

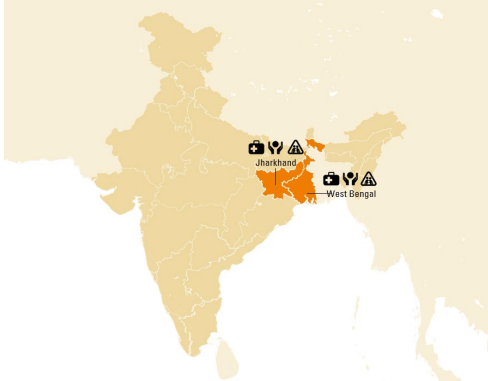


Context

Violence against children, unsafe migration, early and forced marriage, poor maternal and child health outcomes and climate change are some of the major challenges faced by children and youth in India. Thus, these are the core thematic areas of intervention for Tdh.

Despite these challenges, India's progressive social legislations around child rights and its commitment to take on digital health solutions, presents opportunities and a conducive environment for Tdh to build onto these existing systems as a part of a collaborative action with all key stakeholders, with a shared goal to prioritise the wellbeing, rights, and protection of children.

Intervention map



General overview

Terre des hommes (Tdh) has been present in India since 2008. From 2016 until 2022, we have reached 494,000 children along with their families and communities in eight states of India. Our office is in Kolkata, West Bengal. We provide technical support to government structures and civil society organisations to aid in their efforts to improve the living conditions and development of the most vulnerable children and promote children's rights.


Tdh's current operational states are West Bengal and Jharkhand, with a plan to expand to other states where we will focus on the aspirational districts as per the government of India. Tdh actively works to adapt and contextualise its global expertise and tools to the local realities, where they are then transferred to our partners and the government to support public systems strengthening. Through our work in India, we continue to support thousands of children, their families, and their communities.

Our thematic priorities

 **Mother and child health**

 **Humanitarian aid**

 **Child protection**

 **Water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH)**

 **Children and young people on the move**

Tdh's mother and child health programme targets government healthcare workers, frontline nutrition workers, pregnant and lactating women, newborns and children under the age of 5.

The migration programme focuses on supporting children and young people affected by or at risk of unsafe migration to access their rights and appropriate and quality services for their protection and development.

WASH is a component of the integrated health programme to ensure and maintain a basic water, sanitation and hygiene infrastructure at the household and institutional levels.

Results in 2022

Mother and child health

- 919 pregnant women received high-risk screening and follow up support. Screening of high-risk pregnancies have increased from 40% to 79% with the devices supported by Tdh.
- 123 frontline healthcare workers have been trained to provide improved perinatal health care services.
- 111 healthcare facility personnel have been capacitated on infection prevention and control.
- 80 frontline healthcare workers have been provided with tablets that help them with triaging of COVID-19 patients.
- The Integrated e-Diagnostic Approach (leDA) was adapted to the Indian context and piloted in 54 primary healthcare facilities in Jharkhand state.

Children and young people on the move

- 17,309 people were reached and improved knowledge around the risks linked with unsafe migration and means to prevent these risks.
- 5192 community members were reached via community action activities and 92 early and forced marriages were prevented.

Water, sanitation and hygiene

- Nine healthcare facilities have been supported to provide improved water, sanitation and hygiene services to patients, visitors and staff.
- Advocacy efforts with government has resulted in commitment of resources to healthcare facilities for maintaining improved WASH services.
- 1535 adolescent girls improved their menstrual hygiene management practise.

E-IMNCI (leDA) – A digital solution to save children's lives

Tdh initiated the Integrated e-Diagnostic Approach (leDA) Programme in 2010, to reduce child mortality by enabling a better quality of health services through mobile health tools, quality improvement processes and data management strategy. leDA helps the primary Health Care Workers (HCWs) improve their level of adherence to the Integrated Management of Newborn and Childhood Illness (IMNCI) clinical guideline. leDA was introduced in Jharkhand, India in 2020, and by 2022 leDA was included in the Jharkhand State PIP budget. Both the State and Central Government have committed to invest in leDA, with the aim to transition the digital strategy to scale in India. By March 2023, leDA has been used by 500 frontline HCWs with plans to scale leDA to over 2000 HCFs in Jharkhand by 2024.

Outlook

We are keen to build our programme further in the states of Assam, Bihar, Jharkhand, Odisha and Uttar Pradesh. We shall continue to add value in the lives of children through partnerships with institutional as well as corporate donors.

Advocacy

The "Another World" mini film project provided children in West Bengal the opportunity to share their stories of change, where child led participation was at the core of the designing process. The stories are told and captured on camera by the children themselves, where they champion gender equity and empowerment to influence the perceptions and behaviors of their peers, and society. These short films can be seen here: [Another World mini film project](#).

Main partners and donors

Comic Relief, Oak Foundation, Doctors For You, Dimagi, Swiss Solidarity, ICDFTaiwan, Swiss Water & Sanitation Consortium, FEDEVACO



"E-IMNCI application is good to use as I no longer need to refer to IMNCI manual (booklet). Information from the videos and text content is very helpful. Earlier, I used to record IMNCI consultations using a paper format, but with the tablet, I add all the information in the online form, and it promptly summarizes the information, so I can easily count number of IMNCI consultations I have performed."

Suniti Siromani, Auxiliary Nurse Midwife

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