



Terre des hommes

Helping children worldwide.



Vision

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.

Mission

Terre des hommes, 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. We strive to improve their well-being and ensure the effective application of their rights as defined by the Convention on the Rights of the Child and other relevant human rights instruments. To make a difference, we focus on the areas of maternal and child health, children and youth migration, and access to justice. We aim to empower children and youth through active participation. We advocate for the respect of children's rights, supporting them in voicing their needs and interests. We work in fragile and conflict settings, as well as in stable environments.



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Our commitments

- We strive to make **brave choices** and to act with **conviction and determination**;
- We aim to bring about positive, **significant and lasting change in the lives** of children and youth, their families and communities;
- We favour an honest, responsible and open approach, based on **cooperation and on promoting diversity**;
- We endeavour to act with **humanity and professionalism** with and around children and youth and to promote fairness and equity;
- We value, **respect and support our staff and volunteers** who, collectively and individually, demonstrate a great commitment to children and youth, their families and communities, and are accountable to our donors;
- We acknowledge, value and support the **primary role that local stakeholders**, including communities, play in their own development;
- We work towards a **sustainable world** and commit to keeping our carbon footprint to a minimum.

Our principles of action

- We act in the **best interests of the child**, based on the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child and other relevant human rights instruments;
- We foster **local partners'** ownership of projects and actions, reinforce **local systems** to support and enable various national and local stakeholders to provide expertise and best practices;
- We implement **humanitarian, development and peacebuilding** activities;
- We partner with other organisations to **advocate for the respect of children's rights**.
- We strive for **sustainable change** in all our actions and programmes **by creating positive impact**.

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