

TFN Impact Report

Name of your Organisation:	CRIBS International
Name of the project TFN funded:	CRIBS Community Hub
Date Funded by TFN:	08/12/2021
Were you able to undertake your project as planned?	Yes
If no, please outline how the project has changed.	
<p>Can you describe and/or demonstrate the specific impact that TFN funding has had against your initial objectives?</p>	<p>The TFN funding enabled the continuation of the CRIBS Community Hub: our Free Shop, office, Community Space and two flats providing housing for 6 families and services to many more.</p> <p>This year this has allowed us to provide 1045 free shop appointments for families to choose clothing and access other items needed in a dignified way, impacting over 3,00 individuals.</p> <p>2,385 nappy and hygiene packs have been distributed this year from our free shop, that is a lot of individual nappies and a lot of dry bums!</p> <p>220 food parcels have been sorted in our community space and distributed to our families.</p> <p>Our community space has had on average 86 attendances per month, with English classes, employability sessions, IT classes, baby grow clinics, breastfeeding advice sessions, and our Women's group all taking place from this venue.</p> <p>In May, at the request of the women we house, we started to run a weekly Women's Group from our community space, giving the women a chance to get together and discuss different topics along with one of our team members, and do different activities, from pamper days to trips out to museums. These have been hugely successful and only possible given that we had a base, a safe space, from which to meet regularly. This has provided the opportunity for peer support and socialising, having a positive impact on mental health and wellbeing.</p> <p>The funding for our 2 flats has housed 5 mums, 2 dads, 5 babies, and 2 children over the year, providing over 4,250 individual nights of safety and shelter.</p> <p>In total we have housed 15 families (44 individuals) throughout this year, providing 14,290 individual nights of safety and shelter.</p>

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	<p>The impact on these families has been lifechanging both in the short term, and the long term. Families have had their immediate needs met - shelter, warmth, food, and medical care, and have received support to gain asylum, access healthcare and psychological support, and education and employment opportunities enabling them to go on to live independently in many cases.</p>
What portion of the project did TFN fund?	5%
How many direct beneficiaries did the TFN funded project reach?	3,654 people
How many indirect beneficiaries did the TFN funded project reach?	approximately 400 although this is difficult to calculate
Were you able to leverage further funding as a result of TFN support?	No
If yes, how much were you able to raise?	
Did you receive any pro-bono support, volunteer offers or introductions as a result of the event?	No
If yes, please can you provide details of the support you received?	
Has the training you received from TFN better prepared you in pitching your organisation to potential funders?	Yes
Has TFN increased your capacity to raise further funds?	Yes
How important was TFN funding in helping you achieve your objectives?	We wouldn't have been able to achieve our objectives without TFN funding
Since presenting at TFN, has your organisation undergone any other significant changes?	We have recruited a part time fundraising and communications officer. We have developed our structure in Athens, and have more trustees in place. We have also gained publicity in a national tabloid The Sunday Mirror, following a visit to our project from British actress Julie Hesmondhalgh who is a long

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	<p>term supporter of our work. We are looking to further build on this relationship.</p>
<p>Do you have any other comments or feedback on the experience of the TFN process?</p>	<p>The process of pitching was managed extremely well. The form was quite challenging to complete, specifically the low word count and the form was difficult to work with.</p>
<p>Can you tell us any personal stories to highlight the value of the project?</p>	<p>The classes in our community space have already led to opportunities for some of our women, including "Martha", who gave birth to twins early this year. Despite having her hands full Martha attended classes and found work as a translator with two organisations.</p> <p>The lawyer she interpreted for was so impressed with her professionalism. One employer said: "I look forward to many more things working with her, because I know she's got this!"</p> <p>Martha gave birth to twins early this year and managed to exclusively breastfeed both babies - a huge achievement. 2 months after they were born she started work as a phone interpreter for two NGOs in Athens. The lawyer she interpreted for was so impressed with her professionalism.</p> <p>Martha was previously living in the camp on Lesbos island. She gained refugee status, and was therefore kicked out of the camp with no support. She was then housed briefly by an NGO in Lesbos but was advised to come to Athens because of her "high risk" pregnancy with the twins, that the local hospital said they could not deal with. She was referred to CRIBS and we were able to provide her with a house and the support she would need.</p>