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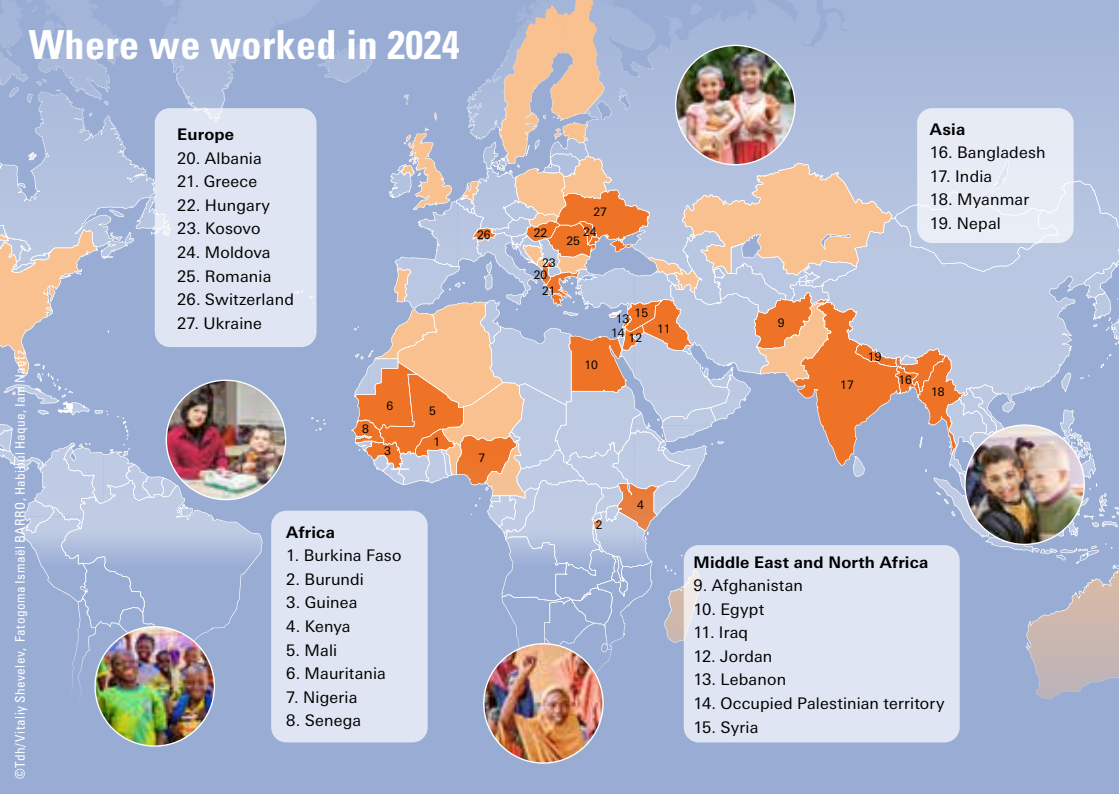
Making a positive impact for children

Terre des hommes
Helping children worldwide.

Where we worked in 2024



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Defending children's rights against all odds

In 2024, our driven and skilled teams across the world dedicated their unwavering efforts to transforming the lives of children for the better in conflict zones and other challenging contexts.

Tdh supported 5.8 million children and members of their communities in 27 countries, mainly through our health projects and mostly in Sub-Saharan Africa. Of those, 3.5 million were supported by people trained by us.

As international aid faces unprecedented challenges, we are leaving no stone unturned to protect children's rights, strengthen local partnerships, and uphold our humanitarian commitments in an increasingly complex global landscape. We thank you for your continued support – we will demonstrate that collective action can overcome even the most daunting obstacles.

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Barbara Hintermann
Director General of Tdh

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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

Terre des hommes strengthened mother and child health by empowering local health workers, digitalising services and reinforcing health systems to better anticipate and respond to crises.

4.4 million children and members of their communities supported with health activities

Afghanistan: *ensuring healthcare for all*

In Nangarhar province, a region where conflict and restrictions on women's rights have made even basic healthcare a distant dream, Tdh's teams brought lifesaving care to more than 100,000 mothers and newborns.

"I appreciated the advice and support of the medical staff, who gave me more self-confidence. Thanks to this help, I was able to give birth to a little boy called Ilham, and I'm deeply grateful."

Sana, who safely delivered her baby after receiving support from a Tdh-trained midwife

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Children and young people in migration

Terre des hommes promoted safety and long-term opportunities for children and young people on the move, supporting them across every stage of their migration journey. By fostering collaboration and advancing knowledge management, Tdh helped shape more protective responses to displacement.

697,900 children and young people on the move and members of their communities supported

Building futures for children on the move

In West and North Africa, poverty, conflict and natural disasters drive thousands of children and young people to migrate. Tdh and its partners involved more than 3,000 children and young people on the move in initiatives for the protection of their rights, their access to education and their socio-economic integration. In Guinea, young migrants such as Mariame participated in the Resilience Innovation Facility's training in sewing.

"Thanks to this job, I'll have something in my life, and I really love sewing."

Mariame, 15 years old,
gained confidence and a path to independence

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Access to justice for children and young people

Terre des hommes empowers children and young people to claim their rights in justice systems that protect their well-being. By focusing on gender justice, advocacy and capacity development, we strengthened legal frameworks and supported the safe reintegration of children affected by armed conflict and gender-based violence.

95,600 children and members of their communities supported with justice projects

Albania: *how to champion child-friendly justice*

Engjëll has become a representative at the Dibra Municipal Youth Council in Albania, advocating for and representing his peers, after participating in Tdh's "Youth Voice for Justice and Rights" project.

"Before joining the programme, I had no idea how legislation worked and how it affected young people. Now, I understand my rights and responsibilities and I've even been supporting my peers to navigate legal issues."

Engjëll, 19 years old

Child protection

Terre des hommes protected children, young people and caregivers from violence, exploitation and harmful practices, with a focus on mental health and psychosocial support in fragile contexts. We promoted child rights, gender equity and sustainable protection systems.

Egypt: *Coping with climate change through sport*

Tdh brings together refugee and Egyptian children through sports to promote social inclusion and environmental responsibility. Moaz, who initially feared being excluded due to his illness, found confidence and friendship. Trained coaches delivered 20 sessions to 400 children across Cairo. Children then launched their own initiatives like recycling and tree planting.

Water, sanitation and hygiene

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Bangladesh: *Better habits, better health*

In Cox's Bazar's Rohingya refugee camps and host communities, families lived surrounded by waste, which contributed to frequent illnesses. Tdh has integrated plastic recycling into its activities.

"My children no longer suffer from constant infections."

Fatema, 27 years old, now has a cleaner home and healthier children

Information and communication technologies for development

Terre des hommes continued its commitment to digital innovation and data-driven decision-making. Key achievements included advancements in digital health, artificial intelligence and data visualisation, reinforcing our role as a leader in leveraging technology for humanitarian impact.

Mali: *life-saving care in the face of impossible odds*

In the conflict-ridden Ségou region, Nônô faced an unimaginable choice: risking her life to cross the River Niger for healthcare or staying home, knowing her children might not make it. She travelled 11km to the health centre, while being exposed to bullets and mines. Thanks to the innovative ALeDIA tool, which combines malnutrition screening with medical diagnosis and trains healthcare workers, Nônô's 20-month-old twin daughters received the care they needed.

Humanitarian crises

Gaza crisis: *safe spaces provide a haven*

Tdh's teams provided mental health and psychosocial support to 60,900 children and caregivers in conflict-stricken Gaza and the West Bank. They also provided cash assistance to 2,700 families displaced in Gaza, enabling them to meet their most urgent needs, and established two safe learning spaces within shelters to help 740 children regain a sense of normality and continue their education.

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Watch this young girl's story:

Ensuring accountability to children

In Burkina Faso, a participatory approach placed children at the heart of evaluating humanitarian aid, inviting their opinions and feedback. More than 70 children aged 14 to 17 took part in sessions on the children's right to participate and humanitarian aid. They created a consultative board game that allows humanitarian organisations to gather direct feedback on the quality and effectiveness of aid.

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"I enjoyed making the games and sharing them with my friends. We talk, we respect each other while we play, we laugh. It does me good."

A girl that took part in the sessions

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