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schools in rural Damascus were rehabilitated in 2022

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child protection actors were trained on mental health and psychosocial tools in 2022

4821

students have now access to safe drinking water and sanitation facilities

Context

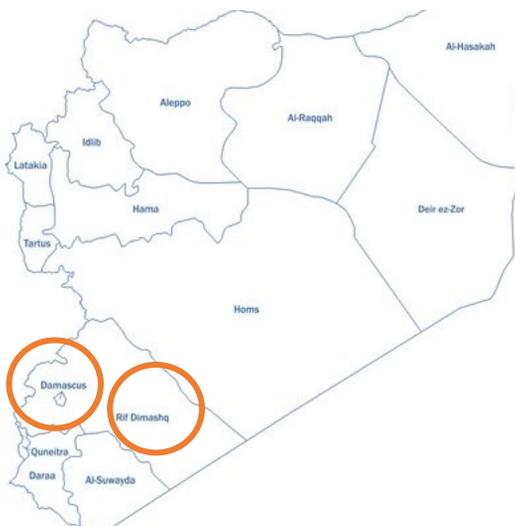
- At least 2.4M children remain **out of school** in 2022
- 5.3 million children remain **in need of humanitarian assistance and protection**
- 553,000 children are chronically **malnourished** and 245,000 acutely malnourished
- 1/3 of households report their children showing **signs of psychological distress**

General overview

More than 10 years after the start of the Syrian crisis, malnutrition rates of children and pregnant/lactating women are reaching unseen levels in Syria. Children have lost years of education. They are not only affected by the consequences of armed conflict and displacement, but also by the new economic crisis brought by the Russia-Ukraine conflict and the effects of climate change on the country's land and water resources.

Tdh is committed to bringing positive and lasting change in the lives of Syrian children and youth. Tdh will provide essential life-saving interventions that build resilience of children and youth with a special focus on WASH, education, and child protection. Tdh also aims to strengthen the abilities of local partners to bring about long-term change.

Intervention map



Our thematic priorities

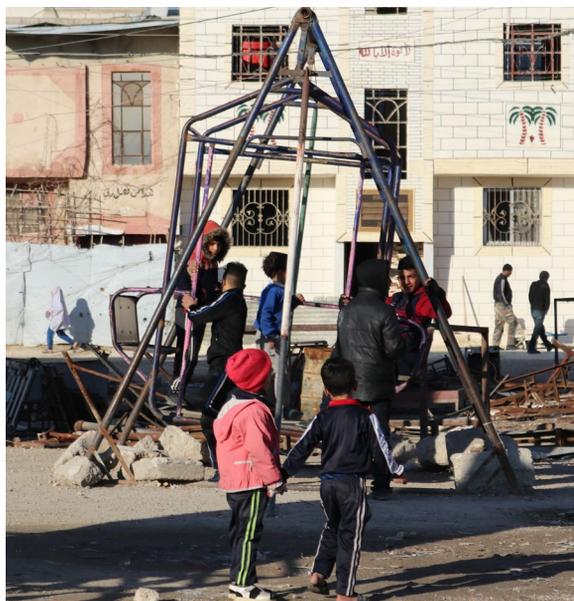
Child Protection

Tdh establishes and supports national and community-level child protection systems through capacity building on social services, case management, best interest procedures, minimum standards for child protection in humanitarian action and the referral to specialised services. We increase the knowledge and skills of formal and informal actors, as well as children, parents, families and communities in the protection and prevention of risks. Tdh aims to ensure children's survival, protection, development and participation, with a specific focus on the most vulnerable.

Tdh improves the access to water and sanitation and develops activities at the community level in response to emergencies such as natural disasters and civil unrest while empowering local human resources. The goal is to guarantee children's right to enjoy the highest attainable standard of health, in particular by providing appropriate measures to provide adequate and clean drinking water. Tdh uses WASH activities to gain access to vulnerable communities and build trust, and lay foundations to implement community-based protection interventions focusing on child protection and gender-based violence prevention.

Access to Justice

The most vulnerable children, especially those who have been separated from their caregivers and/or whose family members have died as a result of the conflict, are the one in risk of child rights violations. Many children flee violent homes, work on the streets to supplement household income, are displaced by the conflict and/or are trafficked. They are usually put in detention centres and thus considered as "criminals", whereas they are mainly victims of the most serious violations of children's rights. This is why Tdh addresses all children, with a particular focus on children at risk, in contact or in conflict with the law, in order to improve the well-being of the most vulnerable boys and girls in the centers.



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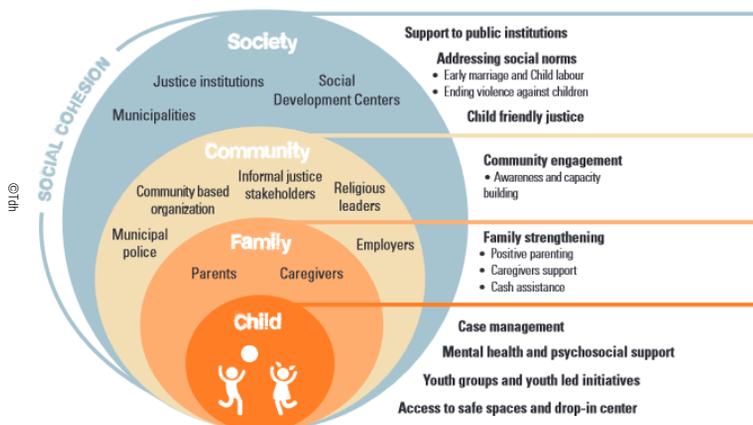
Tdh provides emergency aid to the most affected families, while strengthening community-based services to ensure a long-term effect. To respond to the severe earthquake that Syria on February 6, 2023, Tdh and its partner Syrian Society for Social Development will provide immediate and long-term assistance to those who sought refuge in emergency shelters and/or are at risks or face protection risks in the aftermath of the earthquake. Such assistance will include the distribution of basic non-food items as well as protection services for children in the coming weeks to meet urgent shelter and hygiene needs and arising child protection risks and psychosocial support to children and caregivers over the coming months to address emotional distress and safety issues.

Team : 1 expat / 5 national staff

Main donors: Swiss Foundations

Main partners: Syria Trust for Development, Syrian Society for Social Development, Ministry of Education, Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour

Tdh's model of action



Timeline



As the leading Swiss organisation for children's aid, created in 1960, the Terre des hommes foundation is committed to protecting children's lives and their rights, and improving their well-being. We aim to do so through innovative programmes focused on health, migration and access to justice, specially designed to have both short- and long-term impacts.



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