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7388

children and youth benefited from our activities, assistance and services in 2023

1651

parents and adults were supported in 2023 through community social services

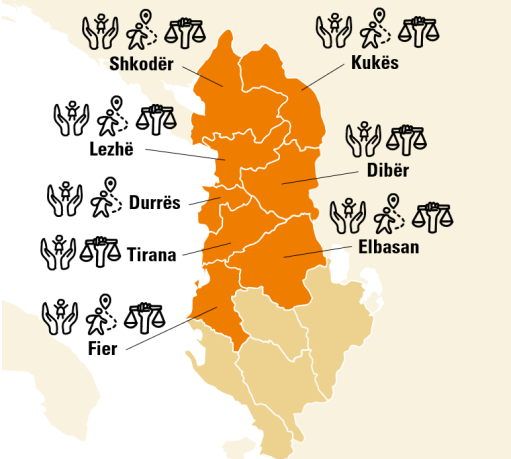
298

child protection and justice professionals trained to better support children and youth

Context

Thirty years from the adoption of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child by the Government of Albania, Terre des hommes has been one of the major contributors to the adaptation and alignment of a legal framework to the international and alternative protocols for child protection. There have been important advances in the promotion of the rights of the child and their protection in Albania. However, children and young people continue to suffer from violence, abuse, exploitation and radicalization, and further efforts are needed.

Intervention map



General overview

Terre des hommes (Tdh) works in Albania since 1993 in the field of child rights, child protection, migration, and access to justice. The year of 2023 marked the 30th anniversary of Tdh’s active presence in Albania.

Tdh areas of expertise range from psychosocial interventions to empowerment of local, regional, and national level governmental institutions and key stakeholders. We strengthen the child protection and justice systems in Albania, as well as the system for the socio-economic integration of migrants.

Our aim is to ensure that children in Albania are effectively protected, and their rights are being always respected. To achieve this, we focus on three main areas of work. In the last four years, we have responded to humanitarian crises as well.

Our thematic priorities



Child protection: To support child victims of abuse and violence, we advocate for better integration of policies and strategies into the existing legal framework and strengthen the child protection system.



Children and young people on the move: To prevent unsafe migration and ensure reintegration of families returned to Albania, we provide support for sustainable socio-economic empowerment of children, youth and their families.



Access to justice for children and young people: To counter the phenomenon of children in conflict with the law in Albania, we support system strengthening and build the resilience of youth through a restorative justice approach.



Humanitarian aid: In emergency situations, such as earthquakes and the Covid-19 pandemic, we support local actors in ensuring that vulnerable children and families meet their basic needs and have access to a protective environment.

Our impact in 2023

Child protection

- We contributed to strengthening the professional capacities of more than 298 people working in the child protection and justice systems.
- In 2023, Tdh continued to contribute to the adoption of standards for One-Stop Centers providing treatment for child victims or witnesses of sexual abuse and severe forms of violence.
- Our intervention map expanded with the opening of the Multifunctional Community Center in Bulqizë in October 2023.

Children and young people on the move

- We supported 136 families through economic empowerment measures to get a sustained livelihood in Albania.
- Through reintegration, rehabilitation programmes and direct assistance, Tdh supported 37 Albanian mothers and children who returned from war zones.
- In support of the Afghan community hosted in Shëngjin, Tdh created a positive space for 825 young Afghan people to strengthen their wellbeing, resilience, and sense of belonging.

Access to justice for children and young people

- 726 young people were engaged in capacity building programmes on participatory research methodology, legal education and gender issues and in peer-to-peer training programmes.
- Conducted a national Youth-Led Research to explore challenges faced by young people towards youth participation and empowerment with a specific focus on gender biases.
- With the support of local civil society organisations in Tirana, we raised awareness of 1105 young people in Tirana on topics such as youth participation and engagement, as well as how to prevent the phenomenon of children in conflict with the law.

Soria Gjevori, one of the young co-researchers who was part of the team that conducted the national Youth-Led Research on youth participation in decision-making processes, said:

“The findings of this study reflect aspects of our society that we experience and interact with daily. Researching the issues that concern me and my peers has convinced me that we can only learn more through active involvement.”

Outlook

After 30 years of Tdh presence in Albania, our aim is now to expand the activities toward issues related to innovation, climate change and gender to increase sustainability of local processes.

As the leading Swiss child rights organisation, created in 1960, Terre des hommes stands together with children to uphold their rights, protect their lives and improve their well-being. In 2023, we supported over 5.2 million children and members of their communities in more than 30 countries.

Advocacy

The Albanian Football Association (AFA) and Tdh signed on February 2023 a cooperation agreement to improve child protection in football, in line with UEFA's initiative to develop national child protection policies for each of its 55 members. Tdh has started providing its consultancy and expertise through training sessions focused on child safety in football to all Albanian sports clubs in eight regions across the country.

We are as well supporting locally-led humanitarian and development actions by strengthening the capacities and engagement of local organisations.

Main partners and donors

Partners: Albania's Ministry of Health and Social Protection and Ministry of Justice, the Albanian Agency for Child's Rights and Child Protection, the National Coordination Center for Countering Violent Extremism.

Donors: UNICEF Albania, Austrian Development Agency (ADA), German Agency for International Cooperation (GIZ), British Embassy Tirana, Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration (PRM) of the US Department of State, Global Community Engagement and Resilience Fund (GCERF), Permanent Mission of France to the UN.



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