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"Until now we were quiet. But now it is time to hurry"

Conversation with Masi who has been stuck in Moria on Lesbos for about 14 months.

He is part of the [Moria Corona Awareness Team](#).

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People of Moria just know about Corona but they don't know how they can protect themselves

The situation of Moria is really bad. It has been bad for 5 years until now. It has become more horrible and more difficult because of Corona virus - all day people don't have water, in 24 hours we have just 4 hours of water in Moria. Also, people of Moria, they just know about Corona virus but they don't know how they can protect themselves and what they should eat and what they should do, so they don't know. Our medical treatment is really weak, we have just two clinics for 22.000 people and it is not enough. They are not spreading messages for the people, so a lot of people don't know about Corona virus. So now, we made one team and we are giving messages for the people and we tell them how you can save your children, save your family, and what should you do, and how can you meet with your friends, and how can you wash your hands, like this. People who are living inside [Moria], they are supporting each other.



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One old man, he came, and he said to us: "Okay, you are doing a very good job and I really have respect for that, you give a big message for us", and he said to us: "For 22.000 people in Moria we have just one shop. In that shop, 100 people are standing in the line", and the behaviour of the shop people is really bad with the refugees. They are doing, you know, like animals, they are treating [us] like animals. In that line, a pregnant woman is standing there, an old man who has [diabetes], who has high blood pressure, who has a heart problem." So the old man he said: "We are tired of these lines. All day, we are spending

just in the lines. In the morning, we wake up, our breakfast - it is a line. Lunch - it is a line. Dinner - it is a line; washroom, bath, everywhere is a line. Now, because of this quarantine, we are standing for hours just in front of one shop for buying one, you know, one thing.

Because of quarantine, nobody comes inside the camp. For example, we had a loss of NGOs. They are working for refugees and now they cannot come and these NGOs they are closed. So it is really difficult for the people, especially for refugees, because they don't have a facility. They, the refugees, they cannot go to the city, and the volunteers they cannot come to Moria camp.

Take action and send the refugees to the mainland and safe places

Why the people they are not taking any action for refugees? We are living in this hell. For example, I am living here since 13 months and it is really difficult with my family. It's really, you know, horrible. Like me a lot of more people they are living here since 1 year, 6 months, and 8 months. So now is the time they should take action for the people. Until now, we were quiet. We said: "Maybe they will take some action", but it is time to hurry. They should take action! Again, you know, this Corona virus - it will be very difficult to control the people because 22.000 people they are living in a very small space. And food line, washrooms, bathplace, everywhere the people there are touching each other. I never want [that] my mother she will die. I never want [that] my brother he will die. Also, the 22.000 people ... all of them - they don't want that. They lost some friends, they lost their families. Everyone, they are afraid of this Corona virus. So, before this virus [arrives], please take action for these refugees and please send these refugees to the mainland and safe places.

The interview was conducted by Janna Heiss.

More information

➔ **Moria Corona Awareness Team:** <https://www.facebook.com/MoriaCoronaAwarenessTeam/>

➔ **United We Talk - Interview with Masi:** <https://youtu.be/UABhW5fArqg?t=3124>

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