration through Education and Information" project to stimulate collaboration between voluntary organisations and coordinate sessions and events aimed at the community of asylum seekers on the island, to boost integration and independence. We began working on the creation of Information and Learning Centres in the refugee camps of Hal Far, we restarted the hospital visits to migrants saved at sea and we started the "English for beginners" course for residents at some of the transitional housing centres. We continued the Family Hosting & Sponsorship, thanks to which migrants are connected to families residing in Malta who wish to support them in furthering their education.

Throughout the year, MOAS continued to run its advocacy campaign to support the implementation of #SafeAndLegalRoutes of migration, issued an educational campaign focused on the key issues that climate migrants face, and released its brand new App.

The end of the year was marked by the release of the short movie The Path, created and directed for MOAS by the animator Duncan Rudd. The film, which tells the story of a young girl forced to leave everything behind and flee in search of safety, was inspired by our project and the advocacy campaign for #SafeAndLegalRoutes.

With the beginning of 2023, the humanitarian situation will continue to be complex and unstable in many regions, and the Ukrainian conflict will continue to be the focus of global attention and our attention. The MOAS team we will continue to support vulnerable people where our assistance is most needed, trusting in your solidarity and your help.

Regina Catrambone

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MOAS is an international humanitarian organization created to mitigate human suffering and assist vulnerable communities in the world.

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MOAS Mission –

Saving lives on the frontline

After the beginning of hostilities, the impact of the conflict on the population has been devastating. Families have been torn apart, homes and businesses destroyed, and necessities such as food and medical care have become scarce. To respond to this tragic humanitarian crisis, MOAS started a medical mission in the country, following its founding mission, to respond quickly and efficiently to this global emergency and to save lives and alleviate human suffering.



The first stage of the mission

In February 2022, MOAS deployed into the Eastern Oblasts with two mobile medical units dedicated to providing primary healthcare services and supporting national health initiatives such as vaccinations and COVID control. The escalation of violence pushed MOAS to send in a uniquely qualified tactical, strategic team made up of an operational lead, medical coordinator, security specialist and logistics fixer. MOAS initially launched a special mission running emergency evacuations for chronically ill children, unable to flee using regular transportation mechanisms and trapped in areas of heavy bombardment. During this time, MOAS evacuated chronically ill children and their families and responded to the needs of the most vulnerable in the early days of the crisis.

The second phase of MOAS' operations

In the following weeks, MOAS broadened the emergency deployment to support the Ukraine Ministry of Health and WHO in emergency medical response in the field and on the front lines of this devastating crisis.

Therefore, we shifted the initial deployment plan into a comprehensive, national, front-line point of injury and trauma care program that has spanned half a dozen Oblasts, engages teams of up to 100 tactical medics at a time, also called "the white angels" operating a fleet of 27 Class C ambulances in the field.

In 2022 MOAS has treated more than 10.000 patients on the front line, and more than 20.000 people in communities cut off from infrastructure and services through critical care and MMU services, while

thousands more have been triaged. Additional training has been delivered to 10.000 local healthcare providers on the latest medical techniques and technologies to improve the overall health and well-being of the population.

How we operate

MOAS coordinates with relevant stakeholders to deploy tactical medics, strategic logisticians and a battery of supplies and equipment directly to the front lines. It is here that MOAS medics are working every day, doing all they can to save lives, treating patients with trauma injuries caused by artillery fire, small arms, rocket systems, shrapnel, crush injuries, burns and impact injuries. During our operations, we've worked across the country throughout the most affected regions such as the Kharkiv, Donetsk, Mykolaiv, Chernihiv, Sumy, Vinnytsia and Kyiv oblasts.



MOAS Mission Ukraine

MOAS fleet of ambulances

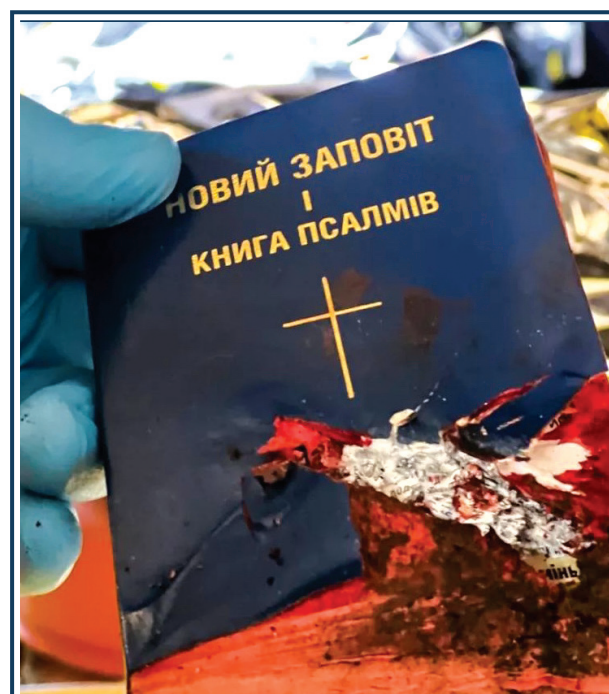
Class C which are the most advanced type of ambulances, have different specifications and capacities, supplies and equipment, which are allocated to activities depending on the needs of the specific clinical and environmental context. The ambulances are equipped with portable medical supplies, stocks of pharmaceuticals and state-of-the-art equipment that allows our teams to provide basic and advanced life support, advanced clinical interventions, transport and triage.

Each ambulance is manned by 2 licenced medical personnel and a driver. As many patients as possible are triaged, treated and released in the field, but the most critical and high-risk cases are transported to the nearest medical facilities for further intervention.

The Mobile Medical Unit (MMU)

MOAS also runs a primary health clinic (PHC) in communities cut off from health services because of bombardment. The vehicle is lent to MOAS by an operational partner, the Ronald McDonald House Charity, Latvia, and is seconded to MOAS for the duration of the mission in the country. The MOAS MMU can provide up to 100 primary healthcare consultations per day, reaching those in communities who have been cut off from clinics, GPs, pharmacies and health centres for months at a time.

The unit has a rotation of 4 Ukrainian speaking medics on staff and in 2022 has treated more than twenty thousand patients in the Oblasts of Kyiv and Chernihiv as the needs in those areas are significant, following the targeted bombardment of health facilities.



Story from the field

How The Bible Saved a Life

A member of the MOAS staff recalls a heartwarming and touching story of how for someone faith became a shield and literally saved his life.

We found a damaged bible among the belongings of a person we had saved. The holy book of Christianity stopped a bullet - it protected and preserved the one who carried it near the heart.

The patient shared with us his feelings about this experience:

"The horrors of war, being under fire, have reminded me of an ancient biblical truth from the Book of Jeremiah: 'I am with you,' says the Lord to save you.' Therefore, this book has always been with me, because in the face of war, on the verge of life and eternity often the only thing left is to trust in God's will!". Regardless of your religious beliefs, this amazing story makes everyone think.



Fundraising event to support

#MoasMissionUkraine

On March 2022, a fundraising event was held at Gracy's Art & Supper Club, an exclusive venue in the hearth of Valletta in support of the mission in Ukraine. The gala dinner was complemented by an art auction and all proceeds were donated to MOAS. It was a wonderful night of fine food, music and solidarity which will be kept in our best memories.



The Cost of Food Insecurity in Yemen

The current levels of hunger in Yemen are both unprecedented and rising, as millions of civilians face hardship and harsh conditions. While ongoing humanitarian assistance has helped alleviate some food insecurity, the number of people in need is estimated to reach 19 million by the end of this year. The number of malnourished

children is among the highest globally, and a recent survey estimated that 1 in 3 families have substantial gaps in their diets.

The UN was seeking \$4.3bn to help mitigate the world's worst humanitarian crisis with the country nearly on the verge of total collapse, but as global attention continues to be on the evolving situation in Ukraine, some major contributions were missing. Only \$1.3bn was pledged and the humanitarian situation is at its worst as the country now faces further violence, collapsing state institutions and an economic crisis. 80% of the country's 30 million civilians depend on aid to survive and with the country nearly fully dependent on imports for food and energy, food insecurity will likely increase as a direct result of the conflict in Ukraine, as the country produces nearly a third of Yemen's wheat supplies.



MOAS in Yemen, providing food aid

"The food items provided by MOAS have had a much-improved outcome. Thanks to the support of MOAS, ADRA was able to ensure a sustained source of therapy food and address malnutrition needs in children".

Mohammed Bahashwan, ADRA's Director of USG Programs and Partnerships in Yemen.

Since early 2019, MOAS has been providing **pharmaceutical care and specialist malnutrition treatment** to vulnerable children in Yemen. With the ongoing support of partners, Edesia and ADRA, in 2022 we managed to successfully distribute over 40 tons of medicine and ready-to-use therapeutic foods to children on the brink of starvation and this year, we have multiple aid deliveries underway. Our most recent delivery has helped support young children like Nawar, Rahima, Nadir, Haiat and Yosif. They were recently admitted to in-patient care services, with many families having

to travel long distances to reach the centres for treatment. When the parents were asked about their hopes and dreams for their child's future, they unanimously hoped that their children could be a healthy weight, as they all bore witness to their child's deteriorating health due to malnutrition.

Nadir was 11 months old when he was admitted to the hospital to receive malnutrition treatment delivered by MOAS to Adra. His weight had been dropping and he suffered from diarrhoea due to insufficient nutrition. After receiving the course of treatment, his weight improved and he was able to be discharged on a home supply of RUSF treatment which can be administered remotely.

These children deserve to live full and healthy lives, while the global community needs to respond to the growing humanitarian crisis and help build food supplies in-country, we also need to continue providing malnutrition treatment for children like Nadir, who have already been impacted by food insecurity.

Our greatest achievements lie in the depth and breadth of support we have provided our beneficiaries. We continue to be dedicated to working towards a world where all people are treated with dignity and respect, through our logistical expertise we can rapidly respond to emerging crises like in Yemen.



MOAS #Missionofhope

A country in crisis

In 2022 MOAS' latest shipment of nutritional supplements has reached Mogadishu to be distributed in different regions of Somalia by our in-country partner, International Medical Corps! This life-saving therapeutic food we shipped is paramount to combat malnutrition in children and is desperately needed in this region, at the brink of famine.

Hunger is rising in Somalia following a historic fourth consecutive failed rainy season since 2020 and the worst drought in 40 years, with 7.8 million people—almost half of the population—affected. As of the end of October 2022, 6.7 million people are facing acute food insecurity, and 1.1 million people have been displaced from their homes in search of water, food and pasture. For the first time since 2017, the Integrated Food Security Phase Classification (IPC) has confirmed pockets of catastrophic food insecurity (Phase 5), estimated to affect at least 300,560 people across the country.

The drought crisis in Somalia is predicted to worsen over the coming months, as a historic fifth poor rainy season is forecast. The morbidity rate is expected to increase, especially for women and children, with worsening food insecurity as well as water scarcity. More than 90% of Somalia is already experiencing severe to extreme drought conditions; malnutrition and disease outbreaks have surged, and people continue to face difficulties accessing safe water, proper sanitation and adequate food.

The response by MOAS

Since 2020, MOAS has been working to bring relief to Somali communities affected by food insecurity and malnutrition in partnership with our partners, Edesia Nutrition and International Medical Corps Somalia.

Last year we delivered 40 tonnes of Plumpy Nut®, a revolutionary kind of therapeutic food specifically designed to treat malnutrition in children above six months.

Why is this product so unique?

Cassidee Jones, the Customer Relations Coordinator at Edesia Nutrition, explains what makes this product so unique in treating malnutrition compared to traditional food groups: “When a child is extremely malnourished, food is lethal to them. At that point in time, they need something that is more easily digestible and easier to consume, and these sachets deal with a lack of appetite which happens when you are that malnourished. When you’re that hungry, you’re not hungry. The reason this paste is so easy to consume is that it can be mixed with water, or it can be given in the sachet form. It is less intense for the body to digest, and it has just enough vitamins and minerals that it is safe to, and beneficial to, consume”.

Testimonials from the field: *the story of Mohamed*

Mohamed is a nine-month-old boy living with his family in the Midnimo camp for internally displaced people in Somalia since his parents escaped a harsh drought in their home region. In August 2021, Mohamed's mother started noting a drastic change in her son's health:

“When my son began showing signs such as having general body weakness, sudden weight loss and fever, I knew something was wrong with him”.

Once mother and son arrived at the Midnimo PHU, an International Medical Corps-supported health clinic in the camp, doctors diagnosed him with moderate acute malnutrition. Mohamed immediately received a treatment consisting of Plumpy'Sup, nutritional supplements created by Edesia Nutrition.

After receiving 75 days of nutritional treatment and support, Mohamed met the discharge criteria.

In the words of Mohamed's mother, “I am happy with the staff at the health facility. It is not the first time I have interacted with the organization. I remember when I was diagnosed with acute malnutrition [while breastfeeding her son], I sought treatment at this same facility and was well treated, so I also decided to bring my son. It's wonderful how the staff treat us with dignity and are always friendly”.

DONATIONS AT HAND IN THE NEW MOAS APP

MOAS Innovation

MOAS developed the MOAS.eu app so that users can find out more about its initiatives around the world and make a donation to support communities in need

At the beginning of 2022 MOAS released its brand-new app MOAS.eu. The ultimate way to discover MOAS' missions worldwide and donate to support the most vulnerable communities in areas of crisis.

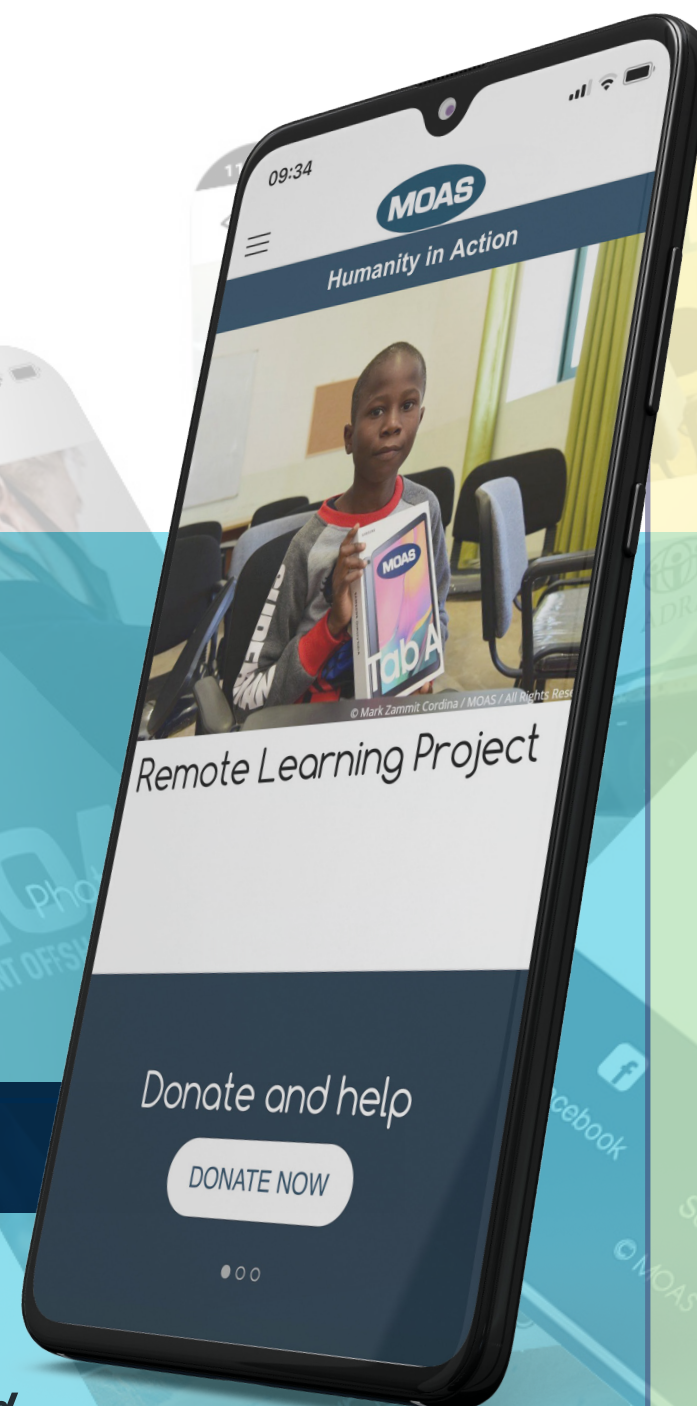
Both simple and intuitive, the app features a Project section dedicated to giving users all the most up-to-date information about what we do and the people we support. The MOAS "donate" button allows users to provide immediate support and actively contribute to bringing vital aid to families, children and displaced people in need.

The Advocacy section is ideal for joining the global campaign for #SeAndLegalRoutes and sign the petition for the implementation of safe and legal means of

migration so that vulnerable people do not have to risk their lives in search of safety.

The MOAS app user interface is very friendly and easy to navigate. It allows users to read MOAS' latest news and stay up to date with MOAS initiatives with just a simple tap. Through the Community section, it is possible to share comments, photos, ideas and join a group of supporters that want to make a difference.

With the MOAS app, giving is as simple as tapping a button on the mobile phone. For example, 10€ will buy a life-saving throw-bag, a vital piece of equipment for the Flood and Water Safety Training. 37€ provides malnutrition treatment for one undernourished child in Yemen or Somalia. But any donation counts, no matter if small or big.



Interview

*with Maria Luisa Catrambone,
MOAS Spokesperson and
creator of the app.*

Maria Luisa, how did you come up with the idea of creating an app for MOAS?

I wanted to create a platform for fundraising, build a community, and further grow the MOAS community specifically. And I also wanted something that was always within reach. So, I thought about what the one thing is that everyone carries with them no matter where they are, and it's your phone. So that's from where I started thinking that having a mobile application for MOAS would be paving the way for a new way of community building, reaching out and fundraising.

What are the major features and strengths of the app that you have created?

The major feature that is available on the app is donating worldwide at the click of a finger. No matter where you are, no matter what you're doing, if you think of MOAS, if you think of our operations, you can donate, and you can also keep up with our community, through a dedicated section on the app which talks all about what we've been doing. The app is also for our donors who do not have social media, who want to keep up with us and are eager to hear more about us instead of just waiting for the newsletter.

Do you think that NGOs should keep up with digital transformation and technology?

Absolutely. NGOs should adopt technology and use it for good. Technology has always been used for conflicts and it's sad because it can also be used for humanitarian purposes. Why can't we use technology and our apps to build bridges between us and address the problems that society is facing?.

THE USER CAN:

Learn about MOAS' projects around the world and find information about each one

Access the MOAS blog and articles about migration, humanitarian trends and development initiatives

Access the photo section and share their experiences in the Community section

Make a donation to support a project. The mobile app allows donors to choose the project that ignites their hearts to support.

Access and explore our social media channels and become a follower

Read and sign the appeal for the implementation of #SafeAndLegalRoutes of migration



Available on the App Store and Google Play



South Africa loses one of its most admired figures

by Regina Catrambone

Along with Nelson Mandela, F.W. de Klerk and Albert Lutuli, Desmond Tutu was one of the most important figures to challenge policies of apartheid in South Africa and today they are a beloved and entrenched part of the country's history.

With the recent death of Archbishop Tutu, South Africa loses one of its most admired figures, who advocated for a democratic and just society without racial divisions, creating a platform for voices which had been forced to the periphery of society.

“If you are neutral in situations of injustice, you have chosen the side of the oppressor”
– Archbishop Tutu

A key goal of his was to ensure civil rights and education for all, and the cessation of forced deportations. He was one of the powerful forces behind the movement to end racial segregation and institutional discrimination enforced by the South Africa's white minority government.

His opposition to the oppressive governmental regimes had begun from an early age, he decided to abandon a teaching career following the passage of the Bantu Education Act that in 1953 which introduced racial segregation in schools. By the late 60s, Tutu's impactful anti-apartheid messaging had a profound impact inside and outside South Africa.

The 1976 Soweto uprisings were a series of demonstrations and protests led by black schoolchildren; they marked a key turning point in the struggle against apartheid. The uprising became a catalyst for activism in the country and changed the face of South African politics, it sparked country-wide mass protests, and Tutu was among the key figures condemning white silence after witnessing the authority's violent reaction to the protests.

Thanks to his held positions as Bishop of Lesotho and Secretary General of the South African Council of Churches, his anti-apartheid messaging became increasingly recognized and shared internationally. In 1984, he won the Nobel Peace Prize for his non-violent campaigns to dismantle the apartheid regime, and he was proclaimed **“a unifying leader figure in the campaign to resolve the problem of apartheid in South Africa”**.

In 1993, Tutu stated **“We will be free, all of us, black and white together, because we are marching towards freedom.”** Just a year later, on 27th April 1994, Tutu saw the first democratic vote in South Africa, making his message of hope a reality. For the first time, at the age of 62, he could vote, along with Nelson Mandela and the entire black population.

The 1995 Truth and Reconciliation Commission was introduced to recognise the atrocities which occurred under the apartheid regime, bearing witness to the institutional systems of oppression that racially divided society. It represented a process of restorative justice that reflected the very ideals of Desmond Tutu himself, giving voice to those violated by decades of repression.

By granting forgiveness to those who confessed to crimes perpetrated against the black population, Tutu represented a form of moral justice for the survivors and families of the victims. He helped build the foundations of the Rainbow Nation where citizens could coexist peacefully, an expression that has come to represent the nation's culture.

This is why Pope Francis named Tutu in the encyclical “Fratelli tutti” among non-Catholic brothers that motivated him in the reflection on universal fraternity.

Tutu's legacy, as stated by the president of the United States, Joe Biden, **“transcends borders and will echo throughout the ages”**.

We echo this sentiment, that his ideas of community and protected human rights can transcend borders and take root in all areas of the world. Systemic discrimination and racially motivated massacres are still taking place today. People are being persecuted based on their ethnicity, religious orientation or belonging to a different social and political group. This Christmas, we saw a tragedy unfold in Myanmar, where the military killed and set fire to dozens of children, women and men in the Christian-majority state of Kayah.

“If you are neutral in situations of injustice, you have chosen the side of the oppressor”, a maxim of Archbishop Tutu that has reverberated across the world and is an idea that has continued to represent acts of collective solidarity. Each of us should put this idea into practice, as all forms discrimination and violence must be met with actions in support of those who face such injustice.



Assisting vulnerable communities

MOAS Malta

All our projects focus on supporting beneficiaries to gain autonomy, continue their education and boost inclusion and integration. We want participants to be able to actively contribute to the society and use the skills and connections they develop through our projects, to facilitate their growth and self-sufficiency within a new social setting.

Disclaimer: This project has been funded through the Voluntary Organisations Project Scheme managed by the Malta Council for the Voluntary Sector supported by the Ministry for Inclusion, Voluntary Organisations and Consumer Rights (MIVC).

In Malta, MOAS is committed to supporting and assisting asylum seekers and refugee communities present on the island, to facilitate integration and improve independence.

We run several different projects ranging from education and personal development initiatives, culture and wellbeing to English language classes. We hope to achieve increased integration and independence for vulnerable migrants living in Malta, with the aim of benefiting Maltese society more widely.

Information & Learning Centres

One of the major projects on the island is the provision of **Information and Learning Centres** in the refugee camps at Hal Far. MOAS is establishing multifunctional learning spaces at the Open Centres. The curation of these centres has been guided by beneficiary needs. We interviewed migrants and NGOs to establish the essential services that would benefit the centres. These

learning centres are equipped with educational resources such as computers, books and other learning tools and the centre's residents will have access to educational opportunities, training and vocational activities, CV writing workshops, job support and much more.

MOAS has also delivered a **Remote Learning Initiative** in Malta. This ongoing project provides tablets and modems to migrant families and students to help children and full-time adult learners keep up with their studies.

English language for beginners

We provide an **'English for Beginners'** course to residents at some of the transitional housing centers: this course is adapted according to the asylum seeker beneficiaries' needs and aims to build confidence in listening to and speaking English. The lessons, which focus primarily on conversational English, both boost the participants' capacity to integrate into the local community and better access community resources. English language

acquisition can be vital for participants to access better employment and build connections in the community. Ultimately, English classes play a vital role in the holistic well-being of refugees and the societies that welcome them.

Hospital visits

After the suspension caused by the pandemic, in 2022 MOAS restarted the hospital visits to migrants medically evacuated from SAR vessels and receiving inpatient treatment, to ensure they feel supported and had access to services. We also provided them with care packages to support recovery. Furthermore, MOAS has helped coordinate at-home care for individuals who need additional support once they return home after treatment.

Family & Sponsorship Project

Launched in 2021, the **Family Hosting Project** was the first of its kind in Malta. The aim of the project is to allow vulnerable migrants with interest in furthering their education, to be matched with local families who are ready to offer accommodation and integration support as part of a 1-year transitional program.

The **Sponsorship initiative** has recently expanded the project to allow individuals and families unable to host migrants in their homes to sponsor participants living in the community through a mentoring program by offering social support, guidance and family interactions to further promote independence and integration.

Integration Through Education and Information

In 2022 MOAS launched the **"Integration Through Education and Information"** project, to stimulate collaboration among voluntary organisations and coordinate sessions and events targeted to the migrant community on the island, to boost integration and independence. Our activity team leader, supported by a staff of amazing volunteers, organised art classes, guided visits, nature walks and other exciting initiatives thus engaging with the migrant community and stakeholders to foster community engagement and implement integration.



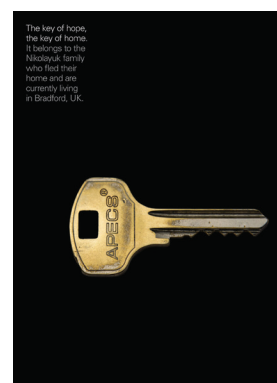
Flow Creative - We wanted to create in one visual a snippet of the multiple emotions felt by people forced to leave their homes, from the cold, exposure, uncertainty, fear, hope, resilience and ultimately love.



Duncan Rudd - This artwork has been taken from an animation. The film explores the theme of vulnerability; using the sea and its unknown predators as a metaphor for the dangers faced by refugees when searching for sanctuary.



Dani Molyneaux - The Way Is Family uses a graphic typographic style alluding to paths and journeys. The words express the idea of following the family. The colours were chosen to feel like sea and sun— juxtaposing the ideas of long complex journeys with hopeful horizons.



Ensemble - We liked the connotations around the key, after discovering keys are the most common possession taken by refugees when fleeing their homes. The key within the piece belongs to the Nikolayuk family who is currently living with a family in Bradford.



Laura Boast - This creative piece 'To-gether' visually represents the incredible work of family-founded #MOAS through a piece of paper metaphor. Taking the audience on a journey; from a single A4 sheet that was trimmed and separated, to be bound back together and reunited in a whole new format.



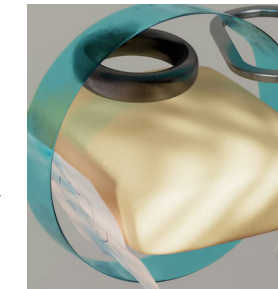
Danielle Rhoda - Given the theme of Family Reunited for this year's Refugee Week it was important for me to highlight the exact moment a family finally gets to embrace each other knowing they can look towards more hopeful days.



Alexandra Francis - Meal times are when families come together, telling stories of their day, gossiping and laughing around plates of food. Being able to do this should be a given, not a rare luxury.



Valentina Santolini - Traditional lullaby, sung by Giulia Cosentino, Valentina Santolini and Blanche Lacoste. A lullaby to convey a soothing feeling of calm and peace, to rock children to sleep even in the most difficult circumstances.



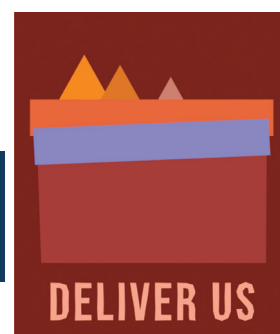
Mat Lucas - Exploring the materials and objects that are prevalent for families moving across countries and borders. Hastily written notes, emergency blankets, and carabiners quickly tied together before leaving home.



Alastair Stewart - Through the tears and the smiles, the sleepless nights, Battling through days with no respite, no signs of change, But driven by the happiness, love and innocent eyes

Gallery of Artists

MOAS #Refugee Week



Sarah Brewster - Deliver Us scored by Hans Zimmer for the film The Prince of Egypt, played by Sarah Brewster. This piece depicts a mother trying to get her child to a place of safety, knowing she may never see him again, and trusting that he will be welcomed into the arms of another family.

Family Reunited

A Project by Studio Treble & MOAS

The Campaign

The aim of the campaign was to generate awareness for MOAS' global work through a collection of different artworks under the general Refugee Week theme of 'Healing'.

"Through creativity and conversations, Refugee Week 2022 was a celebration of community, mutual care, and the human ability to start again."

Studio Treble reached out to their creative network of different local and national artists, to create a collection of artworks that were inspired by 'Family Reunited.' Their creative interpretations of this idea cast a unique lens and perspective on 'Safe and Legal Routes,' shining a new light on the topic.



Family Reunification

Family reunification represents one of the most common ways for refugees to enter a host country safely and legally. It offers the possibility for refugees to reunite with their family members in their countries of resettlement, highlighting the fundamental importance of family unity. MOAS are looking to build awareness of this type of pathway, expanding these to allow refugees – especially children who find themselves without an appropriate adult guardian – to join close relatives who have already made their way to another country.

A group of UK-based artists and creatives realised beautiful and unique pieces dedicated to the theme of Family Reunification, in support of **MOAS' Safe and Legal Routes campaign.**

During Refugee Week 2022, MOAS worked with the Manchester-based agency Studio Treble and a network of talented artists and creatives to generate a suite of artworks on the theme of 'Family Reunification' – a key part of MOAS' work in the promotion and support of 'Safe & Legal Routes' for migrants and refugees worldwide. The artworks created by the artists, who have kindly given their time to raise awareness around MOAS' work, were released during the week.



MOAS #Easterofhope

MOAS DONATED EASTER EGGS TO MIGRANTS IN MALTA

Two years after the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, the world is celebrating, once again, an Easter different from the others, saddened by the shade of the ongoing conflict in Ukraine, and still impacted by the Covid-19 fear, although mitigated. While **MOAS** is present in Ukraine with its **#MOASMissionUkraine** to bring an emergency medical response to the people impacted by the violence, it also continues its activities in Malta to assist vulnerable communities in need. This year, the complex international situation is making life even more challenging for the people living in the migrants' centres, who are already experiencing isolation and a sense of discomfort and sadness.

To celebrate Easter, MOAS donated traditional Easter eggs to the families, unaccompanied minors and the people residing in reception centres to share a message of peace and brotherhood. These children, women, and men need to know that they are cared for, supported, and not left alone.

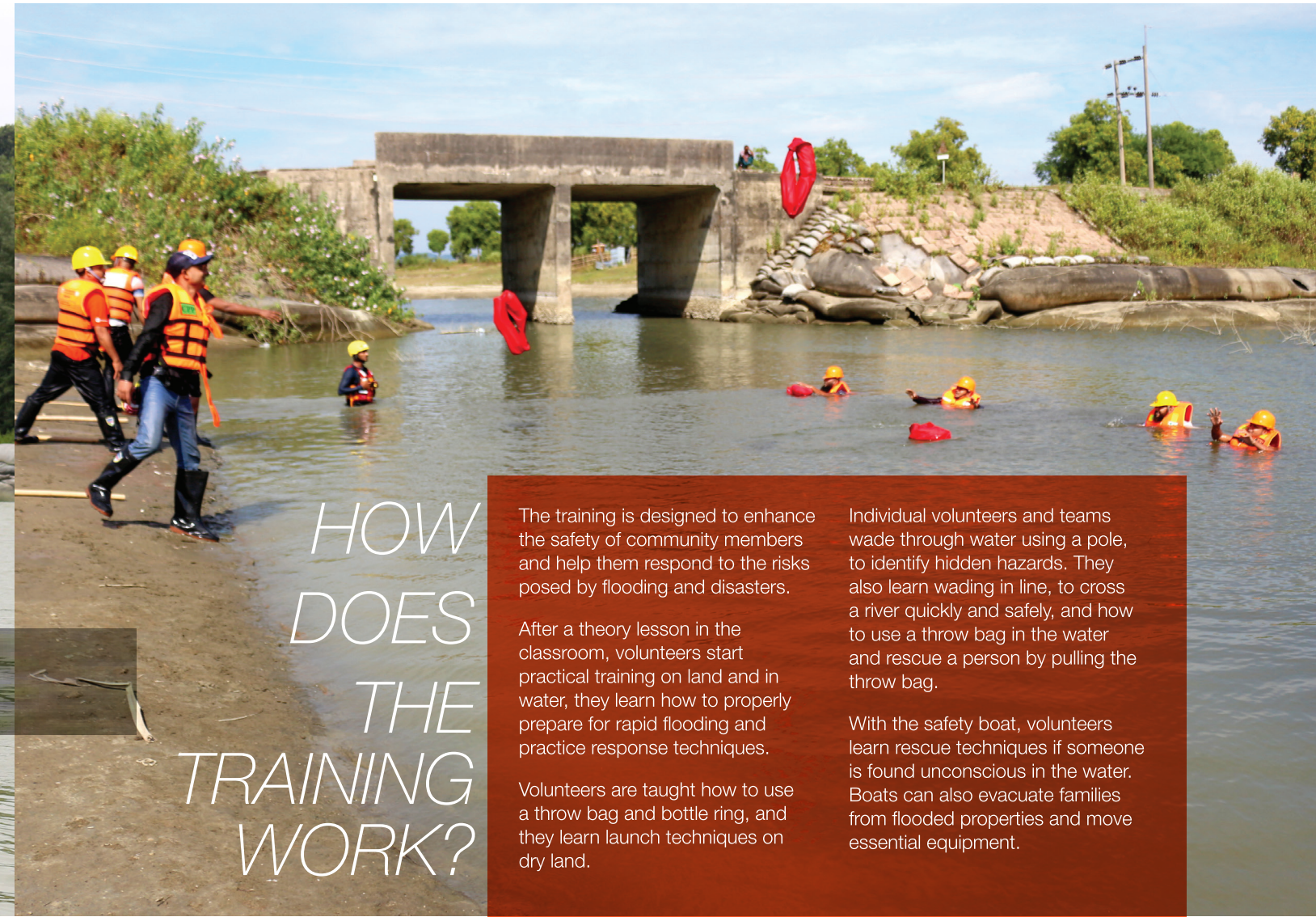
We all know that showing support and a gesture of kindness in challenging moments mean a lot. The migrant families, the unaccompanied minors and

adults, hosted in Maltese reception centres represent one of the groups that MOAS aims to bring comfort, hope and a smile. In coordination with Awas (the Agency for the Welfare of the Asylum Seekers) and other hosting centres, MOAS donated about 250 Easter eggs, cereals bars, and cereal boxes hoping that they would bring a smile and a moment of joy. Each box comes with a creamy milk chocolate egg and 2 milk chocolate bars, or milk chocolate cubes encasing a soft caramel and crunchy biscuit centre. An ideal gift for sharing and enjoying with friends and family. The donation has been made possible thanks to the donors' invaluable support that continues to show their appreciation for MOAS initiatives,

MOAS is committed to doing whatever possible to bring comfort and joy in these difficult and uncertain times. We must stay positive and remember that every time we overcome a storm, no matter how difficult it may be, we come out enriched, often wiser and taking the lessons we have learned from the experience.

**Together,
let's keep hope alive!**

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MOAS DISASTER RISK REDUCTION (DRR) *Flood & Water Safety Training*

HOW DOES THE TRAINING WORK?

The training is designed to enhance the safety of community members and help them respond to the risks posed by flooding and disasters.

After a theory lesson in the classroom, volunteers start practical training on land and in water, they learn how to properly prepare for rapid flooding and practice response techniques.

Volunteers are taught how to use a throw bag and bottle ring, and they learn launch techniques on dry land.

Individual volunteers and teams wade through water using a pole, to identify hidden hazards. They also learn wading in line, to cross a river quickly and safely, and how to use a throw bag in the water and rescue a person by pulling the throw bag.

With the safety boat, volunteers learn rescue techniques if someone is found unconscious in the water. Boats can also evacuate families from flooded properties and move essential equipment.

Climate change and extreme weather hazards cause flooding, devastation, and deaths worldwide in refugee camps and areas of crisis. In low-lying refugee camps, infrastructure is often vulnerable to rising water levels. In Bangladesh, 17,000 children are already lost to drowning every year, and in refugee camps the risks are compounded. In 2021, the UN General Assembly resolution A/RES/75/273 declared 25th July the World Drowning Prevention Day, this was a global advocacy event to highlight the tragic and profound impact of drowning on families and communities and to offer life-saving preventative solutions.

In response to the high numbers of water-related deaths, MOAS has been working within the framework of Disaster Risk Reduction since 2019, providing technical expertise

and support to local partners to deliver unique and innovative Flood and Water Safety Training. MOAS' team also provides equipment to volunteer responders from refugee and local host communities. This training creates resilience against water-related risks, but also supports capacity building, not only by providing volunteers with skills and equipment but also by improving leadership and teamwork practices. These programs also provide livelihoods to local tailors who make the safety equipment and receive up-skilling as part of the project.

In 2022, with our incredible global partners, MOAS has facilitated and supported the training of over 1375 refugees and 28 host community representatives. Each participant has received a MOAS-designed and locally-made throwbag.

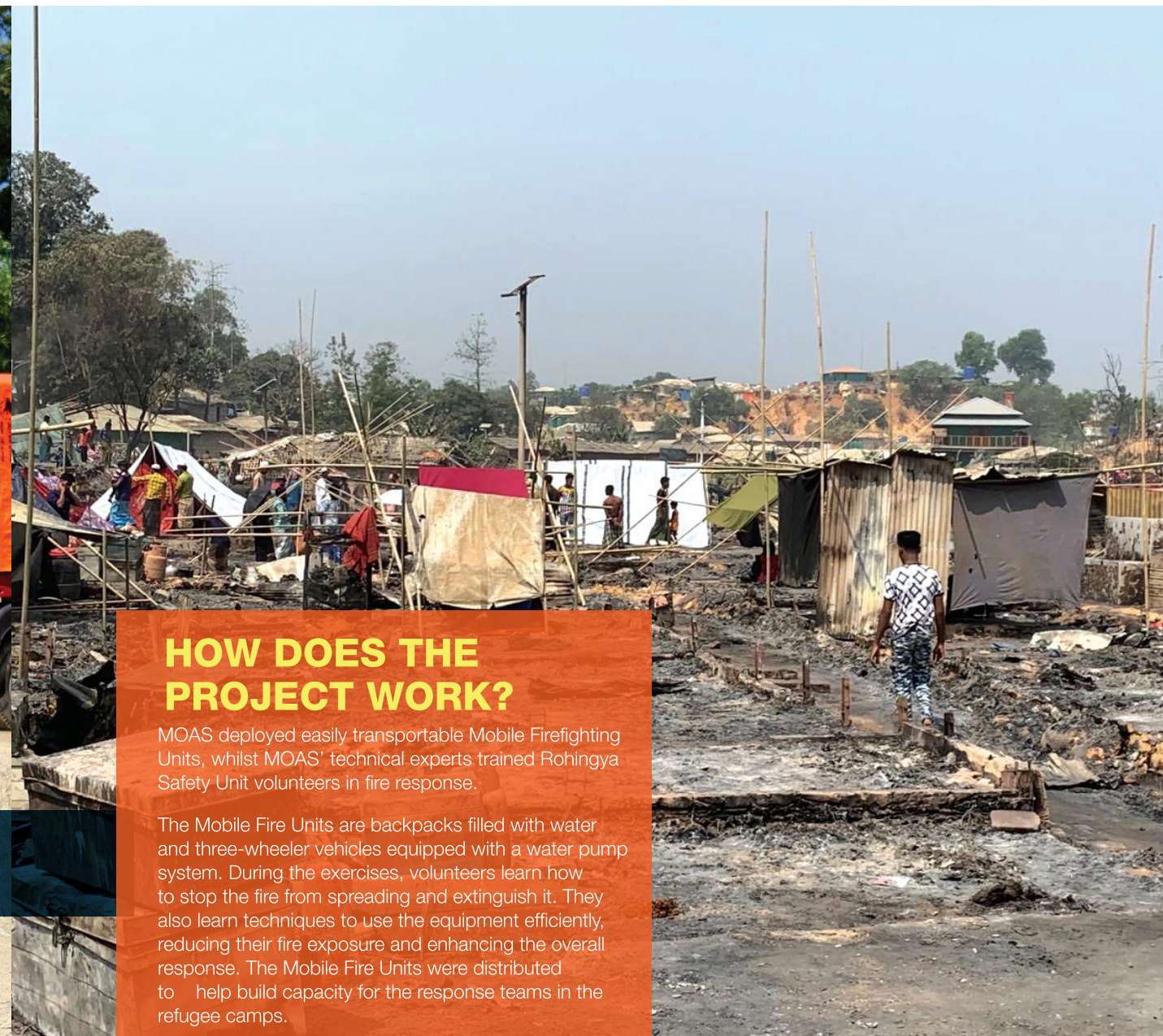
The role of women

Women are essential agents for change. They play a significant role in disaster response and recovery stages. However, in refugee camps their roles in organisational decision-making have often been neglected, particularly in disaster risk governance. This has created equity issues among the most affected communities from disasters, as women offer unique perspectives and guidance when given the space to share their knowledge and skills. MOAS prioritises the inclusion of women in flood and water safety training, so that they can be key agents in disaster recovery, and they can gain transferrable leadership-training.

Drowning is the second leading cause of childhood injury-related deaths worldwide and the most common cause

of injury-related deaths among children under five years old. Considering the exposure to drowning risks in refugee camps, there is a crucial need to design and implement a drowning prevention programme specifically suited to the environment and population of the refugee camps. MOAS continues to advocate for expanded Disaster Risk Reduction services, to ensure that drowning risk can be reduced. Given the different risks associated with age groups, and the importance of the wider community's awareness and rescue skills, we will continue to provide a holistic approach to Flood and Water Safety training and drowning prevention.

Flooding preparedness and water response is a priority for MOAS, to mitigate risk and save lives.



MOAS DISASTER RISK REDUCTION (DRR)

Fire Safety & Response

HOW DOES THE PROJECT WORK?

MOAS deployed easily transportable Mobile Firefighting Units, whilst MOAS' technical experts trained Rohingya Safety Unit volunteers in fire response.

The Mobile Fire Units are backpacks filled with water and three-wheeler vehicles equipped with a water pump system. During the exercises, volunteers learn how to stop the fire from spreading and extinguish it. They also learn techniques to use the equipment efficiently, reducing their fire exposure and enhancing the overall response. The Mobile Fire Units were distributed to help build capacity for the response teams in the refugee camps.

Fire risk represents a clear and present danger to refugee and displaced persons, and emergency operations worldwide. Together with monsoon flooding, fires are one of the most dangerous threats to infrastructures and security in refugee camps.

In Bangladesh, for instance, an analysis report from Cox's Bazar Site Management Sector announced that a total of 172 fire-related events occurred in the camps from May 2018 to February 2021. These fires have affected tens of thousands of individuals and destroyed infrastructure. Thousands of shelters and core support facilities like health clinics, distribution points, and learning centers have become in-operational. Camp infrastructures are often primarily constructed from closely packed, flimsy tarpaulin shelters, making it extremely easy for the fire to spread, particularly during the dry and hot season. Considering the materials used in shelter construction,

any fires breaking out in the camps can behave like wildfire: they can progress rapidly from structure to structure through the densely packed camp. The widespread use of liquid petroleum gas (LPG) for cooking has further compounded this issue. Often, the remoteness of refugee camps and their cramped layout, with highly narrow passageways, can make access for Firefighting units extremely time-consuming and challenging with large fire engines. Furthermore, while sand buckets can be helpful in extinguishing smaller fires, once a blaze gains traction, little can be done to control it under the current system.

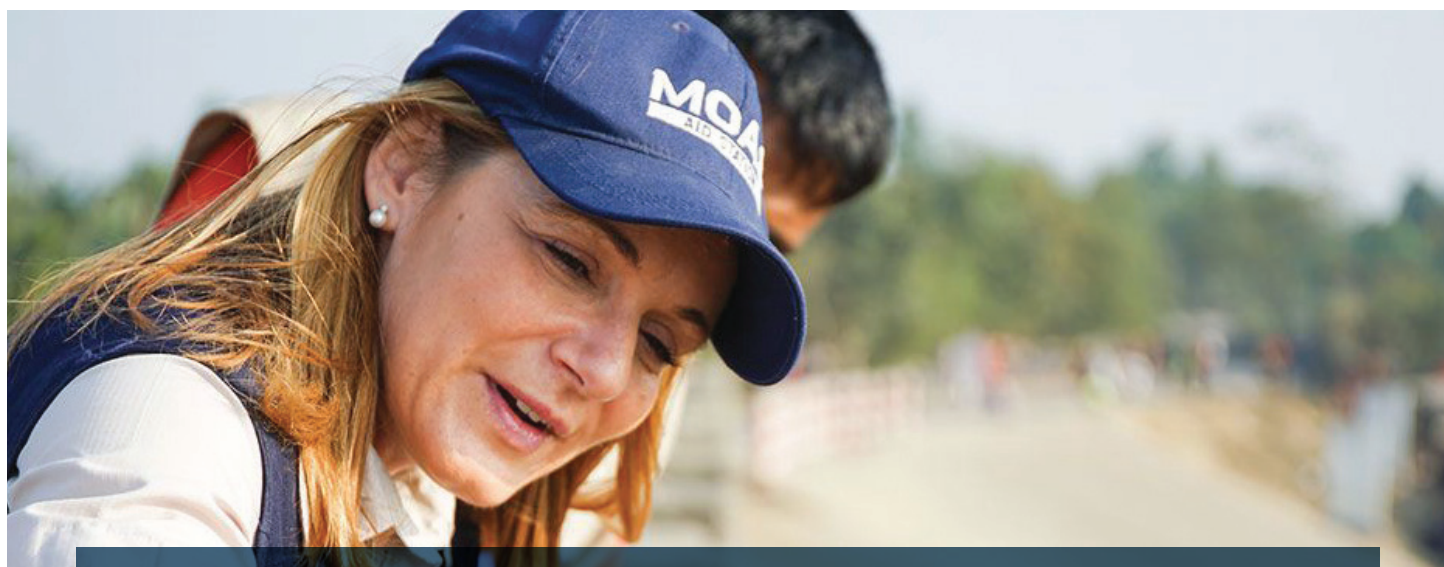
The response of MOAS

Given the predictable and inevitable nature of the fire threat and its deadly impact on lives and livelihoods, it is imperative to take action to identify gaps and improve fire response capacity. To respond to the increase in

the frequency and severity of fire outbreaks in crowded refugee camps, our team supported developing a one-of-a-kind Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) project for Fire Safety and Response. The project focuses on three elements; risk mapping, training in first response and the prototyping and manufacture of firefighting equipment. The risk mapping model allows our technical experts to advise camp management and other stakeholders on areas of particular risk and develop response strategies according to each context, while the training also provides first-response skills and strategy implementation techniques to community-based volunteers. Finally, the team has prototyped several camp-context-specific pieces of equipment, including fire-fighting tuk-tuks and backpacks, and are producing and procuring/distributing across several projects. With support from international donors and INGO partners, our team has trained 2662 volunteers and helped to produce 45 tuk-tuk firefighting

units and procure & distributing 341 wheely pumps, 110 carry pumps, while 533 water tanks were placed in the camps. This fire safety programming will continue into the 2023 period with more exciting developments to come. The training also focuses on fire prevention, response and the maintenance of equipment. The goal is to maximise the interoperability of the prototypes envisaged in the pilot and the existing response systems, including capacity strengthening, where appropriate.

MOAS hopes the solutions it identifies for improvements and addressing gaps in fire-fighting methods and training can contribute to building effective fire-fighting infrastructure in displacement camp settings worldwide, and save lives.



Words and the Migratory Phenomenon

by Regina Catrambone



Language is one of the most powerful means we have at our disposal, it is a tool which can be utilized to help change the world, our lives and those of the people around us. Words are never random, even when we are unaware. They represent the manifestation of what we think and the way we see the world. Words can heal but also hurt, they can encourage but also discourage, they can create bridges and build walls, they can humanize but also isolate. Words shape situations, providing different perspectives and creating an imagery that appeals to specific emotions.

In defining migration issues, the words used are a very important tool to understand the phenomenon. We have seen damaging rhetoric harnessed politically to shift electoral preferences and potential votes.

We realize how words can be manipulated when a UK Prime Minister calls people desperately trying to enter the UK from the French port of Calais a "swarm of migrants", when a President of the United States of America pointed out how migrants "infest our country", when an Italian Home Secretary defines the "residual cargo" of people who have suffered torture and crossed the Mediterranean. A dehumanized and non-empathic perception towards human beings can begin to develop in the collective imagination. Migrants are often represented as a homogeneous group without

personal histories, without origins and unique characteristics, without the nuance of personal experiences. These are descriptions to which society has become so accustomed, we no longer feel a feeling of emotional closeness, as if the people risking life on those boats in the sea or in the Libyan torture camps were not a person like the ones we meet every day, like a loved one or a family member. Thus, the person becomes the clandestine, the irregular, the residual cargo.

The language used creates prejudices, mistrust, and fear. This, as well as the multiplication of online and printed articles, fake news and comments on social media, is damaging.

Yet, migration is not an equaliser, in fact when those who move from one country to another do not

come from the majority world they are not named migrants but expats, framed as a resource rather than a hindrance, or at least they are not considered as invaders to be rejected or as goods that are sent from one port to another at the mercy of the waves. Words are also the basis of the integration process, they can lead to examples of cultural enrichment and common growth instead of generating ghettoisation and isolation.

We can start a path of change, re-framing the terms and definitions we use, and ensuring that inclusive language replaces those words of division. Such terms destroy and do not build, create distance and do not unite. This is a small step in creating a world of inclusion, rather than exclusion.



Migrants often have to undertake perilous journeys to reach their arrival country. Each journey is unique, however, those undertaking these journeys are often exposed to exploitative processes, abuse and illegal pushbacks as they embark on their search for safety. With anti-migrant sentiments increasingly permeating government policies, they also face harsh domestic policies on arrival. Safe and legal routes exist, and while they do not offer a finite solution to the migration phenomenon, if people can access these routes and governments expand them, fewer people will be forced to endure these dangerous journeys. Currently, such routes are under-resourced and severely limited in their accessibility. We have also seen increasing use of pushbacks at EU borders and the continuation of arbitrary detention in Libya.

Migrant Pushbacks are not a solution

A considerable hardship for migrants is the increase in the use of illegal pushbacks by state actors and the impacts that they can have. Although the EU's official policy towards pushbacks is that they are illegal, harmful and never to be conducted, one of the EU's border agencies, Frontex, was found to be engaging in the practice, with over 957 refugees pushed back between March 2020 and September 2021. Pushbacks have become so common in Europe that the UN has warned that they are extremely close to being normalised, while violating human rights altogether. The UN also outlined the devastating effects of pushbacks, with some rafts in the Mediterranean being left at sea and others being pushed out to sea.

The Current State of Safe and Legal Routes

Safe and legal routes for refugees and asylum seekers are currently available in several countries, including France, Canada, Italy, Germany and the UK however in each country they represent a small percentage of total refugee arrivals. While the UK has resettled more refugees through safe pathways than any other European country through specific resettlement programmes since 2015, the percentage of refugee arrivals

through safe and legal routes was just 9% in 2021. These resettlement programmes were also extremely small-scale and focused on geographical remits. Furthermore, the UK has only resettled 1,651 refugees in spite of having a target of 5000 refugees per year from Afghanistan alone, a target set in August 2021. Safe and legal routes are used even more rarely on a global scale, with less than 1% of refugees worldwide being resettled per year.

The Potential for Safe and Legal Routes

There are already substantial calls for the expansion of safe and legal routes. Regarding the EU, it has been argued that article 18 of the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights (the right to claim asylum) cannot effectively provide the rights it guarantees without safe and legal routes. Rights would be better protected by a move from entry prevention to a status determination procedure. MOAS calls for the expansion of a variety of safe and legal pathways. Firstly, this could include humanitarian visas which would enable asylum seekers to have safe and legal access to a third country, as well as potentially speeding up the asylum application process. Medical visas could

also be offered to those requiring medical care and unable to access it, so that they could receive medical care within the Schengen area. Finally, private sponsorship could be used in order to make a partnership between state and private actors, as the governments would facilitate legal admission for refugees, whilst private actors would provide the financial and social support to welcome and receive refugees in their communities. These are just three of the numerous safe and legal pathways advocated by MOAS. While they will not stop dangerous crossings, the more safe the schemes are for people seeking safety, the more opportunities people can have to reach sanctuary and start a new life with better integration support.

The agony and perils that refugees currently face have to stop. The most efficient, humane and fair way to do this is through safe and legal routes. You can join MOAS' campaign on our website to help confine this suffering to the past.

MOAS



Fundraising Without Donating MOAS Support

Many of us feel passionate about certain political, humanitarian or environmental causes and are keen to find ways to support our favorite charities. Not all of us, however, have the means to contribute financially or prefer to supplement our donations with other forms of support. It's not always easy to find ways to contribute to our chosen projects without putting our hands in our pockets, but the MOAS fundraising team has put together a little list of ways in which our community activates to bolster the work of our organization. We hope you feel inspired to do something meaningful for a cause close to your heart.

Volunteering / Donate skills

Donating your time and skills is one of the most obvious ways to collaborate with your favorite charity without shelling out a penny. Most NGOs and charity organizations have a volunteer department to coordinate your contributions based on the available time, the skills you offer, and the projects you're best suited to.

When offering to donate to any organization you need to be clear on what you have to offer- are you local and able to act as an extra pair of hands? Do you have a specific technical skill to offer remotely, such as bookkeeping, digital marketing, web design, event management? Are you a field specialist, such as a logistician, doctor, nurse, etc., willing to travel to the field to volunteer? Be clear and honest when reaching out and understand that volunteering commitments should be taken just as seriously as work commitments as people will still rely on you to deliver what you promise.

To volunteer with MOAS email us on info@moas.eu

Promotion / Advocacy

Don't underestimate the power of your online community. Every organization seeks to spread its reach and find new supporters through social media. Following charities like MOAS and sharing their fundraising appeals, blogs or operational updates can significantly increase their impact

by exposing new donors to their content. Charities usually also advocate for specific causes (child protection, animal rights, refugee issues etc) and the more their message can be spread the greater their success. An act as simple as sharing an article is a real act of solidarity. To follow MOAS' content be sure to check us out on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, LinkedIn and sign up to our newsletter.

Legacy Giving

If you don't want to donate now, but think you'd like to leave a gift to your favorite charity in your will, then Legacy Giving might be for you. It's essential to check how Legacy Giving works in your own country, as some have laws to govern the practice and ensure gifts of this kind are freely given. On our website, you can find a very useful MOAS' beginners guide to Legacy Giving. Reach out for more information today at info@moas.eu

EUROPEAN SOLIDARITY CORPS & MOAS VOLUNTEERS

MOAS is always grateful for the dedication of those who volunteer their time to support our mission, whether it be in the office or in the field and, with a busy year ahead, we look forward to welcoming more volunteers in the coming year. In particular, we want to highlight our ESC programme.

This year MOAS hosted another group of European Solidarity Corps (ESC) volunteers for a twelve-month placement at our central office in Valletta, Malta. The EVS experience is a unique and valuable opportunity for young adults between 18 and 30 years-old looking to gain international experience working for a cause they are passionate about.

For the volunteers MOAS welcomed in 2022, the year was an opportunity to gain professional experience working for an International NGO whilst experiencing a new country and culture here in Malta. Working in MOAS' small team based in Malta's capital city, the volunteers have been able to gain a real insight into the day-to-day operations of a humanitarian organisation, to develop new skillsets and to learn directly from our team of professionals working hard to deliver aid and assistance to vulnerable communities worldwide.

CINEMA & MIGRATION



THE PATH, THE ANIMATED SHORT FILM BY DUNCAN RUDD PREMIERED AT FABRIANO FILM FEST IN SUPPORT OF MOAS

The short film deals with the delicate issue of the migration phenomenon, narrating with grace and intensity the anxieties, fears and difficulties who meet vulnerable people fleeing in search of safety

The migration issue has been at the centre of discussions in Europe for years. Since 2014, more than 51,000 children, men and women in the world have lost their lives trying to reach safety or to secure a better life (source: IOM). Many more have disappeared without being included in the statistics.

Inspired by this delicate theme, British director **Duncan Rudd** conceived and directed the animated short film **The Path**, which premiered in December 2022 at the **Fabriano Film Fest in Italy**. The film was conceived during an art project dedicated to MOAS' work during **Refugee Week**, thanks to a collaboration with **Studio Treble**, a digital agency based in Manchester.

Synopsis: The story shows the journey (path) of a young girl who is forced to leave everything behind and flee in search of safety. Along the way, she is separated from her family and finds herself immersed in a hostile and frightening underwater world populated by eerie shadows and menacing creatures. But a light of hope guide her out of the darkness to finally re-embrace her loved ones.

The film is inspired by the work of **MOAS-Migrant Offshore Aid Station**, which was the first humanitarian organization to start private SAR missions in the Mediterranean in 2014 and has saved as many as 40,000 lives in three years, setting a model for other rescue organizations.

Today, MOAS brings humanitarian assistance to several crisis areas around the world (Yemen, Ukraine, Somalia, Bangladesh, Malta), and promotes #SafeAndLegalRoutes, calling on governments and institutions to put in place safe migration routes that comply with existing regulations and do not put migrants' lives at risk.

Regina Catrambone, Co-Founder and Director of MOAS, says, "I thank Duncan Rudd for donating his time and talent to support MOAS and also the organizers of the Fabriano Film Fest for their sensitivity and support. The film vividly depicts the terror, the feeling of alienation and despondency that accompanies those who are forced to leave their country in search of safety, or a better future. But the story also leaves room for hope, because the happy ending, the final embrace, is a metaphor for family

reunification, one of the Safe and Legal Routes promoted by MOAS through the global advocacy campaign."

Duncan Rudd, director of the film, comments, "I tried to portray the mood, the emotions of fear, anxiety and vulnerability of migrants during their journey into the unknown. The underwater setting places the characters in an unfamiliar environment; the water deprives them of voice and reduces sight and hearing, allowing for the placement of eerie and threatening presences that amplify the sense of anxiety and vulnerability. I dedicate The Path to MOAS and to all those who tragically lost their lives at sea trying to reach Europe."

Valentina Tomada, Artistic Director of the Fabriano Film Fest, says, "Our festival has always had a special focus on important and controversial issues of our time. The phenomenon of migration and the need for 'safe harbor' are clearly among these important topics that the Fabriano Film Fest cares about. Making MOAS known is for us only a small, symbolic gesture in support of such an important activity."



MOAS DONATED 150 PANETTONES

MOAS Christmas of Solidarity

TO FAMILIES, CHILDREN AND RESIDENTS OF MIGRANT CENTRES IN MALTA

After two years marked by the Covid-19 pandemic, in 2022, the world has been impacted by the armed conflict in Ukraine, which caused thousands of victims, an unprecedented influx of migrants to Europe and disrupted the lives of millions of people. As we get closer to Christmas, families face an energy crisis, a rise in prices, and experience a general feeling of anxiety.

The situation is even worse for those who fled their country and are now hosted in refugee centres, with limited access to services and far from their families and loved ones. As usual for Christmas, MOAS wishes to comfort Malta's most vulnerable communities.

For Christmas, MOAS donated 150 "panettoni" (a traditional seasonal sweet made in Italy) to all the families, the unaccompanied minors and the people residing in the AWAS-run centres in Malta, to spread a positive message of peace and solidarity during this exceptional time of the year.

The donation has been made possible thanks to the invaluable support of MOAS' donors, that continue to show their appreciation towards the initiatives and with the support of a fantastic team of volunteers who helped during the distribution.



**Regina Catrambone,
Co-founder and Director of
MOAS, stated:**

"I wish our donation can spread a message of peace, that is really needed. It's just a little gesture for a joyful Christmas and offers some sweet moments to migrants and refugees who are alone, far from their loved ones and facing an uncertain future. We wish to let them know that we stand by their side and we are willing to help. Showing solidarity toward the most vulnerable people can make a difference and donate a moment of joy. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all!"



MOAS VOPS GRANT

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MOAS Integration Project Received Grant Award For Voluntary Organisation's Project Scheme

In 2022 MOAS started a new **Integration Through Education and Information** project that aimed to stimulate collaboration and networking between voluntary organisations serving the migrant community in Malta. As announced during the **Grant Award Ceremony for the Small Initiatives Support Scheme (SIS) and the Voluntary Organisations Project Scheme (VOPS)**, MOAS has been awarded a grant to make this project possible.

Through this initiative, **MOAS engaged with stakeholders from voluntary organisations** and the migrant community to coordinate **activities, classes, and information sessions** to enhance **engagement, independence** amongst the migrant community and **wider integration**. Better coordination among stakeholders and local activity leaders working with the same beneficiary community is also vital to enhance the diversity and breadth of activities available, thus increasing impact by reducing duplication of services.

MOAS Co-founder and Director, Regina Catrambone received the grant award during the annual ceremony, hosted at the Radisson Blu Resort in St Julians and presented by the Hon. **Julia Farrugia Portelli** (Minister for Inclusion, Social Wellbeing and Voluntary Organisations) and **Dr. Noel Camilleri** (Chairperson for Malta Council for the Voluntary Sector.)

"We are pleased and grateful for receiving this grant, which will help to improve the integration of the migrant community", **said Regina Catrambone**. "Voluntary organisations are an integral part of civil society. Through this project, we aim to strengthen the volunteer sector through capacity building, partnerships, and equality of opportunity".

Several activities were conducted during the year as part of the project, and the participants – coming both from the Maltese and migrant communities – had the opportunity to attend art-therapy and cooking classes, visit historic and archaeological sites, explore the aquarium and natural reserve and much more.



MOAS launched this Campaign because we have seen how climate change has impacted people globally and as we face more extreme and frequent disasters, it is important to focus on how we can act, to protect our future. We have seen that while climate change can affect anyone, it does not impact everyone equally and with this campaign, we want to bring light to what is happening around the world and how climate disasters are impacting communities. We want to voice how we can come together and educate ourselves, our peers, our friends, and our families, so that we may build spaces to discuss solutions not just in technical scientific circles but also in our communities.

During the 2022 United Nations Climate Change Conference, COP27, global scientists have released a new report highlighting critical aspects of the climate emergency. The authors say that 16 of 35 planetary vital signs used to track climate change are at record extremes. We have seen an increasing frequency of extreme heat events and heat-related deaths, rising tree cover loss due to fires and continued deforestation, and a greater prevalence of insects and diseases thriving in the warming climate. As temperatures increase, the permafrost which covers large swathes of the northern hemisphere will continue to melt, exposing new bacteria and viruses and adding to the prevalence of diseases impacting communities globally.

Food insecurity and malnutrition already caused by droughts and other climate-related extreme events in developing countries will continue to increase as we face more extreme weather conditions. None of these events can be taken in isolation when we come to understand climate change and its impacts on humanity, they intersect, and the consequences can act as multipliers to other pressures and issues.

Impact on migration

One of the major impacts of climate change, which often falls under the radar, is the impact on migration. Human beings have always been migratory. Throughout history, we have searched for new lands, new environments, where we could settle and build communities. Sometimes we choose to move, but sometimes we have no choice. If the land we live on is no longer safe, we can no longer harvest the food we need to feed our families, our land has been ravaged by fires, floods, storms or we are faced with conflicts whose parties have used environmental degradation as a tool for enrolment, we are forced to leave. The impacts of climate change can force people from their homes, but currently, they have no formal legal protection.

Our climate campaign seeks to help you understand climate change, its impacts and consequences, and how it will interplay with migration for years to come. We can speculate on what the future might bring, or we can make changes now, to protect future generations. You can follow our campaign on our social media to find out more!

CLIMATE CHANGE & Migration Campaign





BANGLADESH

1,158 Rohingya refugees and 356 host community representatives trained in Flood and Water Safety/ Cyclone preparedness trained with our partners in-country.

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UKRAINE

27 Class C ambulances on the ground

10,000 patients treated on the front line

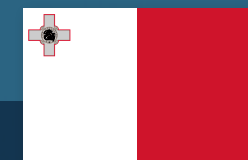
20,000 people treated in civil communities

10,000 local healthcare providers trained



SOMALIA

40 tonnes of nutritional aid delivered



MALTA

Provision of Information and Learning Centres in the refugee camps of Hal Far.

Remote Learning Initiative for migrant students: tablets and modems with Internet connection delivered to families living in reception centres.

English for Beginners course delivered to residents of transitional housing centres.

Hospital visits and post discharge assistance to migrants in need or who have been medically evacuated to Malta's hospital from SAR vessels.

Implementing the Family Hosting & Sponsorship Project to connect migrants with families and boost integration.

Launch of the "Integration Through Education and Information" project to stimulate collaboration among voluntary organisations and coordinate events targeted to the migrant community to boost collaboration and independence.



YEMEN

40 tonnes of therapeutic food delivered

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