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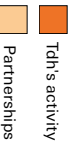
# Making a positive impact for children



**Terre des hommes**

Helping children worldwide.

# Where we worked in 2023



## Latin America

- 30. Colombia
- 31. Ecuador

## Europe

- 22. Albania
- 23. Greece
- 24. Hungary
- 25. Kosovo
- 26. Moldova
- 27. Romania
- 28. Switzerland
- 29. Ukraine

## Africa

- 1. Burkina Faso
- 2. Burundi
- 3. Guinea
- 4. Kenya
- 5. Mali
- 6. Mauritania
- 7. Niger
- 8. Nigeria
- 9. Senegal

## Middle East and North Africa

- 10. Afghanistan
- 11. Egypt
- 12. Iraq
- 13. Jordan
- 14. Lebanon
- 15. Pakistan
- 16. Occupied Palestinian territory
- 17. Syria

## Asia

- 18. Bangladesh
- 19. India
- 20. Myanmar
- 21. Nepal



# “All children deserve a life of dignity, wherever they are.”

While there is a gradual increase of children included in decision-making processes on their rights around the world, conflicts and extreme poverty have left millions of them without essential services.

Tdh supported 5.2 million children and members of their communities in more than 30 countries, mainly through health projects and mostly in Sub-Saharan Africa. Of those, 3 million were supported by people trained by us. We will continue to do our utmost to allow every child to live a life in dignity. I warmly thank you for your continued support throughout 2023 for improving the wellbeing of children.

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Barbara Hintermann  
Director General

Terre des hommes (Tdh), founded in 1960, is an independent, neutral and impartial Swiss organisation committed to bringing meaningful and lasting change to the lives of children and youth, especially to those most exposed to risks. To make a difference, we focus on the areas of maternal and child health, children and youth migration, and access to justice.



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## Mother and child health

Our teams continued to contribute to improved access for children under five and pregnant women to good quality primary health services by working in conjunction with local health authorities and communities.



**4.2 million children and members of their communities supported with health projects**

### Myanmar: Local volunteers support mothers

Tdh doctors set up mobile clinics on the banks of the Hlaing river for pregnant women and children under five to help reduce malnutrition and illness. Community volunteers work to identify and encourage the most vulnerable people to visit the clinic. The volunteers' role also includes promoting positive health practices.



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“Thanks to my help, some mothers have changed their behaviour and are now exclusively breastfeeding.”

**Daw Aye Mar**, volunteer



## Children and young people in migration

Tdh provided children and young people on the move with appropriate and relevant life-changing information, improved their reception and protection on migration routes, smoothed their integration in host societies, and strengthened their right to access education, health and housing.



**520,000 children and young people on the move and members of their communities supported**

### *Egypt: refugees find their feet on new ground*

Sudanese families fleeing the conflict that erupted in Sudan in April 2023 struggled to meet their basic needs, such as psychosocial support, health and housing. In Egypt, with the support of Tdh teams, they underwent an inspiring transformation.



*“I dedicated a lot of time to facilitating social integration for a family. The result was beyond my imagination.”*

**Sayeda El-Arshy**, Tdh psychosocial specialist, herself a refugee from Sudan



## Access to justice for children and young people

In Europe, Tdh scaled up its pioneering work on digital justice. In West Africa and the Middle East, we strengthened judicial protection for children and young people who have survived gender-based violence.



**77,440 children and members of their communities supported with justice projects**

### AI guides victims of crime

The i-ACCESS MyRights tool, integrating artificial intelligence, simplifies legal processes for young victims. The solution was designed by working closely with children through co-design sessions in Bulgaria, Greece and Romania to ensure it really worked for them.



“Children are not informed where to refer to when they have a problem, who will believe them. An offence was committed against me and I didn’t know what to do.”

**17-year-old Romanian girl**



## Child protection

Tdh scaled up community-based individual follow-up and projects that use sports for children at risk of violence, sexual exploitation or child labour. We also reinforced activities focusing on girls' rights to tackle gender based violence.



**129,000 children, young people and caregivers benefited from protection activities**



## Water, sanitation and hygiene

Our teams improved sanitation-related dignity and reduced health risks, especially at schools, health and detention centres. Tdh also promotes climate resilience so health centres can keep operational in case of natural disasters.



**227,000 people supported with WASH activities**

## Information and communication technologies for development

Tdh continued to develop digital solutions for our field projects as well as furthering the usage of data for better impact.

### India: Taboo issues brought to light

Our application with an Artificial Intelligence virtual chat assistant helps children and adolescents overcome challenging situations when facing sexual abuse and violence. It shares points of contact in case of emergency, guides them in terms of online safety and tracks menstrual flow for girls.



“Although there is a practice in our community of marrying off girls at a young age, I want to continue my higher studies. After using RoboMitra App, I understand that girls should not be married at a young age. I want to pursue my career as a nurse.”

**Geeta**, 16 years old, was involved in the app development



# Humanitarian crises

## Kenya: Children affected by climate change

Our mobile clinic is providing life-saving support to children under five as well as pregnant women and nursing mothers affected by malnutrition due to drought in northeastern Kenya.

“Our aim is to give the Kenyan authorities the means to do more. Our mobile teams strengthened the skills of several dozen health and child protection workers so that they can detect malnutrition and act directly.”

**Céline Beaudic**, Tdh’s Head of delegation in Kenya

## Gaza: Explosions instead of bedtime stories



After the outbreak of the war in Gaza in October 2023, Tdh was one of the first organisations to send humanitarian aid convoys from Egypt. It ensured the distribution of food, first aid kits, baby formula, diapers and survival blankets to 5,000 displaced families.



“Instead of bedtime stories, they hear explosions; instead of dreams, they have nightmares. These kids are living through a terrifying reality that no one should experience.”

**Khitam Abuhamad**, Head of Tdh Gaza Office



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