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Dear reader,

Since 24 February 2022 time has been differently divided – into before and after the inconceivable event. With the Russian attack on Ukraine, war returned to Europe. Like many other non-governmental organisations, we responded quickly, sending aid deliveries to Ukraine via our partner organisations and providing refugees in the neighbouring countries and in Germany with the most urgent necessities. Many of our members protest against the war and demonstrate solidarity with the people from, and in, Ukraine by helping them look for accommodation or visit public authorities.

The concern about Ukraine and thinking about those who have fled from war and violence – in many other countries too – suddenly eclipses the Covid-19 incidence figures and hygiene rules that have accompanied us at every step for more than two years. This, however, is a response that by no means reflects the situation in many of our project countries where, due to the pandemic, millions of children have to work to support their now jobless parents, and their numbers are growing. Worldwide, still far too few people have been vaccinated; the new German federal government (formed in autumn 2021) also continues to block the temporary suspension of patents on Covid-19 vaccines.

Yet, besides these gloomy events, last year also featured a political highlight. Thanks to many years of international advocacy and public relations for the children's right to a healthy environment, the UN Commission on Children's Rights mandated terre des hommes with drafting a General Comment to clarify the hitherto very vague statements in the Convention on the Rights of the Child regarding environmental protection. Together with other child rights experts, and the input of children and young people themselves, we will draft the comment in the next few months and submit it in March 2023. If it is adopted we will have laid the foundation for effective national legislation to protect the environment by all governments – a wonderful political success!

Once again, we were only able to carry out these and many other activities to protect and empower children thanks to the generosity of our donors, sponsors, cooperation partners and government ministries. You will find examples of our work and its impact in this annual report. They show that, with your support, we were again able to achieve a great deal last year, and at the most varied places. I would like to express my warmest thanks to you for that – on behalf of the children and young people in our projects.

Sincerely,
Regina Hewer
Chair of the Presidium



Report of the Executive Board

24 February 2022 saw an event that none of us thought was possible – with Russia's attack on Ukraine, in breach of international law, war returned to Europe. A magnificent wave of generous donations enabled us to rapidly launch aid interventions in Ukraine, and likewise for the millions of refugees in neighbouring countries, also in Germany. When going to press with this report we cannot foresee all the consequences of this war, but one thing is certain: it will have global repercussions far beyond Europe. According to forecasts by the UN Food and Agriculture Organisation, the stopping of Ukrainian and Russian wheat exports above all in sub-Saharan African countries, the Middle East and the Asia-Pacific area, will lead to famines, which will in turn cause conflicts around scarce resources and cause hungry people to flee. Huge sums, urgently needed to navigate the transition towards an ecological transformation away from fossil fuels, are flowing instead into military arms build-up. Together with many other civil society organisations, our mission remains to demonstrate for peace and act in solidarity with people fleeing war, violence and hunger – Ukrainians, and all others in distress who need our support.

In the last two years we have been very concerned with the Covid-19 pandemic, which from spring 2020 threatened the health and livelihoods of millions of Indian day labourers, Colombian domestics and street children in Zimbabwe. While we in Germany seem to be living with the pandemic, in many of our project countries we continue to give humanitarian assistance to people whom it is plunging even further into poverty and exploitation. The Covid pandemic has further exacerbated existing disadvantages. One example of this »social long Covid« is the global educational crisis: children can no longer go to school because they are needed to work for the survival of their families. At the political level, we continue to lobby the new German federal government to suspend intellectual property rights for Covid vaccines at least temporarily, in order to achieve vaccine justice not only in Germany but also at the global level.

Assistance for Afghan local staff

When, in Afghanistan, the Taliban took Kabul in mid-August 2021, it was immediately clear that our project partners and their families could not be left

to their fate. They were in great danger and had to go underground or flee to neighbouring countries as the Taliban did not tolerate their commitment to the social empowerment of women and equal educational rights for girls. In the chaos of events caused by the failure of NATO countries, including Germany, to carry out the promised evacuation, we, together with friendly organisations such as Luftbrücke (Airlift) Afghanistan, continued to pressure our government to meet its 'obligation to protect' under international law with an admission programme for local workers at risk. Through intensive lobbying and networking,



Food security: many African countries rely on Ukrainian and Russian wheat



Survival aid in times of the pandemic:
in Brazil terre des hommes supported
many families with food parcels

terre des hommes succeeded in bringing 23 local staff and 45 family members to safety in Germany. They did not have to go through the asylum procedure and received a residence permit on humanitarian grounds (§22 Residence Act). In many towns and cities, terre des hommes volunteers helped with organising accommodation and visits to the authorities. Most of the Afghans have already started language courses and their children go to school or kindergarten. Many other human rights defenders are still in great danger in Afghanistan and also need to be granted refuge. Others, again, stayed there and now make sure that project activity starts up again. In some cases, they have to adapt to the rules of the Taliban government – an embarrassing situation, but the main thing is that the people on the ground continue to receive our support.

Filling out the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) by terre des hommes

In 2021 our campaign »My Planet My Rights« for the children's right to a healthy environment was a great success in political terms. At the beginning of September, we handed over a good 140,000 signatures appealing for children's right to a healthy environment to David Boyd, the UN Special Rapporteur for Human Rights and the Environment. Shortly afterwards, the UN Commission on the Rights of the Child mandated us to draft content for a General Comment to fill out the CRC's hitherto vague provisions on environmental

justice. Together with experts and stakeholders, we will decide on the content of the General Comment by spring 2023. Crucial input will come from children and young people in our projects, who suffer from poisoned drinking water due to mining projects and pesticides, from industrial air pollution or excessive lead levels in the blood. They are to contribute their experiences with such violations of child rights and frame their own demands to the international community. If and when the General Comment is adopted in March 2023, the real work will start. That means implementing the provisions at the national and local level. This is a key point as the governments must then pass effective national laws for the protection of the environment and guarantee compliance. That would be a milestone on the way to realising human rights and children's rights, as those suffering the consequences of climate change would no longer only be dependent on the good will of a government to assist and compensate them. Instead, they could finally appeal to the United Nations to claim their right to a healthy environment.

General Comment

Child rights, environment and climate change

The terre des hommes mandate

terre des hommes works for an »earth of humanity«. We stop violence against children, protect them from slavery, exploitation and abuse, and provide for education and training. We work with our partner organisations to ensure that children can grow up in a healthy and sustainable environment that offers life chances to future generations as well. terre des hommes understands itself as a citizens' initiative and is looking for people in the South and North who will work with it to realise this vision.

This definition preserves the spirit of the founder generation and is at the same time, genuinely fit for meeting the challenges of the globalised world, i.e.

- The focus is on improving the real-life conditions of disadvantaged children and their families, and the securing of their future chances.
- The normative framework is universal human rights and, in particular, the Convention on the Rights of the Child.
- Social responsibility and ecological sustainability, also in the spirit of generational justice or the rights of future generations, are enshrined in its statutes and essential today in the context of global challenges, such as climate change and the growing gap between rich and poor.
- terre des hommes protects and respects – politically and financially – its strict independence from politics, business and religion.

- The principles of mutual respect and equal rights are emphasised and are gaining in importance in a context of growing intercultural and interreligious tensions.
- terre des hommes underlines its self-understanding as a citizens' action group and as part of global civil society and involves its partner organizations in strategic decisions.

Besides material assistance for children in distress, terre des hommes gives equal political weighting to the underlying causes of hardship and injustice, and speaks up for peaceful, socially and environmentally sustainable development worldwide. That leads to three areas of action enshrined in the terre des hommes statutes:



Education for all children:
a challenge terre des hommes
is taking up

»Let's change the system,
not the climate!«:
Action by terre des hommes
young people in Peru



Projects with local partner organisations

terre des hommes gives assistance where needed, aims at long-term viable and sustainable solutions and considers the cultural and societal conditions. The normative basis is human rights and, in particular, children's rights. The partner principle applies, i. e. the programmes are carried out by local organisations.

Advocacy

terre des hommes acts in a field of tension between a critical observation of reality (»watchdog«) and constructive policy-changing (»change-maker«). Effective, children's rights-oriented actions and campaigns are conducted at different levels of action with different coalition partners.

Mobilisation and global education in Germany

terre des hommes originated in the responsible action of globally minded citizens and defines itself as a citizens' action group that mobilises people to support the goals of terre des homes and to work in and with it. Through public relations and education, terre des hommes contributes to raising public awareness of the social, ecological, economic and cultural dimension of the real-life situations of disadvantaged children. It thereby gives visibility to the global dependencies and connections from the perspective of child rights.



Solidarity-based cooperation: one of the principles of the terre des hommes delegates' conference

Participation at terre des hommes: the delegates' conference

How does terre des hommes implement its strategic goals in practice?

The international delegates' conference is the most important co-determination body of terre des hommes. Employees of the local partner organisations, young people, volunteers and full-time staff develop and decide on the political goals and strategic priorities of the joint work in this body (see below). The committee meets every five years and consists of 42 elected members with equal rights.

The grassroots participation of the partner organisations is a special feature of terre des hommes. »If we are committed to a way of life based on solidarity, we must also live this at terre des hommes«, says Lilith Jarlik, who is a volunteer at the 2023 delegates' conference. »That's why I think it's right that we make decisions together with our partner organisations and young people from the projects.« Grimaldo Rengifo from the Peruvian partner organisation Pratec agrees. With this form of participation, terre des hommes has broken with the otherwise prevailing principle »of donor and recipient and created the way for solidarity and joint cooperation«.

Examples of the implementation of the decisions

At the centre of the lobbying for a culture of peace is the demand for a stop to German arms exports to countries with serious human rights violations. Research by terre des hommes in Colombia revealed the illegal involvement of the Sig Sauer company in arms sales to the civil war country. The findings contributed significantly to the condemnation of the company by a German court.

Following a decision by the delegates' conference, terre des hommes launched the campaign »My Planet My Rights« in 2020 with the aim of reaching an internationally binding agreement for children's right to a healthy environment. Using social media, terre des hommes was able to draw the attention of 65 million people around the world to the goals. More than 140,000 people signed the petition for a right to a healthy environment. Children and young people from 40 countries supported the campaign with local actions. terre des hommes is now coordinating the preparations for the amendment of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child on behalf of the United Nations.

In summer 2023, the delegates' conference will deal intensively with the further development of the strategic goals.

The strategic goals of terre des hommes for 2018 to 2023

- 1 Promoting a culture of peace
- 2 Improving psychosocial support for forcibly displaced children
- 3 Promoting a child's right to a healthy and sustainable environment
- 4 Fighting gender-based rights violations

How a project arises



Thomas Mortensen coordinates terre des hommes' work in Latin America. In our regional office in Bogotá, Colombia, he is responsible for El Salvador, Guatemala, Mexico and Nicaragua, along with Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia and Peru. On the example of a project in Argentina, he explains how a project develops out of the original idea.

Starting situation Environmental pollution, climate change and the loss of biodiversity are omnipresent in Latin America. Children are affected particularly severely by the destruction of the rain forest. Yet they have no influence over the decisions that cause this, just as little as they are brought into the search for solutions. It is even worse for children with disabilities, who are hardest hit by the deterioration in living conditions. In the periphery of the Argentine city of Córdoba, where the project is carried out, they suffer from contamination of air, water and soil that is mainly caused by industry and agriculture.

The idea APADIM school has been a terre des hommes partner organisation for many years. The priority of joint projects is, for children and young people with a disability, to remove the barriers they encounter when attending school exactly like their peers and wanting to earn themselves some money. The idea for the new project arose during »My Planet My Rights«, the terre des hommes campaign for children's right to a healthy environment. The children and young people at APADIM took part in the campaign with great enthusiasm and hence it was logical to harness the positive energy and develop a project for the right to a healthy environment. After all, whether with or without a disability – ultimately climate change and environmental pollution affect us all and we all have to defend our right to a healthy environment.

Making an application The project links the right to a healthy environment with inclusion. We approached the logistic company Dachser SE, which has supported terre des hommes projects for many years. Dachser was very open to the project and declared its readiness to support it.

Checking In this phase a lot of conversations took place at APADIM, with the staff as well as with the children and young people. In this way, new ideas and standpoints were fed into the project design and, at the same time, the people at APADIM felt greater ownership for the project. APADIM decided to concentrate on environmental education, organic food production and local advocacy for the right to a healthy environment. To ensure that the project is implemented with self-reliance and sustainability it is very important for all APADIM groups to be involved.

Realisation The project started in July 2021 and is planned to run for three years. The Covid pandemic confronted APADIM with a number of challenges but since the general lifting of restrictions the whole institution has participated in the project – with all the children and adolescents and their families.

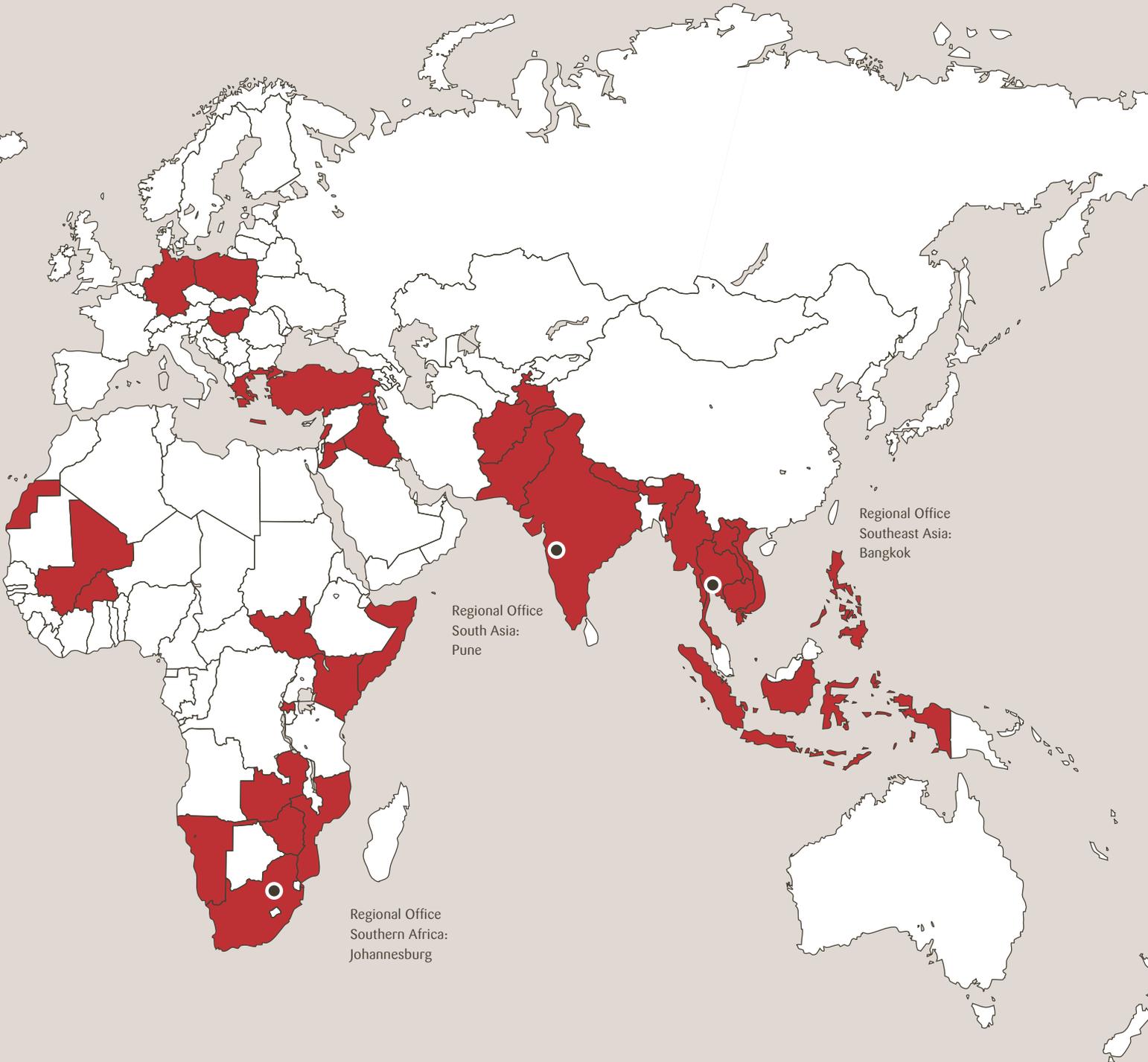
Outcome The first results can already be seen – environmental topics and human rights are now firmly established in the APADIM curriculum. And what the children and young people learn about organic cultivation is applied in practice in the vegetable garden. What's more, students from the APADIM vocational guidance centre are trained in the recycling of wood and plastic, which are transformed into nameplates and carry bags. The products have already been presented at an environmental fair. APADIM has contact with eleven other schools interested in setting up similar projects.





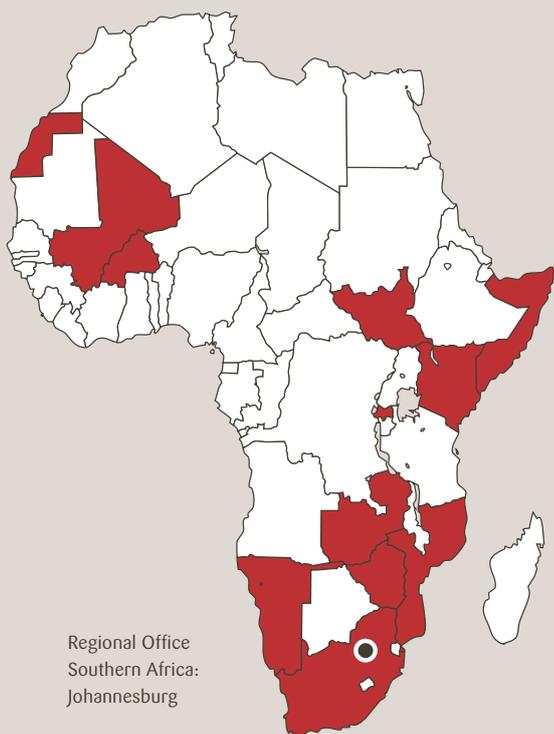
In 2021, terre des hommes supported 368 projects in 43 countries. Of these, 161 projects were newly funded in 2021.

The regional offices of terre des hommes guarantee direct contact to the partner organisations and an effective supervision and co-ordination of project work on the spot.



terre des hommes Germany is member of the Terre des Hommes International Federation in which 9 national terre des hommes sections work together in 8 European countries.

terre des hommes Germany takes part in programmes of Terre des Hommes International Federation in Western Sahara, Jordan, Libanon and Iraq.



Africa

Country	Projects	Themes
Burkina Faso	1	Forced migration and refugee children
Kenya	2	Humanitarian aid, reconstruction and disaster preparedness vocational education and training
Mali	3	Forced migration and refugee children primary education nutrition vocational education and training promotion of women and girls
Mozambique	10	Youth and violence promotion of women and girls / gender equality ecological child rights humanitarian aid, reconstruction and disaster preparedness
Namibia	1	Primary education vocational education and training informal education
Rwanda	1	Promotion of women and girls / gender equality primary education vocational education and training
Somalia	1	Nutrition health
South Africa	22	Forced migration and refugee children primary education health vocational education and training informal education
South Sudan	1	Forced migration and refugee children child soldiers primary education promotion of women and girls
Zambia	4	Ecological child rights
Zimbabwe	19	Ecological child rights promoting a culture of peace youth and violence primary education street children nutrition child labour / organisation of child labourers
Western Sahara	1	Strengthening urban community
Total	66	

Help for Displaced Children

South Africa: Interview with Brighton Gwezera

Children who have experienced forced displacement or been on the move need care adapted to their special needs. Yet there is often a lack of teachers and carers with the necessary knowledge to respond to the individual situation of the children and young people. Brighton Gwezera from the South African Regional Psychosocial Support Initiative (REPSSI) coordinates a cross-border project that imparts precisely this special expertise.

REPSSI wants to improve the situation of children who have been displaced and on the move. What challenges does it face?

Many families find protection from war and violence in refugee camps, also in the slums of big cities. Yet the families have undergone terrible experiences, and the children cannot usually link up with their old life, even in a safe environment. Often they are traumatised and need psychosocial support to cope again in everyday life. But the staff is rarely in a position to respond to their needs with professional care.

What exactly does REPSSI do?

Together with terre des hommes, REPSSI has developed a continuing education programme for teachers. We train kindergarten teachers, school teachers and social workers to meet the psychosocial needs of children and young people. It is about, for example, recognising that factors like culture, age and gender play a great role in the respective situation of a child and have to receive appropriate attention.

How is the project put into practice?

At present we are active in terre des hommes projects in Johannesburg, South Africa, and in the refugee camps Mantapala in Zambia and Tongogara in Zimbabwe. The professionals working directly with the children are trained to identify children with a special need and to adapt the activities accordingly. We concentrate particularly on the field of early childhood education.



How exactly does the project operate?

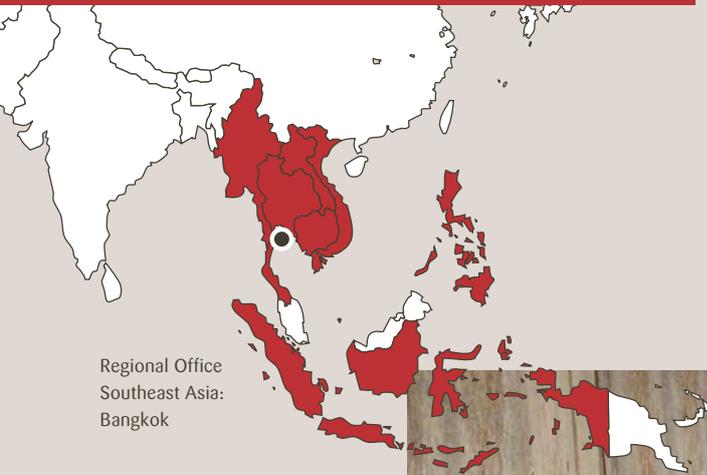
First of all, we prepared learning materials. We developed the content jointly with terre des hommes. In order to be most effective, we combine online and face-to-face sessions. Participants from all three countries always attend the online seminars, meaning that we are creating a platform for specialist exchange at the same time. This is very important to us and so we have set up a mentoring programme in which our participants are backed up by experienced colleagues.



Mantapala refugee camp/
Zambia: The REPSSI project
qualifies professionals
to improve early
childhood education

Country	Projects	Themes
Cambodia	9	Youth and violence biological diversity ecological child rights
Indonesia	10	Youth and violence ecological child rights humanitarian aid, reconstruction and disaster preparedness
Laos	3	Ecological child rights
Myanmar	7	Participation and organisation of children and youth ecological child rights
Philippines	10	Youth and violence humanitarian aid, reconstruction and disaster preparedness
Thailand	17	Humanitarian aid, reconstruction and disaster preparedness ecological child rights psychosocial and educational services for displaced children forced migration and refugee children
Vietnam	12	Humanitarian aid, reconstruction and disaster preparedness violations of gender-specific rights promotion of women and girls/gender equality vocational education and training primary education informal education
Total	68	

Southeast Asia





Near East

Country	Projects	Themes
Iraq	6	Psychological health war victims and child soldiers forced migration and refugee children ecological child rights
Jordan	1	Psychological health
Libanon	2	Humanitarian aid, reconstruction and disaster preparedness
Turkey	1	Forced migration and refugee children participation and organisation of children and youth
Total	10	



South Asia

Country	Projects	Themes
Afghanistan	7	Child labour/organisation of child labourers promotion of women and girls/gender equality primary education
India	78	Youth and violence forced migration and refugee children sexual exploitation of children war victims/child soldiers child labour/organisation of child labourers street children primary education informal education health psychological health biological diversity ecological child rights humanitarian aid, reconstruction and disaster preparedness participation and organisation of children and youth promotion of women and girls/gender equality
Nepal	10	Participation and organisation of children and youth ecological child rights humanitarian aid, reconstruction and disaster preparedness health promotion of women and girls/gender equality primary education
Pakistan	4	Youth and violence
Tajikistan	3	Forced migration and refugee children promotion of women and girls/gender equality
Total	102	

School not toil

India: Education for child labourers

Suniti is full of enthusiasm: »I have such fun at school.« She is 11 years old and lives in the Koderma district of the Indian state of Jharkhand. Since early 2021 she has attended the »bridge school« in her village. Child labourers of school age are now catching up on learning content in order to be able to attend a state school. Before that, Suniti, like 22,000 girls and boys in the region, prospected for mica with her parents. Every day, from morning to evening, in the heat and dust. This is extremely dangerous work in the unprotected shafts they have dug themselves – time and again, adults and children are buried and suffocate. The families are poor and mica is their only source of income. They get no assistance from the government.

With its local partner organisations Savera, Samarpan and Ekjut, terre des hommes has created a project enabling many children to go to school. It is not easy for the families to do without the contribution of their children. Suniti's parents first did not know how to enable their daughter to attend school. The family earns about 120 rupees a day through working in the mine, i.e. about one and a half euros. That is barely enough to eat their fill. What clinched the decision for Suniti's parents was the free school meals. One hot meal a day takes the load off the family budget.

Lipstick, car paint, mobile phones: the mineral mica is found in many products



She wants to be a teacher

At first, Suniti was very shy and quiet but her teachers encouraged her. The girl is quick on the uptake and can explain things well. She is also involved in the children's group connected with the project. »We go to see the neighbours and talk to them and all the children in the village, so that they really do all go to school.« Suniti has now arrived at the material for grade 2. When she grows up she wants to be a teacher. This year, she will change to the state school.

As of summer 2022, terre des hommes will launch projects for children and their families toiling in the mines in 100 villages in the mica extraction areas in the Indian states of Bihar and Jharkhand. At the international level, terre des hommes calls on mica-processing companies to end child labour in their supply chains.



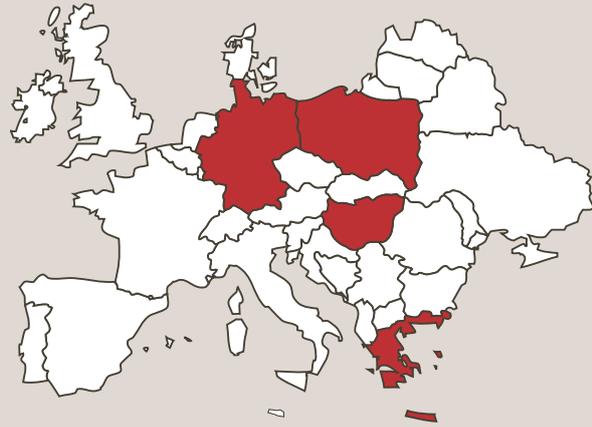
Learning instead of working: Suniti (r.) catches up on missed lessons



Latin America



Country	Projects	Themes
Argentina	2	Ecological child rights
Bolivia	9	Biological diversity ecological child rights child labour/organisation of child labourers humanitarian aid, reconstruction and disaster preparedness
Brazil	18	Informal education ecological child rights youth and violence participation and organisation of children and youth
Chile	5	Primary education participation and organisation of children and youth
Colombia	21	War victims and child soldiers biological diversity participation and organisation of children and youth child labour/organisation of child labourers youth and violence ecological child rights
El Salvador	6	Youth and violence
Guatemala	6	Ecological child rights promotion of women and girls/gender equality humanitarian aid, reconstruction and disaster preparedness
Honduras	1	Participation and organisation of children and youth
Mexico	12	Cultural diversity street children participation and organisation of children and youth youth and violence vocational education and training
Nicaragua	7	Youth and violence
Peru	10	Ecological child rights biological diversity participation and organisation of children and youth humanitarian aid, reconstruction and disaster preparedness
Total	97	



Country	Projects	Themes
Germany	22	Forced migration and refugee children primary education participation and organisation of children and youth street children promotion of women and girls /gender equality
Greece	1	Forced migration and refugee children street children
Hungary	1	Vocational education and training
Poland	1	Ecological child rights informal education
Total	25	

Europe



Together for Children

The 2021 income year

As in the previous year, 2021 was strongly impacted by Covid pandemic. In many project countries, the pandemic and lockdowns compounded the hardship of the population. In Germany too, many families, and also companies, suffered a loss of income, which rapidly affected their readiness to donate. In addition, there was a terrible flood in Germany in summer 2021, which called forth a very generous response. Many donations otherwise directed to other purposes were now devoted to the flood victims. Consequently, organisations like terre des hommes, which did not collect for victims of the flooding, found it particularly challenging to still reach their fundraising targets and keep up the reliable funding of projects.

Despite these difficult conditions, fundraising went well for terre des homes in 2021. The total income from donations rose from €17.94 million in 2020 to €19.43 million, a growth by 8.28 percent. Consequently the positive development of 2020 was continued and, thanks to the reliability of donors, terre des hommes was able to continue supporting the work of its partner organisations in difficult times as well.

Besides the donations, terre des hommes' income also includes legacies and third-party funding. Taken together, donations, third-party funding and legacies again made up the bulk of total income in 2021 at 50.4 percent. The individual figures are on pages 23 to 29.

Its over 25,000 regular supporters via standing order or direct debit are the financial backbone of terre des hommes. Many of them have supported terre des hommes for decades and so ensure the necessary security of planning. These close bonds provide the basis for the sustained funding of project activity.

Foundations and companies also make important financial contributions to assisting children in need. In all, terre des hommes has a good mix of different sources of income. That avoids one-sided dependencies and balances out fluctuation. For example, income from legacies in 2021 was, at €863,482, clearly below that of 2020 (just under €2.1 million). That did not detract from the good overall result and still many donors remember terre des hommes in their will, in order to continue helping children after their lifetime.

Voluntary groups, with their variety of local activities, also do important work for the donation result. In addition, many companies and private individuals collecting donations at weddings, anniversaries, big birthdays, or on other occasions, made significant contributions to helping children in need.

As always, besides the donations in 2021 we must mention the cases of cofinancing which, at €19,733,518, was €803,659 more than the 2020 result (approx. €18.93 million). These are largely resources from the Federal Ministry for Economic Co-operation and Development (BMZ), which has high standards for this support. Accordingly, its approving of these grants is also evidence of the quality and trustworthiness of terre des hommes' work.



Thanks!



A new well for the village:
Leela is happy that she
can now go to school

Leela in a fundraising marathon – drinking water and school classes in Pakistan

Eight-year-old Leela lives in a region of Pakistan that is often plagued by droughts. To fetch water, she often has to walk for hours and carry heavy cans. Consequently she has so far not been able to attend school regularly – yet it is her greatest wish to learn and later to become a teacher herself. The RTL fundraising marathon in 2021 made Leela's story known to a wider television audience. Moderator Maik Meuser showed views of the girl's difficult daily life and told of her hope of a better future. And he presented the AWARE project, run by a terre des hommes partner, which brings clean drinking water and lessons to Leela's village and nine more villages in the region. Thanks to the nine solar-driven wells, Leela can now go to school again.

For Maik Meuser, himself the father of three children, the topic of sustainability is particularly important. He is so keen on the AWARE project because »drinking water and schooling in the villages of this region improve the living conditions and future prospects of many people«. That is why the moderator became such an enthusiastic sponsor of AWARE. terre des hommes was represented for the first time in the fundraising marathon with this project. Afterwards it received the RTL Foundation assurance that this and other projects will be funded to the tune of €315,000 raised by the fundraising marathon.

Purple-white neighbours – terre des hommes and Osnabrück Football Club

The head office of terre des hommes is in the direct neighbourhood of the traditional Bremer Brücke, the soccer stadium of the Osnabrück Football Club (VfL). For many years now, this proximity has gone hand in hand with a good partnership, which has been activated time and again with joint actions and donation appeals. 2021 saw the friendly cooperation cemented again when terre des hommes was admitted to VfL's premium partner network. That does not involve any costs for the organisation – indeed, the partnership is intended to promote its work. »We contribute to raising the profile of terre des hommes across the country,« says VfL manager Dr. Michael Welling.

Accordingly, in a home game against Holstein Kiel the players wore the terre des hommes name and the traditional VfL team also proudly wears the terre des hommes logo on its purple-white jerseys. The fans too are involved in the partnership and take part with their own fundraising collections. »We are glad to make a small contribution so that terre des hommes can carry out its valuable work for the children of the world,« said Michael Welling. He also wants to motivate the companies from the VfL partner network to energetically support the work of terre des hommes.



Premium partners from the neighbourhood
(from left): Dr. Michael Welling
(VfL Osnabrück), Birte Kötter, Hendrik
Addens (both terre des hommes) and
Sebastian Rüter (VfL Osnabrück)

Cooperation with companies and workforces

In cooperation with foundations, companies and workforces, terre des hommes relies on maintaining trustful and long-term connections for the welfare of children. One example is the long-term partnership with the Volkswagen workforce, which finances numerous projects in Africa, Asia, Latin America, not to mention Germany. Another example is the longstanding cooperation with the logistics company Dachser SE, which likewise funds projects with generous sums, being committed to the idea of sustainability and particularly to the active involvement of children and young people. Longstanding partner companies also include Bedford Fleischwaren from Osnabrück and the organic food retailer Alnatura, which support projects in Latin America.

Fundraising at terre des hommes

The continuing rise in donations of past years has been linked with different fundraising drives, which contribute to financing project activity. Here terre des hommes works with service-providers. In 2021 an agency publicised project work at information stands and gained new regular donors for terre des hommes. In some cases, the agency staff were paid on a performance basis. Phoning donors to thank them and asking them to maintain their support is also carried out by an agency. In addition, there are mailings with requests for donations, and gold is collected from dental surgeries. Courts and public prosecutors also receive letters asking them to impose fines in favour of terre des hommes.

We warmly thank all donors who supported the work of terre des hommes in 2021. Together we can achieve a lot for the children of the world!

Help for future generations

The terre des hommes Foundation

The terre des hommes Foundation, established in 1998, supports children in need world-wide. It guarantees the project activity of the registered association terre des hommes e.V. by placing it on a sustainable, long-term basis.

Those who contribute to the Foundation create opportunities, new initiatives and a better future for children. Sponsorships and donations help children across the world. A donation to the association terre des hommes e.V. helps children directly; a larger contribution to the Foundation cares for the children of tomorrow and enables long-term planning of projects. With its thematic funds »trauma relief«, »clean water« and »education« the Foundation defines sustainable priorities for its financing policy.

Sponsors have individual options for contributing their assets to forward-looking projects. Whether by contributing to the Foundation, establishing their own foundation under the umbrella of the terre des hommes Foundation, making an interest-free loan or promising a bequest – the goal common to all these options is to empower children to take their future into their own hands.

Do you have any questions about our Foundation? Visit our website or speak to us directly any time at

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Income and expenditure

	2021 €	2020 €
Income from donations	19,428,345	17,943,138
Income from legacies	863,482	2,097,639
Income from third-party funds	741,669	732,966
Income from fines	185,624	582,423
Co-financing	19,733,518	18,929,859
Revenues from non-profit taxable and tax-exempt activities	204,269	206,270
Other allowances	3,963,936	5,094,414
Project support	-28,861,111	-30,327,059
Provisions	-4,873,342	-3,894,253
Expenditure for goods	-42,073	-36,637
Personnel expense	-4,983,431	-4,427,038
Depreciation of intangible assets	-147,027	-123,737
Other operational expense	-4,947,118	-3,543,484
Income from bond, interest and similar income	412,560	132,310
Depreciation of financial assets	0	-16,546
Interest and similar expenditure	-7,941	-1,123
Result of ordinary business activity	1,671,360	3,349,143
Extraordinary income	0	0
Extraordinary expenses	0	0
Taxes on income and revenues	-2,935	0
Other taxes	-355	-555
Annual net income	1,673,940	3,348,588
Withdrawal from earmarked reserves	4,231,673	2,163,086
Allocation in earmarked and free reserves	-5,905,613	-5,511,673
Accumulated equity	0	0

The income statement for 2021 shows income totalling €45,533,402 (2020: €45,719,019) and expenditure of €43,859,462 (2020: €42,370,432), leading to an annual result of €1,673,940 (2020: €3,348,588). Hence in 2021 income fell slightly by -0.41 percent and expenditure rose by 3.51 percent.

The largest share of income (50.4 percent), at €21 million, came from donations, legacies and third-party funds. In 2020 it amounted to €20.8 million.

We distinguish between earmarked and non-earmarked donation income, which can fluctuate depending on the priorities and interests of the donors. The rise in 2021 stems exclusively from the additional income from earmarked donations, which accounted for 7.2 percent. That also includes the grant from the terre des hommes Foundation of €400,000. The third-party funds (€741,669) include €471,669 from foundations abroad.

Donation income in the context of humanitarian assistance amounting to €453,444 also contains, as every year, grants from our membership in the alliance »Entwicklung Hilft«. In 2021 they totalled €309,801, which the alliance disbursed directly to terre des hommes.

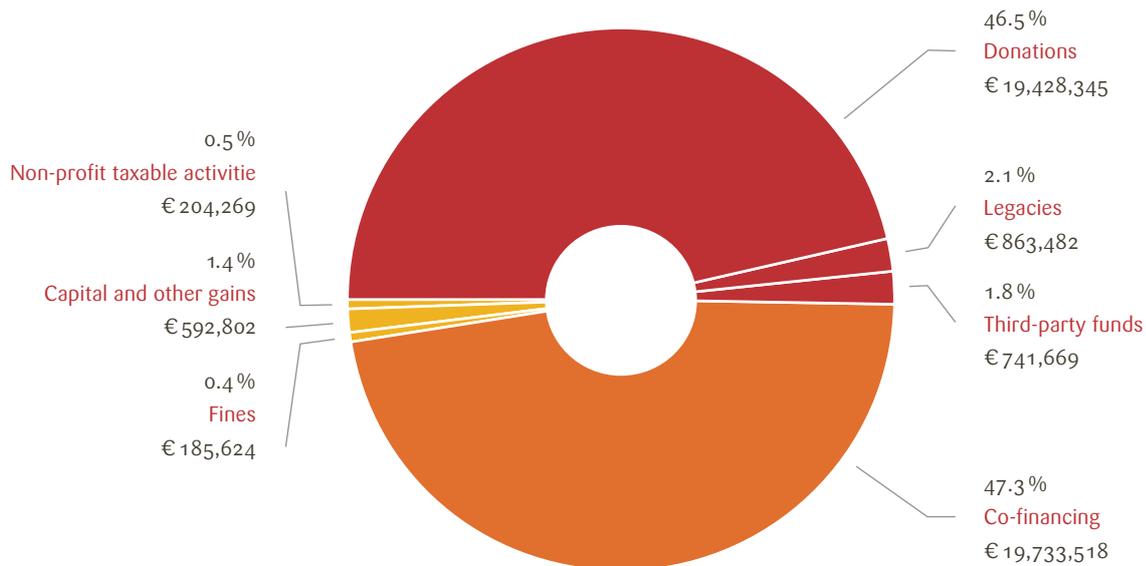
Donation income in 2021 also included legacy donations of €863,482, which were €1,234,157 less than in 2020. It is, however, pleasing that donors support our work to this extent.

* Minor differences due to roundings

Income

€ 41,749,708

All income less income from the reversal of provisions is shown here.



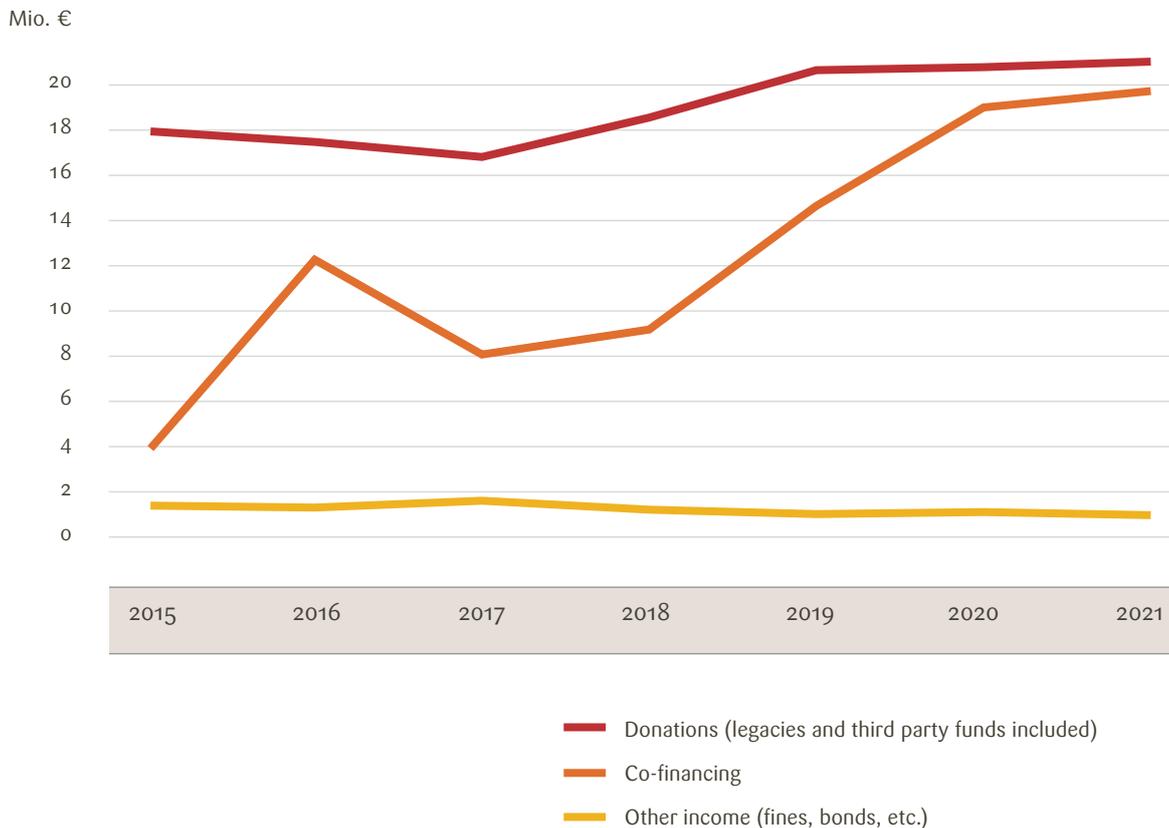
Besides donation income, the cofinanced projects guarantee an important share of terre des hommes' work. Its projects are basically cofinanced by federal ministries and local authorities. In 2021 cofinanced funding, at €19,733,518, accounted for 47.2 percent of income and was again showed an increase (2020: €18,929,859).

Smaller items in the total income are capital gains (€412,560), commercial business operations or special-purpose enterprise (€204,269), sundry operating income (€180,242) and the assigned fines (€185,624). Together they make up only 2.35 percent of income.

Besides income, in 2021 a total of €3,783,695 (2020: €4,896,000) was released from provisions (into sundry operating income) for use according to the statutes.

Detailed information on income and expenditure can be found in the respective overviews.

Development of types of income



Pay structure – Paid staff

Members of all governing bodies of the association, with the exception of the Executive Board, serve in a voluntary capacity. Only costs such as travel expenses are reimbursed on presentation of receipts. The association has an Executive Board consisting of three full-time executives, whose annual salary adds up to €273,000 (without the employer's social contributions). The figure is given as a total for privacy reasons.

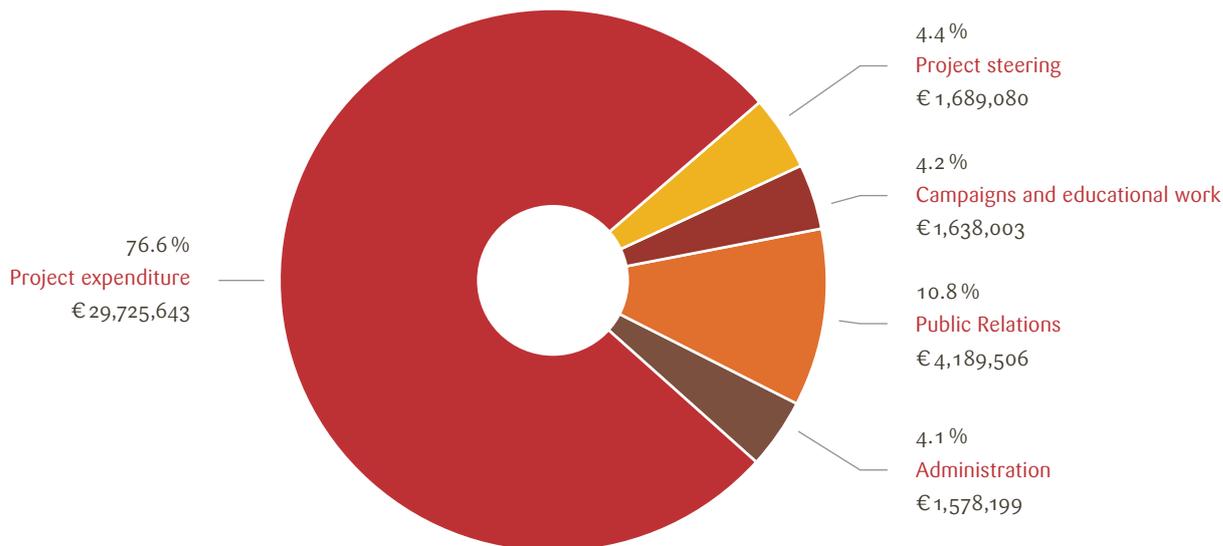
On an annual average, the head office in Germany comprises 69 full-time positions. As at 31 December 2021, terre des hommes had 83 employees.

The gross annual income of employees bound to collective agreements is made up of monthly salaries, an annual bonus, holiday allowance, capital-forming benefits and contributions to their company pension. Average incomes are: €70,000 for heads of departments, €60,000 for desk officers and €49,000 for administrative assistants. These amounts do not include the statutory employer's contribution to social insurance.

At present an additional monthly amount of €130 is paid for dependent children.

Expenditure

€ 38,820,430



This overview contains the total expenditure for 2021, without the sums placed in the provisions and reserves, in other words, money to be used in future years. It does not contain the expenditure incurred by

commercial business operations or special-purpose enterprise. The breakdown is based on the German Central Institute for Social Issues (DZI) guidelines.

Regarding expenditure, 85.1 percent was devoted to projects, project support, campaigns and educational activities. Advertising and administrative costs accounted for 14.9 percent in 2021.

From earmarked donation income, €4,873,342 (2020: €3,894,000) had to be booked to provisions for use in the following years.

The result from normal business operations was, at €1,673,940, significantly lower (2020: €3,349,000).

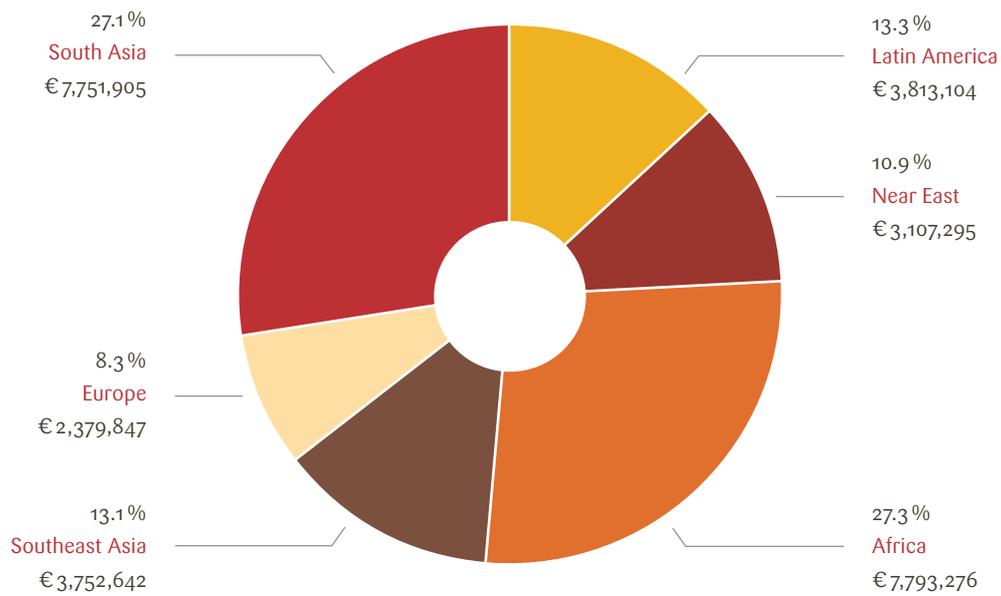
In 2021 earmarked funds of €4,232,000 were released from reserves of earlier years. Consequently €5,906,000 were booked to earmarked reserves for future activities in the years to come.

Detailed information on income and expenditure can be found in the respective overviews.

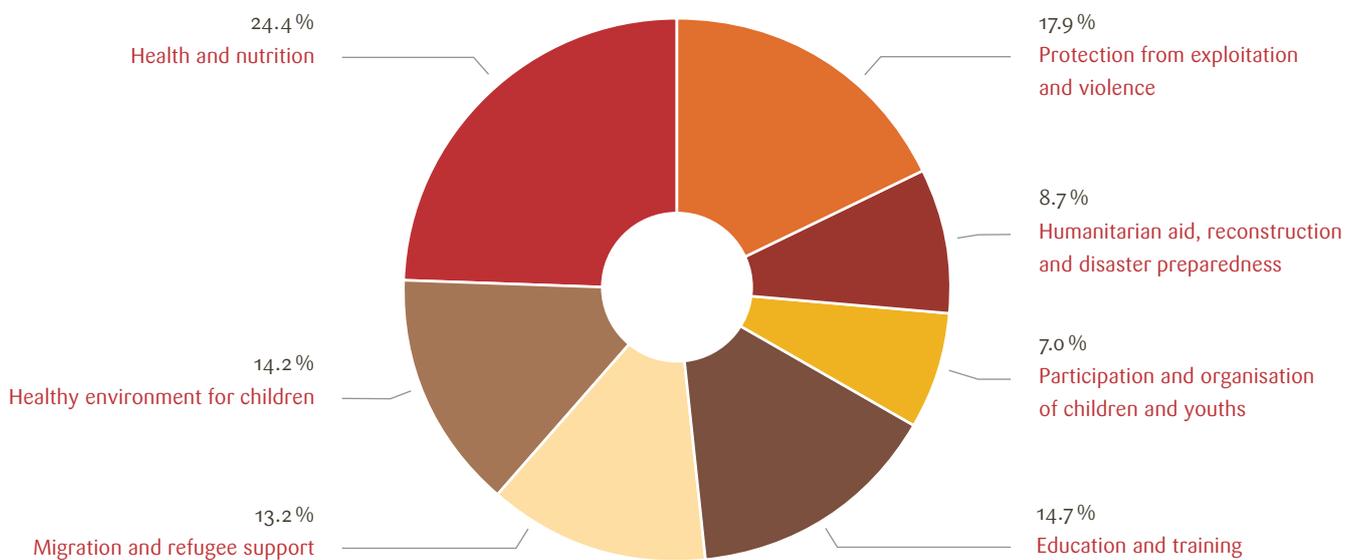
Projects in 2021

The budgets include funds for humanitarian aid.

Geographic distribution of funds



Thematic distribution of funds



Balance

	2021		2020	
	€	%	€	%
Capital assets	8,071,746	14.52	5,799,246	12.15
Intangible fixed assets	10,586	0.02	24,803	0.05
Fixed assets	653,089	1.17	668,141	1.40
Financial assets	7,408,072	13.32	5,106,303	10.70
Circulating assets	47,498,725	85.42	41,879,832	87.77
Provisions	9,332	0.02	19,247	0.04
Receivable and other fixed assets	32,049,723	57.64	26,174,157	54.85
Securities	-	-	908,693	1.90
Balance of cash	15,439,670	27.77	14,777,734	30.97
Deferral	37,014	0.07	37,715	0.08
Assets	55,607,485		47,716,793	
Equity Capital	12,945,613	23.28	11,271,673	23.62
minimum reserve for general operability	3,000,000	5.39	3,000,000	6.29
Earmarked reserves	8,645,613	15.55	7,071,673	14.82
non-earmarked reserve	1,300,000	2.34	1,200,000	2.51
Special items	2,055	0.00	10,273	0.02
Provisions	6,613,943	11.89	5,472,589	11.47
Project provisions	5,798,342	10.43	4,656,103	9.76
Tax provisions	1,166	0.00	657	0.00
Other provision	814,435	1.46	815,829	1.71
Liabilities	36,045,874	64.82	30,962,257	64.89
Deferral	0	0.00	0	0.00
Liabilities	55,607,485		47,716,793	

In 2021 the balance sheet total stood at €55,607,485 and was €7,890,892 higher than in 2020 (€47,716,793).

Assets

Invested assets rose significantly in 2021, totalling €8,071,746 compared to 2020 (€5,799,246). The changes were spread across all individual items as follows: intangible assets (-€14,000), tangible assets (-€15,000) and financial assets (+€2,301,800). The value of the intangible assets fell in 2021 from €24,803 to €10,586. Intangible assets are the association's software holdings and the film rights to the series »Children's Rights«. The development was subject to the normal write-offs. The value of tangible assets fell in 2021 from €668,141 to €653,089. The development of tangible assets was subject to the normal write-offs and new acquisitions. The securities in the category financial assets rose in 2021 through reinvestments of individual proceeds from €5,106,303 to €7,408,072. The association uses amounts that are not needed in the short term to generate non-earmarked funds through capital investments. Since 2019 this has become more and more important, due to the extended call-in of retained monies by the banks. The capital investments of terre des hommes are subject to the strict investment guidelines of the association and the Foundation.

The financial assets also contain holdings from a legacy that belong to the Foundation. In 2020 they were located under sundry assets.

In 2021 working capital rose again at €47,498,725 (2020: €41,879,900). It is broken down as follows: The value of the inventories fell in 2021 from €19,247 to €9,332. Inventories mean the stock of sales materials held by the voluntary working groups and the head office based on stocktaking as per 31 December 2021. The item receivables and other assets rose in 2021 to €32,049,723 compared to 2020 (€27,082,850). The rise stems from the increase in receivables from approvals of cofinancing approvals, as well as amounts promised from cooperation agreements and legacies. The items cash in hand, Postgiro credit balance, credit balance at banks, and expense allowances rose by €661,900 to €15,439,670 (2020: €14,780,000). Due to the special donation period around Christmas a snapshot on 31 December shows that the bank balance is always very high, influenced by the inflow of donations in that month.

Deferred items at €37,014 (2020: €37,715) indicate payments to be booked in the coming year.

Liabilities

Reserves are either earmarked or non-earmarked. The reserved funds are for use in the following years according to the statutes and according to their designation. Besides the minimum reserve for general operability amounting to €3,000,000 (2020: €3,000,000) terre des hommes has a non-earmarked reserve of €1,300,000 (2020: €1,200,000). The minimum reserve for general operability was designed to be gradually built up so that, in case of income failure, it could guarantee that the head office would keep functioning for about six months. In addition, there are various earmarked reserves for fresh procurement, new IT, building renovations and for the purposes set out in the terre des hommes statutes, to be drawn on in the coming years depending on their purpose. Taken together, the reserves rose by €1,670,000 to €12,945,613 compared to 2020.

The current value of a vehicle that was donated to terre des hommes is found in special items for grants.

Provisions are used to guarantee payments due in subsequent years, to secure against future risks or for earmarked donations that could not be spent in the appropriate year. Provisions in 2021 were worth €6,613,943 compared to €5,472,589 in 2020 and thereby rose by €1,141,400. Tax provisions indicate tax payments for coming years that are known at the end of the year. Such a payment obligation as per 31 December 2021 amounted to €1,166 (2020: €657). Sundry provisions amounting to €6,612,777 (2020: €5,471,900) consist of funds put aside for earmarked donations (€5,798,342) and €814,435 put aside for remaining obligations, e.g. legacy risks, staff, repayments.

Liabilities mean firm commitments that derive from contracts or invoices and are still outstanding. At €36,045,874, liabilities were €5,084,000 higher than in 2020. The main liabilities were towards project partners for current projects worth €34,101,118. In 2021 they rose clearly due to many new projects (2020: €29,360,605). Since 2010 all contractually agreed obligations towards partner projects have been booked as liabilities. Fluctuations with this item arise, above all, when many agreements have been concluded with project partners. This booking of the full contractual sum when concluding the contract guarantees our partners their contractually agreed money, even if terre des hommes should suffer a massive fall in income at the same time.

Sundry liabilities also include liabilities from deliveries and services amounting to €462,626 along with sundry liabilities from taxes and social security totalling €63,349. Both fluctuate very little towards the end of the year and are mostly already settled at the end of the following January. Here there is also a liability towards the Foundation of €908,700 in holdings awaiting transferral. Under liabilities is a long-standing donor loan of €115,041, which can be cancelled at short notice.

The complete breakdown of liabilities is set out in the liabilities table.

Deferred items describe expenditure incurred in the previous year that is not paid until the next year.

Breakdown of liabilities

	2021-12-31 €	1st year €	2nd year €	> 5 years €
Liabilities from supplies and services	462,626	462,626	0	0
Liabilities to project partners	34,101,118	18,532,419	15,568,699	0
Donators' loans	115,041	115,041	0	0
Liabilities to cred institutions	0	0	0	0
Other liabilities	1,367,089	1,367,089	0	0
Total	36,045,874	20,477,174	15,568,699	0



»We want to know, what effect did it have?«

Interview with Sonja Ende, »Strategy, Quality and Impact« management unit



What is a good project? How do you know whether the planning has been implemented effectively and the set goals reached? At terre des homes, Sonja Ende looks after the wording and implementation of quality standards for the planning, execution and evaluation of projects.

Sonja, how can you measure the impact of a project?

When it comes to measuring the impact, we don't just want to find out what was done in a project. Above all, we want to know what effect it had. How did it influence the lives of children, young people or communities? To be able to measure that, we have to ask ourselves right at the planning stage, What do I want to achieve? Mostly we start with an environmental analysis. We talk to the partner organisations and the people on the ground and establish the needs. For each project we design an »impact matrix«. That sets out the project goals and indicators by which to measure the goals.

What does such an indicator look like?

If, for example, the goal is to improve the educational situation in a village where 50 percent of the residents are illiterate, one indicator would be that, after two years of project activity, 80 percent of the village population can read and write. We don't operate only with quantitative methods though, but also with a qualitative approach, e.g. with case studies. That is because some of our project goals only allow for very limited quantitative assessment.

What happens if a project doesn't have the desired impact?

The partner organisations and local terre des homes staff record the progress achieved during the project life cycle and draw up reports on it. That way the project can be adapted if it turns out to be less effective than planned.

Life teaches us that not all outcomes and impacts can be planned ...

That is correct. Frequently the circumstances change and a project has to be adapted. For example, the Covid pandemic changed our way of working in most projects. Naturally we want to rule out negative effects of our activity. Sometimes, however, there are also unplanned positive outcomes. We try to keep building on them. In the next planning stage we can then focus on them fully.

How can you plan the impact of supporting, e.g. a youth or women's group? After all, they are supposed to decide for themselves what is important to them ...

We have to be flexible. If, for instance, we support a youth group that is meant to counteract drug consumption, but during the project life cycle there is a big rubbish problem in the village and the group now focuses on protesting to the administration about the lack of waste collection services, it would be stupid if we didn't support such unplanned outcomes just because they are not mentioned in the project application. The stakeholders themselves are the experts in their own area of life. They are the best judges of what helps them and what does not. But with our projects we can create space where these ideas can be born.

Current evaluations: www.tdh.de/evaluierungen

Quality assurance, monitoring, transparency

DZI-donation seal

The German Central Institute for Social Issues (DZI) awards its donation seal annually to terre des hommes and thereby certifies its economic use of donations in accordance with its statutes. The donation seal is a sign that the seriousness of the organisation has been carefully examined, and that it is worthy of receiving donations. The registered association terre des hommes Germany has received it regularly since 1992.



Auditing

The annual financial statement is presented each year to a firm of auditors. The latest auditing was carried out in April 2020 by FIDES Treuhand GmbH & Co. KG Wirtschaftsprüfungsgesellschaft, Steuerberatungsgesellschaft, which is based in Osnabrück. The annual financial statement was unconditionally endorsed on 9 May 2021.

Association Management

The association terre des hommes Deutschland e.V. has a full-time Executive Board consisting of three members, each one responsible for their own division. A Presidium elected by the Annual General Meeting, consisting of five voluntary members of the association, supervises the work of the Executive Board.

Memberships

terre des hommes cooperates with other organisations in different coalitions and networks and is a member of professional associations. These include the Alliance »Entwicklung Hilft« (development works), the International Federation Terre des Hommes and VENRO, the umbrella organisation of German development and humanitarian NGOs. For a full list see:

www.tdh.de/wer-wir-sind/transparenz

**Bündnis
Entwicklung Hilft**



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Rapid aid in the event of a disaster:
after Typhoon Rai in the Philippines, Bündnis
Entwicklung Hilft appealed for donations



Collecting rubbish on the lakeshore: Ingrid Mendonça, head of the terre des hommes South Asia office, lends a hand during her project visit

Financial and quality control

Each financial year a budget is drawn up and approved by the Presidium. The budget must be respected and actual and target figures are continually compared. Once a year there may be a supplementary budget to adjust the figures, if necessary. During the financial control, the accounting figures are processed, commented on and assessed. On the other hand, the examination of projects in the regions is guaranteed. The examination is both financial and substantive. The regularity and content of these examinations is determined, but they can be adjusted to current needs at a given time. A firm component is also the auditing reports of foreign auditors in the project regions. In India all the projects are examined by auditors, in other regions this job is commissioned and there is random sampling. With cofinanced projects – in addition to the annual audit – the subsidising institution audits the annual financial statement as well.

Evaluations and programme analysis

terre des hommes generally implements the projects it funds in cooperation with local partner organisations, and here supports the practicalities of the work and the documenting of the project outcomes. The partner organisations are advised on implementation by terre des hommes experts. The results are checked and documented at the local level. In the case of large projects or special matters, external

evaluations and programme analyses supplement the impact monitoring by terre des hommes staff. These may apply specific expertise and new angles to the work. Evaluations have a more strongly checking and assessing character, while programme analyses are meant to provide a systematic overall picture and, above all, develop the operating method.

terre des hommes distinguishes different forms of evaluation. Formative evaluations are carried out during the project and are useful for advisory and improvement purposes. Final evaluations concentrate on the outcomes. Ex-post evaluations are carried out after the project is concluded and are meant to show whether the outcomes can be seen after it is over, or even have a comprehensive impact on society. The content of an evaluation is the analysis of the problem and the context, the quality of planning and implementation, the methods used to reach the project goal, and the impacts. Common to all these forms of evaluation is the interest in learning both from good experiences and from mistakes, and making the knowledge thus gained available to others. terre des hommes strives to conduct exemplary evaluations for all project regions and all relevant fields of work.

Selected evaluations are also published on the website of terre des hommes: www.tdh.de/evaluierungen

Internal auditing

Once a year the internal auditors of the association audit the divisions and departments in the head office. The two auditors are elected by the association members at the annual general meeting and they work in an honorary capacity. They set their own priorities themselves every year.

Sustainability

terre des hommes is guided by the German Sustainability Code DNK, the voluntary transparent standard for reporting on sustainability aspects. In the DNK declaration, terre des hommes reports on its sustainability performance.



Environmental certification

In order to continuously improve its environmental performance, terre des hommes has implemented an environmental management system. This is regularly audited by an environmental auditor. terre des hommes is certified according to EMAS (Eco-Management and Audit Scheme) and »Zukunft einkaufen«.

www.tdh.de/umwelterklaerung



Climate Collection

terre des hommes offsets the unavoidable mobility-related emissions of staff members' business trips through the Climate Collection. The compensation is made through climate protection projects of non-governmental organisations or their partners in developing and emerging countries. All projects are in the areas of renewable energies and energy efficiency and save greenhouse gases.



Data protection

terre des hommes consistently implements the requirements of the European General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). terre des hommes has an external data protection officer whose task is to provide information and advice, monitor compliance with the GDPR and cooperate with the supervisory authority. The office has a data protection coordinator and data protection spokespersons in the departments who serve as an interface to the external data protection officer and the employees and ensure compliance with the data protection regulations.

Service provider

In the area of public relations and fundraising, terre des hommes mainly works with the following service providers: Agentur Hanspeter Billeter, AKB Fundraisingberatung, AZ fundraising Services GmbH & Co. KG, BonAureus GmbH, Deutscher Spendenhilfsdienst, Die Werberei, direct Gesellschaft für Direktmarketing mbH, kipp-concept GmbH, Scholz Versand Service OHG, sec Kommunikation und Gestaltung, Super an der Spree, and WIGWAM.

Child Safeguarding

In all work situations, terre des hommes has undertaken to be alert to all forms of child rights violations, particularly to violence against children, and to react immediately in case of suspicion. Standards were developed for this purpose and compiled in a child safeguarding policy containing all the necessary guides, rules for behaviour, statements of commitment and codes of conduct. They apply both to the registered association and head office in Germany and also to our country offices and international partner organisations. New staff at the head office they are required to present a police clearance. Visitors to terre des hommes projects first sign a code of conduct committing them to the principles of the child safeguarding policy. Every terre des hommes programme region, as well as our head office in Osnabrück, has a child safeguarding officer (focal point) and a child safeguarding committee

to receive tip-offs and reports, and to coordinate all necessary steps for prevention and handling cases of suspicion. In order to ensure that children in the projects enjoy a high degree of safety, the staff in the terre des hommes partner organisations receive in-service training in child safeguarding standards and support in implementing the policy. terre des hommes has designed an online introductory course on the topic of child safeguarding and created a child-friendly version of the safeguarding policy for children involved in our projects.

terre des hommes received a child safeguarding certificate for its safeguarding policy from the independent non-governmental organisation »Keeping Children Safe«, confirming that terre des hommes upholds child safeguarding standards worldwide.

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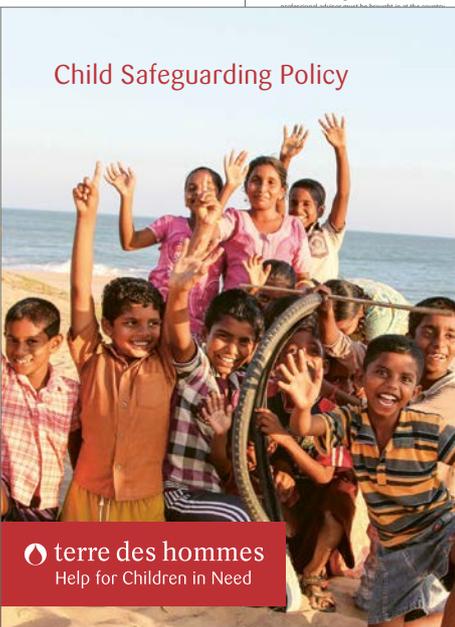
"The dignity of children shall be inviolable." Maria Aichner, terre des hommes ambassador, and Claudia Becker, programme coordination officer for Africa, visit a project in Zimbabwe

Every international terre des hommes regional office must set up a regional child safeguarding committee consisting of at least three regional staff with different nationalities and genders. In addition, an external professional advisor must be appointed to the committee.

terre des hommes for at least three years; and guaranteeing a degree of accessibility appropriate to the function. The mandated volunteers serve as multipliers and take "institutional child safeguarding" into the association, thereby raising awareness of the issue. In addition, they give information about their function and the relevant rules of the association on child safeguarding and are contact persons for the members of the association when they have questions about safeguarding in general or about a specific incident that might point to a safeguarding case. The mandated volunteers give advice and support, and may initiate further steps. They report to the Presidents and meet with the CSC at the head office at least once a year.

terre des hommes' external professional advisor for child safeguarding is available to advise the mandated volunteers.

Child Safeguarding Policy



Regional CSC

Focal Point in regional office

Focal Point at head office

Focal Point of TSHF member organizations / job staff in project country

External professional advisor

Focal Point in partner organisation

External professional advisor

International federation

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...office; the elected member of staff advised mandated volunteers for child

Suspicion is justified

...o the Focal Point at head office

...ing form is forwarded to the Focal Point at head in the regions and from Germany, within 48 hours it forwarded from the regions to the regional y; and the safeguarding representative in the es division

...one Board member is under suspicion, the member responsible for child safeguarding is in well

...head office deliberate the case investigation and suspension is initiated, as the Board member with responsibility is informed

Follow-up on the case

- An external investigation is initiated, as required
- The case is reported to law enforcement authorities
- There are internal sanctions (disciplinary measures, employment law consequences)

Final documentation and archiving of the case; the persons involved are informed

Reporting form

Supportive action for the child

Psychological and medical care

Rehabilitation of the child

Safe environment



CSC = Child Safeguarding Committee

Terre des Hommes International Federation

terre des hommes is a member of an international federation

terre des hommes Deutschland e.V. is a member of the Terre des Hommes International Federation (TDHIF), based in Geneva. It has nine member sections (see chart). With a total budget of 202 million euros for all member organisations, 790 projects are supported worldwide, reaching approximately eight million children.

The Federation has consultative status in United Nations organisations such as UNICEF, the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), the International Labour Organisation (ILO) and the International Organisation for Migration (IOM).

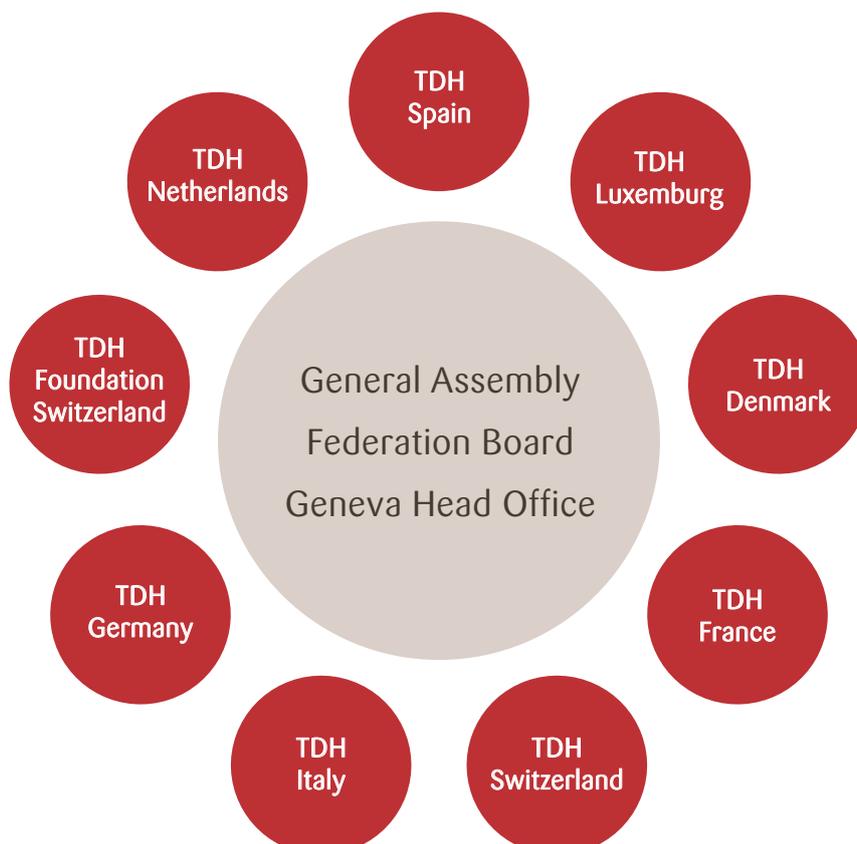
As an advocate for children's rights, the Federation cooperates with international alliances such as »Joining Forces«, an association of the six largest international children's rights organisations. In addition to terre des hommes, these include the organisations ChildFund, Plan International, Save the Children, SOS Children's Villages and World Vision.

The declared aim of Joining Forces is to »use collective power to secure (...) children's rights and end violence against them«. The cooperation strengthens the possi-

bilities of influence vis-à-vis governments and international institutions in order to give more weight to the voice of children.

Although the individual Federation members are active in different regions, the strategic goals and project strategies are discussed jointly. This also applies to campaigns and joint lobbying at the EU and the United Nations, for example, when it comes to initiatives to fight exploitative child labour vis-à-vis the International Labour Organisation. Humanitarian relief operations in the event of disasters are also jointly coordinated and agreed upon by the members.

The consequences of the pandemic continue to have profound implications for the work of the Federation members. In many countries, project work is severely limited due to contact restrictions. The consequences of the Ukraine war will also have a strong impact on the work. Like terre des hommes Germany, other Federation members have also launched aid measures for the victims of the war. One focus is on supporting refugees and their children, and specifically on helping traumatised children.



How terre des hommes works

The organisation structure of terre des hommes

terre des hommes Germany is an international children's aid agency and as citizens' group independent of government, business, religious communities, and political parties. The legal form of terre des hommes is the »registered association«.

Delegates' Conference



The delegates' conference is held every 5 years. It decides on the strategic guidelines of the international work. Entitled to vote are the elected representatives of the partner organisations and the International Youth Network, the voluntary groups as well as employees of the head office.

General Meeting

The terre des hommes members come together every year at a general meeting. It is the highest body. Every 3 years the general meeting elect the members of the presidium and every 2 years appoint the internal auditors. Their task is to review the economic management to ascertain whether the legal requirements and the statutes of the association and that the income and expenditure are justified and documented.

The Presidium



Head Office

The head office of terre des hommes in Osnabrück is divided into three parts: The programmes division is responsible for the international project work. The regional offices also fall under its responsibility. The communication division is responsible for public relations, fundraising and supporting the volunteer work. Accounting, controlling, human resource and general services come under the administration division.

Board

Finance, Administration and Staff Management

Ursula Gille-Boussahia

Finance department and quality control desk

General services

Human resource department

members



Internal Auditors

Klaus Peter Lohest, Helmut Reichmann

Ombudsperson



The Presidium is a voluntary body and functions as supervisory board. It decides on the strategic and business policy of terre des hommes, monitors the executive board and represents the organisation in the public.

Members of the Presidium: (l. to r.): Justus Schömann (Deputy Chairperson), Robert Kissling, Iris Blumenröhr, Lea Christmann, Regina Hewer (Chairperson), Marla Mies.

Anyone who wants to make a complaint to terre des hommes, can address the ombudsperson if other possibilities of lodging a complaint have proved to not being sufficient. The ombudsperson is neutral, independent and works voluntarily.

Since March 2015 the lawyer Stephan Konrad is terre des hommes' ombudsperson.



The full-time executive board runs the business of the organisation. It is in charge of the head office in Germany as well as the international offices in the project countries and is responsible for the implementation of the strategic policy. The board consists of three persons with specific areas of responsibility. The spokesperson represents terre des hommes in public.

Members of the current board:
Beat Wehrle, Ursula Gille-Boussahia and Joshua Hofert.

International Programmes | Spokesperson

Beat Wehrle

Programmes and policy department

RCo-financing department

Migration and refugee support/ humanitarian aid

Regional offices

- Latin America
- Southeast Asia
- South Asia
- Africa

Communication

Joshua Hofert

Public relations department

Fundraising department



Public relations highlights violation of children's rights

terre des hommes reaches out to the general public to support projects. Besides directly helping children in need, terre des hommes pursues the goal enshrined in its statutes to provide information about the causes of hardship and injustice.

Public relations are an important instrument for this. In 2021, too, terre des hommes news appeared in many print media, on radio and TV, and in social media like Facebook, Twitter und Instagram.

»Kompass 2021«: Federal government must focus on combating hunger and on child rights

In May 2021, Welthungerhilfe and terre published the report »Kompass - Zur Wirklichkeit der Entwicklungspolitik«. The report analyses the reality of German development policy towards the Global South and makes recommendations from the angle of the two organisations. It points out that climate change, wars and economic shocks as a consequence of the Covid pandemic have led to severe setbacks in the fight against hunger and poverty. Against this background, they appeal to the new German federal government to focus on fighting hunger and prioritising child rights when allocating resources.

The Covid pandemic has once again shown the importance of social security systems and investments in health and food security. Women and children are particularly hard hit, and in some regions even threatened by starvation. Many children have to work due to the pandemic and cannot go to school. The reports

highlights the need for vaccines and oxygen equipment to fight the pandemic. terre des hommes also calls for a situation where the scientific findings on fighting Covid during the pandemic are not allowed to be confined to the rich countries, but must be considered a common good in the spirit of humanity and made available to the public at large.

Abolition of the »AnkER centres«

On 20 September, World Children's Day, terre des hommes called on the German government to abolish what are called »AnkER centres« (for arrival, decision and return of refugees), as they violate the rights of children and their families. It said that the time spent in reception centres must be shortened to a maximum of four weeks and refugees should be accommodated in private housing as fast as possible. The cramped quarters in the centres, having to witness violence and deportations, and the lack of privacy and educational opportunities contradict, according to terre des hommes,

the children's rights laid down in the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child. Instead, it argued, there must be a fair asylum procedure and equal rights for all children living in Germany. The statement was supported by PRO ASYL, Jugendliche ohne Grenzen, the refugee councils of the federal states and 100 more organisations. In parallel to the publication, protest actions took place in many different cities under the heading »No place for children«, in which many terre des hommes volunteers took part.

A successful campaign: over 140,000 signatures for the right to a healthy environment

In September, terre des hommes was able to present over 140,000 signatures for children's right to a healthy environment to David Boyd, US Special Rapporteur for Human Rights and Environmental Protection. Worldwide, via social media, 65 million people supported the campaign »My Planet My Rights« and signed the petition to the UN Commission on Human Rights. The signatures collected in this way mainly came from terre des hommes' nearly 40 project countries and came mainly from teenagers and young adults. Several UN member states have announced their intention to support the initiative. terre des hommes is now coordinating a UN mandate to clarify the rather vague statements in the Convention on the Rights of the Child on children's rights to a healthy environment. The final draft is then to be submitted to the UN General Assembly for approval and ratified by the member states.

Calls for help from Afghanistan

The pictures spread around the world – thousands of people scrambling unsuccessfully to get a free place in the last evacuation flights out of Kabul in mid-August 2021, after the Taliban had seized power in Afghanistan. Accordingly, terre des hommes – together with other associations and organisations – appealed to the German government not to abandon people whose lives were in acute danger through the Taliban. At that point in time, thousands of women's rights defenders, human rights activists and staff of aid organisations in Afghanistan were stranded – including terre des hommes co-workers from projects that had protected girls from forced marriages and enabled them to enjoy educational opportunities, with training and an income.

The appeal urged the German government to enable a non-bureaucratic and realistic increase in visas for especially threatened individuals and their families, to honestly advocate for their safe departure and to allow families to follow. In spite of the government's hesitant attitude, terre des hommes, together with Luftbrücke Afghanistan and other initiatives succeeded in the following months in bringing 23 project staff members and 45 family members safely to Germany.



»My Planet My Rights«: terre des hommes carried out the international campaign in almost 40 countries

»We are all learners and teachers at the same time«

Interview with Beat Wehrle, Executive Board member responsible for Programmes, on challenges and future prospects

Covid Pandemic, war in Europe, climate change and environmental degradation – the world is in crisis mode and the challenges for a children's rights organisation are great. In the interview, Beat Wehrle explains how terre des hommes deals with them.



Beat, children's rights are more under threat than ever before. The Covid pandemic has ruined many successes, policy-makers have no answers to the climate crisis, wars are killing, injuring and traumatising children. Isn't that frustrating?

It is frustrating, but we don't let ourselves get frustrated. Giving up is no alternative. What do they say in the Global South? We can't afford the luxury of hopelessness. We stay loyal to our logo, the drop that wears away the stone, and keep on doing our bit. When we see what a great difference our work makes, the frustration blows away.

What impact are the developments having on the work of terre des hommes?

We reacted very quickly to the pandemic, but it has far-reaching consequences – for example, in the field of education. Closing schools created a huge gap. We also talk about »social long Covid«. In our projects we try to cushion that. Then funds are lacking in other fields.

terre des hommes is active in many different areas.

Do you see that as a strength or would you like to focus the work more?

A certain degree of diversity is a strength. But we have a realistic self-perception with respect to our size. If we try to do too many things we are less effective. If we work our way into a focal theme, build up project activity around it and keep policy work in mind, we can be very successful at both the project and the political level. For that reason we have to pool our forces – around our strategic goals, which we regularly update.

How are these goals decided?

We decide on them together with the volunteers, the organs of the association, the staff, the local partner organisations and the international youth network. At present we are in the process of preparing for the next Delegates Conference, to take place in 2023. It is the expression of our partnership-based cooperation. We never decide our priorities in an office here in Osnabrück.

Where do you see the special strengths of terre des hommes?

We have found a good way forward with our partner dialogue and have to keep going down that road. After all, international cooperation has to remain a quest. In the words of liberation educationist Paulo Freire, we are all learners and teachers at the same time. The participation of children and young people is another strength: they have a huge potential for change. Thirdly, we have accumulated a respectable amount of expertise in many thematic areas.

How do you convince people to donate to terre des hommes?

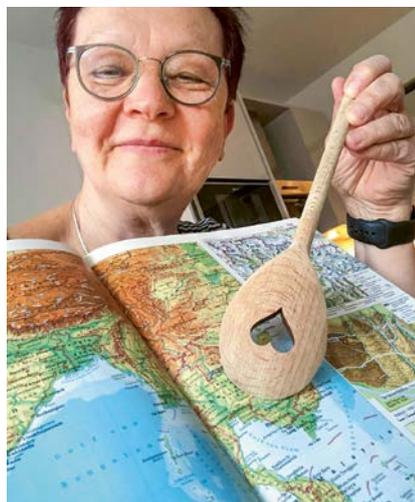
I tell them about my experiences, about the energy and hope of the children in our projects. In spite of different contexts, changes are possible and do take place. We're close to the reality of our projects, which makes us trustworthy. We walk hand in hand with our partner organisations – hence with the networks of local civil societies as well. We do really good project work. Yet we don't rest on our laurels but are always self-critical and keep developing our approach.

Volunteering in Covid Times

Creative ideas from vigils to virtual world trips

1,630 members and active volunteers joined with terre des hommes in 2021 to work for children in need. Volunteering for terre des hommes has many different facets: the volunteers get together in one of the 79 local groups or in one of the five regional theme groups, or they operate on their own. Last year, too, was marked by the pandemic.

Due to the respective Covid restrictions, many activities could not be carried out as usual, or only to a limited degree. Yet our activists found creative local solutions. The usual information stands were transformed into demonstrations and vigils or simply shifted into the digital sphere. Here are a few of the highlights among these special activities.



Ready for take-off: one of the initiators, Hildegard Höhfeld-Kalter from the terre des hommes group in Cologne, shows where the culinary world tour is going

»Stopover« in South Africa: an exciting mix of project information and typical country dishes awaited the digital travel group on four stages



Take-off on a culinary world trip

desire to travel: they issued an invitation to a digital culinary world trip. Invitees were individuals who wanted to take a virtual look over the edge of their plates. The first stopover was in Peru at the beginning of the year. On the menu were Peruvian dishes and information from terre des hommes projects. About 100 participants from all over Germany were able to peep into local kitchens and saucepans on this special journey, expertly accompanied by cooks and tour guides. The fragrance of special spices wafted past the travellers a total of three times in faraway countries and once near their doorstep, garnished with up-to-date terre des hommes project briefings from Thailand, South Africa and Germany. That was a fantastic publicity drive, the next episode being scheduled for Vietnam and Indonesia!





Demonstration in Garzweiler: the terre des hommes group Neuss-Düsseldorf

Thank you for your great commitment to children in need

Street Actions for the Children's Right to a Healthy Environment

Many of our Germany-wide local terre des hommes groups took to the streets to put across the meaning of children's right to a healthy environment. They raised the awareness of pedestrians in passing for this important right of children worldwide. There were plenty of occasions to do so. Whether in parallel to the meeting of the UN Human Rights Council in March, on Earth Day in April and World Environment Day in June, at many Fridays for Future demonstrations, or shortly before handing over the petition in September – vigils and demonstrations were held and action stands mounted in many places. Those who wished to support our call for an internationally recognised child's right to a healthy environment signed the petition of our campaign »My Planet My Rights« on the spot.

For the right to a healthy environment: action by the terre des hommes group Bonn



No place for children: Abolish »AnKER centres«!

terre des hommes got involved in the German federal election campaign in 2021. Our activists called for the abolition of »AnKER centres« and reception facilities. They are no place for children, also no place for adult refugees. Children need space to play and learn, which they don't find in »AnKER centres«. Our supporters caused a sensation with their actions focusing on this message.

* Centre for Arrival, Decision, Repatriation



Clear protest: terre des hommes groups, for example in Bonn, Hamburg, Paderborn and Heidelberg, set an example against »AnKER centres«

Vigils against children's rights violations

At the Polish-Belarussian border refugee children and adults suffered chills, hunger and exhaustion. In downtown Hanover our young activists protested vocally against this violation of children's rights at the external borders of the European Union.

Together with the initiative »Our Oberberg is bright, not brown« the Oberberg terre des hommes group drew attention in Gummersbach to the situation of refugees in camps. For the activists, the vigil meant only a few hours in the cold; for the refugee children it is lasting, bitter reality to have to put up with icy temperatures in tents. terre des hommes and other initiatives advocate politically to enable refugee children and their families to lead dignified lives.

Active involvement on Instagram!

Follow us on Instagram and stay informed on how our active members stand up for children in need!





Give some time to children in need – why don't you join in?

There are many ways to do your bit at terre des hommes. With your own ideas, individually or together in one of the nation-wide terre des hommes groups.



In Germany, approx. 1,600 members in 2020 got involved in voluntary work with terre des hommes for children in need – in one of the nation-wide 82 local terre des hommes groups or transregional theme groups, and also as individuals.

All engagement that comes from the heart and stands up for children's rights is welcome. Let us know if you have any questions.

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»I am happy to be active as an ambassador for terre des hommes. I would like to help ensure that children and young people everywhere in the world can grow up in a healthy and liveable environment.«

Bernhard Hoëcker, comedian, presenter, actor and terre des hommes ambassador since October 2019

Du bewegst mehr als Du gibst

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