

Terre des Hommes
International Federation

ANNUAL REPORT 2024



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FOREWORD

In 2024, while children's challenges continued to grow -due to increasing environmental degradation, conflicts, inequalities and an alarming erosion of International and Children's Rights-, the resources and political will to address them faltered.

Despite these formidable headwinds, Terre des Hommes International Federation (TDHIF) remained steadfast in its commitment. Across 105 countries, our teams worked with unwavering dedication to protect and advance the rights of 6 785 210 children and young people caught in the most vulnerable situations. As we are stronger together, we worked strategically with 857 organisations, and in close collaboration with families, caregivers, and communities to reach a total of 15 184 739 individuals. This collaborative, community-driven approach is the foundation of our lasting impact.

This year, we notably continued to pioneer innovative projects and to engage in robust advocacy for and with children and young people, to protect and advance their environmental rights -focusing especially on driving forward the implementation of the UNCRC related-General Comment (GC26). Through our "Vote for Children" campaign and the promotion of a child rights manifesto, we gained commitments from over 300 candidate Members of the European Parliament. Notably, 80 of them were elected and will now champion children's rights throughout their mandate -a success reinforced by the important re-establishment of the European Parliament Intergroup on Children's Rights for which we also advocated.

Our relentless work to shield children from any form of violence, both online and off, remained a core priority. And we played a key role in this regard at the first-ever Global Inter-ministerial Conference on Ending Violence Against Children in Bogotá, where we helped shape critical global commitments to protect children, by advocating for greater investments in preventing and responding to violence against them. Another major achievement was our role in shaping the new "EU Regulation on banning products made with forced labour," a critical legal instrument that will now serve as a strong tool in the global fight against forced and other Worst Forms of Child Labour. And amidst these long-term efforts, we continued our life-saving response to acute humanitarian crises, from Gaza to Ukraine, providing immediate protection and aid where it was most needed.

Unfortunately, many more challenges are expected in the years to come. Indeed, current global political trends are not supportive of human rights, social justice and progress and the spirit of international solidarity is dangerously declining. This trajectory, if unaltered, will have dramatic consequences for millions of children and future societies.

In the face of this daunting outlook, our resolve is only stronger. TDHIF will redouble its efforts and join forces with a wide range of allies to increase its outreach and its programmatic and advocacy impact . Our mission is to sensitise and mobilise communities and decision-makers, to prioritise children's rights, which is vital to ensure prosperous and peaceful societies and the future of humanity.

Finally and so importantly, this work would be impossible without the extraordinary courage and commitment of our teams, the continuous support of our partners, and the great generosity of our donors and supporters. It is to them that we extend our deepest and most heartfelt gratitude.



Franziska Lauper
Chair



Valérie Ceccherini
Secretary General

INTRODUCTION

About Terre des Hommes

We work to guarantee that every child has a safe and enjoyable childhood, that every young person feels empowered and that every community we work with is engaged. Together with children, we fight to ensure that child rights are respected in full and implemented, leaving no one behind, and we engage to influence political agendas and strategies that affect children and young people.

The Terre des Hommes movement was created in 1960 by Edmond Kaiser. Mr Kaiser was a Swiss-French citizen who was so appalled by the living conditions of children in refugee camps during the 1960 Algerian conflict that he dedicated the rest of his life to helping children. The movement quickly expanded to other countries and in 1966, the Terre des Hommes International Federation was formed.

Find out more about Terre des Hommes [here](#).

For every child, a childhood. Every young person empowered. Every community engaged. Our mission is to make our vision a reality.

- Through our 833 projects in 105 countries, we work to protect children from extreme poverty, violence and exploitation.
- We empower children and young people to actively shape the societies they live in and to inspire sustainable systemic change which puts their rights and needs first.
- We involve all the relevant actors for positive results (parents, caregivers, policy makers and private companies).
- When mobilising our partners, expertise and resources, we create environments where children thrive.
- Terre des Hommes is constantly increasing its capacity to protect children and defend their rights everywhere.

Structure

The Terre des Hommes International Federation (TDHIF) is 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 Terre des Hommes Lausanne). We work in 105 countries and with 857 partners. The Terre des Hommes International Federation is supported by an International Secretariat, with offices in Geneva and Brussels.

STRATEGY

Terre des Hommes
International Federation

MOVING TOGETHER - WITH AND FOR CHILDREN

With children and young people, we are a global voice, mobilising to address issues they care about and threats to their lives, safety and wellbeing.

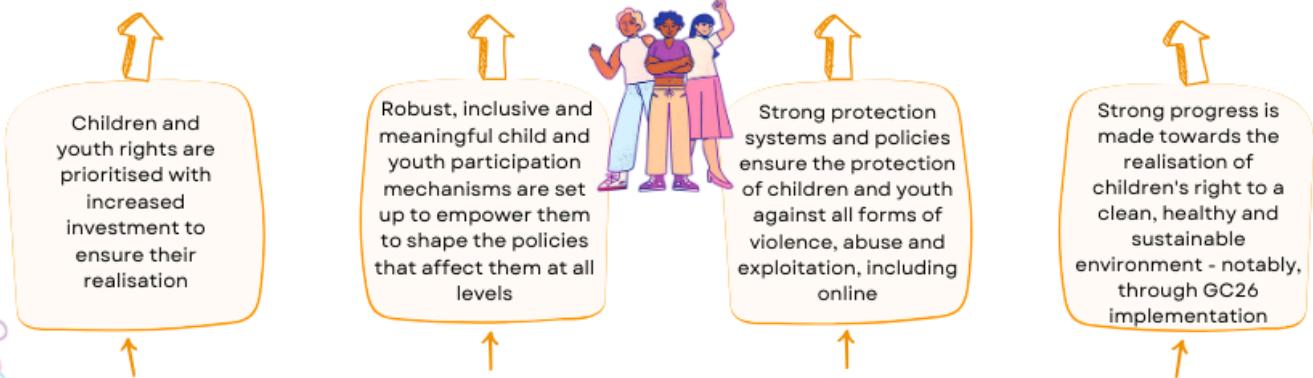
OUR
VISION



CHANGES
WE WANT
BY 2025

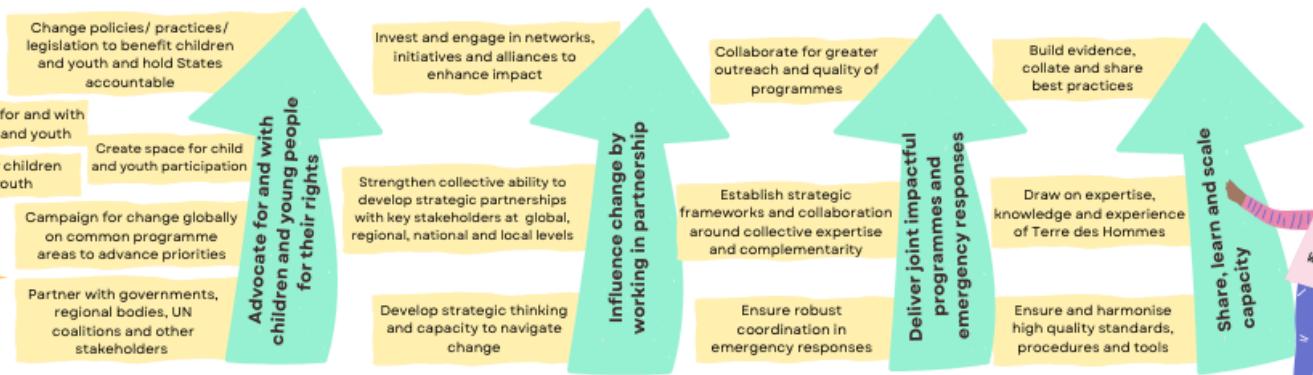


FOR EVERY CHILD, A CHILDHOOD. EVERY YOUNG PERSON EMPOWERED. EVERY COMMUNITY ENGAGED.



WE WILL HARNESS THE STRENGTHS OF THE CHILDREN AND YOUTH WE SERVE BY EMBRACING THEIR DIVERSITY AND PARTNERING WITH THEM TO INFLUENCE CHANGE.

WHAT WE
WILL DO



COMMITMENTS AND KEY PARTNERSHIPS

Our commitment to safeguarding

TDHIF is deeply committed to preventing harm and protecting children and all vulnerable individuals across all our operations. Our comprehensive Safeguarding Policy and Code of Conduct (CoC) demonstrate a zero-tolerance approach to abuse, encompassing sexual exploitation, harassment, physical and emotional abuse, and neglect.

The policy and the CoC apply to the International Secretariat and all member organisations must comply with the standards, establishing clear responsibilities. It ensures systematic identification and mitigation of safeguarding risks through comprehensive protocols and mandatory training. Preventive measures include rigorous staff and volunteer screening, mandatory safeguarding training, and systematic risk assessment. Our approach prioritises early identification and proactive management of potential safeguarding challenges.

A confidential reporting channel: concern@terredeshommes.org - enables safe and anonymous reporting of concerns to the Secretariat. In addition all member organisations have their internal reporting channels that must follow the standards set by the Safeguarding policy. We guarantee strict confidentiality, protection from retaliation, and professional investigation of all reported incidents.

Organisational accountability is paramount and the policy and the CoC undergo regular reviews and updates. This ensures our safeguarding approach remains robust, responsive, and aligned with best practices.

Our commitment to sustainability

We are committed to and actively working on reducing our environmental footprint throughout the Terre des Hommes network. For example, we prioritise virtual meetings and electronic communications, organise in-person meetings in locations accessible by train (whenever possible), use recycled materials, recycle waste, and support remote working.

Taking note of the scientific consensus and the urgent call to action, Terre des Hommes Switzerland (Suisse and Schweiz) and Terre des Hommes Lausanne have committed to and are taking action to reduce their emissions by 50% by 2030 by participating in the [Climate Action Accelerator](#).

Find out more about the organisation's mission and efforts [on our website](#).

Key partnerships

TDHIF has been granted consultative, participatory and observer status with several UN agencies such as ECOSOC, ILO and IOM as well as the Council of Europe.

The Federation is also an active member of major international civil society platforms focusing on advancing children's rights, international humanitarian and development aid, democratic space, safeguarding and accountability.

THEMATIC WORK

1.

PROTECTING CHILDREN FROM VIOLENCE AND EXPLOITATION

A.

CHILD SAFETY ONLINE

Nepal | Safety for children and their rights online (SCROL) | Terre des Hommes Netherlands

In Nepal, the digital world is a landscape of both opportunity and peril. With up to 20% of children in some countries facing online sexual exploitation and abuse, the need for protection is urgent. The 'Safety for Children and their Rights Online' (SCROL) programme was co-designed with children in Kenya, Nepal, Cambodia, and the Philippines to combat this threat. But a key piece of the puzzle was missing: the commitment of the private sector.

Initially, engaging Internet Service Providers (ISPs) was a significant hurdle. When TDH's team began working with the ISP Association of Nepal (ISPAN) in 2023, many providers saw child online safety as solely a government or parental responsibility. The team in Nepal worked persistently to shift this perspective, demonstrating the vital role ISPs play as gatekeepers of the digital world.

The breakthrough came in 2024. ISPAN recognised its responsibility and adopted a 'safety by design' approach. With TDH's support, they developed comprehensive Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) to strengthen child online safety. These procedures outline clear responsibilities for companies, including educating children and families, setting up reporting mechanisms for child sexual abuse material, and collaborating with law enforcement.

"This marks a crucial step toward greater private sector accountability. It ensures ISPs play an active role in creating a safer digital space for children in Nepal." said a TDH advocacy officer.

The SOPs were shared with key government ministries, law enforcement, and civil society, paving the way for official endorsement in 2025. Crucially, children were not just beneficiaries but leaders in this process. Eighty-four children were trained to design and conduct their own research on online safety, their findings directly informing the advocacy strategy.

"Before, we felt the internet was a dangerous place we had to navigate alone," shared one young researcher. **"Now we know that the companies providing the internet also have a duty to keep us safe. It feels like our voices are part of the solution."**

By uniting the private sector, government, and children themselves, the SCROL project is building a systemic, sustainable shield against online exploitation, turning the digital world into a safer space for every child in Nepal.



B.

COMBATTING WORST FORMS OF CHILD LABOUR

2 Thailand | From broken wings to a future of her own | Terre des Hommes Germany

In the shadow of Bangkok's bustling Hua Lamphong station, Subhan Munpae, known as Yo, once lived as one of the 'Hua Lamphong Kids.' Since the age of six, she was forced to sell floral garlands on dangerous streets, controlled by adults and denied education. Abandoned by her mother, she faced verbal abuse and neglect.

"I remember the second person who took me in was also a friend of my mother. But instead of letting me go to school, she only forced me to sell flowers on the street," Yo recalls.

At eleven, Yo fled to live in the railway station, a 'freed bird' who soon found herself trapped in a cycle of risky behaviour, including substance abuse and sex work. She found some support at twelve, when she began visiting The Hub, a centre run by TDH's partner, Childline Thailand Foundation. The Hub offered food, non-formal education, and so importantly, consistency.

The turning point came at eighteen when she was arrested.

"I could not think of anyone then, but the staff at The Hub," she says.

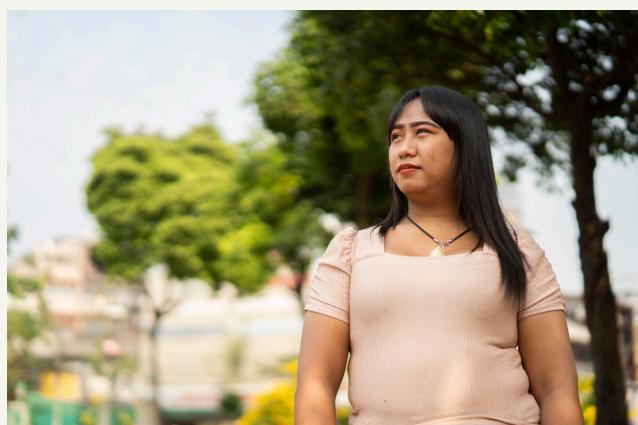
She was not imprisoned but fitted with an electronic monitor and chose to radically change her life. Focusing on her studies, she passed grade 9 in 2023.

Now twenty-two, Yo works at a chain restaurant in Bangkok. Her transformation, supported over a decade by The Hub, is a testament to unwavering trust and long-term commitment.

"Now I want to work; I think I'm good at working," she says. "I want to have my own house, my own room, because I've never had one. I want to start a café... As of now, I just work hard and save what I earn."

Kanyapak Suk-yu, the manager of The Hub, explains their approach:

"It takes time... building trust is crucial. These children don't want to live in the street forever; they want to work, have a family, and have fulfilling lives like everyone else." Yo's story proves that with the right support, every child can reclaim their future.



3.

CHAMPIONING CHILDREN'S ENVIRONMENTAL RIGHTS

3 Egypt | Kicking for climate action | Terre des Hommes Lausanne

In the bustling neighbourhoods of Greater Cairo, where social divides between refugee and Egyptian communities can run deep, football is proving to be a powerful tool for unity and change. For fourteen-year-old Moaz, his passion for sport became a gateway to friendship, learning and environmental leadership. Through a project run by TDH that blends sports with climate change awareness, Moaz joined coaching sessions that brought together 400 refugee and Egyptian children across 5 youth centres. Trained coaches, equipped with TDH child safeguarding policies and a climate-change curriculum, facilitated more than just games; they fostered life skills and social cohesion.

The impact on inclusion was immediate and profound. In centres where Egyptian and refugee children had minimal interaction before, new friendships blossomed. They set up WhatsApp groups to stay connected and began organising outings together, breaking down long-standing social barriers. The project also ignited a passion for the planet. Through dedicated sessions and hands-on initiatives like tree planting and recycling, children like Moaz became acutely aware of environmental challenges.

They were so inspired that they produced a climate change awareness movie, which was shared with their families during community events, sparking dialogue and laying the foundations for a more sustainable future.

From the football pitch to their communities, children are now emerging as confident agents of change, proving that the fight for a healthier planet begins with building bridges and empowering the next generation.



4 Philippines | A river's cry, a youth's resolve | Terre des Hommes Germany

The night of December 24, 2022, is etched in the memory of Ozamiz City. Catastrophic floods and landslides, amplified by years of unregulated quarrying, claimed lives, destroyed homes, and shattered infrastructure. For the youth, it was a traumatic awakening to the consequences of environmental neglect.

In response, the Children and Youth Action for Environmental Children's Rights (CYA ECR) Project, launched by local organisation and partner of Terre des Hommes Germany, GITIB Inc., began empowering young people to advocate for their rights. The project educated them on environmental issues and fostered partnerships with local government to review and enforce laws.

Shyra, a nineteen-year-old representative of the project, vividly describes the ongoing health crisis caused by the contamination of the Labo River. Once a reliable water source, the river is now so polluted that it has become a health hazard, causing skin rashes and other ailments to those who rely on it for daily needs.

Through the project, youth leaders like Mark Ryan and Shan Martin, both seventeen, have organised community clean-up drives. But they knew community action alone was not enough. Khyle, President of Youth for Climate Justice which is a component of the programme, stressed the need for robust implementation. "Laws exist on paper, but without enforcement, our aspirations for a healthier environment will remain unfulfilled."

The project's advocacy is focused on holding authorities accountable and reversing the damage to vital ecosystems like the Labo River. The youth of Ozamiz are no longer just victims of a degraded environment; they are its most vocal and determined guardians.

Youth activists like Khyle, Mark and Shan have witnessed the disaster that comes from inaction and refuse to let their future be washed away again. Their resolve signals a new chapter for Ozamiz, one where the youth are at the forefront of the fight for environmental justice and a sustainable future.



4.

EMPOWERING CHILDREN AND YOUTH

5 Mozambique | Forging a new path with new skills | Terre des Hommes Schweiz

At eighteen, Zulmira José's future was uncertain. Living in Chimoio, Mozambique, where almost two-thirds of the population lives in extreme poverty, she was a new mother grieving the loss of her own mother. Like many young women in a country with one of the highest adolescent birth rates in the world, she risked being trapped in a cycle of poverty.

But Zulmira found a powerful way out through a 3-months metal construction course at the Centro Aberto de Jesus (CAJ) training centre, which is supported by TDH. Despite her father's initial skepticism about a woman in a male-dominated profession, he supported her, caring for her child while she learned.

"Some weeks I received so many enquiries that I had to share the orders with a colleague," Zulmira says. **"We have learned a lot from CAJ, especially how to deal with profit properly."**

After graduating from the course, she received a welding machine, safety equipment and business coaching. Within a year, she built a solid customer base and sustainable livelihood. The continued support from CAJ, including accounting courses and check-ins via WhatsApp, has been crucial to her success.

Today, Zulmira is financially independent, providing for her child and helping send her siblings to school. Her story is a beacon of hope, demonstrating how targeted vocational training can break the intergenerational cycle of poverty.

By equipping young people like Zulmira with in-demand skills and entrepreneurial knowledge, TDH is opening doors to self-reliance and prosperity in the most challenging circumstances.



6 Italy | A festival where youth take centre stage | Terre des Hommes Italy

In October 2024, Milan's streets, theatres, and schools pulsed with the energy of a new event: "You're Right," the first-ever festival for youth participation and rights, organised by TDH. For five days, the city became a platform where children's voices were not just heard but were the main event.

The festival, organised with the Municipality of Milan's Children and Adolescents' Rights Ombudsperson, offered a rich programme of over 20 events. It opened with a public discussion on Artificial Intelligence and the future of work, setting the stage for a deep dive into critical issues: youth participation, mental health, social withdrawal and the prevention of abuse.

Over 800 young people engaged in school workshops, theatrical performances like "Nella Rete" on cyberbullying and sports sessions. The festival culminated in a "Peace Tournament," symbolising the unity and hope fostered throughout the week.

The event was more than a series of activities; it was a powerful statement. It demonstrated a city and a movement investing in its youth, providing a dedicated space for them to explore their rights, voice their concerns, and connect with decision-makers and each other.

"You're Right" successfully planted a flag for youth participation, establishing an annual milestone where the rights, voices, and potential of young people are celebrated as the cornerstone of a thriving society.



ADVOCACY AND CAMPAIGNS

In 2024, the Terre des Hommes International Federation (TDHIF) intensified its advocacy to protect children's rights in an increasingly challenging global context. Through strategic engagement in key international and regional forums, we achieved significant policy advancements and ensured that the voices of children and youth were heard at the highest levels.

Promoting and investing in child rights

TDHIF worked across multiple fronts to mainstream child rights and defend civic space. A delegation advocated for greater investment in preventing violence against children at the first-ever Global Inter-ministerial Conference in Bogotá. At the European level, our "Vote for Children" campaign successfully influenced the EU elections, securing commitments from over 300 candidate Members of the European Parliament, 80 of whom were elected.

We are now leveraging this support to help shape the agenda of the new European Commission. A key achievement was our influence on the new EU Child Protection Package, which now reflects TDHIF priorities such as the impact of climate and environmental degradation on children and references the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child's General Comment No. 26. Additionally, our participation in the "Civil Society for EU campaign" contributed to the appointment of an EU Commissioner specifically tasked with strengthening engagement with civil society.

Children and youth participation

Enabling the meaningful participation of children and youth remained a core priority. Throughout the year, we supported children's consultations in various countries and enabled their engagement in other critical spaces, including the UN Human Rights Council and the European Humanitarian Forum, ensuring their perspectives directly inform policymaking.

Children's environmental rights

TDHIF advanced the recognition of children's environmental rights through targeted advocacy. We are actively supporting a campaign calling for an additional Protocol to the European Convention on Human Rights that will establish an autonomous right to a clean, healthy, and sustainable environment. Our expertise also directly influenced the UN system; our written submission to the UN Special Rapporteur on Climate was referenced in her inaugural report, resulting in a strong focus on children's right to access information. We further opened spaces at the UN Human Rights Council for youth advocates from the She Leads programme to speak on climate issues.

Children protection against all forms of violence and exploitation

Child labour

TDHIF secured a landmark legislative victory in the fight against child abuse and exploitation. Through robust engagement with all relevant stakeholders and policymakers, we successfully advocated to shape the groundbreaking, "EU Regulation on banning products made with forced labour from the EU market", which was adopted.

Most of the legal amendments proposed by TDHIF were integrated into the final EU Directive. And this critical regulation, which is the first of its kind in the EU, represents a powerful new tool to combat forced child labour and other Worst Forms of Child Labour worldwide.

Child safety online

This year, we launched a joint, "VOICE Report", presenting children and caregivers worldwide perspectives on digital issues, to inform and help shape future policies and standards for safer digital environments.

We also remained actively involved in the Bootstrap Project, a five-year international research initiative examining the impact of digitalisation on children's mental health and well-being. We notably support the consortium in developing advocacy strategies to encourage the EU and Member States to establish stronger regulatory frameworks that protect children's mental health and well-being from the risks of problematic internet use.



FACTS AND FIGURES

6 785 210

Estimated number of direct beneficiaries

6 190

Number of volunteers

833

Number of projects

403

Number of employees
in head offices

3943

Number of employees
in regional offices

2 679

Number of members
and supporters

15 184 739

Estimated number of indirect beneficiaries

€241 445 375

Global Income

857

Number of partner
organisations

MEMBERS

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](#)
- [Terre des Hommes Spain](#)
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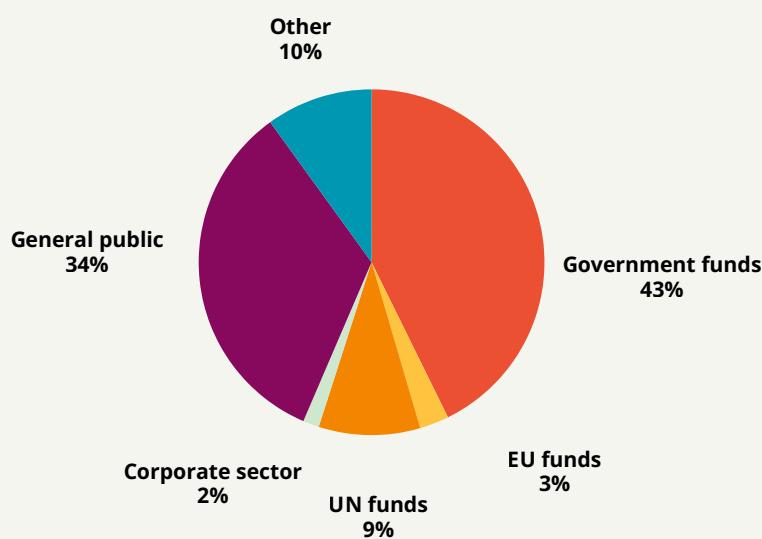
TDHIF's members ran over 833 projects in 105 countries in 2024.



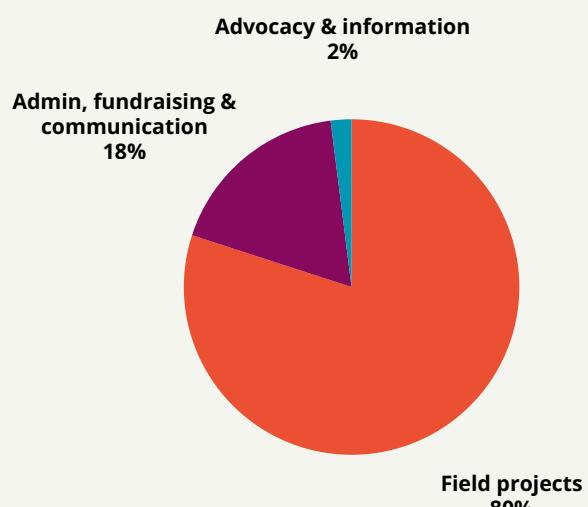
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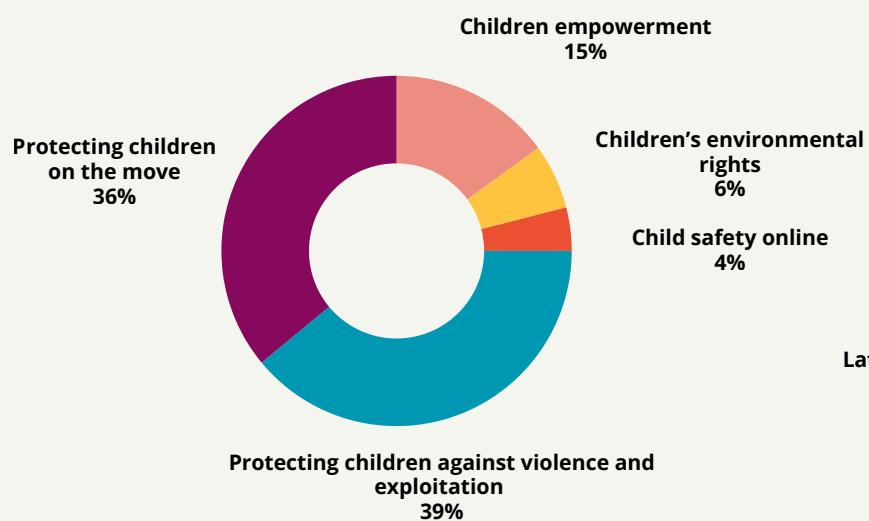
1 Global Income by Source



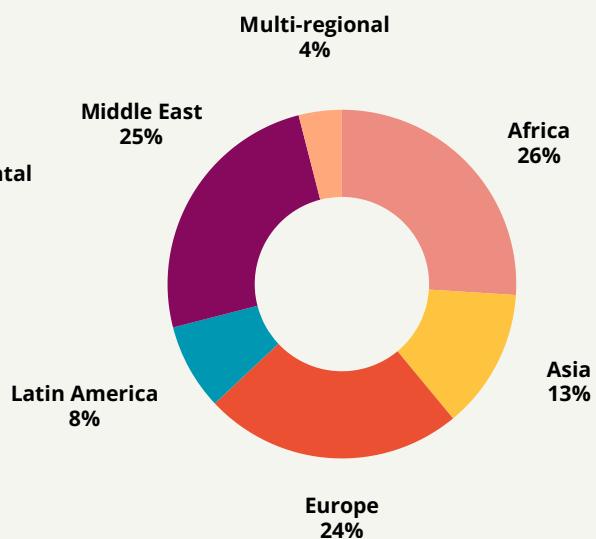
2 Global Expenditure by Sector



3 Project Expenditure by Priority

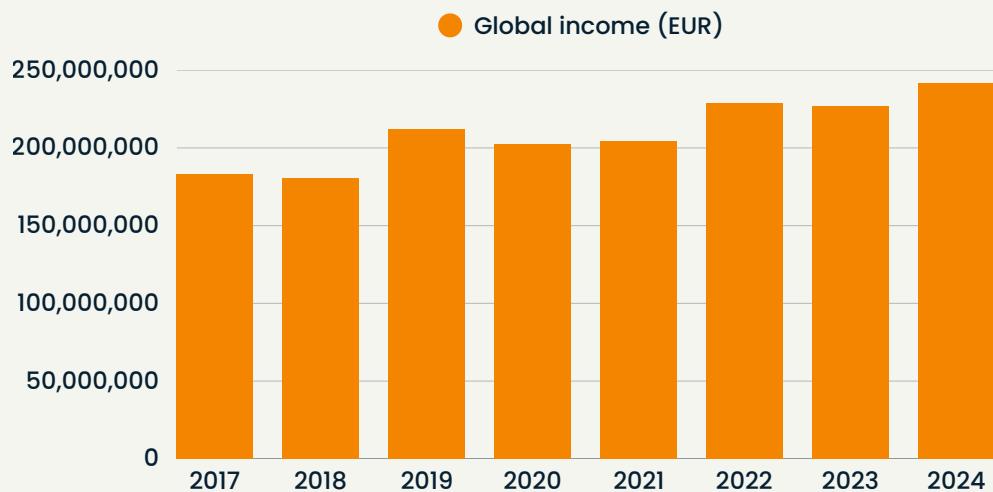


4 Project Expenditure by Region



5 Global Income 2017 - 2024

Year	Global Income (EUR)
2017	€ 183,161,256
2018	€ 180,186,090
2019	€ 211,691,247
2020	€ 202,080,172
2021	€ 203,927,141
2022	€ 228,748,270
2023	€ 226,667,032
2024	€ 241,445,375

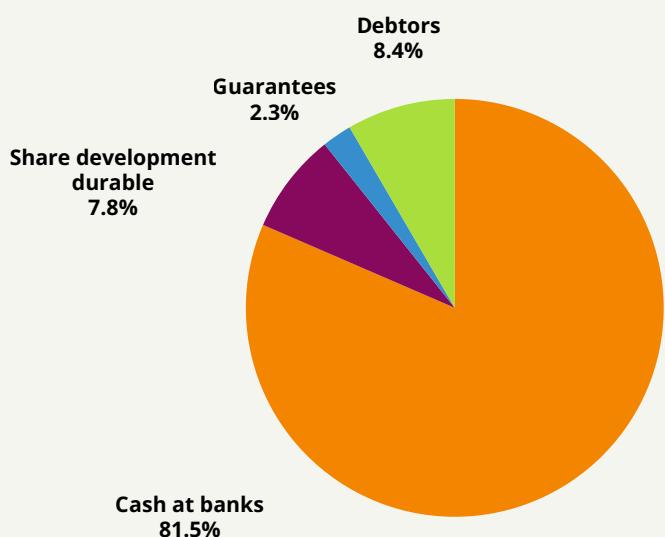


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INTERNATIONAL SECRETARIAT

Consolidated balance sheet of the International Secretariat as of 31.12.2024

6 Assets (CHF)



Assets		
Cash	0	0%
Cash at banks	232,440	81.5%
Share development durable	22,302	7.8%
Guarantees (rent)	6,650	2.3%
Debtors	23,958	8.4%
Accrued assets	-	0.0%
Total (CHF)	285,351	100%

7 Liabilities (CHF)



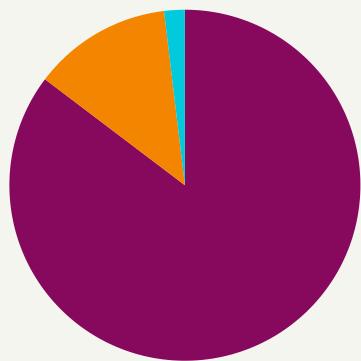
Liabilities		
Earmarked funds	67,939	23.8%
Accrued expenses	12,033	4.2%
Own funds	205,379	72.0%
Total (CHF)	285,351	100%

Consolidated statement of activities for International Secretariat for the year 2024

8 Income (CHF)

She Leads Campaign project
12.8%

Other sources
1.2%



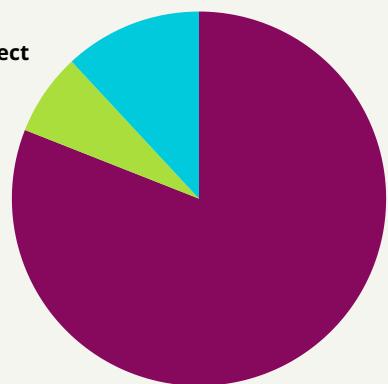
Income		
Members fees and contributions	723,895	85.4%
She Leads Campaign project	108,216	12.8%
Other sources	16,073	1.9%
Total (CHF)	848,185	100%

Membership fees and contributions
76.1%

9 Expenditure (CHF)

Strategic Partnerships
11.9%

She Leads Campaign project
7.1%



Advocacy/policy and management
80.9%

Expenditure		
Advocacy/policy and management	728,328	80.9%
She Leads Campaign project	64,136	7.1%
Specific initiatives		0.0%
Strategic Partnerships	108,216	11.9%
Total (CHF)	900,680	100%

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