



## Press release

### **Oetker Group donates €500,000 to refugee aid**

€250,000 each to go to SOS-Kinderdorf and the German Red Cross

**<Bielefeld, October 30, 2015> According to current estimations, up to 10,000 refugees are arriving in Germany every day via the Balkans. Governments and aid organizations are doing their best to care for the growing number of people in need in help. As a contribution to these efforts, Dr. August Oetker KG is donating €500,000 to refugee aid, to be divided equally between the two charity organizations SOS-Kinderdorf and the German Red Cross.**

The fast, uncomplicated aid provided by **SOS-Kinderdorf** to refugee families with children and to underage, unaccompanied refugees is in keeping with founder Hermann Gmeiner's original idea of "helping children in need, regardless of time or place". SOS-Kinderdorf cares for children, young people and families in their home countries, during their journey to Germany and following their arrival there. In their homelands, SOS-Kinderdorf – in addition to survival measures – focuses on providing psychosocial support and on setting up temporary accommodation and educational programs. The national SOS-Kinderdorf associations provide food, medicine and other vital supplies to refugee families with children waiting at border checkpoints. In Germany, the organization has expanded its



existing efforts for refugees and set up new accommodation for underage, unaccompanied refugees and families with children.

The **German Red Cross** is currently helping over 120,000 refugees in some 340 emergency accommodation facilities throughout Germany, with around 15,000 voluntary and full-time helpers working around the clock. As German Red Cross President Dr. Rudolf Seiters comments: "Above all, this would not be possible without our many voluntary helpers". The donations will be used, among other things, to provide accommodation tents for refugees and to equip them with camp beds, sleeping bags and food. As well as this, the German Red Cross undertakes extensive work in the refugees' homelands, above all in Syria and its neighboring countries and in northern Iraq.

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