

Centennial Celebration



**Lions Project**  
**" The forgotten refugee children"**  
**project leadership by**  
**Norwegian lions. MD 104.**

# The history from 2013

- December 2013 - TV reportage Al Jazeera about conditions in the refugee camps in Arsal, Bekaa Valley
  - NOK 100,000 from Norwegian disaster fund, warm clothing
  - 44 hours after shown on TV the clothes were in the mountains of Lebanon
- spring 2014
  - “Altibox” books/teaching aid kits to 1 year of schooling for over 4000 children
- In autumn 2014 "The children in Arsal freeze" clothing for 60,000 children
  - Spontaneous fundraising campaign where over 100 clubs, a number of schools and other volunteers participated.
  - 16 trucks with warm clothing and shoes
- January 2015
  - Clothes were distributed in refugee camps in the Bekaa Valley
- August 2016
  - Construction will first Lions Safe Center

**So far, donations and commitments from Norwegian Lions in Lebanon: USD600’/EUR550’/NOKS 5000’**

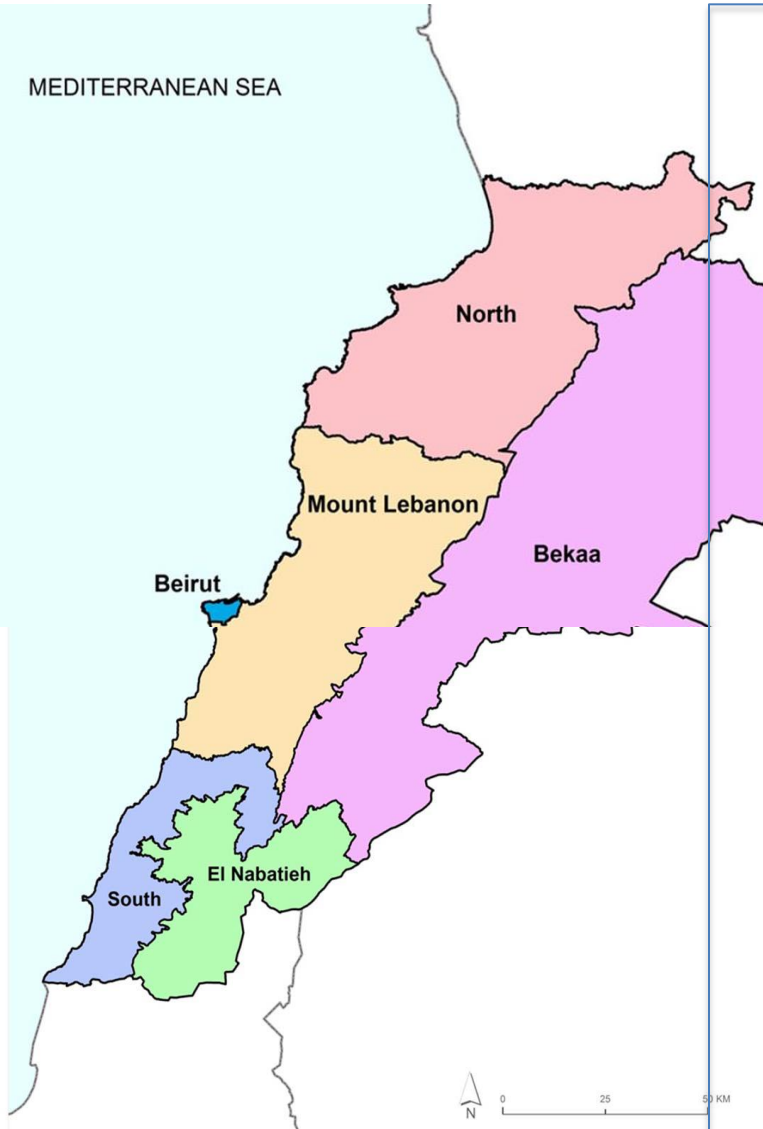


# **" The forgotten refugee children "**

**\*Main Project No.1 and 2 , Lebanon**

**\* Main project 3. Boat Refugees, in waters between Turkey and Greece**

# Lebanon a neighbour state to Syria .



## Facts

### Syria

- Over five years of Civil War
- Population 23 million
- 11-12 million refugees inside or outside Syria. 50% have fled abroad

### Lebanon

- 10,500 km<sup>2</sup>
- Population 4.5 million
- 1.5-2.0 million . Syrian refugees
- 50% are children ( 3-18 years )
- 300,000 + do not have schooling

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**Main Project No. 1. Lebanon**  
**Lions Safe Centers for refugee children**

The first initiative is a Lions Safe Centers or safe zones for children .

# (A) What is a Safe Centre?



The picture shows a UNICEF Safe Centre . We will build **Lions Safe Centres**, run by and in cooperation with local NGO, *Beyond* .



## (A) What is a Safe Centre?

- A safe place where children are allowed to be children , comprising of 5-10 tents or prefabs/houses around a play / assembly space
- Provides instruction to prepare for schooling in public schools
- Creative and stimulating children - activities like music, dance, theater , drawing , etc.
- Primary Health Centre with a psychologist , nurse , etc.



## What does a Safe Center cost?

- The cost of creation is approximately usd 100,000, depending on the size and number of tents or buildings.
- Number of Safe Centres depends on the fundraising result .





## What does a Safe Center cost?

- To run a center takes 10 – 12 personnel.
- The annual cost including rent of the land, some meal, insurance, cleaning and so on is around 125 Usd
- This is based on a one shift per day for 200 – 300 children, it is possible to run two shifts per day.



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## Status



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- MD 104 have done several projects in Lebanon the last two years, delivering clothes, medicine, school equipment and so on.
- The contracts are signed, plot is rented, the first SC is constructed and is starting up in a few weeks.
- Project visited by IPIP Dr. Yamada in May 2016
- **Norwegian Lions so far have invested(made commitments in Lebanon equivalent to usd 600'/EUR 550'/noks 5000'**
- The second wave of fundraising process is starting now.
- Goal for second wave of fundraising is 1 million usd +

# October 2016 – First SC soon ready.



New standard SC – isolated houses – constructed for warm summers and cold winters



Built for lang term re-use, if/when the refugee criscis is over.













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**Main Project No. 2 – Lebanon**

**School project in the Bekaa valley  
in cooperation with Lions of Lebanon and  
the Ministry of Education .**



# School project in Bekaa Valley

- The school system in the Lebanon has collapsed. Schools are already being used in a two- shift arrangement . But hundreds of thousands of refugee children and Lebanese children fall outside the service .
- The school project in Bekaa , in cooperation with Lions of Lebanon and the Ministry of Education, aims to build a primary school , or one or more annexes to existing schools.
- The Ministry of Education is responsible for development and project management, in cooperation with Lions in the Lebanon , and guarantees budgets for teachers.
- Support from LCIF is expected
- Commencement during fiscal year 2017 - 2018



# What does the School project in the Bekaa valley cost?

- We had discussions with the Ministry of Education and the costs of a new school building depends on how large we build it. The need is almost endless for both schools and materials.
- We have talked about being able to contribute around usd 250,000 and we will get a very usable school building for such an amount.
- It's picked out a few potential candidates and commissioning can happen very quickly.

# Main Project No. 3.

Help for boat refugees, in the sea  
Turkey - Greece , a partnership between

Lions and Norwegian Sea Rescue  
Service



# In 2015, a total of 856,723 refugees arrived in Greece by sea

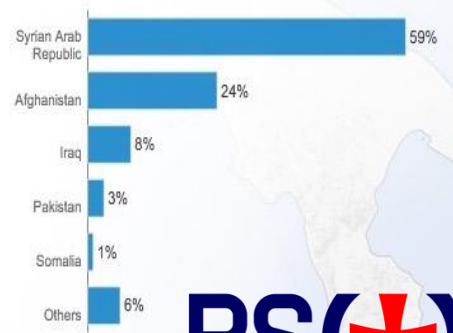
797,520 arrivals by sea in 2015

92% of arrivals come from the world's top 10 refugee-producing countries

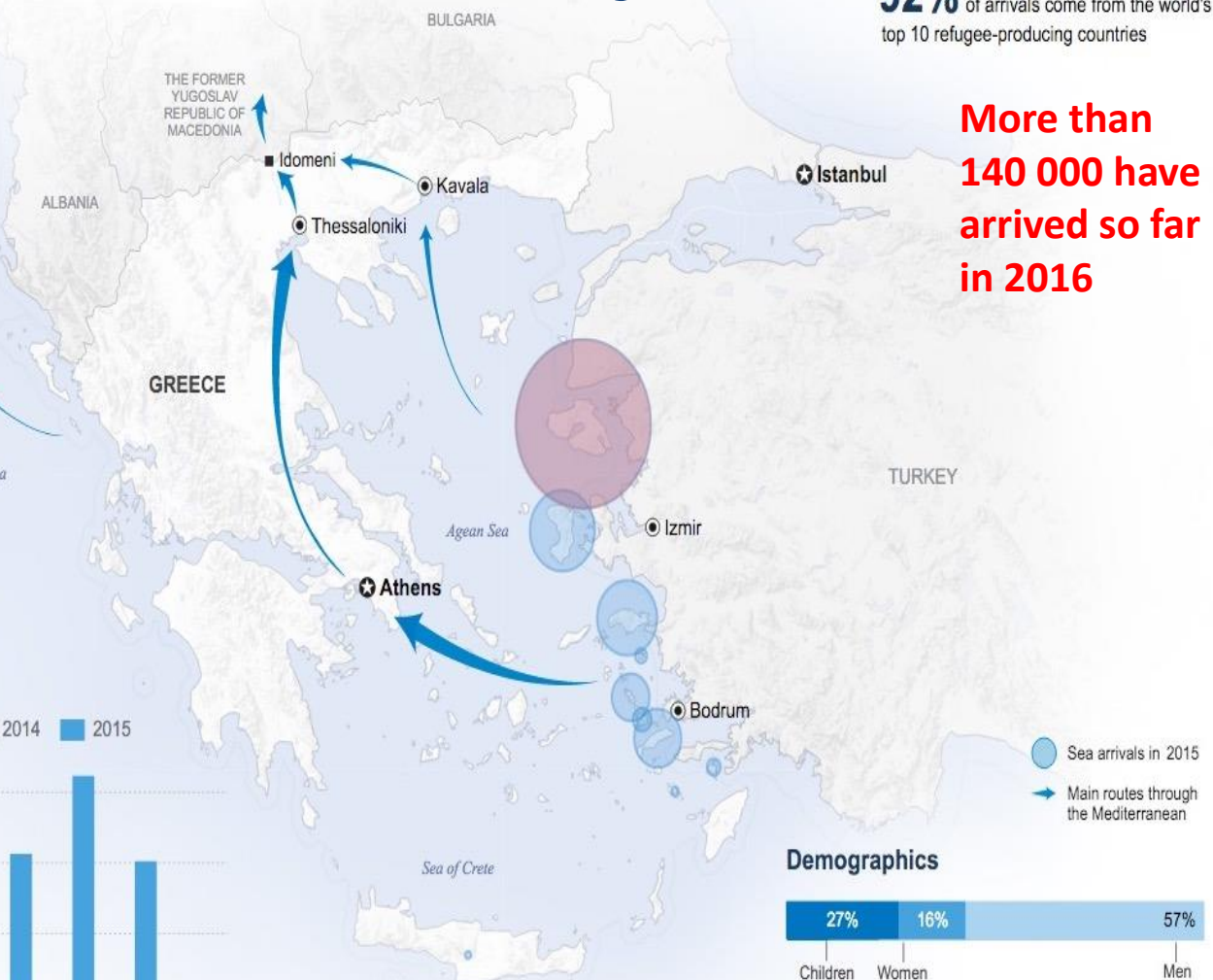
More than 140 000 have arrived so far in 2016

## Top-10 nationalities of Mediterranean sea arrivals

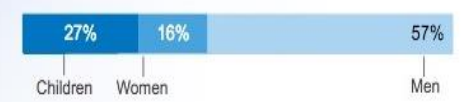
Top-10 nationalities represent 100% of the sea arrivals



## Comparison of monthly Mediterranean sea arrivals



## Demographics



\*Serbia (AND KOSOVO): S/RES/1244 (1999)  
The boundaries and names shown and the designations used on this map do not imply official endorsement or acceptance by the United Nations.

# We have rescued over 5000 refugees so far.

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# Main Project No. 3.

The project is approved by MD 104 council and presented to MD 104 convention.

Fundraising is starting now.

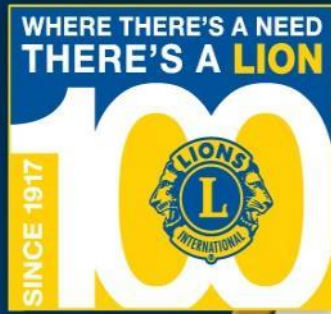


# Fundraising Projects 1-3.



- Collection takes place on a voluntary basis through the clubs in MD 104 and the other Scandinavian countries. Ireland and England have also expressed interest .
- The project envisages support from LCIF
- Plans are also being made to fundraise from selected companies and Norwegian authorities.
- The goal is usd 1 million plus, but the project can be structured around the level of fundraising, among others, the number of Safe Centres .





# What happens to the equipment and ownership after the project period ?

1. Safe Centres will be handed over to local authorities
2. Industrial units will be handed over to local authorities
3. School buildings taken over by local authorities
4. The boat is given to the Norwegian Sea Rescue Service who after training will pass it on to local rescue activities (local ngo).

# Project Organisation



- ID Svein Berntsen ( responsible for the project , coordination, reporting to MD 104 and Lions internationally ) .
- Lion Einar Lyngar , (PR and projectwork in the Lebanon)
- MD IRC Nils Ørum ( responsible for the main project in the Lebanon)
- MD LCI coordinator Morten Singaas ( applications and contact LCIF )
- Lion Jon Hansen ( applications and contact with Norwegian authorities )
- IRC District 104E6 Annette Pemmer (information and coordination of the collection in the district and clubs)
- An advisory group has been established with representatives from other Scandinavian countries and other donor countries.
- Lions office in MD 104 lead finance accounting and controlling.

# Where there is a child in need there is a lion



Give your contribution to the project "The forgotten children" ! Account No. **9001 23 04284** - thank you!