



23,323

Children and caregivers reached through specialized service and prevention activities

2,143

Children benefited from Cash assistance tailored to their needs

10,520

Girls and young women received dignity kits in safe spaces

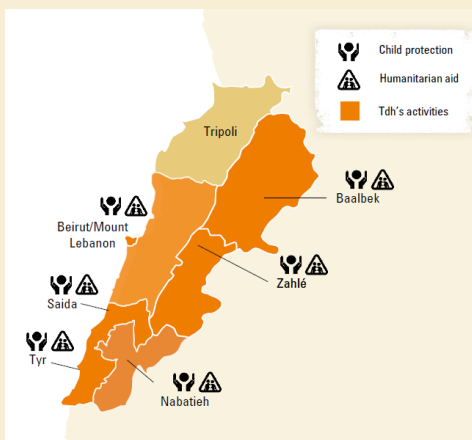
5,987

Internally displaced people improved their well-being through specialized services

Context

Lebanon's multiple crises, including the **outbreak of hostilities in the South**, continue to deteriorate the protection environment and exacerbate existing vulnerabilities for refugees and host communities, especially children and women. The weak economic situation and limited access to basic services, worsen the child protection situation and increase negative coping mechanisms. **Poverty has tripled** over the last decade, reaching 44% of the total population and pushing over 90% of Syrian refugees into extreme poverty. **Child marriage and child labor** are among the most common child protection risks which are further exacerbated by the conflict in the South.

Intervention map



General overview

Tdh established its presence in Lebanon in 1977 and is one of the leading child's aid actors with a focus on the protection of the most vulnerable children and youth. Due to the long presence and experience in the country, Tdh was able to build strong relationships with communities, local partner organizations and local authorities, including religious courts. Tdh works to provide children and youth from up to 24 years with specialized services.

Our thematic priorities

Migration

Tdh works with children and youth affected by migration: being on the move, potentially migrants or children left behind after parents migrated to other countries. In Lebanon, Tdh provides services to Syrian refugees, Palestinian Refugees from Lebanon and Syria, other migrants, and internally displaced people. Tdh provides protection services during the migration path to prevent risks linked to migration and support integration in the country. Tdh fosters access to specialized services to increase well-being, resilience, and empowerment. Additionally, community-based services and initiatives strengthen the social networks of refugee and host communities.

Access to Justice

Tdh fosters child-friendly justice in formal and informal justice systems and promotes child-friendly court guidelines in Religious Courts. Furthermore, Tdh conducts training for faith-based actors, security forces, and staff of (I)NGOs, advocating for restorative justice and alternatives to detention. Tdh works directly with children in contact with the law, providing them with specialized services in Religious courts, and with children in conflict with the law, supporting their reintegration process after detention while providing specialized services for GBV survivors.

Results

In 2023 and Q1 of 2024, **27,837** girls, boys, women, and men benefitted from tailored migration, protection, and access to justice services in Lebanon:

- Since October 2023, **6,815** children and caregivers who got displaced due to the conflict in the South benefitted from the Emergency Response
- In 2023, Tdh established **2** FUN Busses that are mobile safe spaces for children and youth working in the street.
- **20** children and **15** caregivers connected to the street benefitted from the basic education program in the FUN busses.
- In 2023 and Q1 of 2024, **more than 100** children stopped working on the streets and attended again their classes.
- In 2023, **16,307** boys and girls were engaged in psychosocial support, youth groups, safe spaces, and awareness sessions.
- **56** children in contact with the law received reintegration services through case management, life skills, MHPSS, and other services.
- **2,385** survivors of child marriage or at risk of received GBV case management services and **622** received legal aid services.
- **74** children benefitted from alternative community-based care
- **186** government staff and community members have been trained on core child protection topics to ensure children are safe during the emergency in the South.

Highlight project: Emergency Response in the South of Lebanon

Following the outbreak of the war in Gaza and cross-border hostilities at the Israel-Lebanese border, over 90,000 individuals were displaced by April 2024. This displacement led to traumatic experiences, worsening mental health and well-being, and loss of assets and income, increasing household stress. Under UNICEF and Swiss Development Cooperation funding, Tdh, PWHO, and the local disaster risk reduction unit supported over **1,165 children at high risk** and caregivers, enhancing their psychosocial well-being and resilience through emergency child protection and gender-based violence services like individual case management and psychological first aid. Additionally, **5,000 children and caregivers benefitted from community-based protection services** to create safer environments and prevent harmful practices.

Outlook

Response and prevention services for girls exposed to child marriage and children exposed to the worst forms of child labor will be maintained. Children and their families affected by the war in the South will be supported through tailored emergency response services. Multi-sectoral projects with local partners will be implemented to ensure providing holistic services and support. Tdh and partners will continue advocacy with religious courts to strengthen the rights of children.

Main donors and partners

- **Financial Partners:** UNICEF, UNOCHA, UNHCR, UNFPA, U.S. Government: Bureau for Population, Refugees, and Migration, Swiss Development Cooperation
- **Strategic Partners:** Ministry of Social Affairs, Ministry Of Justice
Decentralized Institutions: Social Development Centers, Municipalities, Municipal Police, Religious Courts, Palestinian Security Forces; and 5 local NGOs (Abaad, Mouvement Social, PWHO, Sanabel Janoub, and TSS)





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