

**Open Letter to the social welfare office of canton Zurich by rejected refugees from the cantonal return centers (Emergency accommodation)**

132 signatories of all 5 permanent cantonal return centers in Hinteregg, Adliswil, Urdorf, Glattbrugg und Kempthal.

Thursday, July 2nd 2020

Dear Madam or Sir

We, the people from the cantonal emergency accommodations in Hinteregg, Adliswil, Kempthal, Urdorf and Glattbrugg, are hereby illustrating the conditions in which we are living, have been living and will keep living. The current situation is very difficult and painful for us. We can not move freely because we have to live in fear. Some of us have a restriction; we have to sign daily once or twice in order to receive the emergency aid money (8.50 CHF), with which we buy our food, hygienic products, transportation and communication means. In other cantons there is no such severe obligation to sign and we feel treated wrongfully.

Since the 22nd 2020 you have decided that we have to sign again daily once or twice in order to receive our emergency aid money. This makes it almost impossible for us to uphold appointments, take German class and buy groceries. Furthermore the Corona crisis isn't over: the risk of infection is still high and it is negligent to have us wait twice a day in a long queue in front of the camp offices to get 8.50 CHF. We are also entitled that our health and lives shall be protected, even if we are living in these camps. Having said that, there were some of us who could call in once a week to confirm their presence with the social welfare office. Such a weekly reporting obligation should be the only mandatory reporting for all of us.

Our request: abolish our obligation to sign daily once or twice!

We require not having to live in even more difficult circumstances.

We expect your immediate public answer.  
Thank you.

With best regards,  
Rejected refugees from the emergency accommodations of canton Zurich