



Terre des hommes

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Bangladesh

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Context

In 2024, Bangladesh underwent a mass revolution to establish peace and democracy. Now is the time to prioritize child protection, better healthcare access, and improved water, sanitation and hygiene conditions. However, Russia's war in Ukraine, the conflict between Israel and Palestine and the global economic crisis have diverted the Global North's focus and funding.

The extreme vulnerabilities of 1,005,675 Rohingya refugees in Cox's Bazar and Bhasan Char were exacerbated in 2024 due to the decline in funding, which impacted access to basic services.

Intervention map



General overview

Terre des hommes (Tdh) has been operational in Bangladesh since 1974, delivering successful relief, recovery, and development projects, and since 2017, has been responding to the Rohingya refugee crisis in Cox's Bazar. In Bangladesh, child protection is at the core of Tdh's work as a transversal area of expertise ensuring the protection and promotion of child rights and the well-being of their family members and communities.

In 2024, Tdh reached 123,048 beneficiaries in Bangladesh with a total budget of approximately CHF 6.5 million. Tdh currently has four offices in Kurigram, Dhaka, Ukhiya, and Teknaf.

Thematic priorities



Child protection programming seeks to enhance the protective environment for the most vulnerable children and young people – including those at risk of commercial sexual exploitation or climatic stresses, as well as for their families and communities, through the provision of community-based activities, psychological support, case management, and formal systems strengthening.



Health programmes aim to improve access to quality healthcare services and facilities – including mother and child health, through direct service provision, systems strengthening and capacity building for healthcare workers.



WASH programming aims to increase access to quality water, sanitation and hygiene services, whilst strengthening the inclusiveness of facilities, through community empowerment and awareness raising.



Our **climate-focused programmes** address the growing impact of climate change on vulnerable communities. Through sustainable healthcare and climate-resilient WASH infrastructure, we work to mitigate risks and strengthen adaptation strategies and community resilience.

Our reach in 2024

Child protection

- 33,339 children, adolescents and caregivers were supported through child protection activities under our Rohingya crisis response in Cox's Bazar.
- 4,608 children impacted by climate changes and at risk of commercial sexual exploitation received mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) services.
- 1,668 children received case management services.
- 14,212 children and adolescents received MHPSS services.

Mother and child health

- 257,335 outpatient (OPD) consultations were delivered at our two primary healthcare centres (PHCs).
- We ensured 925 safe facility deliveries at both PHCs.
- 8,425 patients received non-communicable disease services.
- 4,890 children received services of the expanded programme of immunization (EPI).

Water, sanitation and hygiene (WaSH)

- 15,757 people accessed WaSH services and facilities.
- 34 toilets & 22 bathing cubicles were built or rehabilitated.
- 13,967,767 litters of human excreta desludged and treated at the Faecal Sludge Treatment Plant & 839,372 kilograms of waste managed by the Solid Waste Management Plant.
- 4,050 women/girls received Menstrual Health Management kits.

Social cohesion

- 124 community-led initiatives e.g., day observation, courtyard meeting etc. were carried out.
- 1,758 young people were trained in social and leadership skills to lead community-level initiatives.

Supporting children of sex workers and young people displaced by climate Change

We are currently delivering child protection services to 1,000 children of sex workers at risk of commercial sexual exploitation in Daulatdia, the largest brothel in Bangladesh.

Additionally, 20,000 climate-induced vulnerable young people in Dhaka, Kurigram and Satkhira are receiving life skills trainings using the Sports for Protection methodology to build climate resilience among them.

Supporting refugees and host communities in the Cox's Bazar district

We continue our efforts to enhance the safety and dignity of refugees and host communities in the Cox's Bazar district through an integrated, multi-sectorial humanitarian response. We improve access to child protection services, essential health and nutrition services through integrated clinic- and community-based services, focusing on women and children, and to increase access to quality WASH services by means of expanding facilities and strengthening community.

Advocacy

Our advocacy efforts focus on improving child protection services, as well as on addressing the impact of climate change on children and families through child protection and safeguarding networks in Bangladesh e.g., Child Labour Elimination Platform, SRH Working Group, Climate Justice Alliance-Bangladesh.

Tdh is collaborating with the Government and other key stakeholders to promote its integrated Nexus approach, comprising emergency, peacebuilding and development activities.

Main donors

AAR Japan (Association for Aid and Relief, Japan), Novo Nordisk, Olympic Refugee Foundation (ORF), SDC (Swiss Development Cooperation), UK Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO), UNHCR (The UN Refugee Agency), and U.S. Department of State: Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration (BPRM).



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"At first, it was difficult to get my family's permission. Now we have the freedom to play in open fields like boys, and we can enjoy play in a well-managed and safe environment."

Jamiya, a 19-year-old mother participating in our Sports for Protection activities

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