



**38,388**

children received protection services in 2022

**77,586**

children under the age of five received health and nutrition care in 2022

**90,421**

community members were informed on child protection in 2022

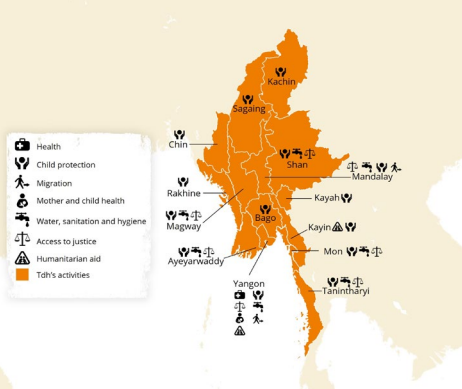
## Context

Myanmar faces poverty, insecurity and ethnic-based conflict. The recent military takeover has exacerbated the vulnerability of poor families.

Rural-urban migration puts pressure on urban centres' infrastructure and has led to the growth of informal settlements, where lack of education, health and protection services put children at risk of neglect, abuse, violence and trafficking.

The number of children in contact with the justice system and children in street situations is alarming.

## Intervention map



## General overview

Terre des hommes (Tdh) has been working in Myanmar since 2008, improving children's wellbeing through provision of services and by strengthening local capacities. We implement a wide range of complementary programmes, including health, child protection, family reintegration and alternative care, access to justice, education and social protection.

Despite the challenges followed by military coup (volatile security, restrictions, widespread crimes and fights), Tdh supported a total of 364,059 beneficiaries in 2022.

## Our thematic priorities



**Mother and child health:** we expand access to life-saving health and nutrition services for children 0-59 months, pregnant and lactating women to reduce mortality and morbidity rates in peri-urban townships of Yangon.



**WASH (Water, sanitation and hygiene):** we improve access to quality WASH services according to identified needs in communities, health centres (if feasible) and juvenile remand and detention centres.



**Child protection:** we strengthen the community and national child protection system to promote de-institutionalisation and provide quality alternative care and protection services to children in emergency settings. In addition, Tdh provides safe spaces where basic literacy and numeracy education and life skills training for out of school children take place.



**Access to justice:** we strengthen access to justice for children in contact with the justice system, both offenders and victims through improved access to legal advice and representation for children.



**Humanitarian aid** is provided to meet the basic needs during the critical periods and improve the resilience of communities to better withstand adverse socio-economic effects of the crisis.

## Results in 2022

### Mother and child health, including COVID-19 response and humanitarian aid

- 83,975 children, pregnant and lactating women and caregivers were supported through consultations, ante/postnatal and newborn care, treatment of minor illness, emergency referral services, provision of supplementary food, micro-nutrient, deworming and Vitamin A supplementation, infant and young child feeding (IYCF) counseling, training and awareness sessions.
- Tdh constructed new sub rural health centers in Ward 5 covering a total population of 58,186.

### WASH

- 81,852 individuals including children under 5, pregnant and lactating women directly benefited from provision of critical WASH supplies, hygiene kits, sanitary household pit latrines, community boreholes, bio-sand water filters, WASH training, hygiene promotion & awareness sessions.

### Child protection and access to justice

- 842 children successfully reunited with their families.
- 24 children were placed with foster parents.
- 120 cases (with 166 children involved) were provided formal legal representation.
- 90,421 community members received information on child protection.

## Highlight project

In largest industrial hubs and peri-urban townships of Yangon, Tdh implemented the “maternal and child cash transfer” programme aiming at improving access to basic needs and increasing resilience of communities against negative coping mechanism, as well as at improving positive health seeking behaviours among the targeted communities. The programme reached to 12,000 households (approx. 60,000 individuals including children under 2 and pregnant women).

*“We do not want to rely on the assistance from others, but during this desperate and deteriorating period, this programme is incredibly helpful to our family, and I would humbly request to continue it not only for me, but also for other families who have the same fate as me.”*

A mother of two daughters

## Outlook

In 2023, in addition to scaling up its existing projects in urban settings, Tdh will also prioritise establishing operations in the camps for internally displaced people and host communities of conflict-affected states – working through consortia with local and international NGOs and focusing on integrating and adapting current interventions to emergency settings, as well as cross border migration and child trafficking.

## Advocacy

Tdh has developed and implements contextualized guidelines on community-based dispute resolution and on supervised independent living for young people in training schools.

Tdh is collaborating with UN agencies and other key stakeholders in order to promote its integrated nexus approach, comprising emergency, peacebuilding and development activities. Tdh will expand access to essential emergency services during humanitarian crises, whilst strengthening local community responses and promoting social cohesion.

## Main partners and donors

- **Local partners:** Child Focus Network, Candle Light, ChildFund Myanmar, Radana Mitta Organisation
- **State partners:** Ministries of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement and Health & Sports
- **Donors:** European Union, UNICEF, WFP



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