



INTRODUCTION



THE YEAR OF 2022 HAS BEEN ANYTHING BUT ORDINARY. THE UNNERVING COMBINATION OF WAR, INFLATION, ENERGY SCARCITY, AND CLIMATE CHANGE WASN'T WHAT ANYONE EXPECTED AS LIFE WAS JUST BEGINNING TO MOVE FORWARD FROM THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

IT WAS FILLED WITH UNIQUE HARDSHIPS AND CHALLENGES FOR THE WHOLE WORLD. THE SUFFERING AND DIFFICULTIES FACED BY MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES' COMMUNITIES ONLY WORSENED DUE TO CIRCUMSTANCES POST THE PANDEMIC. THE NGO WORLD ALSO SUFFERED FROM THE SITUATION WITH THE IMPAIRMENT OF THEIR ACTIVITIES AND THE LACK OF RESOURCES, WHERE PEOPLE IN NEED NEEDED US THE MOST.

AT SB OVERSEAS, WE DECIDED TO USE THESE CHALLENGES AS AN OPPORTUNITY TO DEVELOP OUR RESILIENCE AND TO ADAPT OURSELVES TO ACHIEVE OUR GOALS, NO MATTER WHAT. WE PUSHED OUR LIMITS AND KEPT OUR MOTIVATION HIGH – EVEN IF THIS WAS NOT EASY EVERY DAY. WE DID NOT STOP OUR ACTIVITIES AND DID THE BEST WE COULD TO MAXIMIZE THEIR IMPACT ON THE GROUND DESPITE THE HARD CONDITIONS.

WE ARE PROUD TO SHARE WITH YOU OUR ACCOMPLISHMENT DURING THE YEAR 2022, WHERE WE CONTINUED TO HELP PEOPLE IN NEED WITH ALL THE COMPROMISES THAT IT TOOK. WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUOUS HELP AND SUPPORT DURING THIS YEAR. THANK YOU FOR WORKING WITH US TOWARDS A BETTER FUTURE. WE WISH THE YEAR 2023 TO BE FILLED WITH HOPE, LOVE AND COMPASSION.



LET US NEVER LOSE OUR PASSION AND MOTIVATION TO HELP THE PEOPLE IN NEED OVERSEAS!

"YOU WILL NEVER RUN OUT OF OPTIONS AND IMPACT IF YOU HAVE A GOOD TEAM, STRONG PARTNERSHIPS AND PEOPLE WHO BELIEVE IN YOU, AND ARE READY TO PROVIDE SUPPORT FOR YOUR ACTIONS. WITH ALL OF YOU, SB WILL CONTRIBUTE TO A BETTER WORLD"

LOUMA ALBIK - FOUNDER OF SB OVERSEAS

SBESPOIR

THE SB ESPOIR PROJECT CONSISTS OF CONDUCTING SOCIOCULTURAL AND VOCATIONAL WORKSHOPS WITH UNACCOMPANIED MINORS ASYLUM-SEEKERS (AGED BETWEEN 14 AND 18) AND REFUGEE WOMEN AND GIRLS RESIDING IN RECEPTION CENTERS IN BELGIUM.

THE DIFFERENT WORKSHOPS AND ACTIVITIES AIM AT DEVELOPING THE YOUTH SOCIO-ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL SKILLS AND FOSTER THEIR INTEGRATION AND INCLUSION IN BELGIUM. WE ARE CURRENTLY ACTIVE IN FOUR FEDASIL AND RED CROSS RECEPTION CENTERS.

ALL THE WORKSHOPS WE DEVELOP ARE LED BY VOLUNTEER CITIZENS. BY INVOLVING VOLUNTEERS IN THIS PROJECT, WE AIM AT BUILDING A BRIDGE BETWEEN THE REFUGEES AND (INTER)NATIONAL COMMUNITIES LIVING IN BRUSSELS.

THE SB ESPOIR PROJECT IS DIVIDED INTO TWO ESSENTIAL PARTS; THE FIRST IS FOCUSING ON THE SELF-DEVELOPMENT OF THE YOUTH AND THEIR EMPOWERMENT THROUGH PHYSICAL AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES, AS WELL AS THE DISCOVERY OF CAREER PATHS IN BELGIUM. THE SECOND PART IS ABOUT BUILDING BRIDGES WITH THE LOCAL COMMUNITY AND IS THEREFORE FOCUSING ON SOCIAL COHESION BETWEEN REFUGEE YOUTHS & WOMEN AND LOCAL YOUTHS & WOMEN, IN ADDITION TO ADVOCATING AND RAISING AWARENESS ABOUT ASYLUM PROBLEMATICS WITH THE LOCAL COMMUNITY.

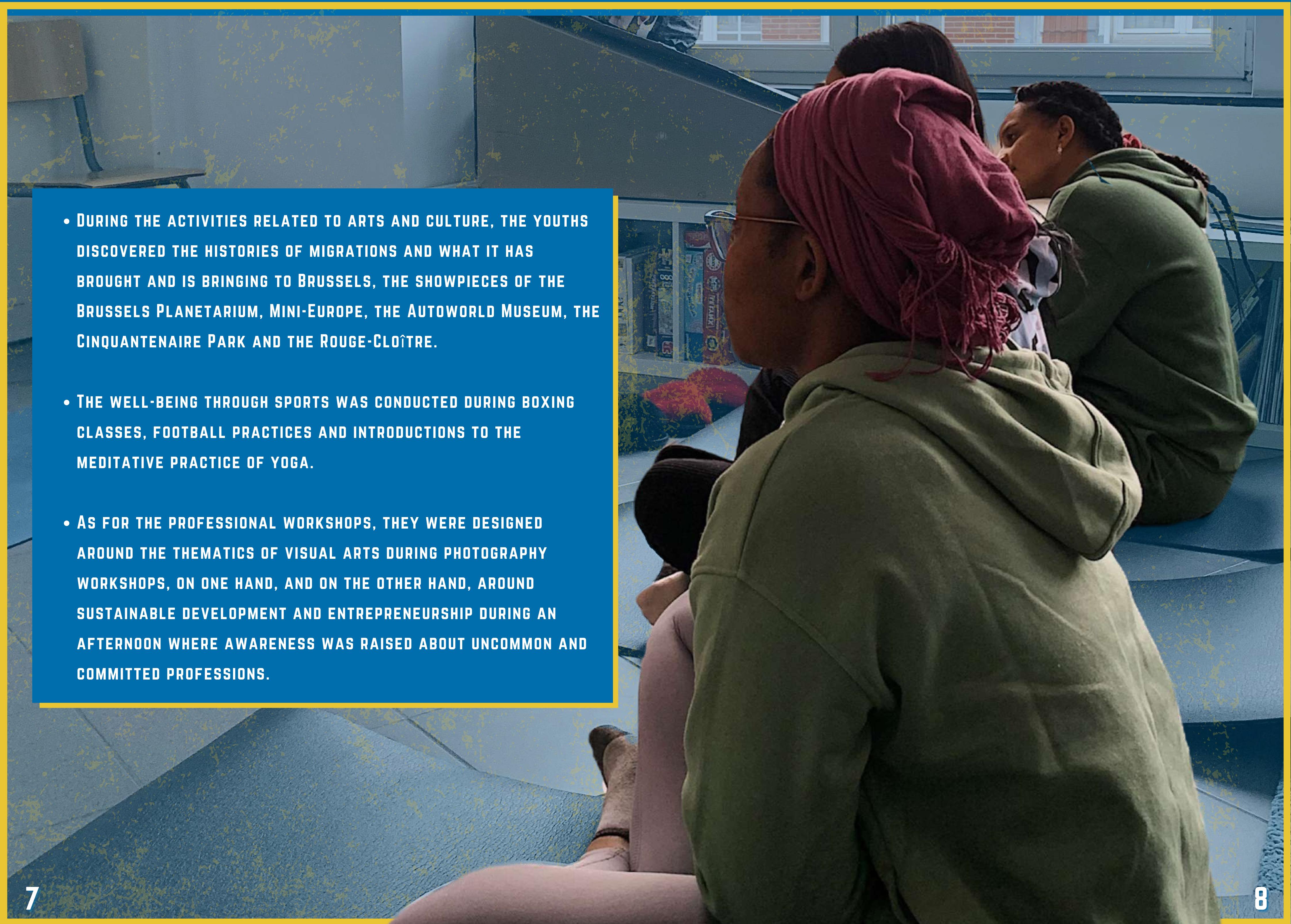
THE SB ESPOIR PROJECT AIMS AT:

- EQUIPPING THOSE ESCAPING CONFLICT AND VIOLENCE WITH CONCRETE AND NECESSARY EDUCATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL TOOLS TO ENABLE THEM REGAINING CONTROL OVER THEIR LIVES AND BUILDING A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE.
- BUILDING SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS AIMED AT PROVIDING SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES TO ASYLUM SEEKERS TO REBUILD THEIR LIVES AND INTEGRATE IN THEIR NEW COUNTRY AND/OR TO RESETTLE IN THEIR COUNTRY OF ORIGIN.

BOOSTING SOLIDARITY AND THE INTEGRATION AND INCLUSION OF UNACCOMPANIED MINORS' ASYLUM-SEEKERS AND FAMILIES IN BELGIUM BY BUILDING A BRIDGE BETWEEN THEM AND BELGIAN CIVIC SOCIETY.







END OF THE YEAR AND WINTER EVENTS

BESIDES THE ACTIVITIES WE CARRIED OUT IN THE CENTERS, OUR TEAM ORGANIZED A NUMBER OF EVENTS AT THE END OF THE YEAR TO CELEBRATE THE FESTIVITIES AND GIVE THE YOUTH FROM THE CENTERS A PERSONAL ATTENTION.

THE MULTICULTURAL WINTER CUP

THE MULTICULTURAL WINTER CUP: IN ORDER TO CELEBRATE THE FESTIVITIES AND CREATE AN INTER AND MULTICULTURAL SPACE, SB OVERSEAS ORGANIZED A SPORT TOURNAMENT DEDICATED TO THE YOUTHS LIVING IN SCHAERBEEK AND SAINT-JOSSE AND THE YOUTHS OF ASYLUM AND RECEPTION CENTERS. THROUGH THIS GREAT FOOTBALL EVENT, YOUTHS WITH LESS FAVORABLE LIFE STORIES AND BACKGROUNDS HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET, EXCHANGE AND SURPASS THEMSELVES. OUR GOALS WERE TO GIVE TOP BILLING TO SOCIAL COHESION, KINDNESS, AND INCLUSION AND PROMOTE BUILDING BRIDGES BETWEEN TWO COMMUNITIES. WE ARE VERY PLEASED TO HAVE ALLOWED THOSE YOUTHS TO MEET, TO HAVE ORGANIZED A HIGHLY SPORTY DAY WHERE SHARING AND MEETING TOOK CENTER STAGE, AND ALSO TO HAVE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO RAISE PUBLIC AWARENESS ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF COHESION AND REFUGEES' REALITIES. THIS EVENT WAS MULTICULTURAL AND INNOVATIVE BECAUSE, FOR THE SPACE OF ONE DAY, THOSE WHO ARE NOT USED TO BEING PUT INTO THE SPOTLIGHT WERE HONORED.





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SB OVERSEAS IS RELENTLESSLY WORKING WITH ITS PARTNER CENTERS,
BECAUSE WE ARE COMMITTED TO ENSURING THAT THEIR NEEDS AND HOPES
ARE MET, AND KNOW WHERE OUR TEAM CAN TAKE REAL ACTIONS. OUR
APPROACH IS INTENDED TO BE INCLUSIVE, CREATIVE, INNOVATIVE AND
SUSTAINABLE.

IN 2023, WE WILL COLLABORATE WITH A NEW RECEPTION CENTER WHICH IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO CARRY OUT AND ACT ON A NEW FRONT LINE FOR AND WITH THE YOUTHS AND UNDERTAKE NEW PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES!



THE COMMUNITY SPONSORSHIP PROJECT

THE COMMUNITY SPONSORSHIP PROJECT WAS LAUNCHED BY THE BELGIAN GOVERNMENT IN 2020 AND IS AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE BELGIAN RESETTLEMENT PROGRAM. THE OBJECTIVE OF THE COMMUNITY SPONSORSHIP PROJECT IS TO TURN TO CIVIL SOCIETY TO RESETTLE FAMILIES ON THE ONE HAND, AND TO PROMOTE THE INTEGRATION OF REFUGEES IN THE HOST SOCIETY THROUGH LIVING TOGETHER, ON THE OTHER HAND.

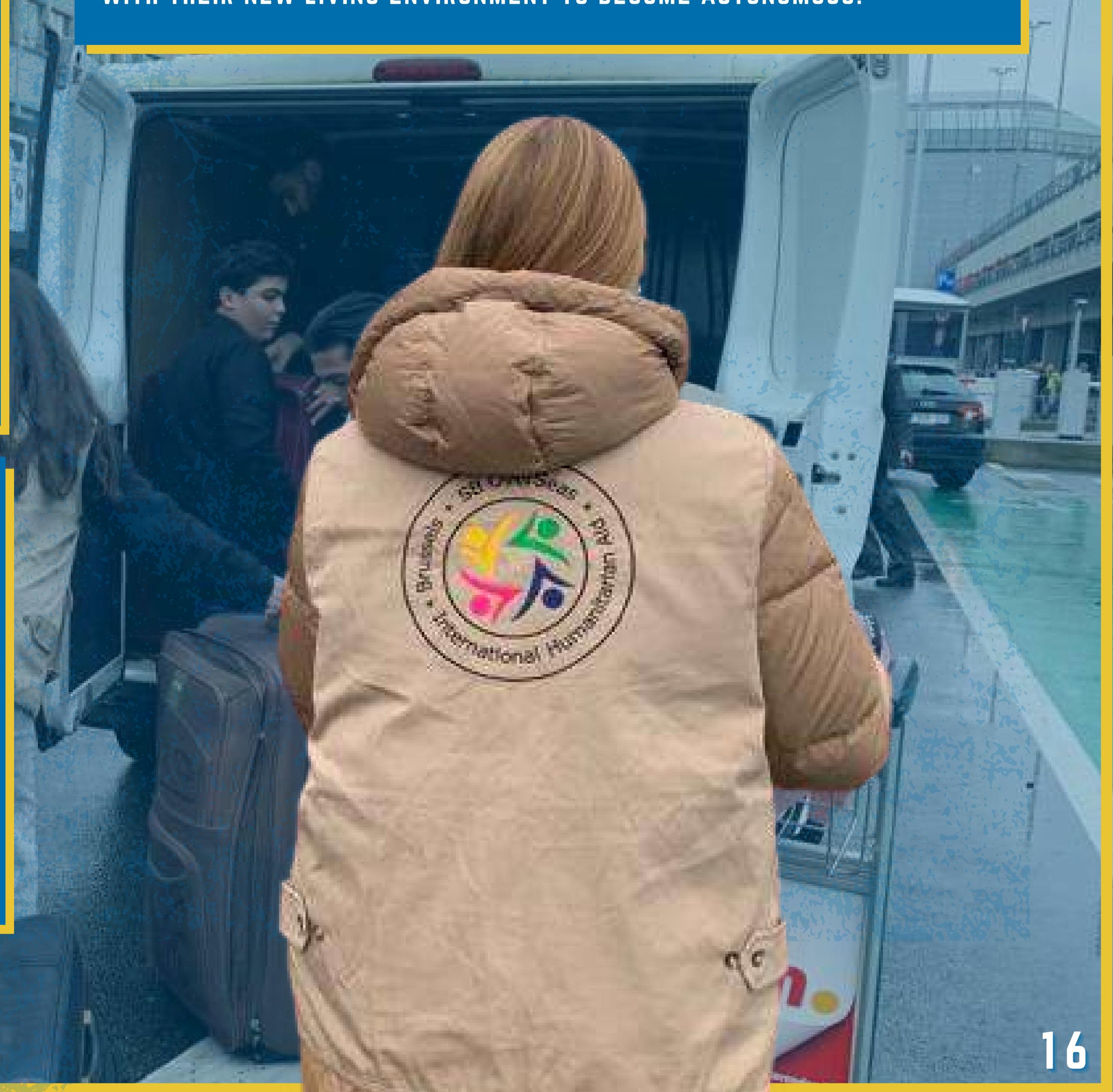
IN BELGIUM, COMMUNITY SPONSORSHIP MEANS THAT A GROUP OF MOTIVATED CITIZENS COMMITS TO WELCOME AND ACCOMPANY RESETTLED REFUGEES DURING THE FIRST YEAR IN BELGIUM.

THIS GROUP OF CITIZENS THEN BECOMES THE "SPONSOR" GROUP OF THE RESETTLED FAMILY.

THE ROLE OF THE SPONSORS IS MULTIPLE, THEY PROVIDE THEIR HELP TO:

- FIND HOUSING FOR THE FAMILY
- ACCOMPANY THEM PHYSICALLY AND EMOTIONALLY IN THE DIFFERENT ADMINISTRATIVE STEPS
- HELP THEM CREATE A SOCIAL NETWORK IN THEIR LOCAL ENVIRONMENT
- GET TO KNOW THEIR NEW CITY THROUGH SOCIAL AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES
- FOSTER THEIR INTEGRATION INTO THEIR NEW SOCIETY.

THIS PARTNERSHIP LASTS FOR THE FIRST 12 MONTHS. THE OBJECTIVE IS TO HELP THE FAMILY FIND THEIR BEARINGS IN BELGIUM BY OFFERING THEM A GROUP OF PEOPLE TO RELY ON UNTIL THEY FEEL SUFFICIENTLY FAMILIAR WITH THEIR NEW LIVING ENVIRONMENT TO BECOME AUTONOMOUS.

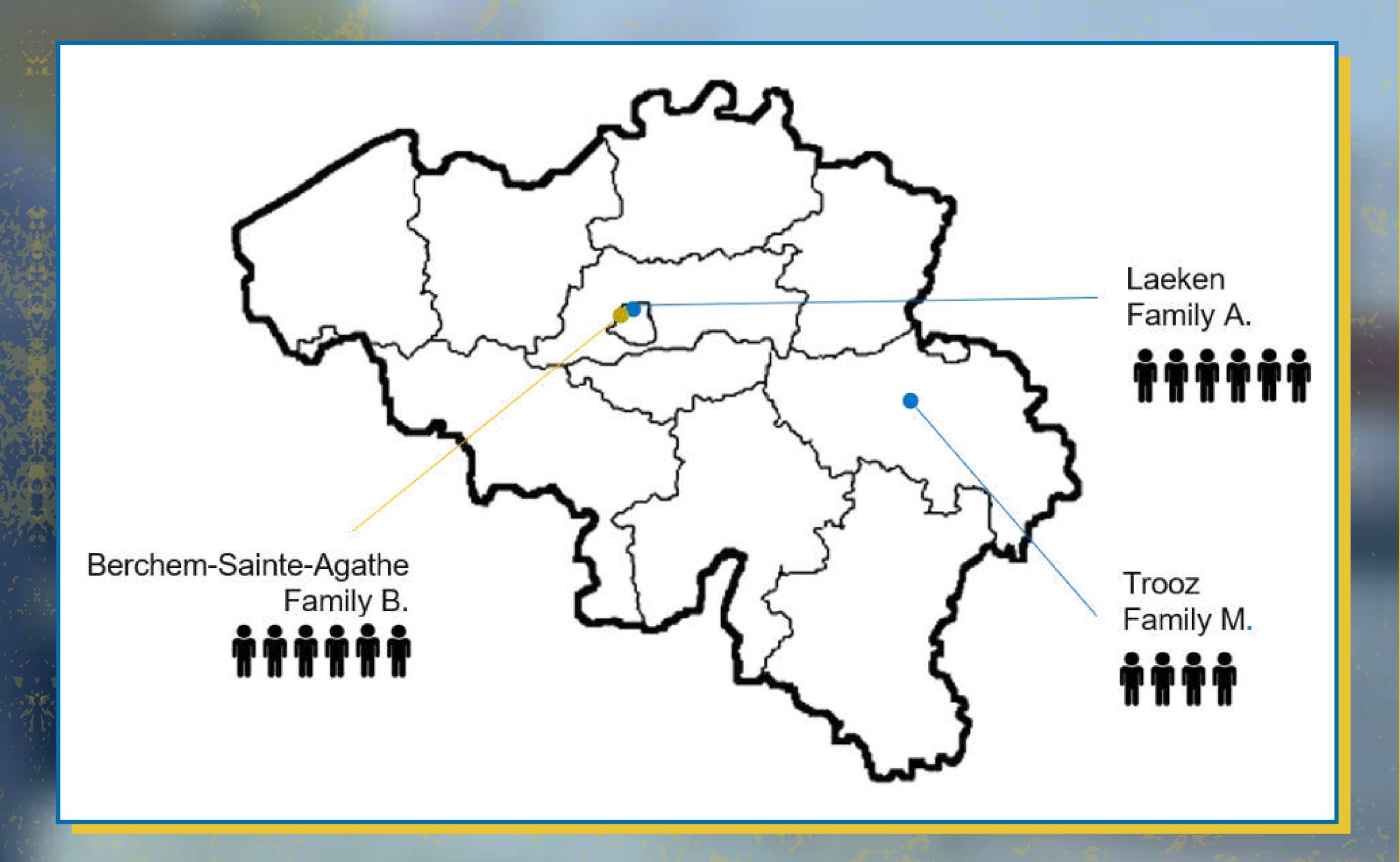


RESETTLEMENT OF 3 FAMILIES IN BELGIUM

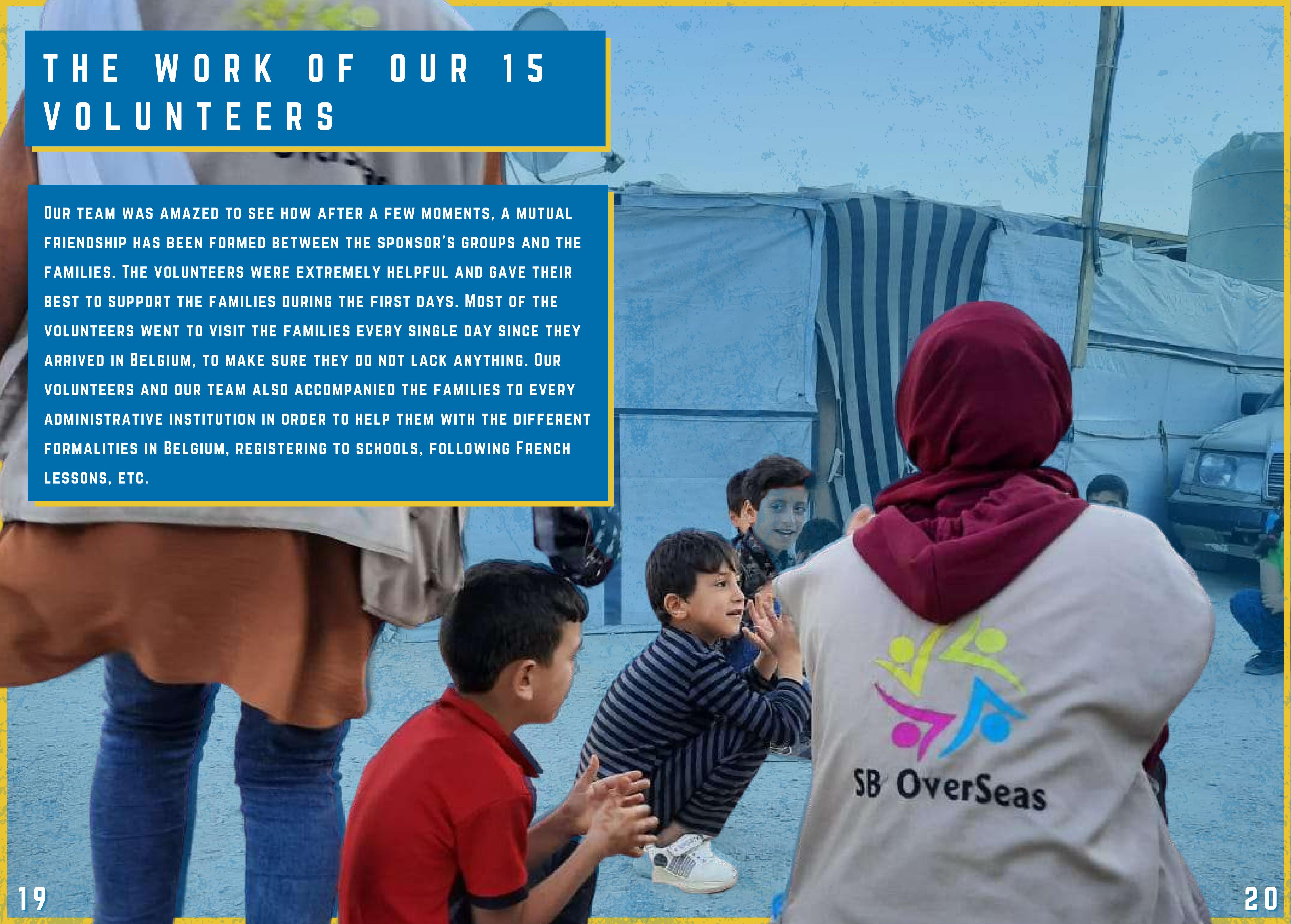
THIS YEAR, SB OVERSEAS'S ENGAGEMENT IN THE COMMUNITY SPONSORSHIP PROJECT HAS TAKEN A NEW TURN. IN COLLABORATION WITH FEDASIL AND THANKS TO OUR AMAZING GROUPS OF SPONSORS, SB OVERSEAS RESETTLED 3 REFUGEE FAMILIES IN BELGIUM. A MEANINGFUL PROJECT IN WHICH EMPATHY AND SOLIDARITY PREVAIL. WE ARE VERY PROUD TO GET INVOLVED IN THIS HUMAN AND COLLABORATIVE EXPERIENCE AS WELL AS TO STAND UP FOR THE RIGHTS AND DIGNITY OF ALL HUMAN BEINGS.

OUR TEAM WERE EXTREMELY MOTIVATED AND REDOUBLED ITS EFFORT TO RESETTLE THESE FAMILIES. OUR FIELD COORDINATOR DID EVERYTHING HE COULD TO MAKE SURE THE HOUSES WERE READY AT THE ARRIVALS OF THE FAMILIES. WE WANTED TO MAKE SURE THAT AFTER THE LONG JOURNEY THESE FAMILIES HAVE BEEN THROUGH, THEY FIND A WELCOMING ENVIRONMENT IN WHICH THEY CAN FINALLY REST AND START THEIR NEW LIFE WITH LOTS OF HOPE AND DREAMS.

OUR FAMILIES WERE RESETTLED IN THE FOLLOWING CITIES OF BELGIUM:



OF COURSE, STARTING EVERYTHING FROM THE START IN A NEW COUNTRY IS DIFFICULT FULL OF CHALLENGES...THIS IS WHY OUR GROUPS OF VOLUNTEERS DEVOTED THEMSELVES TO SUPPORTING THE FAMILIES IN EVERYTHING THEY NEED DURING THEIR FIRST YEAR IN BELGIUM.





SB OVERSEAS & THE BRUSSELS COMMUNITY

BEING LOCATED AT THE HEART OF EUROPE, SB OVERSEAS USES THIS
LOCATION TO RAISE AWARENESS ABOUT THE SITUATION CAUSED BY REFUGEE
HUMANITARIAN CRISES. OUR AIM IS TO RAISE THE VOICES OF REFUGEE
COMMUNITIES AND FIL THE GAP BY COLLABORATING WITH DIFFERENT
PARTNERS AT THE INTERNATIONAL AND NATIONAL LEVELS IN ORDER TO
ADVOCATE FOR AND REPRESENT THE INTERESTS OF YOUNG ASYLUM
SEEKERS. SBO IS THEREFORE ADVOCATING NATIONALLY AND
INTERNATIONALLY FOR THE FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS AND DIGNITY OF
REFUGEE'S COMMUNITIES, BOTH IN EUROPE AND IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

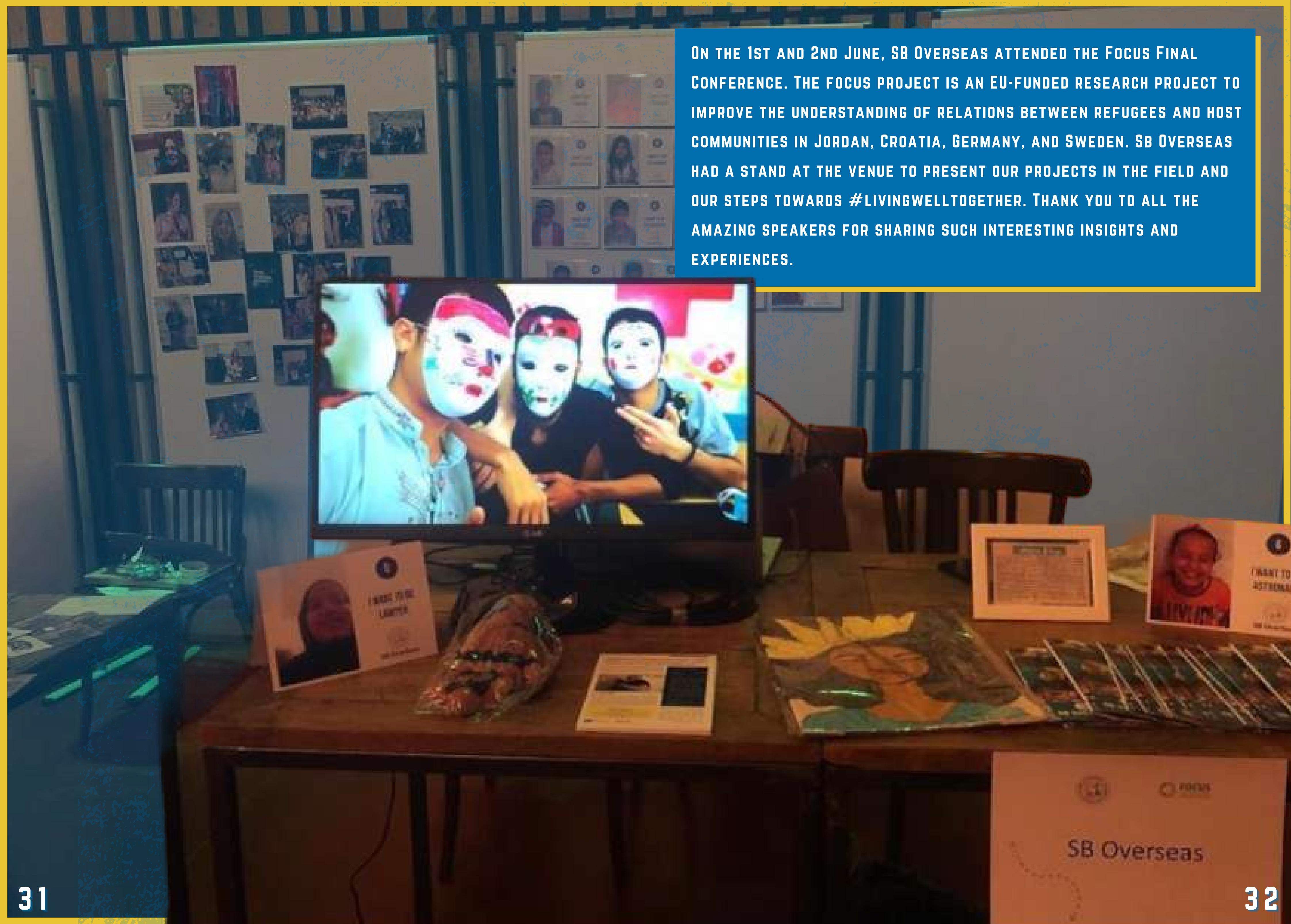
IN BRUSSELS, WE ARE CONTINUOUSLY ADVOCATING FOR THE RIGHTS OF ASYLUM SEEKERS IN BELGIUM AND THEIR GOOD INTEGRATION AND INCLUSION SINCE 2013. WE PUBLISH A NEWSLETTER, REPORTS, SURVEYS AND CONSTANTLY ORGANIZE AND PARTICIPATE IN EVENTS, WORKSHOPS AND ADVOCACY CAMPAIGNS IN THAT REGARD. OUR AIM IS TO CREATE LINKS AND BUILD BRIDGES BETWEEN ALL STAKEHOLDERS WORKING IN THE FIELD OF MIGRATION IN ORDER TO JOIN OUR FORCES AND MAXIMIZE OUR IMPACT.

WE COLLABORATE WITH ADVOCACY PLATFORMS ACTIVE IN THE FIELD OF MIGRATION AT THE BELGIAN, EUROPEAN AND INTERNATIONAL LEVELS. SBO IS A MEMBER OF SEVERAL UMBRELLAS' PLATFORMS SUCH AS CNCD, PICUM, THE ECRE, IOM MIGRATION, PLATE-FORME MINEURS EN EXILE ETC.















OVERALL, WE WORKED DILIGENTLY TO ENSURE THAT OUR WORK IS PERSON-CENTERED, AND WE WILL CONTINUE TO ENHANCE AND ADJUST OUR PROGRAMMES AS THE NEEDS OF OUR BENEFICIARIES EVOLVE. AROUND THREE-QUARTERS OF REFUGEES IN LEBANON FALL INTO THE MOST VULNERABLE GROUPS CATEGORIES SUCH AS WOMEN, CHILDREN, AND YOUTH, WHICH IS WHY OUR PROJECTS CAREFULLY ADDRESS THE NEEDS OF EACH OF THESE GROUPS. ADDITIONALLY, THROUGH OUR WORK IN ACCOMMODATION AND RECEPTION CENTERS HOSTING UNACCOMPANIED MINORS IN BRUSSELS, WE CAN COMPREHENSIVELY ASSESS THEIR NEEDS AND COLLECT FEEDBACK, ALLOWING US TO BRIDGE SUPPORT AND PROTECTION GAPS.

IN 2022, WE HAVE BEEN FOCUSED ON ENSURING THE CONTINUATION OF SECURING THE BASIC SERVICES THAT EVERY INDIVIDUAL NEEDED IN THOSE DIFFICULT CIRCUMSTANCES, SUCH AS ENSURING A CONTINUOUS EDUCATION THROUGH INVOLVING STUDENTS WITH SCHOOLS AGAIN POST THE PANDEMIC, ENSURING SAFE HEALTH CONDITIONS THROUGH AWARENESS SESSIONS ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF VACCINES AND THE DISTRIBUTION OF SANITARY TOOLS, AND ENSURING SAFETY FROM THE WINTER THROUGH THE DISTRIBUTIONS OF BASIC MATERIALS SUCH AS MEDICINES AND FUELS TO COPE WITH THE HARSH WEATHER CONDITIONS.

FOR THE YEAR 2023, WE WILL RELY ON OUR QUOTE IN LIFE WHICH IS TO #GIVE_HOPE WHEREVER THERE IS DARKNESS BECAUSE HOPE IS THE CANDLE THAT MIGHT ERASE ALL OF IT.

WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK OUR STAFF, VOLUNTEERS, DONORS, PARTNERS, AND EVERYONE INVOLVED IN SB OVERSEAS' WORK FOR ALL THE SUPPORT WE HAVE RECEIVED DURING THIS YEAR. TOGETHER, WE WILL CONTINUE TO #GIVEHOPE AND TO BUILD A BRIGHTER FUTURE.