

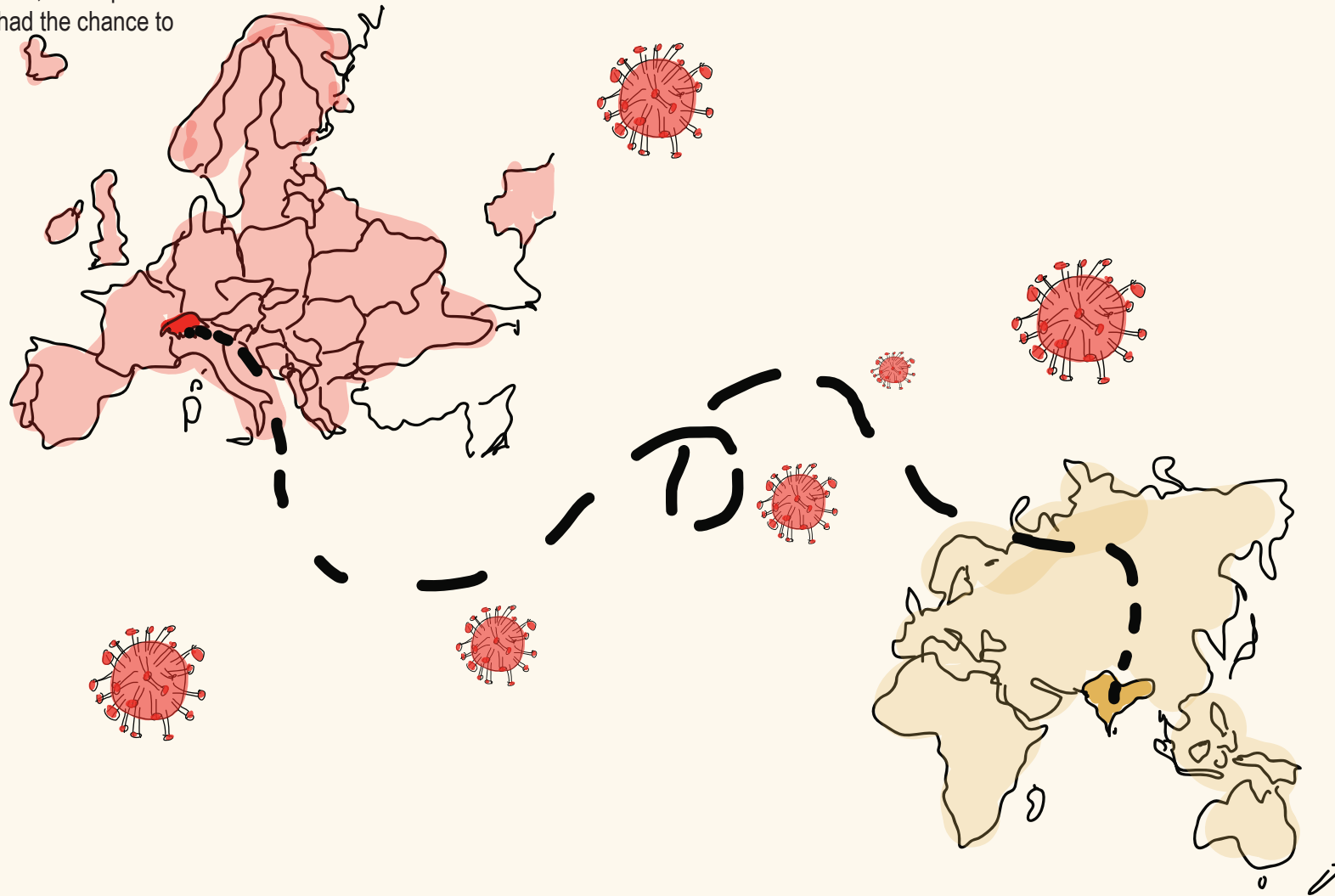
The Lockdown

here and there...



We live in one of the richest countries on earth, in Switzerland.

Since the lockdown, because of the corona virus, many of us struggled with first world problems. People were happy to have time to rearrange their beautyface-routine, reorganize the apartment and garden, or shop online. During the time we had the chance to overthink our lives.....



.....But what's happening on the other side of the world? Let's have a look at India. A third world country with over 1.3 billion people. What does it mean, when an overpopulated third world country gets in a lockdown?

Delhi, the capital city of India. There is smog,
dust, rikshas honking, everyone is busy.
Many migrants from the country side work
here. They get their little wage paid daily.



Amrita is one of them. Since the lockdown, stores and markets are closed. There is no work for the dailyworkers anymore. Amrita pick ups her last salary. 356 rupees, that is as little as 4 swiss francs. With that she can feed her baby and herself for one day.



"I dont know how to feed my baby. My last resort is to go home, back to the countryside. There I can at least work in the fields.", she says desperatly.

She makes her way to the busstation. And there the next catastrophe awaits. Hundreds, no thousands of other people are having the same problem. Everyone wants to go back to the countryside, no one has a job anymore.



There is an aggressive atmosphere. Everyone is fighting to get on the bus. It's a question about life or death.



She doesn't have a chance to get on the bus.
With no money for a shelter nor enough food,
she and her baby sleep on the ground,
somewhere in Delhi. Hunger and the fear of
starving is visiting her trough the night.



On the next day, the first thing her eyes see is a stick in her face. The policemen is angry and shouts : "GO HOME, it's forbidden to be outside. The lockdown is ordered by the goverment."

"Home?", she replies, "I don't have a home anymore, because of the lockdown and this virus."



She doesn't have any other opportunity than walking the long path back to the countryside. A hard journey with a lot of suffering starts. She is not the only one. Many others are in the same situation. Like her they are walking and hoping to arrive alive at their origin home.





Very little food she got from some people who are helping her. Bloody feet and a crying baby, the situation is very serious. The way is dangerous and she needs to watch herself, so she doesn't end up in a strange situation.

Finally.. after these days of struggle, fear,
starving, she sees the mud of her relevants.
She and her baby arrived!!!!



Inside the house there are living now due the lockdown more than ten people. Amrita had luck to survive this hard journey. Many didn't. She and her relevants can't wait till the lockdown is finish and that they can work and live again the life they did before.



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Even though we are also not going through a very easy time during the pandemic. Everyone of us should still be thankful for living in a safe and rich country like Switzerland. Yes we struggle too, but at least we don't have to fight everyday to survive.

