

Annual report 2020

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2020 has been a special year in many instances. First with the COVID-19 pandemic which is causing so much suffering around the world and reversing decades of progress for children. The pandemic had a considerable impact on our programmes and functioning in a way that we had to reinvent ourselves.

Equipped with our sincere belief that we can build back a better world for and with children, Terre des Hommes has continued to address the challenges of pandemic, poverty, inequalities and violence through our 793 projects run in 70 different countries. As our combat to realise children's rights is permanent we are now also actively working on the new Terre des Hommes International Federation Strategy which should be achieved by the end of 2021. Our vision is a world where children can live their childhood, young people are empowered and their communities are fully engaged.

As child participation is central to our work we have endeavoured to support children in raising their voices through the #CovidUnder19 initiative launched by Terre des Hommes in partnership with several other organisations. More than 26,000 children and young people worldwide responded to the survey about the consequences of the pandemic on their lives. Our "Dialogue Works" campaign was also launched in 2020 and aims at giving a voice to working children. Both initiatives are opening spaces for children to participate in local to global political debates and events to express their experiences, challenges and recommendations to political stakeholders in their own words.

At the European Union level, Terre des Hommes has actively participated in the drafting of the new Strategy on the Rights of the Child. Terre des Hommes is also keen to work in partnership with other organisations pursuing same aims and is an active member of Joining Forces, an alliance of six large child focussed international agencies working with and for children to secure their rights and end violence against them. In 2020 we also had to say goodbye to our Secretary General, Delphine Moralis, to whom we wish all and every success in her future endeavours.

This Annual Report offers only a glimpse of all the realisations of Terre des Hommes in a year. They would not have occurred without your support and we warmly thank you, all our donors, supporters, partners, volunteers and staff for your long-term and determinate dedication. You have enabled us to continue to improve the life perspectives of children of the world and empower some of them to make their aspirations come true.

Foreword by

Franziska Lauper
Chair of the Federation
&
Eylah Kadjar
Secretary General ad Interim



About Terre des Hommes

Terre des Hommes has been working to guarantee every child has a safe and enjoyable childhood, every young person feels empowered and every community we work with is engaged in our work since 1960. Together with children themselves, we fight to ensure that child rights are respected in full, to protect children from harm and to influence any political agenda or strategy that affects children and young people – from the smallest local authority to the largest intergovernmental institution.

Terre des Hommes strives to guarantee every child worldwide can enjoy the childhood they are entitled to. We empower children and young people to actively shape the societies they live in, and to inspire sustainable, systemic change which puts their needs first. We involve all the relevant actors in the solutions we seek – from parents and carers to the highest officials. By mobilising partners, expertise and resources we create environments where children thrive, and we are constantly increasing our capacity to protect children and defend their rights everywhere.

Terre des Hommes has consultative/observer status with the UN Economic and Social Council, UNICEF, the ILO, the IOM, the Council of Europe and The African Committee of Experts on the Rights and Welfare of the Child. It is registered as a recognised Civil Society Organisation engaging in policy and programme work with European Union institutions. It is thus in a position to act at the heart of the crucial global decision-making which affects children.

“For every child, a childhood.

Every young person empowered.

Every community engaged.”



Our Mission

"For every child, a childhood. Every young person empowered. Every community engaged."

It is our **mission** to make this vision a reality.

To achieve this, at Terre des Hommes:

We fight

- to ensure that child rights are put into practice;
- to protect children from harm, even in the most difficult circumstances;
- to influence agendas and strategies that affect children and youth at all levels.

We strive

- to give children access to the childhood they're entitled to;
- to empower children and youth to actively shape societies, structures and mindsets;
- to achieve sustainable system change for children.

We mobilise

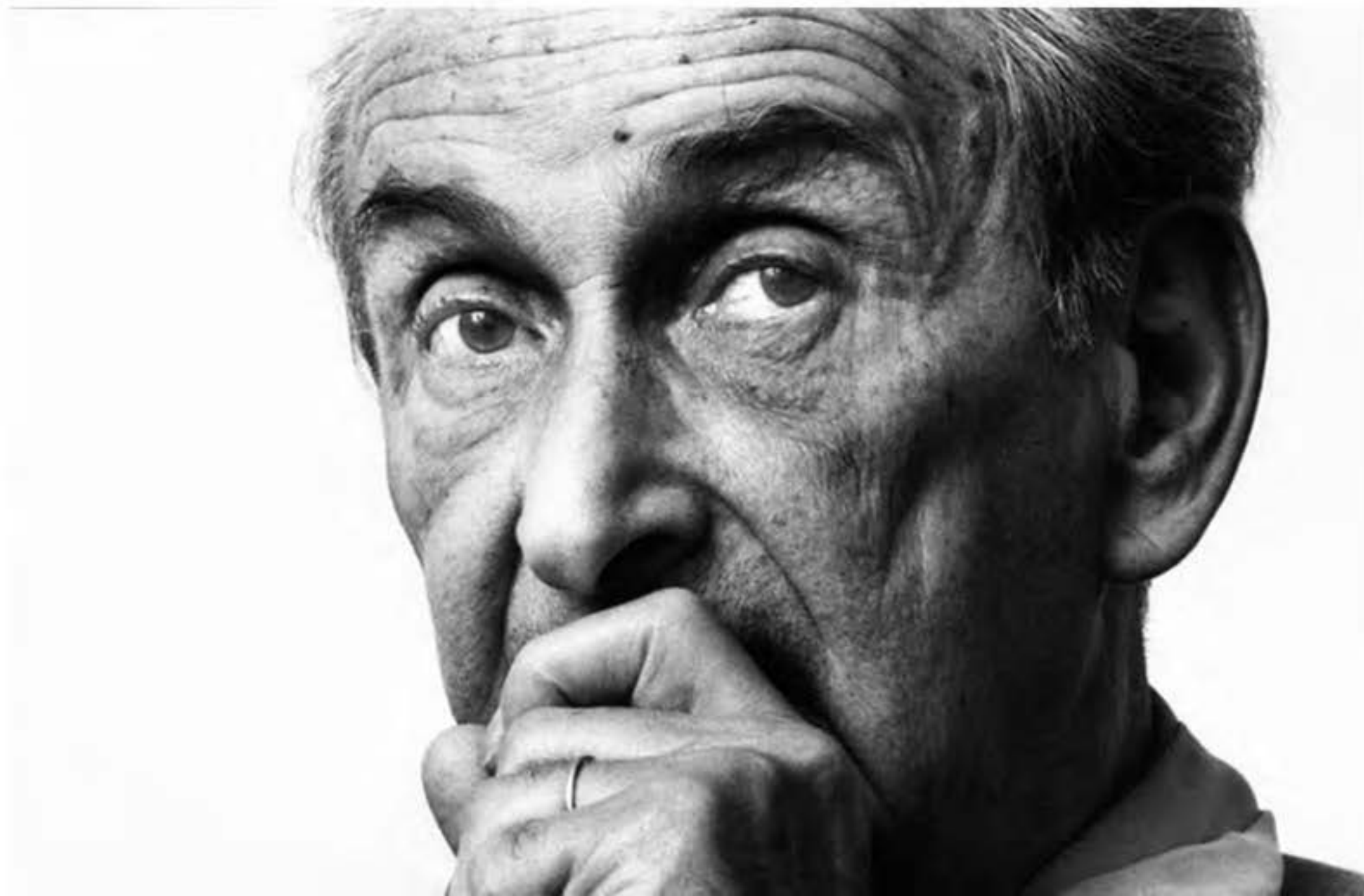
- to involve all relevant actors, from local to global, in the solutions we seek;
- to engage partners, expertise and resources in creating environments in which children thrive;
- to build capacity for the protection of children and the implementation of their rights.

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The History

The Terre des Hommes movement was started in 1960 by Edmond Kaiser, a Swiss-French citizen who was so appalled by the conditions children were enduring in refugee camps during the 1960 Algerian conflict that he dedicated the rest of his life to helping children in need. The movement quickly expanded to other countries and in 1966 the Terre des Hommes International Federation was formed. The Terre des Hommes International Federation is now a network of nine organisations with headquarters in Denmark, France, Germany, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Spain and Switzerland (where we have two organisations – Terre des Hommes Switzerland and the Terre des Hommes Foundation in Lausanne).



Our commitment to accountability and to *Keeping Children Safe*

Terre des Hommes is accountable to its stakeholders for delivering quality work and monitoring its impact, for working in respectful partnership to achieve shared goals and for ensuring that funds are spent in an efficient way in line with human rights standards. In 2013, Terre des Hommes signed up to the civil society organisation accountability charter [Accountable Now](#). We submitted our 2019 Accountability Report in 2020.

Terre des Hommes is committed to guaranteeing our staff, operations and programmes do no harm to children and that any concerns about children's safety are reported. Terre des Hommes developed a [video](#) explaining how Terre des Hommes creates an institutional working culture that keeps the children we work with safe.

In 2016, we were awarded Level 1 certification for safeguarding children by the global [Keeping Children Safe network](#), the certification has been renewed in 2020.

Terre des Hommes aims to meet the highest standards in preventing bullying, harassment, fraud and any other professional misconduct, with all staff encouraged to report any concerns they have to the specifically designated concern@terredeshommes.org email address. Terre des Hommes managed 9 child safeguarding cases in 2020 of which 6 are still open.

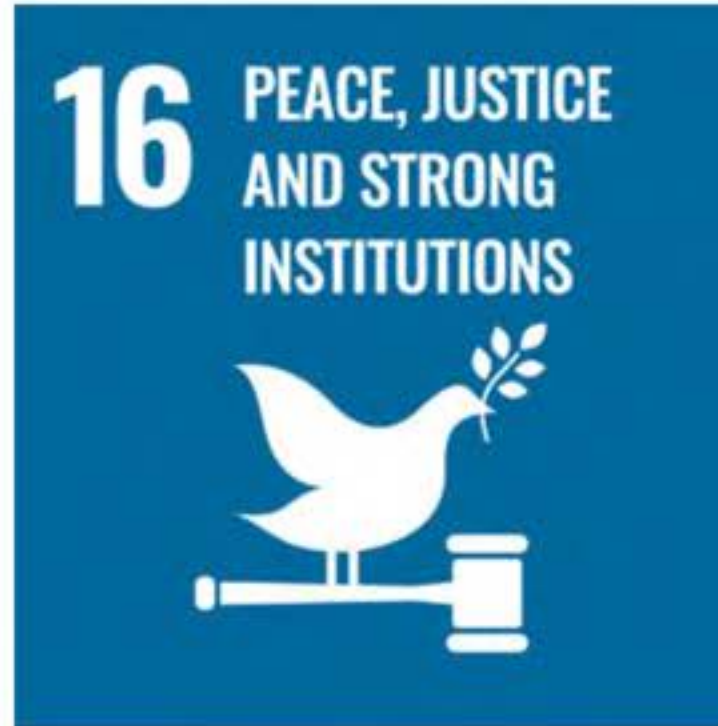
Terre des Hommes environmental footprint comes from energy consumption (office equipment and buildings) paper and document management, waste management, and travel. The Terre des Hommes organisations monitor their consumption and endeavour to reduce the negative impact as much as possible. The printing of documents uses recycled paper, recycling of waste is systematic, electricity consumption is controlled and communication by electronic means is always preferred. Remote working is also allowed and supported as well as virtual meetings whenever possible. Terre des Hommes has decided to lower the number of face-to-face meetings and replace them with virtual calls. The location of the remaining face-to-face meetings is also carefully chosen so as to allow a maximum number of participants to reach locations by train. All these measures have been amplified and developed due to the COVID-19 pandemic.



2020 Projects on the Ground

COVID Response

1. South America
America
Ensuring the right to participation in times of Covid-19



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Programa de Educación para el desarrollo sostenible y solidario (EDUSO)

MÓDULO DE EXPERIENCIAS DE APRENDIZAJE EN EL MARCO DE LA EMERGENCIA SANITARIA POR EL COVID-19

Dirigido a estudiantes





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Children and young people, confined to their homes, found themselves cut off from the traditional spaces of participation in which they could express themselves and demand their rights (children's clubs, children's parliaments, etc.). Terre des Hommes then organised international consultations of children to quickly take into account their perception of their needs, feelings and interests. This enabled the implementation of measures adapted to the crisis to ensure the respect of their rights. Through the "Voces por el cambio" platform, created especially in Latin America, Terre des Hommes organised their participation in consultation forums with local or national authorities so that they could express their grievances themselves. In Peru, child leaders reported that they were unable to use the distance education platform set up by the government due to lack of access to tablets, computers, internet or electricity, while in Brazil, food distributions were requested to compensate for the suspension of school canteens

Voces por el cambio : <https://vocesporelcambio.org/>

Article : <https://terredeshommessuisse.ch/education-en-urgence-au-temps-du-covid-19-reponse-concertee-en-amerique-latine/>

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2. Peru

Ensuring access to education despite the pandemic



Terre des Hommes has continued its commitment, despite the pandemic, to ensure that all children and young people have access to education. To prevent the poorest children, without access to the Internet, from being deprived of the digital platforms set up by the ministries, Terre des Hommes provided telephone and Internet access to the most vulnerable families. 272,000 children and young people (including 160,000 girls) were able to continue their learning in 2020 through lessons on WhatsApp, Skype, distribution of homework, radio programmes and follow-up of each student by phone. Parents were also encouraged to motivate their children and give them space to work.

In response to the school closures, special training for teachers was organised to provide distance education. Teachers were able to adapt their curriculum to different modalities (virtual, paper-based homework) and organised regular follow-up of students by phone and home visits to keep them motivated.





TdH Suisse / Christian Espinoza

"This year the classes did not run properly because of Covid-19. Despite this, our teacher-coaches at the Centre gave us reinforcement via WhatsApp and lessons. We studied a lot more this year, especially during the lockdown period when we were monitored by our supervisors. When we started again, we were lucky to be ahead of our peers from other schools. Our grades have improved a lot." Young Senegalese boy.

Article : <https://terredeshommesuisse.ch/apprendre-par-messagerie-instantanee/>



3. Italy Spesa Sospesa (Suspended Shopping)



The Covid-19 emergency has caused a serious economic and social crisis in Italy, which has affected the most vulnerable families. According to ISTAT estimates, the number of families in absolute poverty has grown: they are over 2 million (7.7% of the total, while in 2019 they were 6.4%), for a total of about 5.6 million people, 1 million more than the previous year. Families with underage children are the most exposed to the consequences of the crisis, with the incidence of absolute poverty rising from 9.2% to 11.6%. Foreign families are particularly affected, with the incidence of absolute poverty rising from 22% to 25.7%. This reality became immediately evident even in cities like Milan, where the demand for food parcels during the first lockdown increased by up to 40% compared to the previous period.

For this reason, Terre des Hommes immediately put into place an emergency intervention that distributed food to families with small children in the suburbs of Milan.

In particular, our intervention integrated the Milanese aid system of the territorial networks of the "Ricetta QuBì" project and the charitable organisations benefiting from the Banco Alimentare, thanks to the distribution of fresh foodstuffs, such as fruit, vegetables, meat and dairy products, to the most in need families, which were not reached by other partners. The parcels also included products for children such as milk and nappies, essential goods that for these families have become real luxury items. In addition, tablets were distributed to ensure the continuity of education for children from families in more difficult situations. The name SpesaSospesa relates to 'Caffe sospeso' which started in Naples where you can pay for an extra cup of coffee in advance as an anonymous act of charity.

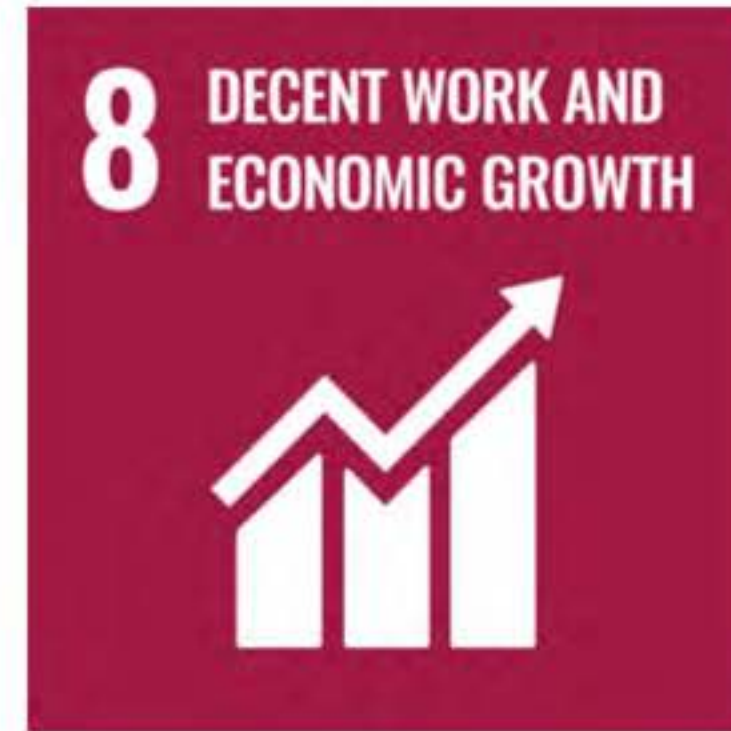
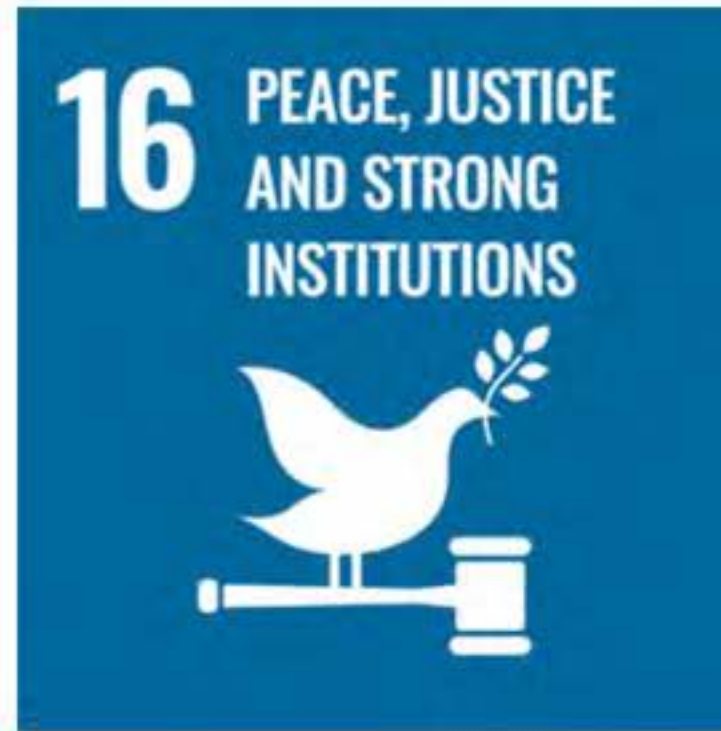
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4. India

Covid - effect on Child labour



Children's Testimonials

Ritu , 12 years, housemaid, India

Ritu has been working as a housemaid since the start of the lockdown. Prior to the pandemic she and her two brothers went to the public school in their disadvantaged neighborhood. Her father supported the family as a garbage collector, and food has always been scarce. Since the lockdown on March 23, the schools have been closed and Ritus' father is not allowed to work. Just two days after the lockdown, the family had no money or supplies. Ritu's father found employment for his daughter with a middle class family. The girl washes dishes and cleans for them every day and earns 1,000 rupees a month, the equivalent of about 12 euros. This work is illegal, both because of the pandemic and because young people in India are not allowed to work until they are 14 years old.



Since Ritu's family does not own books, nor can they afford electricity or an Internet connection, Ritu cannot study even if she had the energy to do so in the evenings after work. "My parents always sent my brothers and me to school. We hoped that one day we would get better jobs. I don't know if I can go back to school," Ritu says.

*name of child has been changed



Ravi, 12 years, construction worker, India

Ravi's mother is a cleaning lady, his father a garbage collector. The family lives in a poor neighborhood in the city of Devanagere in the state of Karnataka in India. Ravi went to sixth grade at his neighborhood public school. Since the lockdown, he has been working on a construction site, which is illegal. Neither of the parents can work because of the lockdown and needed money for supplies. The family has debts they had to take out for a medical bill - there is no health insurance for garbage collectors and cleaners. Now they can't pay the installments. The moneylender has already asked if Ravi will work off the debt. The boy brings home 250 rupees from the construction site every day, about three euros. That's just enough for food. "I want to go back to school. I want to study. But how are we going to pay the debt? We'll probably have to borrow more money so we can pay the rent. And then they charge even more interest."

*name of child has been changed

Terre des Hommes Germany



5. Global #Covidunder19 initiative



To give children around the world an opportunity to share their experience of the pandemic, Terre des Hommes, in collaboration with children and young people, the UN and around another 30 organisations created the *#CovidUnder19* initiative and launched an international survey.

More than 26,000 children and young people aged 8 to 17 from 137 countries participated in the *#CovidUnder19* survey, making it the largest global child-participatory research during the coronavirus pandemic. More than 60% of them said they had access to better education before COVID-19. 56% of children said that, since the pandemic, they spoke to their friends less than they would have liked. Two of the most common feelings that children experienced were boredom and worry. Only 20% of children felt their governments took their opinions into account.

The results published in December 2020 shed light on children's opinions and are being used for advocacy activities so that their voices can be considered by decision makers in the immediate COVID-19 response and in building a post-COVID-19 world. Further participatory results per country and specific groups of children will be available in 2021.



“I’m waiting for school to reopen so that I don’t have to work,”

said a 13-year-old girl from India.

“Children are not as clueless as you think they are. They have a voice, and no voice should be shut out.

Being a child doesn't mean our voices are less credible”

said a 10-year-old boy from the Philippines.

Discover the results here: www.tdh.ch/en/projects/covidunder19



[Terre des Hommes Foundation in Lausanne](#)



6. Global
**More than 1000
children released
from detention**





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Evacuating children from detention centres has become a health and social emergency due to overcrowding and the temporary suspension of visits and recreational activities. Thanks to Terre des Hommes advocacy work with government ministries, 1240 children in more than ten countries have benefited either from alternatives to prison or from early release. Our social workers have then helped these children reintegrate.

"At the detention centre we heard about the coronavirus on TV. Despite the danger of infection, there were visits every day, so I was afraid. Since my release I feel better. The Tdh events I have taken part in help me to distinguish between good and evil and to understand my mistakes. Tdh has taught us to seek solutions to our problems. Now I would like to contribute to the financial support of my family. I know that I can make my parents happy if I work hard."

Lavilé* (name changed), 15 years old, Mali

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7. Burkina Faso, Niger, Mali & India

leDA Separating patients with COVID-19 symptoms



Through its leDA project, Terre des Hommes supports the health authorities in improving the quality of care thanks to the use of digital tools to diagnose and treat childhood illnesses in Burkina Faso, Niger, Mali and in India. In Burkina Faso as well as in India, a new functionality was added to the leDA tool to identify patients potentially infected with COVID-19 in order to separate them from other patients. Besides patient triage, the tool also provides e-learning and counselling to health workers. In 2020, 1430 health centres were equipped with the tool.

“I appreciate the measures being taken by using the new digital method during the COVID-19 situation at the entrance to the health centre. This is the disease that everyone is talking about right now, so I was reassured.”

Balguissa, 25-year-old mother of a child receiving care in Burkina Faso





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8. Tanzania

Arusha project - Access to school



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Arusha project in Tanzania was established in 2008. There is a high level of poverty in the area and a particular problem is a lack of access to education for many children.

Terre des Hommes in partnership with Ezter Alexander, Principal of the Intel School, has facilitated many children to attend the school

With the pandemic, 2020 was particularly difficult as people earnings plummeted due to businesses closing and the lack of tourists to the area.

During the year Terre des Hommes supported 38 children in Arusha to attend the Intel school many with full board.

[Terre des Homme Denmark](#)



Fighting for Equality

1. Brazil
**Culture of Peace -
Young people
against racism**



2020 was not only the year of Covid-19, but also of Black Lives Matter. All over the world, people showed solidarity in the fight against structural racism and police violence.





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Among many other countries, Black Lives Matter has resonated strongly in Brazil. Across the Americas, the disproportionate use of force by police especially against young black men is widespread. In 2019 alone, Brazilian security forces killed 6357 people.

Terre des Hommes Brazilian partner organisation CIPÓ documents the fatal consequences of this repressive and militarised security policy in the favelas of Salvador. With creative social programmes, young activists are tackling violence at its roots. They fight against the impunity of violent crimes committed by the police and denounce cases of police arbitrariness.

In their participatory educational work, the youth groups analyse the structural causes of violence and discrimination. Together they develop non-violent approaches to defend themselves against stigmatisation in their everyday lives. In an online workshop, they intensively deal with their identity as Afro-Brazilians.

Despite the fatal effects of the pandemic, the young people of CIPÓ were not discouraged. With innovative actions, they also shifted their commitment to the digital space in 2020, for example with the online event "VIVA! Festival das Juventudes Negras" or with the participatory Facebook channel "Fala Juventude". They thus created discussion spaces and platforms where disadvantaged youth can celebrate their creativity and develop their political strategies. The young facilitators trained by CIPÓ thus also became real role models in virtual formats for the change towards a society free of racism.



"A good friend of mine was shot dead in the street. The police say he was a drug dealer. That can't be true, Diego wanted to study and was a decent person. For a long time I felt powerless. Then I found support and new friends. We show that black youths are not automatically all criminals, as the police, politicians and media claim. We demand justice and more opportunities so that we can build a good life for ourselves."

Theresa Solas*

*Name changed. Theresa Solas is from a favela in Recife. She is active with GCASC, another Terre des Hommes partner organisation in the field of violence prevention in Brazil, alongside CIPÓ.."



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2. Mozambique EducaMoz



In Mozambique, hundreds of thousands of children do not have access to an education system that is adequate for the development of their potential, and there are few pre-schools in rural areas. In order to support children's cognitive development, Terre des Hommes launched the project EducaMoz - Inclusive quality pre-school education in Mozambique with funds from the Italian Agency for Development Cooperation. The project organised a series of activities such as training sessions for pre-school educators in order to improve the quality of the pre-school education system.

Terre des Hommes also set up training courses for 'mães cuidadoras' (educators based on the model of German *tagesmutter*) and asked the Ministerio de Genero, Criança e Acção Social (MGCAS) to recognise this educational model as part of the country's pre-school education system as well as strengthening the socio-economic conditions of the women involved.

The project also includes the launch of an innovative system for monitoring, collecting and processing data on the education of the MGCAS in which the project participates, and parental education sessions for families with children aged 0-8.

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3. India

IMAGE: Initiatives for Married Adolescent Girls' Empowerment in India



Our IMAGE project (Initiatives for Married Adolescent Girls' Empowerment) is a unique intervention focusing on the sexual and reproductive health rights (SRHR) of early married girls (EMGs). IMAGE concentrates on the social issues affecting these girls, who were 13 to 16 years old at the start of the project. Their issues - physical and mental trauma experienced by child wives and mothers - never received the attention they deserved due to prioritisation by the government of efforts to prevent child marriage altogether.

In 2020, there was an increase in child marriages as poverty increased due to the Covid-19 pandemic. More children and girls were working to support their families, which reduced their participation in project activities. On the positive side, the pandemic brought new opportunities in e-learning, use of digital platforms, and effective virtual management of the project. More girls and young women were mobilised through the digital platform, even though many of them were unable to access the digital tools at first.



The project is implemented by six civil society organisations (CSOs) in Karnataka, India, with the support of Terre des Hommes. It covers 3,077 girls who were married before the age of 18, with the overall objective of empowering them towards socio-economic independence, by transforming them into agents of change in preventing child marriage and exploitation, and by involving the government, civil society organisations and their communities.

The lives of vulnerable girls who use the forum have been transformed, and positive energy has been passed on, providing motivation for other vulnerable girls. These girls have become agents of change and now have the confidence to voice their demands, requirements, and needs for services directly to the government. They shared their experience of reality on the ground and demanded precautionary measures to stop child marriage and child exploitation. Terre des Hommes enabled them to raise their voices against injustice and child exploitation.

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Protecting Children from Violence and Exploitation

1. Colombia
**Women,
Children and
Youth Free
from Violence
project in
Buenaventura**



After a transition period, the second phase of the Women, Children and Youth Free from Violence project in Buenaventura, Colombia, started in July 2020 in collaboration with Taller Abierto, Red Eu-Lat and Terre des Hommes.

Buenaventura has been heavily impacted by the COVID-19, but also by an upsurge in violence from criminal gangs based in the communities, which resulted in numerous deaths of young people. However, our partner Taller Abierto was able to continue its support to the groups of children, young people and women, by equipping them with telephones and computers to organise activities remotely or in small groups while maintaining social distancing.

Young people were trained in the management of communication tools and some artistic and cultural activities were maintained (some having been suspended due to the increased violence). The groups mobilised within their community to organise various events themselves (to denounce violence against women, particularly during the 25th of November, or the "Festival of colours for rights" or the "Voice of children in times of pandemic"). Four days were used to support 42 young people in their life projects (professional studies, entrepreneurship, emotional management and peaceful conflict resolution). A youth committee will be created to strengthen the children and youth groups on the aspects of entrepreneurship but also on the defence of the territory, identity and human rights.

Various meetings and workshops with indigenous and Afro-Colombian communities and parents (with a total of 203 participants) addressed the themes of prevention of COVID-19, women's rights in the context of the pandemic, self-protection, prevention of the use of illicit substances and the creation of protective environments for children. Two specific workshops on masculinities, bringing together 21 young men, addressed how men deal with protection and self-protection in the context of the pandemic and prevention of violence against women. Taller Abierto has also developed several communication actions to inform through flyers or social networks about how to protect oneself against COVID-19 but also about the defence of rights. The project will be able to continue thanks to its takeover by *Agir Ensemble pour les droits humains* and the co-financing acquired from the French Development agency.



2. Italy Timmi's house



The "Casetta di TIMMI (Timmi's tiny house) is Terre des Homme and Comin's first educational-family community for children aged between 0 and 5 years old, who are victims of violence or maltreatment and have been removed from their homes by social services. The community is housed in a villa confiscated from the 'ndrangheta, which has been renovated and furnished with private funds to create a welcoming and protected place for the children. 15 local companies donated furniture, clothing and gardening equipment.





A selected family lives in the house and, with the support of a network of qualified staff, guarantees the necessary care and protection for the children throughout their stay. La Casetta di Timmi can accommodate up to 6 children, who in this place will be able to hopefully find peace of mind, trust in the adult world and regain a rhythm of life appropriate to their age. The aim is to restore the psychophysical wellbeing of the children welcomed, with a view to encouraging their safe return to their families, where possible, or to accompany them on the delicate path towards fostering or adoption.

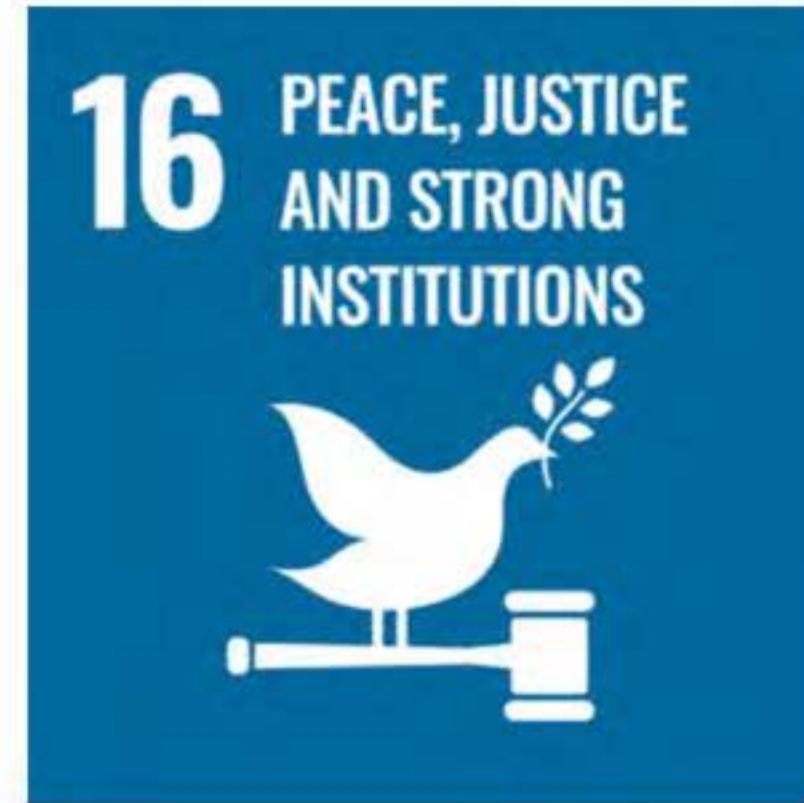
La Casetta di Timmi aims to represent a model of educational management: the community has a team of qualified and constantly trained professional operators, who work alongside the family to guarantee shared and co-responsible management of the community. The educational team is also supported by psychological and legal supervision, and the education and health district services.

<https://casaditimmi.terredeshommes.it>

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2. Various Down to Zero + Voice for Change



Commercial sexual exploitation of children (CSEC) is a phenomenon that affects two million children worldwide. Terre des Hommes has been leading the 'Down to Zero' Alliance, together with Plan International Netherlands, Defence for Children-ECPAT, Free a Girl and ICCO Cooperation, aiming to end commercial sexual exploitation in ten countries in Asia and Latin America, with funding from the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs. In 2020, the Down to Zero Alliance implemented two programmes: Down to Zero (ending in 2020) and Voice for Change (starting in 2020). In 2020, the Covid-19 pandemic hampered service provision and rescue missions, with movement restrictions, lockdowns, closure of borders and other national government measures. Recent easing of restrictions has led to an increase in numbers of boys and girls who have been rescued from CSEC and/or provided with specialised services.





Down to Zero

The five-year Down to Zero programme enabled children and young people to defend their own rights, enabled communities to become safer and protective of their children, and enabled governments to improve and implement related policies, laws and regulations. The Alliance also collaborated with the private sector, for example in the tourist industry. One of the results was the production of a toolkit that focuses on boys as victims of sexual exploitation, a taboo subject that has hitherto lacked professional attention and care. The toolkit explains this phenomenon, and helps professionals engage with boy victims and address their specific needs.

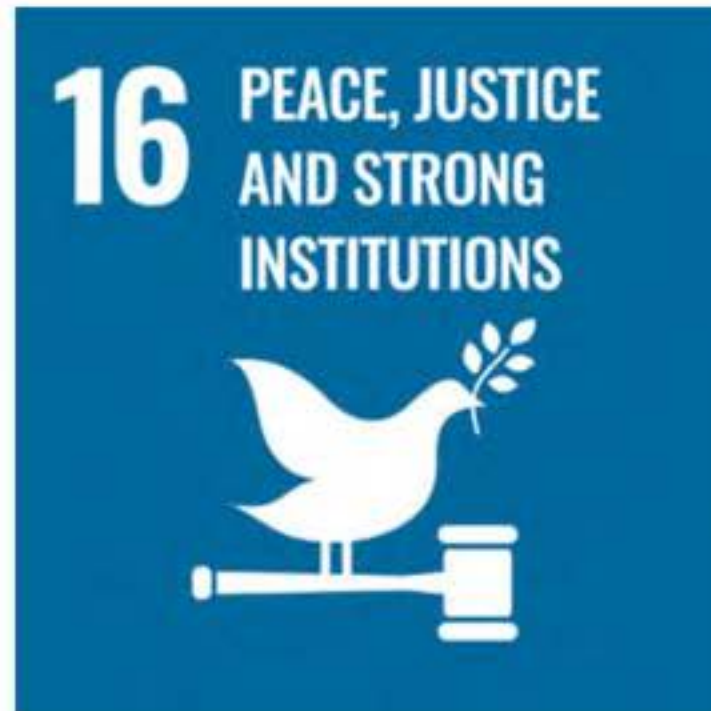
Voice for Change

The Voice for Change programme (March 2020 – June 2021) is a follow-up from Down to Zero, which focuses on providing knowledge and skills to youth advocates to increase awareness of CSEC in order to improve child protection systems. The new programme is being implemented in Colombia, Dominican Republic, India, Indonesia, Nepal and Thailand, and includes training and tool development components. Lessons from Down to Zero show that the active contribution of children and young people is key to sustainable development of protection systems. Voice for Change therefore focuses on child sexual exploitation, and aims to empower children and young people, increasing their knowledge of CSEC and enabling them to influence decision makers to sustainably improve child protection systems.



Environmental Action

1. Global
**My Planet, My
Rights**



Launch of campaign on ecological child rights

Children and young people are hardest hit by climate change. 500 million children are already living in areas that are at risk of flooding. By 2050, the World Health Organisation (WHO) expects there will be 24 million malnourished children because of climate change and drought. Children have less resilience and suffer more from pollution, hunger and climate change. As adults, too, they will have to contend with the consequences of climate change.

The "MY PLANET MY RIGHTS" campaign was by launched by Terre des Hommes in 2020. In different countries mainly young people from the projects themselves campaigned for their right to a healthy environment.

"Children are seeing how the destruction of the world's climate and ecosystems is ruining their future opportunities. We can no longer accept this. That is why we want our campaign to ensure that children's right to a healthy environment is enshrined in a General Comment to the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child," said Birte Kötter, spokesperson for the board Terre des Hommes Germany. **"This would oblige all signatory states to focus their policies more on the best interests of the child. This would be a milestone for the life chances of future generations."**

to kill living organisms, pesticide exposure's health impacts on children are well established and include cancer, developmental harms, reduced intelligence, among others.



Link to study:

[Stop the Injustice of environmental pollution: Every child has a right to a healthy environment \(toh.de\)](#)

Link to campaign website:

[Home: My Planet, My Rights \(my-planet-my-rights.org\)](#)

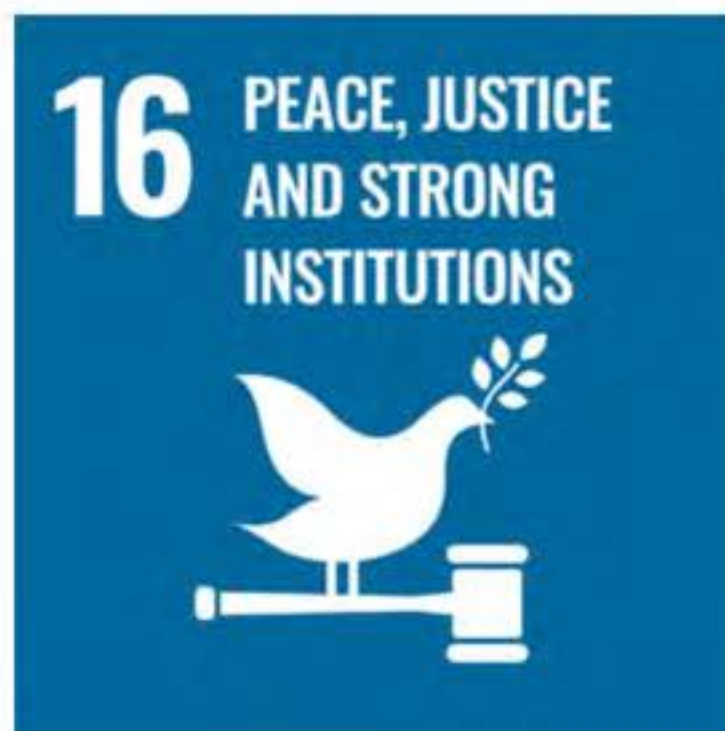


**MY PLANET
MY RIGHTS**



Rights of Children on the Move

1. Myanmar- Thailand **Cross-border project**



Thailand-Myanmar: The three-year Myanmar-Thailand cross-border project launched in early 2019 in partnership with FED (Foundation for Education and Development), Info Burma and Terre des Hommes. The project aims to reduce the vulnerability of people in migration between Myanmar and Thailand, especially children and youth, women and workers.



In 2020, 936 children and young people were trained on their rights, 770 people participated in migration risk prevention workshops and about 1170 people benefited from emergency assistance during the COVID 19 crisis.

Awareness-raising and advocacy activities were carried out at national and international level. In France, articles and press releases were published and an event organised on the exploitation of Burmese workers in the fishing sector by Info-Burma. This project was co-financed by the French Development Agency.

Terre des Hommes France

**2. Eastern Europe
Young people
help migrants
integrate**





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Terre des Hommes and its project partners trained more than 100 young local volunteers in mentoring to facilitate integration in Eastern Europe and paired them with 137 children who had recently arrived.



«The experience was challenging at first because we had to overcome cultural and language barriers, but we dealt with them through games and different activities. The most rewarding part was to see their energy and smiles.»

Sabina, a young mentor from Romania

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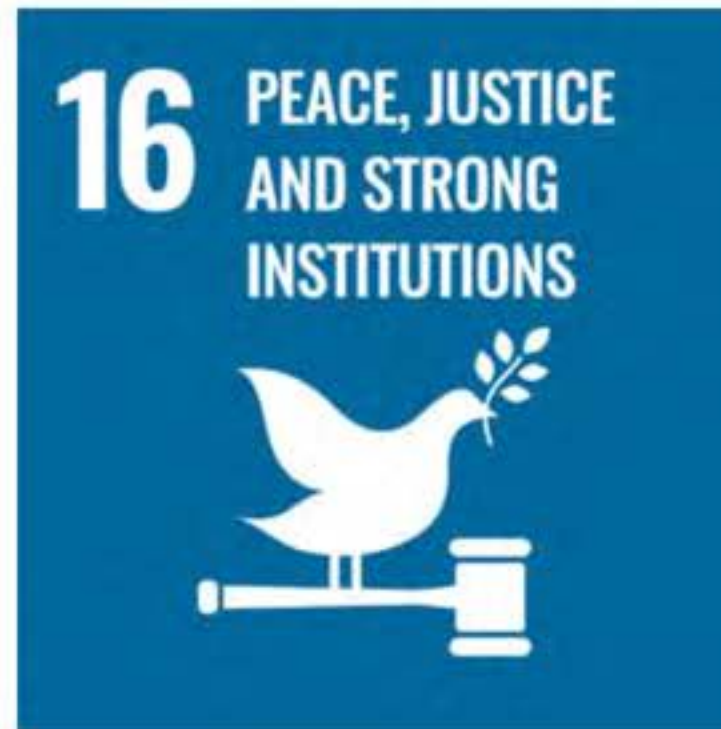
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Children in Humanitarian Crisis

1. Iraq Access to water and improved hygiene



Terre des Hommes worked with local authorities and community leaders in three areas affected by conflict to improve water infrastructure during the COVID-19 pandemic. Twelve schools, three health centres, twelve water networks and treatment plants were rehabilitated. 5000 people were made aware of good hygiene practices.





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2. Kenya

Protecting the most vulnerable children in the Dadaab refugee camp



This project, implemented within the Dadaab refugee settlement, was proposed to ECHO to continue through 2021 and 2022. We helped strengthen the Child Protection (CP) system to prevent and respond to violence, neglect, abuse and exploitation of the most vulnerable children affected by displacement in Dadaab. In this case, Terre des Hommes' country office in Kenya expanded its role and proposed to conduct CP assessments in the camp, and capacity building training on child trafficking risks and mitigation measures for the community, community based organizations, and organisations within the camp, as well as engagement in monitoring and evaluation.

Because of Covid-19 restrictions, the 2020 projects had to be adapted to prevent the spread of the virus, and also to respond to the challenges that the countries were facing. New activities included provision of personal protective equipment to communities and staff (i.e. face masks, hand sanitisers), as well as awareness raising about transmission and prevention. Other activities had to be implemented remotely, such as psycho-social support activities and case management. In 2020, we reached 1,958 people (1,917 children) in Dadaab with protection activities.





2020 Highlights

Destination Unknown is a global network of organisation and young people committed to ensuring that the rights of children and young people on the move are respected and protected.

Destination Unknown's vision is a world where children and young people on the move worldwide enjoy their human rights, are not discriminated against, thrive, and have a future.

Terre des Hommes continued to lead Destination Unknown, a global network of (mainly local and national) organisations and young people, united to champion the rights of children and youth on the move.



- Destination Unknown participated in the 12th Global Forum on Migration and Development (GFMD) in January 2020 in Quito, bringing the experience of its members to discussions about migration governance. We supported a young person to participate and brought recommendations of children and youth in India and 5 countries in West Africa to the GFMD [civil society discussions](#) (through DU regional funded work in late 2019 when we supported children and young people to meet and discuss their own experiences of the themes being debated by governments as part of the GFMD process. Read the recommendations for governments involved in the GFMD process [from 26 young people from 4 states in India](#) and [from children and young people from Benin, Cote d'Ivoire, Ghana, Nigeria, Senegal and Togo](#). These feature in [the report of the GFMD Civil Society Days Quito meeting](#).

“During the Global Forum on Migration and Development and dialogue on the Global Migration Compact in Quito I was able to learn about the situation of migrants in other countries. That was my first such a big international experience and I’m really glad I had a chance to be a part of it. During all workshops we were trying to find solutions to the problems which we all face in our countries. It was quite a surprise for me that even though we live on different sides of the earth, we have similar issues. Getting to know different points of view on migration opens up different perspectives for perceiving problems connected to it. I got an impression that all young people had the same vision in their heads - think globally, act locally and basing on it we were trying to work together on actions to improve the situation of migrants.”

Destination Unknown youth representative.

Destination UNKNOWN
Championing the rights of children on the move

We launched a participatory initiative on changing narratives about children on the move, leading to the [development of communications guidelines](#). We want to influence narratives within Destination Unknown and then externally to a more hopeful and positive narrative around children and young people on the move that creates understanding, empathy and belief in the possibility of change. The project was guided by an Advisory and Editorial group including young people. A series of capacity building webinars about hope-based approaches and workshops to develop messaging and content which was then tested with audiences in [Malta](#) and [South Africa](#).



Stories

shape

societies



Creating new hope-based narratives about children, young people and migration:
Guidelines for communicators

- As part of the Destination Unknown work in South-East Asia coordinated by Tdh Netherlands, Terre des Hommes Germany and their local partner, the Stateless Children Protection Project Committee, organized consultations on the *ASEAN Regional Plan of Action on the Rights of Children in Situation of Migration*, in collaboration with ASEAN representatives, officials from the Ministry of Social Development and Human Security and UNICEF Regional and Thailand Office staff. 160 children from various youth groups coming from different regions in Thailand had the opportunity to develop and present their recommendations to ASEAN and Thai government representatives and those recommendations were integrated into the Thailand recommendations for the Regional Plan of Action, which was to be discussed in early 2021 at ASEAN level.
- We launched a Global Youth Ambassador Programme which received interest from young people around the world. [Become a Destination Unknown Youth Ambassador](#) and more information [About the Youth Ambassadors' Network](#).
- We developed and launched 2 global campaigns through a participatory approach: one on child and youth participation and one on [access to psycho-social support](#).
- We supported our members to share knowledge and practice in relation to challenges faced by children on the move and how they were adapting to respond to these. We used these first-hand experiences to feed into advocacy through the Initiative.





INiTiATiVE **for Child Rights** in the Global Compacts

2020 Highlights

Terre des Hommes co-chairs the Initiative for Child Rights in the Global Compacts (the Initiative). The Initiative was active throughout 2020, adapting to the situation arising from COVID-19 and using opportunities of global spaces where the compacts were being discussed to highlight how the global pandemic has exacerbated risks for children on the move and calling for greater action through these frameworks.



- [Implementing the Global Compact on Refugees for Children – Examples of Child-focused work](#) – a booklet we published outlines examples from our members’ work showing how laws, policies and practices can protect children and ensure they have access to services that respond to their specific needs and how children and youth can participate in designing, implementing, monitoring, and evaluating programmes and policies.
- We undertook a [mapping in West Africa of policies and practices and how they relate to the Global Compact for Migration for children](#). This focuses in-depth on Burkina Faso, Niger, Guinea and the Gambia.
- We participated in regional reviews of the GCM, including making a written submission to the [UNECE GCM Regional Review](#).
- Following the 2019 Global Refugee Forum where little pledges were made for child protection, we pushed for a commitment from governments to do more. We were vocal about the urgent need for governments, donors and partners to commit to strengthen child protection and to fund it, especially given that the global pandemic has heightened risks. We submitted recommendations for the [opening session](#), the [session on protection considerations](#) of the UNHCR High Commissioner’s Dialogue. Some of our recommendations are reflected in the outcome documents of the High Commissioner’s Dialogue ([Protection Considerations](#)).



OVERVIEW OF CURRENT POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR CHILDREN ON THE MOVE IN WEST AFRICA
and how they relate to the objectives and guiding principles of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration



Executive Summary



Joining Forces - For All Children

Three years ago, leaders of the 6 largest global child-focused agencies –World Vision, Save the Children, Plan International, SOS Children Villages, Child Fund Alliance and Terre des Hommes– came together with an ambition to do things differently. Armed with a promise to each other to ‘leave ego’s and logo’s behind, the group of 6 set off on a journey aimed at ending violence against children and upholding their rights, in an unprecedented collaborative way.

2019 saw the launch of a flagship report *“A Second Revolution – Thirty years of child rights, and the unfinished agenda”* on the progress achieved since the adoption of the Convention on the Rights of the Child and the challenges that lie ahead. Advocacy efforts have continued in 2020 through a global appeal regarding the rights of children affected by COVID-19 and at least 20 joint statements produced at national level, inspired by this global appeal and calling on decision makers to prioritize children’s needs in responses and recovery plans. In the course of the year, three policy briefs have been published building on the “Second Revolution” report and exploring in depth the impact on children of climate change, gender bias, COVID-19 and violence.

On November 20th, for Universal Children’s Day, Joining Forces hosted a global virtual event on children’s right to be heard. The event, named *“We are talking, are you listening?”* saw high level panellists including UNICEF’s Executive Director exchanging with eight children from Joining Forces countries.

Children are the hidden victims of the health crisis caused by COVID-19, facing threats to their wellbeing and protection as a result of the increased risks of violence and abuse. European Union policy makers have recognised the urgency to act on the current situation and approached Joining Forces to develop a project to address this problem.



'Joining Forces for Africa (JOFA) – Protecting Children from Violence during the COVID-19 crisis and beyond' has the objective that children and adolescents experience reduced levels of violence, abuse, exploitation and neglect. The three-year project is implemented with the financial support of the European Union by a consortium of Joining Forces member agencies. The project will strengthen local and national child protection systems while working with families, communities and institutions to raise awareness and improve capacity to protect children.

At the beginning of 2020, the CEOs from the Joining Forces agencies have come to Brussels to call on the new EU leaders for a second revolution in children's rights and to bring three broad messages about the need to:

-End violence against children and protect them, within and outside

Europe

-Invest more and better EU funds in the broad range of children's rights

-Ensure children can meaningfully participate in policy and decision-making.

The CEOs met key EU officials and with the main European networks of NGOs working on development, human rights, child rights, peacebuilding and humanitarian aid.

Joining Forces Alliance was invited as speaker by the European Commission at the 13th EU Forum on the Rights of the Child (29&30 Sep -1st Oct 2020). The overall theme of the 2020 Child Rights Forum was '*Delivering for children – towards the European strategy on the Rights of the Child*'. During the event, Joining Forces Alliance called on the European Commission to develop a global and comprehensive EU Strategy on Child Rights taking into account the impacts of Covid-19 and leaving no child behind, involving children in decision-making in a meaningful way, mainstreaming children's rights in all internal and external EU policies, actions and programmes, finally developing a strategy in line with the 2030 Agenda to fully support the SDGs.



Terre des Hommes at a glance



Estimated number
of direct
beneficiaries

8,013,015



Estimated number
of indirect
beneficiaries

11,611,675





Number of
Projects

793



Number of
employees in
the head office
(paid staff)

362



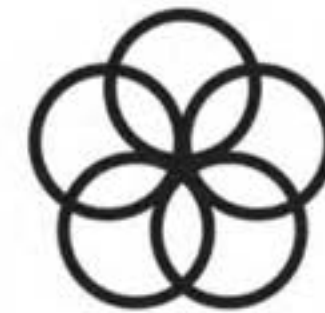
Number of
employees in
regional offices
(paid staff)

1536



Number of
volunteers

4541



Number of
members and
supporters

3166





Number of
partner
organisations

675



Global income

202,080,172
(EUR)



The Terre des Hommes International Federation is composed of 9 member organisations

Terre des Hommes Denmark

Terre des Hommes France

Terre des Hommes Germany

Terre des Hommes Italy

Terre des Hommes Luxembourg

Terre des Hommes Netherlands

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|-----------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| 1. Afghanistan | 25. Indonesia | 49. Philippines |
| 2. Albania | 26. Iraq | 50. Poland |
| 3. Argentina | 27. Italy | 51. Romania |
| 4. Bangladesh | 28. Ivory Coast | 52. Senegal |
| 5. Bolivia | 29. Jordan | 53. Somalia |
| 6. Brazil | 30. Kenya | 54. South Africa |
| 7. Burkina Faso | 31. Kosovo | 55. South Sudan |
| 8. Burundi | 32. Laos | 56. Sri Lanka |
| 9. Cambodia | 33. Lebanon | 57. Switzerland |
| 10. Chile | 34. Libya | 58. Syria |
| 11. Colombia | 35. Mali | 59. Tanzania |
| 12. Ecuador | 36. Mauritania | 60. Thailand |
| 13. Egypt | 37. Mexico | 61. Togo |
| 14. El Salvador | 38. Moldova | 62. Tunisia |
| 15. Ethiopia | 39. Mozambique | 63. Turkey |
| 16. Georgia | 40. Myanmar | 64. Uganda |
| 17. Germany | 41. Namibia | 65. Ukraine |
| 18. Greece | 42. Nepal | 66. Venezuela |
| 19. Guatemala | 43. Netherlands | 67. Vietnam |
| 20. Guinea | 44. Nicaragua | 68. Western Sahara |
| 21. Haiti | 45. Nigeria | 69. Zambia |
| 22. Honduras | 46. Pakistan | 70. Zimbabwe |
| 23. Hungary | 47. Palestine | |
| 24. India | 48. Peru | |



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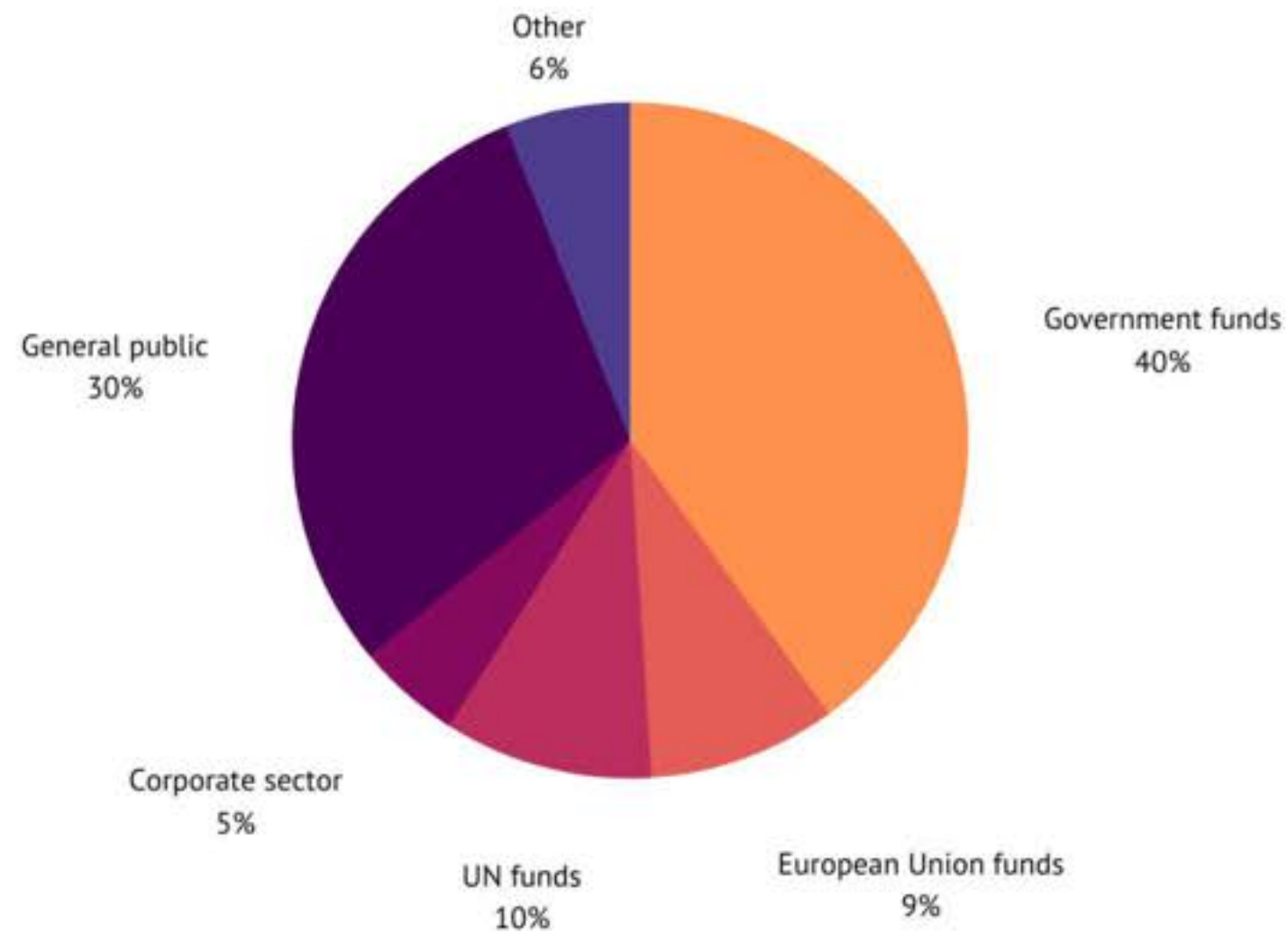
793 projects in 70 countries or territories



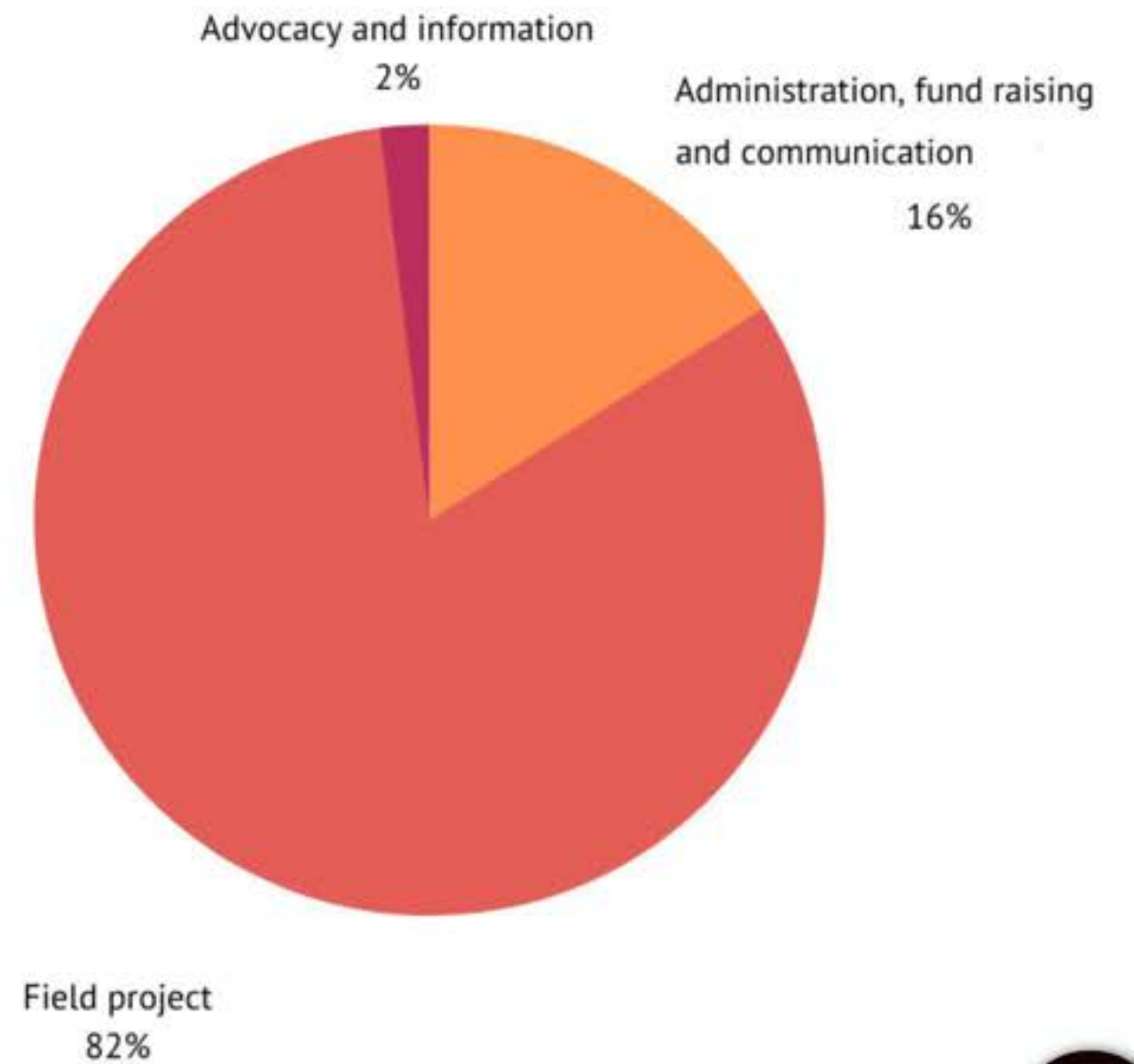
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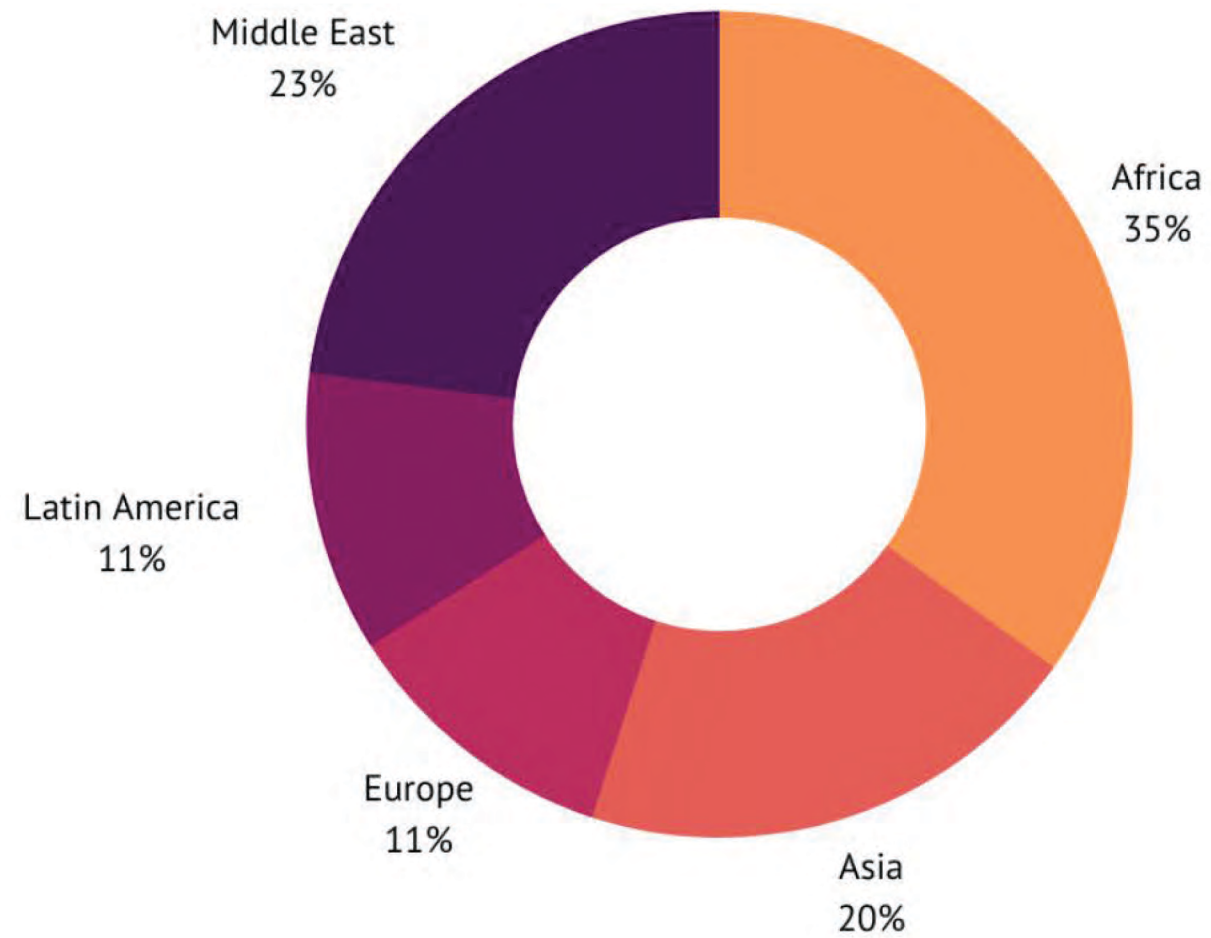
Global Income by Source



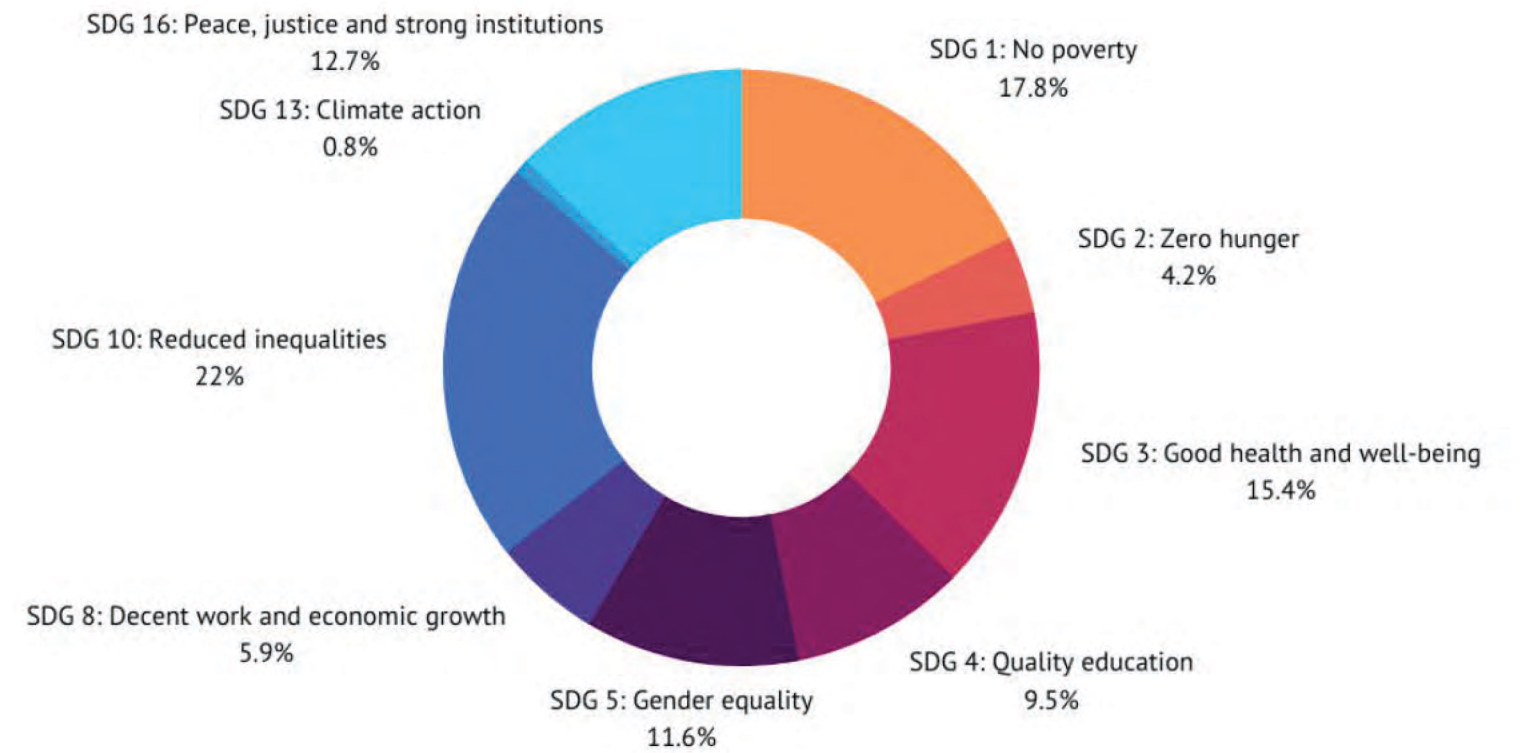
Global Expenditure by Sector



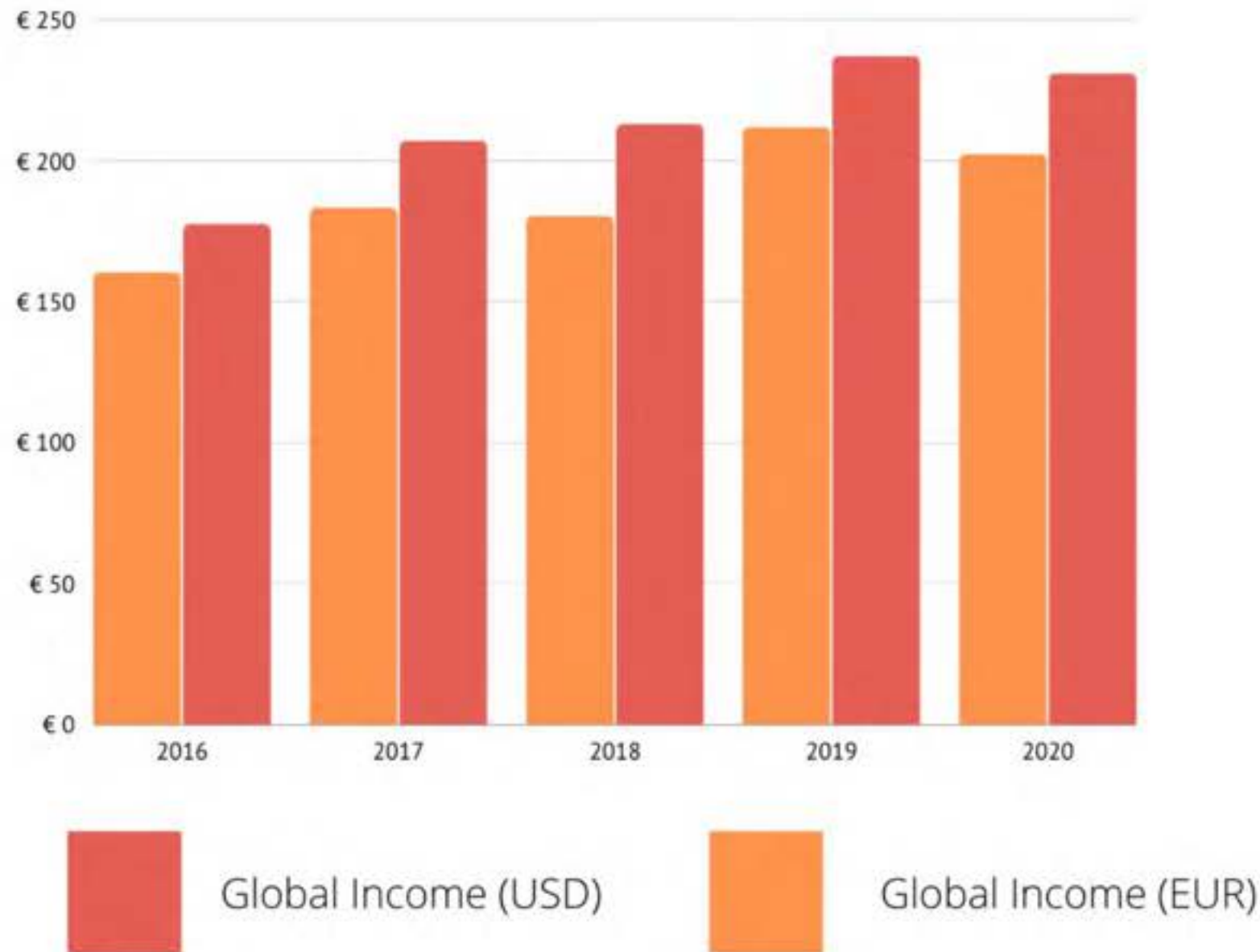
Project Expenditures by Region



Project Expenditure by SDG



Global Income 2014 - 2020

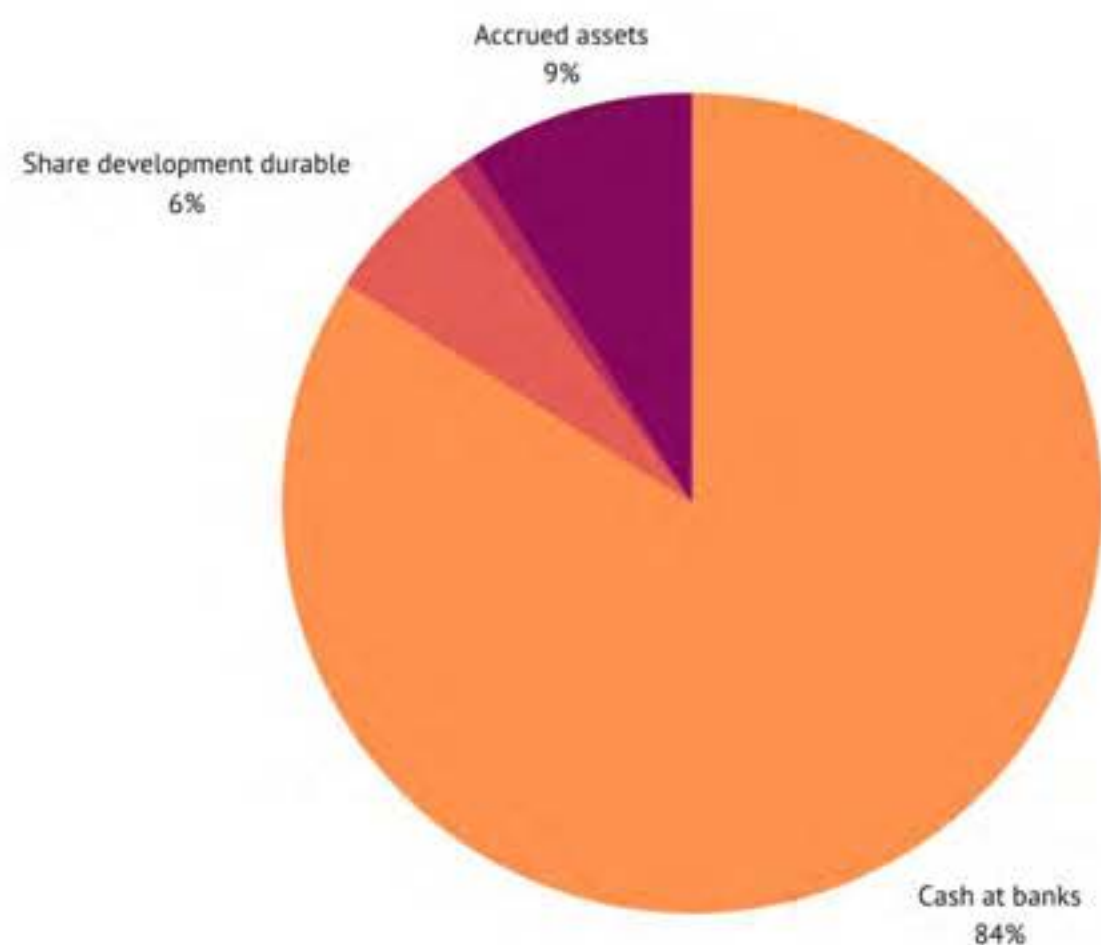


| GLOBAL INCOME 2014-2020 | | |
|-------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| YEAR | Global Income (EUR) | Global Income (USD) |
| 2016 | € 160 205 139 | \$177 282 734 |
| 2017 | € 183 161 256 | \$206 830 982 |
| 2018 | € 180 186 090 | \$212 714 378 |
| 2019 | € 211 691 247 | \$236 885 391 |
| 2020 | € 202 080 172 | \$230 699 503 |



Consolidated Balance Sheet of the International Secretariat as at December 31, 2020

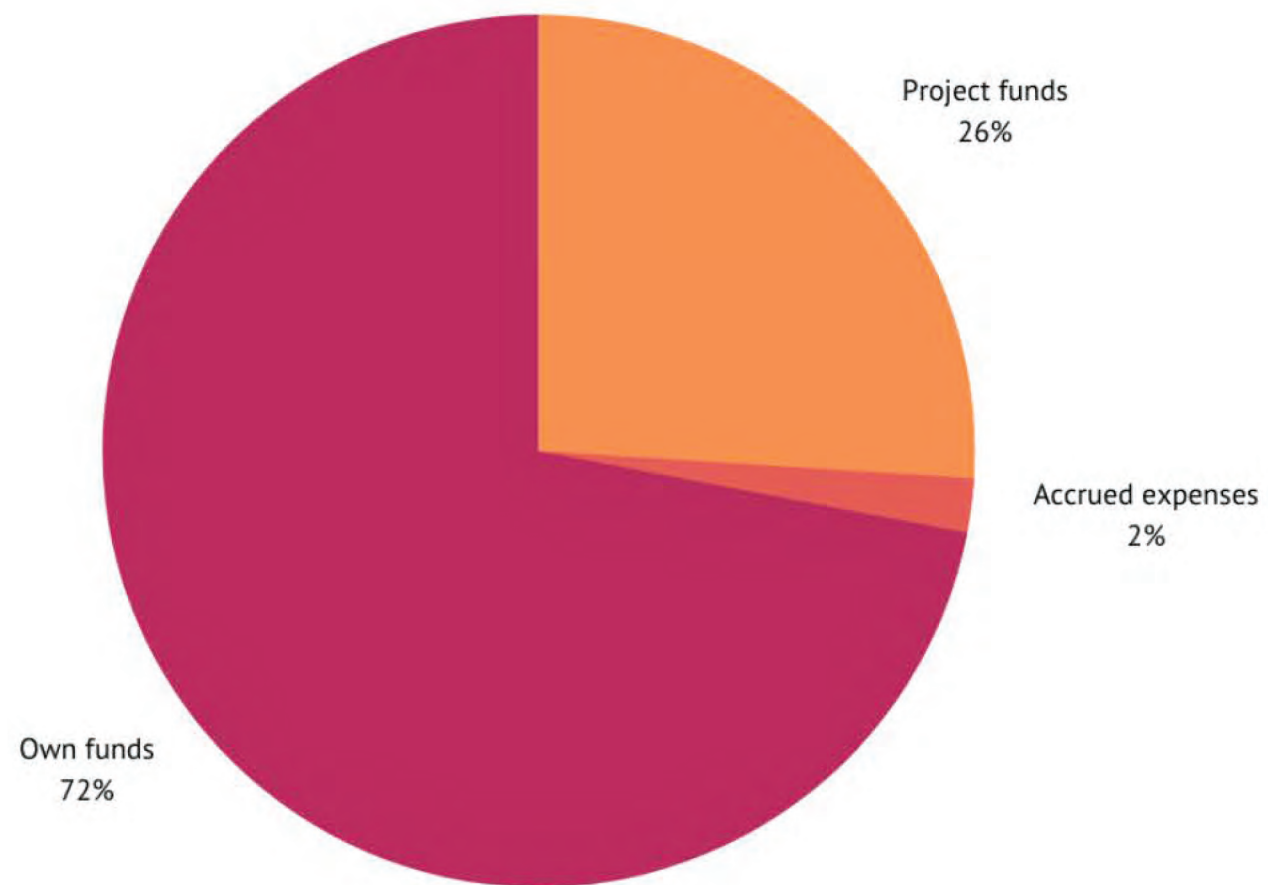
Assets (CHF)



| Assets | | |
|---------------------------|-------------------|-------------|
| Cash | 847,93 | 0% |
| Cash at banks | 398 793,09 | 84% |
| Share development durable | 26 554,34 | 6% |
| Accounts receivable | 6 860,42 | 1% |
| Accrued assets | 43 112,04 | 9% |
| Total | 476 167,82 | 100% |



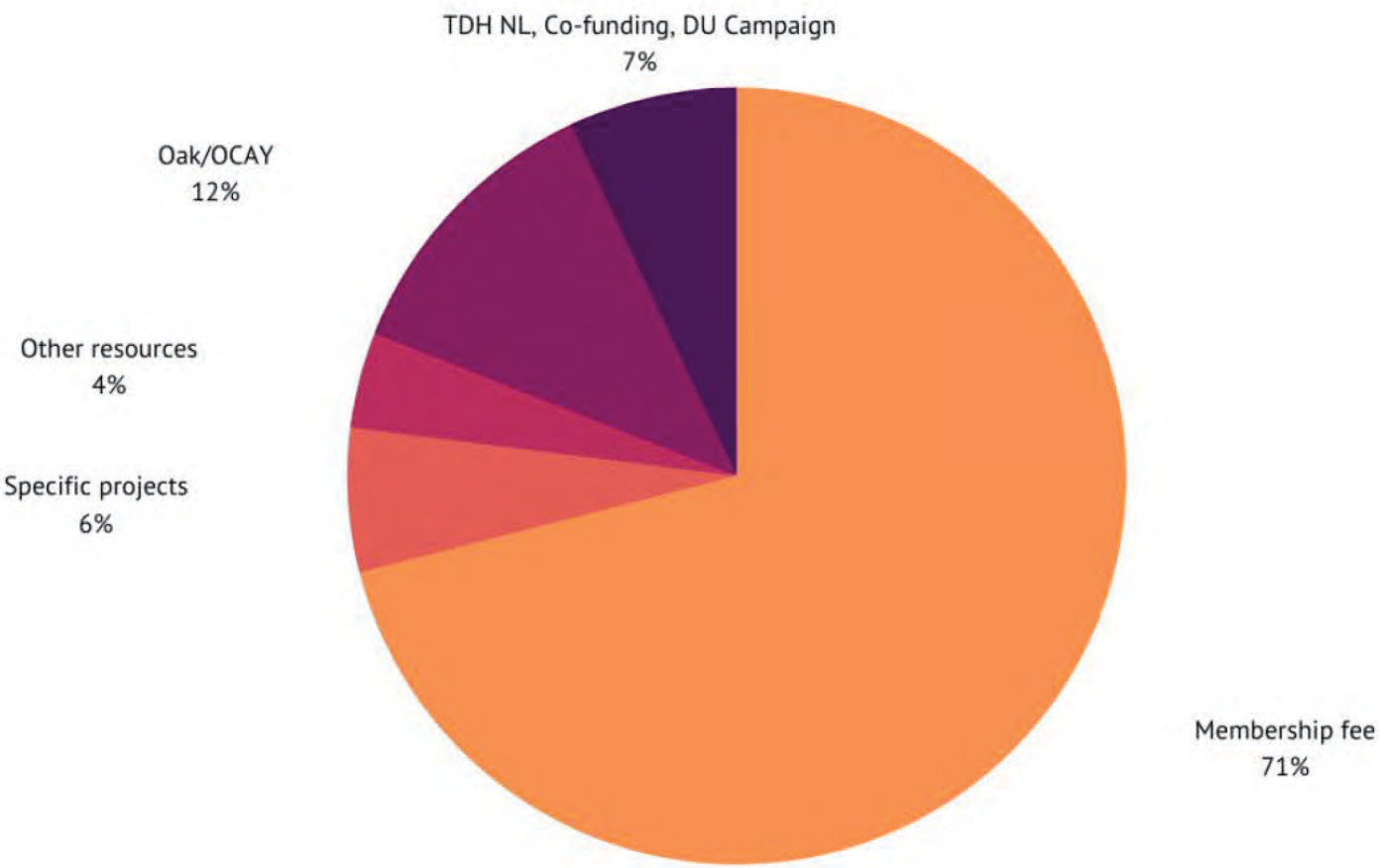
Liabilities (CHF)



| Liabilities | | |
|------------------|-------------------|-------------|
| Project funds | 124 385,00 | 26% |
| Accrued expenses | 10 564,50 | 2% |
| Own funds | 341 218,30 | 72% |
| Total | 476 167,82 | 100% |



Income 2020 (CHF)

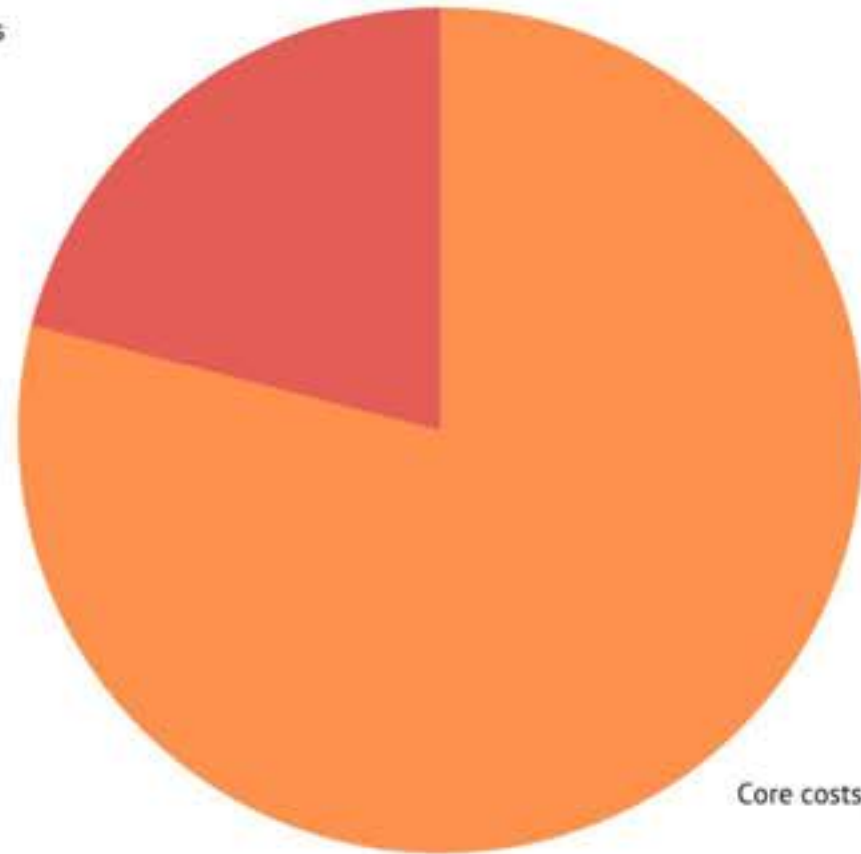


| Income | | |
|----------------------------------|---------------------|-------------|
| Membership fee | 754 889 | 71% |
| Specific projects | 61 681 | 6% |
| Other resources | 47 456 | 4% |
| Bank interest & gain on exchange | | 0% |
| Oak/OCAY | 128 629 | 12% |
| TDH NL, Co-funding, DU Campaign | 77 584 | 7% |
| Total | 1 070 238,41 | 100% |



Expenditures (CHF)

Campaigns
21%



Core costs (i.e. personnel, comms)
79%

Expenditure (CHF)

| | | |
|------------------------------------|---------------------|-------------|
| Core costs (i.e. personnel, comms) | 820 177 | 79% |
| Campaigns | 219 050 | 21% |
| Total | 1 039 226,91 | 100% |



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