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Defending children's rights against all odds

In 2024, our driven and skilled teams across the world dedicated their unwavering efforts to transforming the lives of children for the better in conflict zones and other challenging contexts.

In Ukraine, our teams provided immediate relief to children and families affected by the conflict. We provided essential education activities and sustainable income support to thousands of displaced people. Our psychosocial support has helped children cope with the trauma of war, ensuring they receive the care and attention they need to heal and thrive.

To empower girls in Lebanon, a country affected by the spillover of the Gaza conflict, we provided almost 8,000 girls with psychological first aid and mentorship in safe spaces. Among them was 15-year-old Salma, who had been displaced twice and initially withdrew into silence. With our support she found her voice, stepped up as a leader and is now keen to continue her education.

During my visit to Afghanistan in November, I witnessed first-hand the critical impact of our primary healthcare services in remote areas of Nangarhar Province. Without Tdh, more than 100,000 pregnant women and their newborn children would lack access to basic healthcare. Our Afghan teams work tirelessly under challenging conditions to provide essential medical services, ensuring every patient receives the care they need (see p. 19).

Together with our local partners, we promoted digital solutions to combat illness and malnutrition, especially for children under five and their mothers. In Mali and India, e-learning improved the diagnosis and treatment skills of health workers, leading to earlier detection and more personalised care, ultimately improving patient outcomes (see p. 29).

A paradigm shift in international aid: rising to new challenges

International aid stands at a pivotal moment. The abrupt termination of US funding and expected cuts by European governments will affect millions of people, especially children, and will leave gaping holes in the safety nets that protect the most vulnerable. The decline of international solidarity has not only jeopardised immediate relief efforts, but also threatens long-term development initiatives and partnerships aimed at breaking the cycle of poverty and inequality.

Moreover, the violations of international humanitarian law and children's rights, the restricted access to war zones such as Gaza, and the growing challenges faced by local humanitarian workers highlight the urgent need for a renewed strong international commitment. Protracted crises demand more than temporary responses – they require a reinforced commitment to localisation, ensuring that affected communities and local organisations play a central role in relief and recovery efforts.

At the global level, these trends call for immediate action to overhaul the international aid system. At the operational level, they show the need for resilience, innovation and unwavering commitment to the protection of children's rights. Looking ahead, we remain steadfast in advancing them. We call on the international community to renew its commitment to supporting the world's most vulnerable and to extend its support to our invaluable local partners. Together, we can build a future where every child thrives.

In the words of one of our colleagues in Afghanistan, "we will leave no stone unturned" - we will intensify our efforts to bridge funding gaps, forge new partnerships, leverage technology, and advocate for policies prioritising children's well-being.

We thank our dedicated teams, volunteers, partners and generous donors for demonstrating that collective action can overcome even the most daunting obstacles.

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Barbara Hintermann Director General of Terre des hommes



Jürg Schäffler

President of the Council of the Foundation

Vision

We aspire to a world in which the rights of children, as defined in the Convention on the Rights of the Child, are always respected. A world in which children can thrive in safe environments and become agents of the change they wish to see in their lives.



Mission

Terre des hommes, founded in 1960, is an independent, neutral and impartial Swiss organisation committed to bringing meaningful and lasting change to the lives of children and young people, especially to those most exposed to risks. We strive to improve their well-being and ensure the effective application of their rights as defined by the Convention on the Rights of the Child and other relevant human rights instruments. To make a difference, we focus on the areas of maternal and child health, children and young people migration, and access to justice. We aim to empower children and young people through active participation. We advocate for the respect of children's rights, supporting them in voicing their needs and interests. We work in fragile and conflict settings, as well as in stable environments.





Where we worked in 2024



Europe

20. Albania 🤻 🌃





21. Greece 🧩 🌃





22. Hungary 🤻 🦚





23. Kosovo 🧩 🦚





24. Moldova 🧩 🦚





25. Romania 🧩 🌃



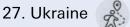


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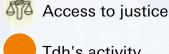




projects globally







Tdh's activity



Partnerships



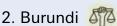
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8. Senegal



27 countries where Tdh is active

3.3 million of those supported were children of those supported were women and girls Asia 16. Bangladesh 😂 🧩 💏 17. India <page-header> 18. Myanmar 😂 🧩 🦚 27 19. Nepal 🦠 10 17 Middle East and North Africa 9. Afghanistan 😝 🤻 10. Egypt 🤻 11. Iraq 🧩 🦚 12. Jordan 🦂 🌃 13. Lebanon 🤻 💏 14. Occupied Palestinian territory 🧩 💏 15. Syria 🦂 🌃



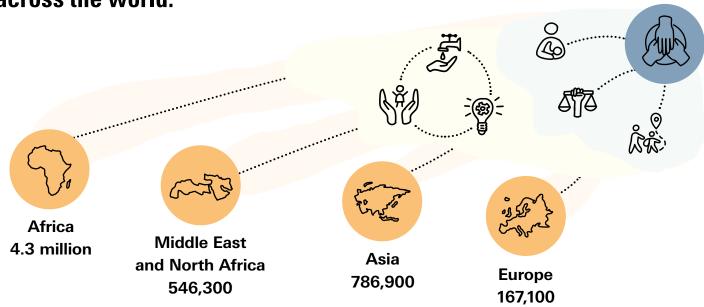
Even as 2024 was marking the 35th anniversary of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, one in every five children worldwide were living in or fleeing from conflict zones. At the same time, the planetary climate and environmental crisis is placing nearly half the world's children at high risk of its consequences such as extreme weather events and pollution. Escalating conflicts, attacks on aid workers and essential services, and severe access restrictions took a devastating toll on humanitarians' ability to reach affected populations.

Despite extremely challenging access conditions, Terre des hommes (Tdh) sustained its operational presence in war zones, such as in Gaza, Lebanon and Eastern Ukraine, while affirming our commitment to children's rights.

Thanks to the resilience and dedication of our teams, we supported a total of 5.8 million children and members of their communities through 214 projects in 27 countries in 2024. Of these, 2.3 million were directly supported through our programmes in health, migration and access to justice, and through our expertise projects in water, sanitation and hygiene as well as in child protection.

Tdh also strengthened local systems for long-lasting, meaningful change by training people who supported a further 3.5 million children and members of their communities.

Children and members of their communities supported across the world:





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projects



3.5 million children and members of their communities supported by people Tdh trained



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Tdh's regional presence



Sub-Saharan Africa

Political and social instability, as well as consequences of climate change further destabilised many parts of Africa in 2024, resulting in increased violence and displacement. Vulnerable populations in conflict zones in Burkina Faso, Mali and Nigeria were difficult to reach: while humanitarian needs increased, movement restrictions were imposed on NGOs owing to scepticism about their impartiality.

Tdh adapted its strategies to ensure staff safety and to foster local approaches to maintain essential services in this region. The unflagging efforts of the teams saw further deployments of digital health tools to improve access to healthcare, producing better health outcomes and more efficient management of resources. A key priority was strengthening local partnerships, with closer collaborations established to facilitate more equal cooperation.

Kenya: a child's recovery, a mother's joy

Tdh teams found 23-month-old Khalif* in a critical condition as a result of severe malnutrition in a remote village in Garissa County, Kenya. His family was displaced after losing their livestock because of the ongoing drought, and had almost nothing to live on. With the nearest health centre 50km away, his family relied on traditional remedies. While Khalif's condition deteriorated, it became clear that medical help was urgently needed. A community volunteer alerted the team just in time and Khalif received life-saving nutrition treatment. After weeks of recovery, Khalif regained his strength. "As I look at my child, I feel an overwhelming joy," says Khalif's mother, Amina.



"Whenever my child falls sick, I won't hesitate to seek healthcare services without delay."

Amina, Khalif's mother



Middle East and North Africa

In the Middle East and North Africa, the intensification of armed conflict, marked by unprecedented humanitarian challenges, was compounded by countries grappling with difficult socio-economic situations. Furthermore, the region faced high levels of displacement, with millions of families fleeing their countries or living in precarious conditions in their own country. Political, legal, and security constraints increasingly limited humanitarian organisations' ability to operate effectively.

Despite operational difficulties, Tdh sustained its position as a trusted organisation in child protection and child rights in the region. We worked on strengthening collaboration and knowledge sharing across countries, and on promoting effective partnership practices.

In 2024, the number of children and members of their communities supported in the region increased by more than 11%, compared with last year, as a result to emergency responses for Gaza, Lebanon and Syria and the implementation of the Arabic MOOC on Children's Rights.

Gaza and Lebanon crisis: safe spaces provide a haven and motivation

Tdh's critical emergency interventions addressed the urgent needs of conflict-stricken communities in Gaza and the West Bank. Our teams provided mental health and psychosocial support to 60,900 children and caregivers. They also established two safe learning spaces within shelters to help 740 children regain a sense of normality and continue their education despite displacement in Gaza. Cash assistance was provided to 2,700 families, enabling them to meet their urgent needs with dignity and flexibility.

Watch this young girl's story:





Mother of five, Qamar*, aged 34, takes part in Tdh support groups to overcome the daily difficulties she faces in East Jerusalem: "Since the start of the war, we've hardly been able to move around. The place where we meet is a refuge," she says. "We talk to each other to solve our problems. We become more self-confident. After a meeting, I feel more active and full of energy."

As the effects of the crisis spilled over into Lebanon, Tdh and local partners also reached 7,900 children and caregivers there with psychological first aid, gender-based violence case management services, legal aid, cash assistance and hygiene kits. In addition, they built up the capacity of 186 local stakeholders. Fifteenyear-old Salma started attending a Tdh safe space in Lebanon after experiencing severe psychological distress, having been twice displaced by conflict. At the space she progressed from withdrawn silence to stepping up as a leader keen to continue her education.

Asia

In 2024, Asia was severely hit by various natural disasters, including floods, cyclones, landslides, heatwaves, and earthquakes, causing widespread destruction across many countries. The region was also greatly affected by ongoing conflicts and protracted crises, and was host to approximately 7.5 million refugees and asylum seekers, along with 6.9 million internally displaced persons: Bangladesh, for example, hosts nearly one million

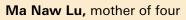
Rohingya refugees in Cox's Bazar.

While these events have resulted in significant loss of life and livelihoods, and posed challenges to the effective implementation of Tdh's plans, our teams' resolve has meant that significant achievements were still accomplished, and 786,900 children and members of their communities were supported. Significant examples include securing the continuation of our activities in Cox's Bazar, ensuring access to life-saving and sustainable services for the Rohingya population and host communities. In Nepal, a project was launched to strengthen local organisations' capacities and engagement.

Myanmar: families uplifted after floods and conflict

In response to devastating floods in Myanmar, Tdh teams worked with local stakeholders to distribute relief supplies and cash assistance, as well as providing primary healthcare services. 54-year-old mother of four, Ma Naw Lu, whose family was displaced multiple times by conflict and also faces difficulties due to flooding, received financial support and hygiene supplies. "I couldn't believe it. The soap is so helpful," she says.

"The cash support meant a meal of rice and curry, which brought joy to my children."







Europe

The population in Ukraine endured ongoing war devastation. This continued to cause high inflation and deteriorating living conditions in the whole region, particularly for already vulnerable populations. Moldova and Ukraine continued to depend on external aid, while

Romania, Greece and Hungary navigated economic instability, workforce shortages, and limited access to funding. At the same time, donor priorities shifted away from emergency response funding in Ukraine's neighbouring countries, jeopardising the sustainability of activities.

Despite this financial pressure, Tdh managed to provide support to 167,100 children and their communities in Europe. We helped thousands of displaced families with education activities and sustainable income support, and provided psychosocial support that helped children cope with the trauma of war, ensuring they receive the care and attention they need to heal and thrive.

In Hungary and Albania, we demonstrated our ability to rapidly respond to local circumstances via effective localisation, while enhancing organisational capacity, partnerships, and regional as well as nationwide positioning.



Switzerland: MOOC created through unprecedented collaboration



Contributions from more than 80 experts, 40 partner organisations and a great many children have resulted in the creation of a unique and innovative training course in three national languages: *childrights-mooc.ch*. It is the first Massive Open Online Course on children's rights that brings together professionals from all areas related to childhood in Switzerland. The course covers children's rights in relation to justice, health and education, as well as child protection.



Terre des hommes (Tdh) made considerable progress in advancing children's rights, advocacy, and innovation in 2024. Through a child rights-based approach, the organisation impacted millions by strengthening local systems and empowering communities. It played a key role in global advocacy, introduced digital health, migration and justice solutions and climate-resilient interventions.

Operational partnerships and localisation of aid

Localising aid is a strategic approach aimed at strengthening the role of local and national actors in the humanitarian and development sectors. It promotes equitable partnerships, capacity-building, and direct access to funding. In 2024, Tdh made significant progress in this area:

We published our first Global Partnership and Localisation Policy, outlining our localisation objectives and role as an intermediary;

We launched Locallink Hub¹¹, an online platform in several languages that provided e-learning opportunities for 198 staff of national NGOs in the Global South on topics such as institutional fundraising, communication strategy, and monitoring and evaluation;



We established an internal task force to develop a localisation toolkit, bringing together various departments to support local and national partners.



¹¹ https://locallink.childhub.org/en/locallink-welcome

Humanitarian, development and peace nexus

The primary goal of the humanitarian, development and peace nexus approach is to ensure a coordinated, sustainable response to crises by linking emergency aid, long-term development, and peacebuilding efforts. This approach ensures that immediate humanitarian needs are met while also building resilience and fostering long-term solutions. In 2024, Tdh's key achievements in this area included the following:

We improved crisis preparedness, with six out of our 12 priority countries (Kenya, Kosovo, Lebanon, Mali, Myanmar and Nigeria) developing emergency preparedness plans; We strengthened response capacity by training 76 Tdh staff members in Kenya, Myanmar and Nigeria on disaster response; We assessed humanitarian interventions through an evaluation of the Gaza emergency response.







Nigeria: empowering communities

With a comprehensive nexus approach, Tdh responded to the vital, immediate needs of conflict-affected displaced populations in Nigeria, and also provided long-term services such as health campaigns, water, sanitation and hygiene services and education to more than 50,000 children and members of their communities. Local actors are empowered and national systems strengthened to ensure sustainable outcomes.



Child and youth participation



Tdh's 67 projects that were specifically designed for participation – more than double the amount compared with 2023 – empowered more than 3,000 children and young people by involving them in decision-making processes, ensuring their rights are upheld, and strengthening their role in shaping solutions that affect their lives. Of the children and young people supported to boost their level of agency and participation, 83% reported in 2024 that their participation enabled them to be more active in creating positive changes, an increase in confidence of 17% compared to 2023. This percentage was especially high in the inclusive sports project that empowers children and young people to lead climate actions in Egypt with 93% (see p. 25).

Additionally, Child Advisory Boards were established in all delegations in Europe, benefiting from context-specific toolboxes for participatory research and advocacy campaigns.

Innovating humanitarian aid to ensure accountability to children

In Burkina Faso, a participatory approach placed children at the heart of evaluating humanitarian aid, inviting their opinions and feedback on its quality and accountability. Seventy-one children aged 14 to 17 took part in preparatory sessions on children's right to participate, humanitarian aid, accountability and humanitarian principles. They created a consultative board game by themselves that allows humanitarian organisations to gather direct feedback on the quality and effectiveness of aid. "It's the solidarity between us children that I like," said one boy in Ouagadougou.



"I enjoyed making the games and sharing them with my friends. We talk, we respect each other while we play, we laugh. It does me good."





Climate change



In response to the growing and urgent challenges posed by climate change, the Foundation has incorporated environmental sustainability into its humanitarian and development efforts. This includes a focus on building community resilience and minimising the environmental footprint of aid operations, with a goal of reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 50% by 2030. In 2024, Tdh adopted an Environmental Policy, developed in collaboration with Terre des Hommes Suisse and terre des hommes schweiz, to guide its climate response.



Tdh has also emerged as a leading advocate for stronger climate action within the sector and for a more active commitment from donors in financing the efforts needed. Hence, for example, we spoke at the launch of the sector roadmap developed by the Climate Action Accelerator in Berlin in June 2024, promoting environmental impact assessment and increased funding for climate mitigation.

We also launched two climate resilience projects, helping the organisation position itself on climate change in the development sector:

One in India supporting government schools and child development centres to give more than 2,000 children and young people a say in the response to environmental-induced distresses and act as climate change advocates.

One in Bangladesh to provide climate-resilient and environmentally-sustainable healthcare to more than 50,000 Rohingya refugees and host community members in Cox's Bazar.



Advocacy

Tdh is committed to defending and promoting children's rights by influencing policies, amplifying the voices of children and youth, and ensuring their protection, doing so across various programmes and in a range of contexts. The Foundation's key advocacy milestones in 2024 include finalising its advocacy guidance, providing teams with a clear direction underpinned by three commitments: defending children's rights, listening to and involving children, and ensuring protection across our programmes.

Throughout the year, Tdh actively engaged in advocacy efforts in areas such as migration, health, justice, child protection, and access to water – with a particular focus on Gaza, the West Bank, and Lebanon, where children's rights are under severe threat. We collaborated on global advocacy initiatives, co-signing joint statements across multiple regions and working with the Terre des Hommes International Federation on crosscutting issues, including the risks and opportunities of digitalisation for children to safeguard their rights in digital spaces. Thanks to our efforts together with the TDHIF Task Force, the new EU law prohibiting products made with forced labour now clearly includes forced child labour, protects victims, and makes sure products sold in the EU respect basic human rights.



Tdh's involvement in networks



In 2024, Tdh actively engaged in international, regional, and local forums, leading major events, contributing to publications, and strengthening professional networks in Switzerland and globally. It continued peer-to-peer exchanges and collaborative efforts, particularly in advocacy, with key partners such as the International Council of Voluntary Agencies, Climate Action Accelerator, Swiss NGO Platform, Platform Agenda 2030, and Alliance Sud. Tdh also maintained strong global engagement with Terre des hommes International Federation, including hosting the 2025 General Assembly at its headquarters in Lausanne. Additionally, the Foundation engaged in strategic dialogue with the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation and actively participated in the International Conference on the Prevention of Sexual Exploitation, Abuse and Harassment, organised jointly with the Agency in Geneva.



Mother and child health

Sociopolitical instability, climate change and data security risks demanded more adaptive strategies to strengthen health responses and local capacity in 2024. Further challenges arose in the form of decreasing donor contributions for long-term projects, emergencies



and innovative health initiatives. Terre des hommes (Tdh) continued to prioritise access to quality healthcare for children under five and their mothers, working closely with local health authorities and communities.

Results

Tdh supported 4.4 million children and members of their communities through 43 health projects in 12 countries in 2024. The vast majority were children under five and pregnant women, receiving perinatal and digital health services. Tdh worked alongside local health authorities, NGOs and communities to improve their access to healthcare services.

Tdh continued to support local health authorities in Africa and expanded its support to Asia in Bangladesh and India with the digitalisation of clinical consultations for pregnant women, newborns and children under five years old in primary health centres. Midwives and healthcare workers were trained and supported with digital applications improving their knowledge and skills, and helping them in their decision-making. Data was also made available for surveillance, preparedness and response to health crises, as well as for political decision-making.

Through its eHealth Surge project for surveillance and response in Burkina Faso and Mali, along with flooding and drought response initiatives in Kenya and Nigeria, Tdh strengthened the capacity of health systems to respond to crises, integrating development and emergency activities with a nexus approach.

Outlook for 2025

Tdh envisions significant advancements in its health programme and will continue to focus on engagement with and empowerment of local stakeholders. It will prioritise access to perinatal care, particularly in crisis-prone areas where health infrastructure is fragile, plus the ongoing integration of innovative digital tools to improve service delivery and strengthen local capacity for handling health emergencies, recovery and development.

Afghanistan: Going the distance to ensure healthcare for all

The province of Nangarhar has been affected by ongoing conflict, economic instability and a lack of healthcare services under the current Taliban regime, exacerbating the threats to the population – particularly women and children. In response, Tdh is working to improve access to healthcare and child protection for its isolated communities.

Two young sisters-in-law in Nangarhar both gave birth safely two weeks apart with vital medical support provided through Tdh, after a midwife convinced them to access healthcare services. They had planned to have their children at home despite the risks and their weakness and fatigue due to anaemia.

"I appreciated the advice and support of the medical staff, who gave me more self-confidence," says Sana.

"Thanks to this help, I was able to give birth to a little boy called Ilham, and I'm deeply grateful.

Before this experience, we hadn't received any health services or antenatal care."

Sana, mother of Ilham



"I also followed the advice and gave birth safely to a baby girl called Hafsa in hospital," says her sister-in-law, Khadija.

Despite significant restrictions due to systemic infringement on women's rights, Tdh has supported more than 100,000 mothers and their newborns with healthcare services, highlighting the critical role of empowering women in healthcare and ensuring that they get the treatment and care they need. Of the staff trained on essential health practices through the project, 70% were women. Community health workers also received training on how to reach out to members of the community and refer them to appropriate healthcare facilities. These health workers now have the role, for example, of making people aware of the importance of giving birth at a health facility, and they provide information on how to get there – saving lives if there are complications at birth.

Mobile health and nutrition teams have successfully been established, and supported over 26,500 people in remote areas where families lack access to a health centre.

"On a daily basis, we register pregnant and breast-feeding women, screen them for malnutrition and then provide antenatal or postnatal care, physical examinations, health education and family planning education," says Tdh midwife Kalsima Maroof. "In the case of Khadija and Sana, for example, we monitored the heart rate of each foetus, took their blood pressure and pulse, and measured height and weight."

Tdh provided treatment for over 2,000 malnourished children under five and pregnant and breast-feeding women. In addition, psychosocial support groups provided care and treatment for more than 800 children and their caregivers, including life-enhancing activities such as sports and art.





Children and young people on the move

In 2024, migration and displacement of children and young people was shaped by armed conflict and other forms of violence, as well as economic and food insecurity. The rising protectionism and security-driven focus of migration policies





often disregarded children's rights. This pushes them into dangerous journeys and exposes them to violence and exploitation. Terre des hommes (Tdh) focused on securing durable solutions for children in displacement situations, while promoting their well-being, safety and development across every stage of their migration journey.

Results

Overall, Tdh supported almost 700,000 migrant, refugee and displaced children and young people, and members of their families and communities, more than half of whom were girls and young women, through 92 projects in 24 countries.

Tdh focused on vocational training and employability and the number of people supported in this field more than doubled compared with 2023: 35,400 children and young people across Africa, Asia, Europe and the Middle East were equipped with pathways toward integration.

We worked with multiple academic partners such as the University of Tirana in Albania or the Mixed Migration Centre in Senegal on knowledge management around essential information on and for children and young people on the move – a key component of effective and efficient analysis and response to their needs in such rapidly-changing situations.

In West and North Africa, we launched a community of practitioners dedicated to the protection of children and young people on the move to foster collaboration and coordination between governments, international organisations, non-governmental organisations and civil society. The aim is to improve the implementation of adapted protection mechanisms, promote safe and regular migration, and develop inclusive integration policies.

Outlook for 2025

Funding cuts, policy shifts and climate change will continue to drive migrant and refugee children into difficult socio-economic situations. Addressing obstacles to accessing education, vocational training, integration and socio-economic opportunities for children and young people on the move will be prioritised along with finalising digital tools such as the geolocation of services and digital communities of practice, and scaling up the Resilience Innovation Facility approach.

^[1] https://www.tdh.org/en/projects/fablabrif

Support and opportunities follow children on their migration journeys

In West and North Africa, many children and young people are forced to leave their homes as a result of poverty, conflict or natural disasters. Along their migration routes, they often face precarious conditions, violence and exploitation. The works together with partners to ensure that children on the move have access to protection, education, and opportunities for socio-economic integration – wherever their journey takes them.

"This project is of vital importance because it tackles a complex and pressing issue concerning children and young people on the migration routes of West and North Africa," says Daouda Sylla, National Director of Apprenticeship and Post-Primary and Secondary Vocational Training in Guinea.

"These children and young people are often exposed to major risks such as human trafficking, exploitation, violence and marginalisation. It is our duty as government, NGOs and partners to work together to put an end to these flagrant human rights violations."

Tdh worked in Guinea – while its partners covered Mali, Morocco, Niger and Tunisia – on strengthening the capacities of state actors and civil society and involved more than 3,000 children and young people on the move in actions to promote their rights. To enrich the training of protection actors, we have digitised the Training of Trainers Kit on the protection of children and adolescents, and developed a community of practice platform that improves services and connects the key parties involved

We have also digitally mapped essential services to ensure children and young people on the move can access critical information about the protection, education and health support available to them on their journeys.

New pathways for children and young people on the move

The Resilience Innovation Facility (RIF) in Guinea is an inclusive space for digital innovation and strengthening the resilience of children and young people on the move. In 2024, 73 participants took part in professional training for sewing, baking and plumbing and were supported in their socioeconomic integration. Several courses have been developed, including on basic IT skills, coding and digital fabrication (2D and 3D modelling and printing) courses, as well as personal development training.

"Thanks to this job, I'll have something in my life, and I really love sewing," says 15-year-old Mariame, who has migrated from the North of Guinea to Conakry.



"Thanks to Terre des hommes, I was able to take this training course free of charge. I sincerely thank them for giving me this opportunity. I hope you expand this project so that my friends can also have the chance to follow this training course."

Mariame, 15 years old



Access to Justice for children and young people

Ongoing conflicts have reinforced the need for child-centred solutions that uphold children's access to justice. It is not only a fundamental right of children to obtain remedy when their rights are violated but it also guarantees their access to education, health,



prevention and protection from violence. Globally, the deprivation of liberty of children affected by armed conflict and the 'protective custody' of survivors of gender-based violence are on the rise, while reintegration efforts still lack resources. Terre des hommes (Tdh) empowers children and young people to safely claim their rights, while encouraging justice systems to adopt protective practices.

Results

While Tdh maintained a steady number of projects in 2024, its activities were more focused on specific issues, including gender justice, social cohesion, digital justice, child reintegration and youth engagement, accountability for children and young people affected by armed conflict, and were also more specialised and precise in their approaches and impacts. In total, Tdh supported 95,600 children, young people and members of their communities through 50 Access to Justice projects across 19 countries, with 59% of those female as a result of the emphasis on following systematically inclusive approaches.

Advocacy for child rights, publications and global reach grew by 22%: 35 evidence-based publications were produced including "Child rights: A guide to legal education and access to rights" and 19 conferences were led including the one on Global Innovations on Youth Violence, Safety and Justice in Austria. Collaboration between formal and community-based justice and protection actors also increased significantly. In addition, Tdh developed and launched three children's rights e-learning courses, delivered to more than 10,000 learners, with engagement from children and young people as well as multidisciplinary experts.

The capacity development expertise of the programme was boosted: 14,480 multidisciplinary professionals received training in areas such as children's rights in the digital environment, youth violence and crime prevention, and advanced restorative justice methodologies. In addition, governments sought the Foundation's expertise to a far greater extent, with 13 requests for input from Tdh compared to three in 2023.

Outlook for 2025

In response to political shifts in international cooperation priorities by the US and the EU, Tdh will focus on consolidating a programmatic offer for each country, region and internationally to be adaptable, competitive and context-specific. We will work to reinforce our positioning and expertise around key relevant themes in Switzerland and internationally, and we will be organising the World Congress on Justice with Children 2025 under the Global Initiative on Justice for Children.

¹¹ https://tdh.org/en/digital-library/documents/child-rights-a-guide-to-legal-education-and-access-to-rights

^[2] childrights-mooc.ch; Arab M00C on Children's Rights; and M00C sur la Protection des Droits Humains et de l'Espace Civique en Afrique.

Young people champion child-centred justice

In Albania, children and young people lack access to justice and civic participation. To counter the threats to their well-being this poses, Tdh blends civic engagement, community intervention and collaboration with justice stakeholders to pave the way for a more just and inclusive future.

Nineteen-year-old Engjëll has become a representative at the Dibra Municipal Youth Council in Albania, advocating for and representing his peers, after participating in Tdh's "Youth Voice for Justice and Rights".

"Before joining the programme, I had no idea how legislation worked and how it affected young people," says Engjëll.



"Now, I understand my rights and responsibilities, and I've even been supporting my peers to navigate legal issues."

Engjëll's story has proven that empowering youth, strengthening justice systems and promoting community collaboration can create lasting change in fostering child-friendly justice systems.

"We saw the impact of informed and empowered youth first-hand. Their structured advocacy and proposals convinced us to support more youth-led initiatives in our communities and provide dedicated space for young people."

Denisa Basha, Director of Youth, Sports and Health Directory in Dibra Municipality

To further expand and ensure the sustainability of the approach, Tdh trained 59 prosecutors, judicial police officers, victim coordinators and child protection workers on child-friendly justice procedures.

In addition, a child-friendly version of the "Criminal Justice for Children Code" was developed in collaboration with 137 children, and two policy were papers published – contributing to the advocacy efforts and public discourse to further strengthen the application of restorative justice and mediation, which involves repairing harm, restoring relationships, taking responsibility and the reintegration of children in conflict with the law.





Child protection

Effective child protection activities were urgently needed in the face of escalating conflicts and climate change disasters that directly threatened children's safety and pushed communities to use harmful coping mechanisms such as child marriage and child labour. Also, children are at



increased risk of trafficking. The teams of Terre des hommes (Tdh) continued to reinforce local communities and child protection systems, working closely with partners to address risks and safeguard children's rights even in the most difficult environments.

Results

In 2024, Tdh supported 45,800 children, young people and caregivers through its protection expertise, with 18 projects in 11 countries, and helped almost 400,000 more through protection, mental health and empowerment across our programmes. The highest number of those supported received critical mental health and psychosocial support in fragile contexts such as Afghanistan, the Sahel region of Africa, Syria, and Ukraine and its neighbouring countries.

The Foundation launched an initiative in Geneva to pave the way for power-sharing and localised approaches on mental health and psychosocial support programmes, aiming for more equitable cooperation with communities and local partners, and increased its efforts to strengthen the capacities of child protection stakeholders in partnership with local academia and practitioners.

Tdh also successfully implemented the Child Rights and Business pilot project in partnership with the private sector in Uganda. It has tailored and deployed a globally recognised, community-backed digital solution for child rights monitoring and remediation in coffee supply chains.

Twenty-three projects empowered girls and women in Europe and the Middle East, addressing violence and harmful practices such as child marriage. In Bulgaria, Croatia, Greece, Hungary and Romania, for example, harmful social and gender norms around school-related violence were challenged through a curriculum on gender equity, and young people became agents of change promoting positive practices.

Outlook for 2025

Tdh will continue to support the localisation of its child protection activities, particularly on mental health and psychosocial support, and child and youth empowerment. Tdh will expand its Child Rights and Business impact with new partners in new countries. Sport for Protection projects will be implemented in Africa and Asia, focused on increasing efforts to support children affected by displacement. In Europe, Tdh will concentrate on building the capacity of social service and education professionals to improve mental health and psychosocial services and prevent violence against children through participatory approaches.

Coping with climate change through sport

In Egypt, Tdh addresses the dual challenge of environmental degradation and the urgent need to strengthen social cohesion among diverse communities. Through a combination of sports activities and climate change awareness, children and young people come together, building connections across social divides and gaining the tools to become agents of change in their communities.

For 14-year-old Moaz, his passion for football became a journey of learning, friendship and making a difference. From launching environmental initiatives to making friends with children from different backgrounds, his story is one of resilience, growth and positivity.



"At first, I thought they might not accept me into the programme because I was sick. But after I brought a report from the Children's Cancer Hospital confirming that I could join and that playing wouldn't affect my health, I was accepted right away. I started attending with high spirits, my mood improved, and I began spreading positive energy among my peers."

Moaz, 14 years old

To promote the well-being, protection and leadership skills of children like Moaz, sports coaches were trained on Tdh child safeguarding policies and a climate-change curriculum. They delivered 20 coaching sessions to 400 refugees and Egyptian children across five youth centres in Greater Cairo, giving children and young people the chance to participate in structured sports activities and develop life skills.

Inspiring progress on social inclusion was clearly seen in the youth centres where the project was implemented, with Egyptian and refugee children who had minimal interaction to start with building friendship, setting up WhatsApp groups to talk to each other and organising outings together.

The project also made children more aware of climate change through dedicated sessions and hands-on initiatives such as planting trees and recycling. They also produced a climate change awareness movie that was shared with families during community events, helping to foster dialogue and lay the foundations for a more sustainable future.





WaSH — Water, Sanitation and Hygiene

Limited or poor-quality drinking water, sanitation and hygiene services continue to pose critical health risks to too many communities around the world. These shortcomings contribute to the spread of waterborne diseases, malnutrition







and long-term developmental challenges-particularly for children. In 2024, access to these services was greatly affected by climate change and natural disasters, calling for urgent, climate-resilient interventions to protect the health and well-being of children, young people and their communities.

Results

Terre des hommes (Tdh) overcame many challenges to make further headway on their Water, Sanitation and Hygiene expertise goals in 2024, supporting 505,900 children and their communities in seven countries through 11 projects. Around 60,000 more were supported with WaSH activities across Tdh's programmes. We built tools to promote effective changes in behaviour, thereby improving the adoption of WaSH practices in communities, and finalised the Facilities Evaluation Tools toolkit for healthcare facilities, schools and detention centres to support better decisionmaking and resource allocation.

Tdh also supported governments and other partners to improve and scale up critical WaSH services in healthcare facilities, involving 1,700 healthcare committee members across six African and Asian countries. In addition, the organisation strengthened local stakeholders' own capacity to operate and maintain WaSH services properly, and promote best practices in communities on a sustainable, long-term basis.

In response to the growing threats of climate change, we enhanced our innovative WaSH activities to build climate resilience and adaptability with initiatives such as rainwater harvesting systems in Nepal, solar-powered water pumps in Bangladesh and Mali, as well as water-efficient technologies such as Gravit'eau.

Outlook for 2025

The WaSH expertise will focus on addressing water scarcity, disease risks, infrastructure gaps and governance challenges in contexts affected by conflict and disaster. These efforts will be guided by the nexus approach, which combines emergency response with long-term development solutions.

¹¹ https://www.tdh.org/en/projects/graviteau

Better habits, better health...

...in Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh

In Cox's Bazar, Tdh includes plastic recycling as a key component of its Water, Sanitation and Hygiene activities, ultimately reducing the water pollution and improving living conditions in Rohingya refugee camps and host communities.

The initiative focuses on waste segregation, recycling infrastructure, and training and engaging community members to manage their waste.

> "My children used to fall sick all the time-stomach problems, skin infections-it was never-ending."



Fatema, a 27-year-old mother of three living in Cox's Bazar

With no waste collection system previously, Fatema's family, like many others, was forced to live surrounded by garbage, leading to frequent illnesses.

"Now, our home and surroundings are clean," she says. "My children no longer suffer from constant infections. I feel relieved knowing they are growing up in a healthier environment."

Through awareness training and simple waste separation using colour-coded bins, Fatema actively participates in the community's waste management efforts. Inspired by the change in her behaviour, other families have also adopted these practices, creating a ripple effect.



...in Borno State, Nigeria

In conflict-affected Borno State, many schools faced significant challenges around water, sanitation and hygiene: limited access to clean water, inadequate sanitation facilities, and poor hygiene practices increased waterborne diseases, affecting students' health and attendance.

To tackle these challenges, Tdh addressed key psychological and social factors that influence student behaviour in 13 schools, promoting better hygiene practices, healthier habits and greater environmental awareness. This approach looks at factors such as risks, attitudes and self-regulation to ensure handwashing is adopted and maintained over the long term. As a result, students showed increased commitment to positive behaviours and a stronger sense of responsibility, which, alongside a more

supportive school environment, led to lasting improvements in health

and well-being. "Before, many of us would fall sick frequently because of dirty water, poor toilet facilities and a lack of handwashing stations in school," says Aisha, a 13-year-old student at Maisandari Primary School. "Now, we have clean water to drink and wash our hands. We have learned so many things, especially soap making, the key moments for handwashing, and how to wash our hands properly step by step, and I feel healthier and happier in school."





Information and communication technologies for development (ICT4D)

Terre des hommes (Tdh) continued its commitment to digital innovation and data-driven decision-making. Key achievements included advancements in digital health,



artificial intelligence and data visualisation, reinforcing our role as a leader in leveraging technology for humanitarian impact. Strengthening internal expertise, expanding partnerships with academic institutions and securing funding for cybersecurity initiatives also contributed to our journey of digital excellence.

Results

One of the most notable accomplishments in 2024 was the development of the first version of an application that digitalises the WHO Labour Care Guide. Now entering its second phase, this project incorporated interoperability standards – ensuring products and systems can work seamlessly with others, including Tdh's digital health tools and national health systems. The final prototype is expected in 2025.

Another success was the launch of an advanced data visualisation tool for the Child Rights Monitoring and Remediation System (CRMS) in partnership with Nespresso, but adaptable to suit other partners. The new dashboard enhances usability and data interpretation, thereby improving child protection risk assessment in supply chains.

Significant strides forward were taken in our ambition to become a data-driven organisation by storing and organising data. This delivers more efficient reporting and decision-making for communication, fundraising, climate and health. Additionally, in-house artificial intelligence and machine learning expertise advanced, improving a Malaria prediction model by enhancing its accuracy, operational efficiency and user-friendliness. The model was showcased at the Geneva Health Forum in May 2024.

Outlook for 2025

We will continue advancing our data-driven approach, with a particular focus on supporting communication and fundraising strategies through improved donor segmentation and targeting. We will also set ethical guidelines for the use of generative Artificial Intelligence (GenAl), establishing clear rules for responsible use, identifying practical applications and measuring their impact. This will help enhance decision-making, optimise resource allocation and ensure more effective support for children and communities.

Mali: life-saving care in the face of impossible odds

The innovative ALeDIA (Alliance for Integrated e-Diagnostic) tool, which integrates the diagnosis of childhood illnesses with malnutrition screening, provides a holistic assessment that addresses both medical and nutritional needs to ensure more effective treatment and recovery for children facing dire circumstances.

Nônô has faced a choice no mother should ever have to make: risk death crossing the River Niger in a region plagued by armed conflict to access healthcare for her babies, or stay home and fatally deprive them of it.

The conflict in the Ségou region of Mali means that many children under five are at severe risk of malnutrition as families' resources and food are depleted and their access to basic services such as medical care hindered.

With her two 20-month-old twin daughters, Nônô makes her perilous 11km journey twice a week to reach the nearest health centre with the help of her 14-year-old daughter, under the threat of stray bullets, roadside mines or arbitrary arrests every step of the way.

Using ALeDIA, healthcare workers detected severe acute malnutrition in Nônô's daughters - the result of her own malnutrition, which has affected the quality of her breast milk.



"Fortunately, my babies' situation has improved, they are now receiving the care they need and I can see their progress day after day."

Nônô, mother of twins that survived malnutrition



Issoufou Berthe, technical director of the Kolongo health centre in Ségou, sees the benefits of ALeDIA just a few months after its introduction.

"Before, children suffering from severe acute malnutrition – sometimes confused with children dehydrated by diarrhoea or by illnesses such as measles – were immediately rehydrated by health workers, which could lead to errors in their treatment. Since its introduction, ALeDIA has transformed our practices and considerably reduced the risk of errors in medical prescriptions."

After years of development, the tool has been implemented in 12 health centres in the Ségou region by Tdh in collaboration with the Malian government since the end of 2023 and has so far helped 11,400 malnourished children.



Essential to ensuring continuous learning and development for the children and communities we support and our teams, Terre des hommes (Tdh) puts security, safeguarding and diversity & inclusion at the centre of its activities and organisational culture and vision. To ensure its standards in these core areas are upheld and met, it has established dedicated committees, enhanced tools and mechanisms, conducted field visits, and carried out in-depth studies with children.

Ethics and Compliance

In 2024, Tdh continued strengthening internal controls, ethics policies and incident management. A Donor Audit Specialist joined the Global Ethics and Compliance Office and developed an Audit Tracker to monitor audits across all countries, regions and headquarters.

Key ethical policies were also revised, including the Anti-Fraud and Corruption Policy, Conflict of Interest Policy, Safeguarding Policy, Internal Reporting & Whistleblower Protection Policy, and the Directive on Staff Conduct at the Workplace. To support compliance, training modules were developed for staff onboarding, covering these policies plus the Global Code of Conduct.

Incident management was also standardised in 2024. A total of 174 allegations were reported through the organisational mechanism, and a triage system was introduced to filter cases for proper handling. Sixty-three allegations were formally investigated by the Global Ethics and Compliance Office in 2024. Additionally, the first half-yearly Ethics & Compliance Report was released, providing anonymised data on safeguarding, fraud/ corruption cases and audit results. This report will now be published every six months to keep management upto-date and informed.

Safeguarding

In 2024, Tdh recorded 29 safeguarding allegations, with 16 substantiated cases and 56 corrective actions implemented. Tdh strengthened global Safeguarding Focal Points and co-chaired Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse networks in Romania, Moldova and Bangladesh. Its expertise was showcased at the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation's International Conference on the Prevention of Sexual Exploitation, Abuse and Harassment, and further engagement in international safeguarding networks is planned for 2025.

Fraud

The Foundation recorded 34 allegations of misconduct, 16 of which were substantiated. and a total of 72 corrective actions were implemented.

Security

In 2024, geopolitical developments confirmed a worsening risk environment in many of Tdh's areas of intervention. The Foundation increasingly operates in Volatile, Uncertain, Complex and Ambiguous (VUCA) contexts, making risk management a critical aspect. Key challenges included responding to rapidly evolving crises, addressing growing demands from delegations despite limited capacity, and maintaining effective crisis management structures at both headquarters and field levels.

In this context, Tdh made significant progress in strengthening risk management and operational resilience. Direct field support and training were provided to delegations, with extended visits in some of the most challenging environments, such as Lebanon and Palestine. Additionally, training was designed and implemented to prepare staff for deployment in extreme VUCA contexts. Two sessions – one in France and another in Jordan – trained more than 20 staff members, creating an internal pool of colleagues ready for high-risk deployments. These efforts have enhanced preparedness and response capacity across the organisation.



Diversity & inclusion

Against a backdrop of regression on women's and girls' rights since the end of the COVID-19 pandemic, Tdh is fully committed to working on programmes and advocacy as well as inhouse-briefings that aim to restore and progress them. In 2024, many communication initiatives were undertaken on this front at headquarters and in the field, including for International Women's Day on the theme 'Invest in Women: Accelerate Progress', and the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence Campaign in Lebanon and Jordan.





New organisational model

The new decentralised organisational model at Terre des hommes (Tdh) aims to strengthen our position as a child rights organisation in every region, promote solid local skills, build regional partnerships and alliances and increase funding opportunities.

In 2024, we finalised the design of this new model and began to implement it in September. This included the transfer of functions from Lausanne to our regional hub in Amman, which now covers the Middle East and North Africa region. Similar transitions will take place in 2025, first with the regional hub in Dakar for Africa, and then with the regional hub in Budapest for Europe and Asia.

Our headquarters in Lausanne will serve as a global centre of expertise, providing global leadership, financial oversight, organisational management, and maintaining our positioning and fundraising in Switzerland. The resulting new governance framework will improve decision-making, accountability, transparency and alignment between country offices, regional hubs and headquarters.

Council of the foundation

Throughout 2024, the Council provided key strategic guidance, financial oversight, including the 2023 financial statements and 2025 targets and decision support. The Council held six meetings with the Executive Board in attendance and approved several global policies, including data protection, conflict of interest, fraud and corruption, and partnership and localisation. Major achievements included the approval of a real estate strategy and the decentralised organisational model. In addition, a strategic workshop focused on the 2025-2028 global strategy, in line with the organisation's long-term vision and forward-looking approach.

Executive Board

The Executive Board met twice a month to address strategic and operational issues and played a critical role in shaping multi-year planning and policy development. It provided financial oversight and implemented adaptive measures to balance our reduced income with the organisation's social mission. It led the implementation of the new decentralised organisational model and governance framework, ensuring transparent communication and overseeing its gradual roll-out. It also outlined the process for developing the 2025-2028 global strategy and the strategic direction to be taken.

Innovation

In 2024, several innovation projects successfully achieved their objectives: the Robomitra application with an Al virtual chat assistant that helps girls and boys overcome challenging situations when facing sexual abuse and violence was developed and tested among 800 children, the Arab MOOC (massive open online course) on

children's rights was launched in April, and the Volunteer Platform in Switzerland was developed and piloted with various volunteer groups. The Innovation Fund was fully allocated, supporting a total of 14 projects as of 2021.

For the first time, a bootcamp was organised in the field in Guinea, focusing on migration, leading to the development of promising solutions to inform children and young people on the move about essential services available to them while fostering a culture of innovation within the organisation. Additionally, an innovation campaign was developed and led directly by the country office in Egypt on the topic of migration, including youth employability, children left at home alone, and diversity and inclusion.

More than CHF 2 million has been raised to support innovation projects, demonstrating the strong leverage effect of innovation within the organisation, and Design Thinking workshops were offered to Innovation Champions and headquarters' staff throughout the year.

2021 – 2024 Strategy: strengthening the rights-based approach

Our 2021-2024 strategy was guided by a vision statement from our Council, which emphasised a more robust rights-based approach at Tdh. Throughout the world, we improved the relevance and quality of our services to children by promoting their active participation, particularly in responding to their needs.

We defined a clear programmatic approach, strengthening and streamlining our three core programmes: Health, Access to Justice and Migration. This was achieved by emphasising cross-cutting links with climate change, protection, WaSH and ICT4D, and by fully integrating our three theories of change, leading to greater positive impact on children's lives.

Over the past four years, we have reached millions of children through meaningful partnerships, both locally and worldwide, based on respect and transparency. The creation of a global data centre has provided essential data and evidence to enable a more targeted approach.

Since 2021, Tdh has been strategically committed to contributing to a healthier planet for the children of today and tomorrow. Our work for future generations requires a responsible approach to the environment. For the first time, we calculated our current carbon footprint and defined a roadmap to achieve a 50% reduction by 2030.

Tdh focused on three pillars of children's rights: promotion, implementation and protection. Advocacy has been a key driver in promoting respect for children's rights and positioning Tdh as a robust child rights organisation over the last four years.

Our 2,300 staff members are instrumental in implementing our social mission. We developed the One Global Workforce policy, including related policies such as Compensation & Benefits and harmonised HR standards. The has remained an attractive employer in a very competitive labour market.

Outlook for 2025

Abrupt cuts in US funding and budget reductions in several European countries, including Switzerland, will affect millions of people in need around the world. NGOs like ours will have to demonstrate increased flexibility and adaptability, and engage in significant global restructuring and reorientation.

At Tdh, our commitment is clear: we will continue to fulfil our social mission by staying true to our values, advocating for children's rights, ensuring excellence in our projects to promote children's well-being and intensifying our fundraising efforts.

Consequently, the seven strategic goals of our 2025-2028 global strategy remain valid and provide the flexibility to adapt to these changes. We expect to return to financial sustainability by 2026.



Overview of the beneficiaries

Country	Health	Migration	Access to justice	Protection	WaSH	Direct beneficiaries	Indirect beneficiaries
Afghanistan	6	2				291,118	34,456
Albania		2	ক্লিক	NA)		4,141	1,198
Bangladesh	6	2	<u>১৯</u> ১	GAP!	#	113,194	9,861
Burkina Faso	6	2	<u> ১৯</u> ১		#	652,385	2,813,490
Burundi			ক্ষুত			2,249	69
Egypt		2		CAN.		31,176	34,765
Greece		2	<u>১৯</u> ১			986	0
Guinea	6	2	ক্ষুত			1,337	33,378
Hungary		2	কন্ত্ৰত	CAP!		23,027	439
India	6	2		NA)	#	270,078	21,807
Iraq		2	১৯৯			5,558	2,685
Jordan		2	কন্ত্ৰত			18,036	0
Kenya	6	2		NA)		89,602	1,271
Kosovo		2	১৯১	CAN PROPERTY OF THE PARTY OF TH		2,992	3,618
Lebanon		90 m	<u>১৯</u> ১			24,753	5,248
Mali	6	2	১৯৯১			111,407	511,699
Mauritania	6	2	১৯৯	RAP!		16,345	103
Moldova		2	<u>১৯</u> ১	NA)		56,112	9,650
Myanmar	<u></u>	2	<u> ১৯</u> ১			216,699	6,673
Nepal		2		GA)	3	148,586	0
Nigeria	6	2			=	61,141	0
Occupied Palestinian territory		200	<u> ১৯৯</u>			66,350	0
Romania		2	<u>১৯</u> ১	NA.		4602	3136
Senegal	<u></u>					76	0
Switzerland	6		১৯৯			2,371	16
Syria		9. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1.	ক্লিত			30,356	1,789
Ukraine		9				43,847	11,014

2,288,524

3,506,365

Renewing global solidarity – \scripts\ overcoming conflicts and budget cuts to address urgent needs

In 2024, Terre des hommes faced some of the most consequential challenges in its history: conflicts that uprooted millions, a rapidly shifting landscape of international aid and mounting pressure on already limited resources. Yet, our determination and efforts rose to meet these challenges head-on at the scale they demanded. Through innovation, resilience and collaboration, we adapted–finding new ways to deliver impact and ensure children, young people and their communities are supported, protected and empowered, wherever they are and whatever they face.

This progress is only made possible thanks to the expertise, dedication and trust of our teams, volunteers, partners and donors. We express our deepest gratitude. The value of this support is immeasurable. In 2025 and beyond, we will continue to drive innovative solutions, strengthen local partnerships and advocate for policies that prioritise children's rights and well-being.

Now more than ever, we need a renewed commitment to global solidarity to build a future where children and young people not only survive but have the power and opportunity to shape the world they deserve.





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Against a global backdrop presenting ever more complex economic, climatic and social challenges, our collective responsibility has never been so crucial. This 2024 financial report goes well beyond a simple accounting exercise. It reflects our commitment to transparency, our painstaking resource management and our determination to maximise the impact of each and every Swiss franc we spend.

Thanks to your loyal support and generosity, we have been able to carry out our actions effectively and with impact, offering a safer, more dignified and more fulfilling future to the most vulnerable children, their families and their communities.

Financially, we have managed to consolidate our resources while controlling our expenditure to ensure efficient allocation of funds.

Our income totalled CHF 98.2 million, a rise of 2.6% compared to 2023. This increase was mainly driven by a 7% climb in contributions, despite a slight drop of 1% in donations from the general public. This growth, while moderate, has enabled us to support innovative projects while maintaining the high quality and impact of our work.

Our expenditure was CHF 99.9 million, of which CHF 81 million was spent directly on our child-focused programmes, 3% more than the previous year. In addition, our optimisation efforts continued, reducing our spending on administration and fundraising by 6%. These results enable us to maintain an overheads ratio in line with best practice in the sector, ensuring that every donation provides maximum benefit to the children we support.

We offer our sincerest thanks, because your commitment is the engine that drives our work. Thanks to you, we are continuing to change lives, sowing hope and building, day after day, a fairer world for children.

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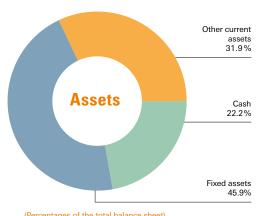
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Consolidated balance sheet as per 31 December 2024

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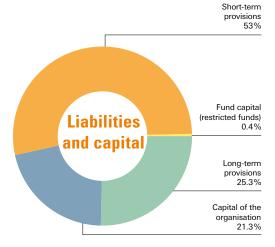
(in thousands of Swiss francs)	Appendix	2024	2023
Current assets		31,423	33,253
Cash	1	12,905	16,265
Securities	2	2,061	1,788
Receivables	3	1,299	1,922
Contribution receivables	4	12,206	10,784
Prepayments and accrued income	5	2,951	2,494
Non-current assets		26,630	26,386
Investment properties	6	26,071	26,071
Other fixed assets	6	260	17
Financial assets	7	298	297
Total		58,053	59,639



(Percentages of the total balance sheet)

Liabilities, funds and capital

(in thousands of Swiss francs)	Appendix	2024	2023
Current liabilities		30,752	30,914
Creditors	8	2,053	2,483
Funds received in advance	9	21,849	22,977
Accrued liabilities and deferred income	10	6,623	5,226
Short-term interest-bearing debts	11	228	228
Liabilities in the long term		12,368	12,652
Long-term interest-bearing debts	11	10,036	10,264
Long-term provisions	12	2,333	2,389
Fund capital (funds allocated)		230	230
Capital of the organisation		14,701	15,842
Paid-in capital		5	5
Tied capital	13	3,325	3,367
Free capital		11,371	12,470
Total		58,053	59,639

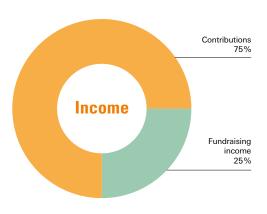


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Consolidated statement of operations 2024

Income

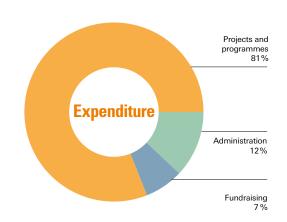
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(in thousands of Swiss francs)	Appendix	2024	2023
General public fundraising		17,933	18,185
Periodic donations		2,329	2,595
Orange sale and Children's Rights Day		428	487
Regional activities		367	388
Non-periodic donations		1,489	1,907
Direct marketing		9,822	9,009
Legacies		3,498	3,799
Semi-institutional fundraising		6,543	8,364
Institutions and foundations		5,039	6,653
Sponsoring and companies		993	1,300
Swiss cantons		511	411
Total fundraising income		24,476	26,549
Contributions		73,668	69,123
Partner organisations TDHIF*		2,391	2,849
Swiss solidarity (Chaîne du Bonheur)		6,421	5,181
Swiss Government – SDC	18	13,308	11,862
Income abroad		23,792	22,866
Foreign governments and organisations		27,756	26,365
Miscellaneous income		17	42
Total		98,161	95,715
of which unrestricted funds		23,522	23,427
of which restricted funds		74,639	72,288



(Percentages of the total income)

Expenditure

(in thousands of Swiss francs)	Appendix	2024	2023
Projects and programmes abroad		80,978	78,691
Projects in West Africa		25,058	23,834
Projects in Europe		17,070	17,992
Projects in the Middle East and North Africa		23,258	20,438
Projects in Asia		10,194	9,924
Projects in Latin America		244	1,523
Programmes with thematic topics Switzerland		5,153	4,980
Fundraising and administration		18,970	20,102
Communication and Fundraising		7,274	8,016
Administration		11,696	12,086
Total Operating Expenditure	16	99,948	98,793
Operational Result		-1,786	- 3,078
Financial result	14	514	- 516
Financial income		900	269
Financial expenditure		- 386	- 785
Other results	15	175	1,167
Investment property income		1,301	1,357
Investment property expenditure		- 415	- 398
Income & expenses on previous year			
& extraordinary ones		-711	207
Direct taxes		- 43	- 43
Annual Result before allocation/withdrawal			
to the organisation's capital		- 1,141	- 2,471
(+) Withdrawal from /(-) Allocation to allocated funds		-	223
Annual Result before Allocation to capital + Reser	ves	-1,141	-2,247
(+) Withdrawal from /(-) Allocation to tied capital		42	- 420
(+) Withdrawal from /(-) Allocation to free capital		1,099	2,667
Annual Result		_	_



^{*} Terre des Hommes International Federation

Cash flow statement 2024

(in thousands of Swiss francs)	Notes	2024	2023
Annual Result before allocation/withdrawal			
from the organisation's capital		- 1,141	- 2,471
Depreciations		-	-
Increase (-) / Decrease (+) receivables		623	- 820
Increase (-) / Decrease (+) contribution receivables		-1,422	6,943
Increase (-) / Decrease (+) prepayments and accrued income		- 458	-1,575
Increase (+) / Decrease (-) creditors		- 430	178
Increase (+) / Decrease (-) funds received in advance		-1,128	3,939
Increase (+) / Decrease (-) in long-term provisions		- 56	- 146
Increase (+) / Decrease (-) accrued liabilities and deferred income		1,396	-1,900
Cash flow from operation		- 2,616	4,148
Investment (-) in fixed assets	6	- 243	- 12
Investment (-) in short-term stock market holdings		-273	-601
Investment (-) in investment property		-1	-87
Cash flow from investing activities		- 516	- 700
Increase (+) / Decrease (-) in interest-bearing long-term debts		- 228	- 228
Cash flow from financing activities		- 228	- 228
Increase (+) / Decrease (-) in Cash		- 3,360	3,220
Cash on January 1st		16,265	13,045
Cash on December 31st		12,905	16,265
Increase (+) / Decrease (-) in Cash		- 3,360	3,220

This statement is a summary of the sources of funds starting from the result of the Foundation and the itemised variations of the accounts. They reflect the sources and subsequent allocation of these funds and the resulting change in the cash position.

Statement of changes in funds and capital

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(in thousands of Swiss francs)	Balance 31/12/2022	Allocation 2023	Transfers 2023	Withdrawal 2023	Balance 31/12/2023	Allocation 2024	Transfers 2024	Withdrawal 2024	Balance 31/12/2024
Fund capital (funds allocated)									
Europe reserve	55	18,004	46	- 17,992	113	16,814	256 ^[1]	- 17,070	113
Middle East and North Africa reserve	280	18,544	1,615	- 20,438	-	21,638	1,619 ^[1]	- 23,258	-
Africa reserve	116	22,369	1,464	- 23,834	115	23,988	1,071 ^[1]	- 25,058	117
Asia reserve	-	9,298	625	- 9,924	-	9,746	448 ^[1]	- 10,194	-
Latin America reserve	-	1,405	118	- 1,523	-	118	126 ^[1]	- 244	-
Reserve outside priority areas	-	725	-154	-572	-	515	-113 ^[1]	-402	-
Programme revenue at headquarters	-	1,942	-	-1,942	-	1,819	-	-1,819	-
Administrative cost sharing	-	5,202	-5,202	-	-	5,271	-5,271 ^[2]	-	-
Total Fund Capital	454	77,490	- 1,489	- 76,225	230	79,910	- 1,865	- 78,046	230
Capital of the organisation									
Paid-in capital	5	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	5
Tied capital	2,947	658	80	- 318	3,367	203	56	- 302	3,325
Severance payments	1,629	-	-	- 102	1,527	-	-	-	1,527
Mutual tax fund	-	658	-	-	658	203	-	- 132	729
Exchange rate risk	450	-	-	-	450	-	-	-	450
Innovation reserve	488	-	-	- 189	299	-	-	- 143	156
Humanitarian Aid reserve	200	-	-	- 27	173	-	-	- 26	146
Securities fluctuation reserve	180	-	80	-	260	-	56 ^[3]	-	316
Free capital	15,137	17,566	1,409	- 21,642	12,470	18,048	1,809 ^[4]	- 20,955	11,371
Capital of the organisation	18,089	18,225	1,489	- 21,960	15,842	18,251	1,865	- 21,257	14,701

Explanations of 2024 transfers

^[1] KCHF 3,520 transferred from Free Capital and KCHF 113 allocated from Thematic Income to cover the Reserves allocated to projects.

^[2] KCHF 5,271 of Administrative Cost Contributions (FAP) allocated to Free Capital.

^[3] KCHF 56 allocated from Free Capital to Restricted Capital to increase the Reserve for fluctuations in securities.

^[4] KCHF 1,809 allocated to Fund Capital after deducting the FAP transfer as per point 2 (KCHF 5,271), the allocation of Thematic Income as per point 1 (KCHF 113), the amount of KCHF 3,520 from point 1, and the amount of KCHF 56 for the Reserve for fluctuations in securities as per point 3.

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On 31 December 2024

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