

**18596**

Total beneficiaries reached in 2023

**8812**

Earthquake-affected children and their family members received in-kind assistance.

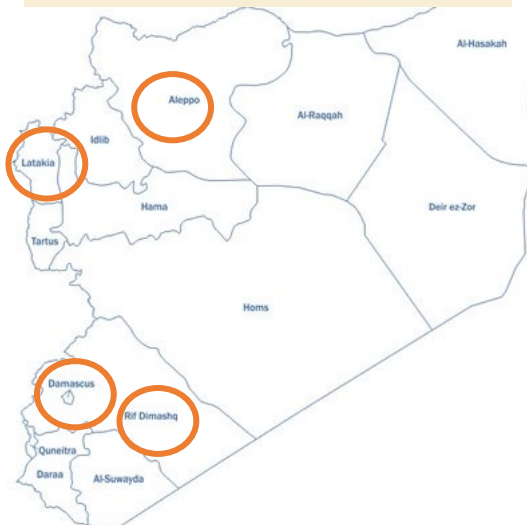
**3**

Schools rehabilitated, including classrooms and WASH facilities

## Context

- **7.48 million children** in need of humanitarian assistance in 2024
- More than **6 million children** at heightened risk of violence, abuse, neglect, and exploitation and **need critical child protection services**.
- **School drop out** rates on the rise, with age of school drop out as low as 11.
- **Child Labor:** All of Syria estimated 32%, 54.73% (Deir Ezzor) and 59.63% (Aleppo) of households, respectively, report having a **child under 18 engaged in labor**.
- **3,700 schools** in need of rehabilitation or repair.
- **Estimated 75% of children in detention** survivors of exploitation and neglect

## Intervention map



## General overview

Children in Syria are disproportionately impacted by the ongoing crisis. In areas controlled by the Government of Syria (GoS), the most prevalent child protection risks include **school dropout, child labor, child marriage, and children living on the streets**. Child labor has increased by 20% across Syria compared to 2022, with significant spikes in Deir Ez-Zor and Aleppo. Adolescent girls are at higher risk of **child marriage**, and both girls and women are exposed to sexual harassment on the streets and sexual exploitation. The **mental health and wellbeing of children** and their families **continue to deteriorate**, with widespread **violence within families and against children**, fueled by **multiple traumas, negative coping mechanisms**, and **economic distress** among caregivers. These vulnerabilities, coupled with a lack of services, may drive children into **conflict with the law** or encourage engagement in other risky behaviors or delinquency. Additionally, an estimated **75% of detained children are homeless, neglected, or victims of commercial sexual exploitation or organized crime**. By international standards, these children should not be in detention settings.

## Our thematic priorities



### Children and Youth on the Move

Access to services including functioning schools and MHPSS services, in-kind assistance, capacity building and systems strengthening, social protection



### Access to Justice

Access to services in social care institutions, restorative justice, reintegration of children in conflict with the law,

## Results

### In Kind assistance and school rehabilitation

- **3** schools rehabilitated, including classrooms and WASH facilities, benefitting **3149** children and teachers
- **1923** families provided with family hygiene kits, **1,497** dignity kits, and **475** baby diapers, benefitting **8812** earthquake-affected children and their family members

### Training, awareness sessions, and direct services

- **30** teachers and **39** staff of local partner organizations trained on child protection minimum standards.
- **3074** students reached with awareness sessions on waterborne disease and good hygiene practices.
- **328** children and adults reached through child protection awareness sessions.
- **96** frontline workers from partner organizations supported through peer-to-peer staff care sessions and one-on-one MHPSS sessions based on needs.
- **134** children in detention supported with basic services, including legal aid, nonformal education, and group PSS sessions, in collaboration with partner SSSD

## Emergency Intervention: Earthquake Response

In response to the **devastating February 2023 earthquakes** in northern Syria, Tdh and its Syrian partners, the Syrian Society for Social Development (SSSD) and Mosaic for Human Relief and Development (Mosaic), initiated a multiphase project in Aleppo and Lattakia governorates. .

This effort provided substantial aid to those affected: **1,923** families received family **hygiene kits**, **1,497** **dignity kits**, and **475** **baby diapers**, benefiting **8,812 children and their family members**. Additionally, **96** **frontline** workers from partner organizations received **peer-to-peer staff care** and one-on-one MHPSS sessions based on their needs. This program pilots an approach to **support frontline workers dealing with high stress**, enhancing their capacity and stress management skills and providing access to psychological support when needed.

In the second phase (2023-2024), mobile **Child Protection and WASH teams** address urgent needs of the most vulnerable and underserved populations, including **quality WASH facilities in schools, psychosocial support, and recreational activities for out-of-school children**.

Furthermore, Tdh ensures the **inclusion of children and caregivers with disabilities** by training staff with a disability and inclusion specialist and adapting MHPSS methodologies accordingly.

*Photo: A girl using a jump rope from a recreational kit distributed by Tdh in the child-friendly space established after the earthquake in Marje, Aleppo.*

## Advocacy

Tdh advocates for the rights and protection of children in detention, including securing funding for critical needs and promoting child-friendly legal frameworks and institutional guidelines.

## Outlook

Tdh aims to solidify its position as a key player in child protection in Syria. Future efforts will focus on:

- Strengthening robust child protection systems, including efficient referral mechanisms and potential CPICMS rollout.
- Leading and participating in humanitarian working groups on localization, case management, and prevention.
- Enhancing localization through strategic partnerships offering technical support and targeted capacity building

## Main donors and partners

Syrian Society for Social Development (SSSD), Mosaic Human Relief and Development (Mosaic), Swiss Solidarity, Syrian Humanitarian Fund (SHF), Tdh Spain, Philanthropic Swiss Donors



## Contact

For more information please contact :

**Orinda Gjoni**, [orinda.gjoni@tdh.org](mailto:orinda.gjoni@tdh.org), +963940044237

**Terre des hommes (Tdh) is the leading Swiss organisation for children's aid.** 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.



Siège | Hauptsitz | Sede | Headquarters  
Av. Montchoisi 15, CH-1006 Lausanne  
T +41 58 611 06 11, F +41 58 611 06 77  
E-mail: [info@tdh.ch](mailto:info@tdh.ch), CCP: 10-11504-8

[www.tdh.ch](http://www.tdh.ch)  
 [www.facebook.com/tdh.ch](https://www.facebook.com/tdh.ch)  
 [www.twitter.com/tdh\\_ch](https://www.twitter.com/tdh_ch)  
 [www.instagram.com/tdh\\_ch](https://www.instagram.com/tdh_ch)



**Terre des hommes**  
Helping children worldwide.