

Emergency support



Sporadic activities

Logistical capacity and operational responsiveness

In Geneva, two emergency vehicles are ready to be deployed across Europe, strengthening our responsiveness and ability to intervene directly in critical areas. To achieve this, we rely on emergency funds — essential to make our deployments possible and to respond to unforeseen situations without delay.

Emergency humanitarian support

Van For Life also provides ad hoc support to local partner organizations operating in other critical contexts, according to identified emergencies and available resources.

Geneva & Switzerland

- **First initiative in support of UMNRs** (Unaccompanied Minor Refugees) housed in a reception center in Geneva. The objective was to initiate the development of a broader integration program in 2025, in collaboration with the relevant authorities (host family system, extra-institutional contacts, etc.).
- **Duration** : 6 months (June-December 2024)
- **Nature of aid** : material (TVs, computers, clothing), socio-professional support
- **People involved** : 6 Van For Life volunteers
- **Reference structure** : Hospice Général de Genève
- **Beneficiaries** : 42



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Calais & region

- **Assessment and material support** for refugees waiting to cross to the United Kingdom, living in extreme precariousness and facing repression. Contact was made with local associations and field priorities were assessed with a view to establishing a regular mission.
 - **Duration** : 5 days (24-28 September 2024)
 - **Type of aid** : food, underwear, medicines (purchases)
 - **Quantity** : approx. 700 kg
 - **Allocated budget** : CHF 3'500 CHF
 - **People involved** : 1 Van For Life volunteer + 1 On Borders member
 - **Reference structures** : Auberge des Migrants, Utopia56
 - **Beneficiaries** : approx. 150



Sporadic activities

Belarus / Poland border

- Logistical support in the Bialowieza Forest (Poland), assisting refugees trapped in a militarized and isolated area under extreme climatic conditions and a harsh political context.
 - **Duration** : 4 months (July–October 2024)
 - **Type of aid** : 1 off-road van, specially equipped for refugee rescue operations
 - **Quantity** : 1 vehicle loan
 - **Allocated budget (including transport costs)** : CHF 7,500 (pro rata vehicle and travel costs)
 - **People involved** : 3 Van For Life volunteers
 - **Reference association** : EGALA Association (Hajnówka, Poland)
 - **Beneficiaries** : several hundreds



*Emergencies strike without warning. Our dedicated funds are the **safety net** that keeps us moving. Even a brief action can **change everything**.*