ChildFund supports Terre des Hommes's work for child refugees in Europe

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As winter approaches and the European refugee crisis continues, ChildFund Alliance is supporting a Swiss children's aid organization, Terre des Hommes-Lausanne, to provide respite to families on the run. Many people escaping violence in Syria and other countries come through the Serbia-Croatia border, TDH has set up tents where families can rest.

Families and children have left everything they know to face an uncertain future, often traveling by night on rough roads, facing armed guards and rebel gunfire. More than half of the nearly 60 million people displaced by war today are children, according to the U.N. Refugee Agency. They come from Syria more than any other country; more than 200,000 people have died in civil war there.

As of Nov. 23, 3,519 people have perished this year alone trying to cross the Mediterranean Sea to safety in Europe. Their numbers grow every day, according to the International Organization for Migration.

Now on the ground in Serbia and Macedonia, TDH offers families support and protection at all hours of the day or night, greeting them with warm clothes and blankets, personal hygiene supplies, maps, reliable information and help in connecting with families and friends. For mothers, there's a private place to feed their children; for children, a safe place to play and, perhaps, feel like children again. Distressed families can also receive psychological support as well as health assessments and referrals.

You can donate to one of our members via www.childfundalliance.org and help make fleeing children and their family members more comfortable and safe as they face a winter of uncertainty. Many people escaping violence in Syria and other countries come through the Serbia-Croatia border, where Swedish children's aid organization Terre des Hommes-Lausanne has set up tents where families can rest.

Photo from TDH-Lausanne.