

Terre des Hommes
International Federation

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Girl in a project for refugee
children from Venezuela in the
cities Cúcuta and Bogotá,
Colombia

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Girls in the “Olico” education project in South Africa

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 founded by Edmond Kaiser in Geneva in 1960. 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.

Structure

The Terre des Hommes International Federation (TDHIF) is a network of seven organisations with headquarters in Denmark, France, Germany, Italy, Luxembourg, Spain and Switzerland who worked in 69 countries in 2025. The Terre des Hommes International Federation is supported by an International Secretariat, with an office in Geneva.

- Through our 1055 projects in 69 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.



With its expertise and water supply, the NAPAD project (Somalia) helps restore agricultural land to productive use.

MEMBERS

The Terre des Hommes International Federation is composed of 7 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 Spain
- Terre des Hommes Switzerland



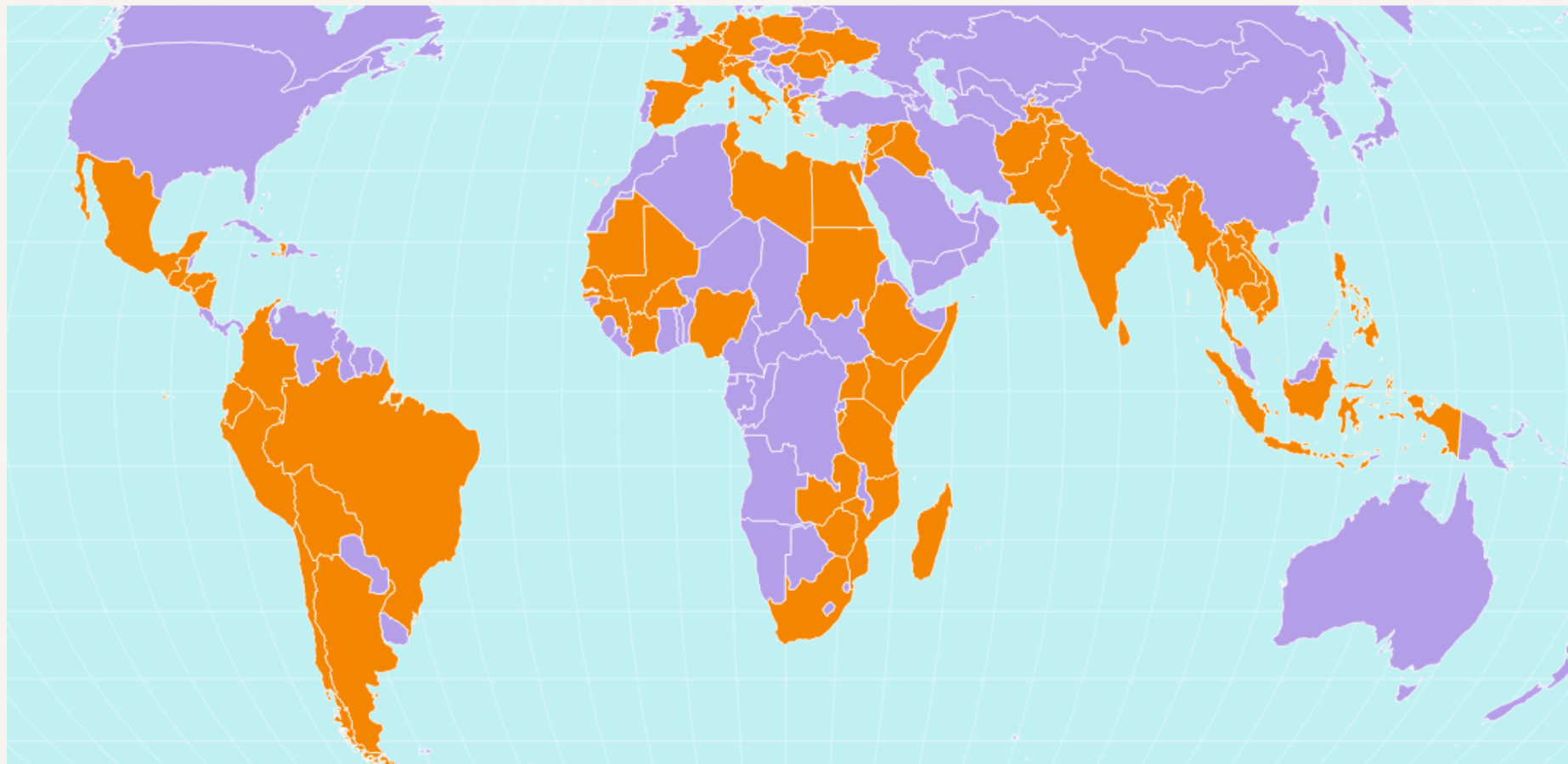
In 2025, the Federation also included these 2 members organisations:

- Terre des Hommes Lausanne
- Terre des Hommes Netherlands



PROJECTS

Terre des Hommes International Federation's members ran 1055 projects in 69 countries in 2025.



Index: List of countries where Terre des Hommes runs projects

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

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 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 such as Child Rights Connect and Joining Forces.

Child Rights Connect is the global network that connects civil society to the UN child rights system, while Joining Forces is the alliance of the six largest child-focused organisations – ChildFund Alliance, Plan International, Save the Children, SOS Children's Villages International, Terre des Hommes International Federation and World Vision International.

2025 IN REVIEW

Introduction

2025 was a year of significant achievements alongside profound transition for the Terre des Hommes International Federation. Despite a challenging global context marked by funding cuts and shrinking civic space, our network remained steadfast in its commitment to protecting and advancing children's rights worldwide.

Based on the network's mandate, the Terre des Hommes International Federation does not run any of its own programmes. For details on the projects being run on the ground, please refer to the annual reports of the member organisations (Page 2). Its role is to coordinate the network, bring member organisations together behind joint positions, represent them collectively in international arenas, and pool expertise to ensure shared standards across the network. Through strategic advocacy, meaningful child participation, and collaborative partnerships, the Federation delivered tangible impact for thousands of children.

2025 was also a challenging year for our Federation. Funding for children's rights fell sharply, and two member organisations, Terre des Hommes Lausanne and Terre des Hommes Netherlands, chose to continue their work outside the Federation. Therefore, important decisions regarding the Federation's future structure were made with a commitment to building a new, efficient and lighter working model to continue our mission.

Advocacy for children's rights

In 2025, the Federation worked to keep children's rights on the agenda at the highest levels of European and international policy and achieved significant policy advancements.

Following our successful "Vote for Children" campaign, the European Parliament Intergroup on

Child Rights was formally re-established in December 2024.

In March, we co-organised the first official meeting between the Child Rights Action Group and the Intergroup, presenting joint recommendations on the EU Strategy and protecting children's rights in the digital era. High-level engagement yielded concrete commitments. In meetings with EU Special Representative Olof Skoog and Commissioner for Intergenerational Fairness Glenn Micallef, we secured agreement to: involve children in Youth Policy Dialogues, make the EU Child Participation Platform permanent and extend it to third countries, and champion a child-centred budget for the next EU Multiannual Financial Framework (2028-2034). Building on this, our Joining Forces representation presented a position paper on the Multiannual Financial Framework at the EU Forum on the Rights of the Child in June, ensuring investment in children remains a priority in upcoming negotiations.

At the global level, building on commitments made at the Bogotá Ministerial Conference on Ending Violence Against Children, we focused on keeping states engaged and moving from commitment to action. We contributed as a panelist at a World Health Assembly side event in Geneva, and supported a high-level UN Human Rights Council event, which drew strong state-level participation and helped reaffirm those commitments while pressing for follow-through. With Child Rights Connect, we also supported UN member states in building their capacity to champion child rights together, through workshops in Geneva.

Children and youth participation

Meaningful child participation remained central to our work. Through the She Leads programme, we facilitated the engagement of a young woman from Kenya in the UN Universal Periodic Review in Geneva, including meetings with government representatives and UN experts.

In June, a cohort of girls and young women from Africa and the Middle East was established to advocate at the UN Human Rights Council on environmental and other issues. We finalised a compilation of best practices in child participation, drawing from member organisations and direct children's feedback, to strengthen practice both internally and externally.

Child protection against violence and exploitation online

TDHIF continued to shape the regulatory landscape for children's digital rights. Our submission to the European Commission's consultation on Digital Services Act guidelines resulted in the July guidelines incorporating many of our recommendations, including a robust child rights-based framework and meaningful child participation requirements. With the Ending Child Sexual Abuse Online Coalition, we produced advocacy papers on AI-generated child sexual abuse material and cybersecurity in end-to-end encrypted spaces, and organised webinars reaching European Commission officials. We engaged directly with technology companies, participating in Snapchat's presentation of AI and augmented reality glasses and the Google Summit on protecting young people online, with follow-up discussions planned on joint advocacy. As an Advisory Group member of the Oak Foundation's Kids Online Safety Communications Hub, we helped shape a \$2 million pilot initiative equipping partners with communications tools to demand government and tech company action. Our Task Force on Child Safety Online developed a multiannual advocacy strategy (2025-2027) focusing on online child sexual abuse material, influencer marketing, problematic internet use, and parental engagement.

Children's environmental rights

TDHIF advanced children's environmental rights by launching an implementation guide for UNCRC General Comment 26, led by TDH Germany, with child participation integrated throughout.

The introduction was published through Child Rights Connect's "How to Child Rights Series" and launched via a webinar in September. Our submission to the UN Special Rapporteur on the human right to a healthy environment, informed by TDH regional offices and direct child consultations in India and Southern Africa, contributed to her report on Environmental Impact Assessments. At the 5th World Congress on Justice with Children in Madrid, we co-organised an interactive workshop with children from Peru and Bangladesh, showcasing their lived realities of climate injustice and developing a toolkit using GC26 as an analytical lens.



Girls and Young Women Advocating for Change at the UN Human Rights Council

Working as a Federation

Strategic Partnership Engagement

Through our strategic partnerships, TDHIF strengthened collective action for children's rights in a challenging global context. TDHIF is a partner of Joining Forces, a united coalition to end violence against all children and secure the rights of every child. The coalition adapted its focus to implementing joint priorities on ending violence against children (EVAC) and child participation, commissioning an EVAC Gap Analysis on underinvestment in this area. The federation also contributed to Accountable Now's tracker on USAID funding cuts and helped develop new safeguarding standards for over 100 philanthropies through the Funder Safeguarding Collaborative.

Communication

The Communication Working Group coordinated the Federation's joint messaging across the year, amplifying shared positions on the forced labour regulation, the VOICE statement on funding cuts, Safer Internet Day, and the defence of civic space in Europe.

Pooling Resources and Sharing Expertise

The International Board approved and disseminated across the Federation three mandatory policy documents: the [TDHIF Safeguarding Policy](#), [Code of Conduct](#), and [Whistleblower Protection Policy](#). To support implementation, the Safeguarding Working Group developed a self-assessment form for member organisations to verify compliance, to be completed annually and integrated into Federation safeguarding reporting.

Federation transition and International Secretariat closure

Changes in membership and funding led the International Board to close the International Secretariat in Brussels in 2025 and to adopt a lean organisational structure.

From 2026, member organisations are connected directly through a smaller coordination model, so that the Federation continues to serve its members and their work together.

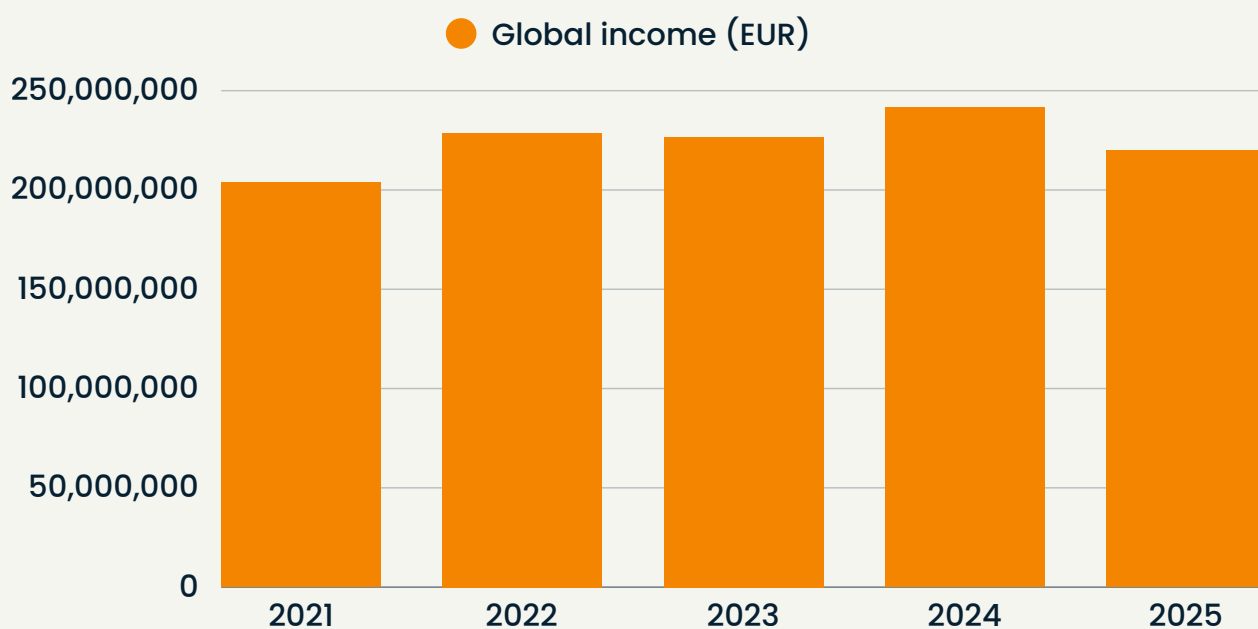


Hope for a better, more peaceful future: In Gaza, Terre des Hommes projects provided humanitarian assistance in 2025. Since then, opportunities for education and trauma support for children have also been created.

FINANCIALS 2025

TERRE DES HOMMES INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION

Global Income 2021 - 2025



Year	Global Income (EUR)
2021	€ 203,927,141
2022	€ 228,748,270
2023	€ 226,667,032
2024	€ 241,445,375
2025	€ 219,690,883

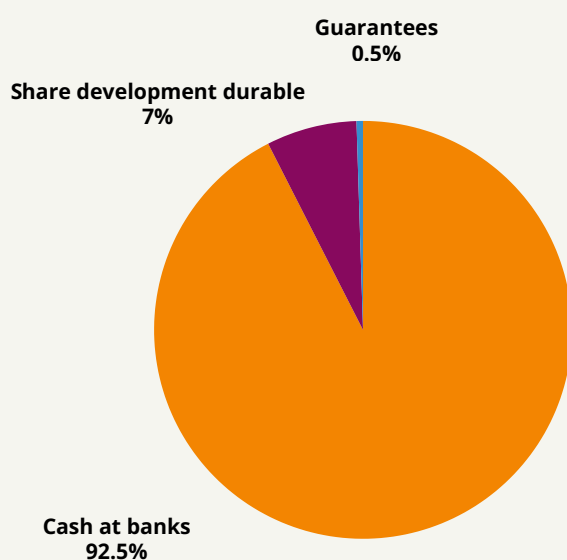
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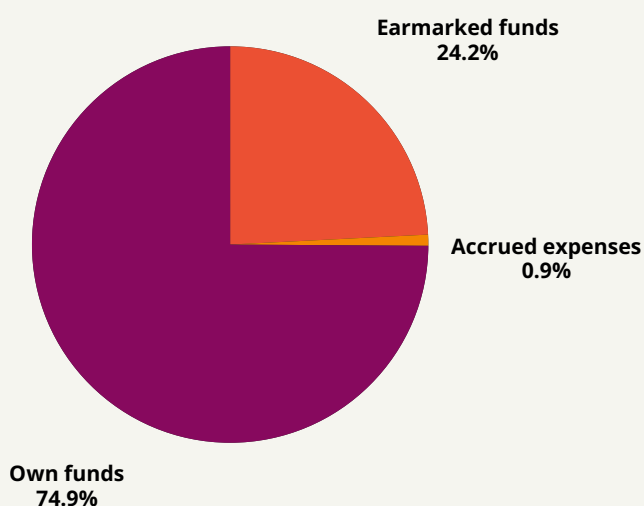
Consolidated balance sheet of the International Secretariat as of 31.12.2025

2 Assets (CHF)



Assets		
Cash	0	0%
Cash at banks	294,130	92.5%
Share development durable	22,333	7%
Guarantees (rent)	1,667	0.5%
Debtors	-	0.0%
Accrued assets	-	0.0%
Total (CHF)	318,130	100%

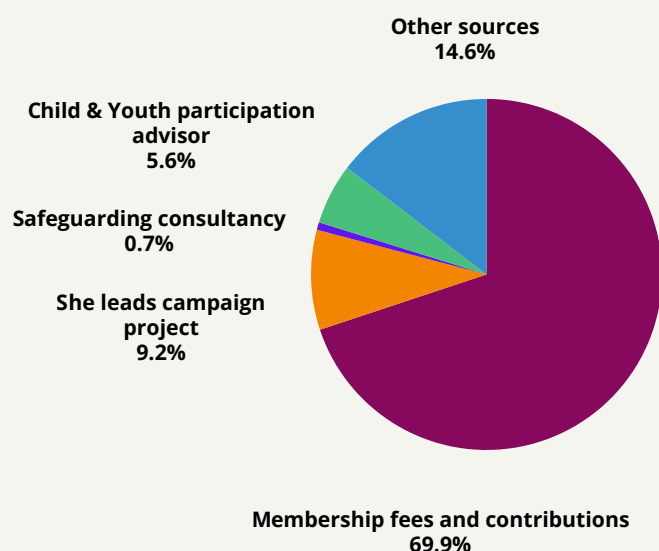
3 Liabilities (CHF)



Liabilities		
Earmarked funds	76,972	24.2%
Accrued expenses	2,900	0.9%
Own funds	238,258	74.9%
Total (CHF)	318,130	100%

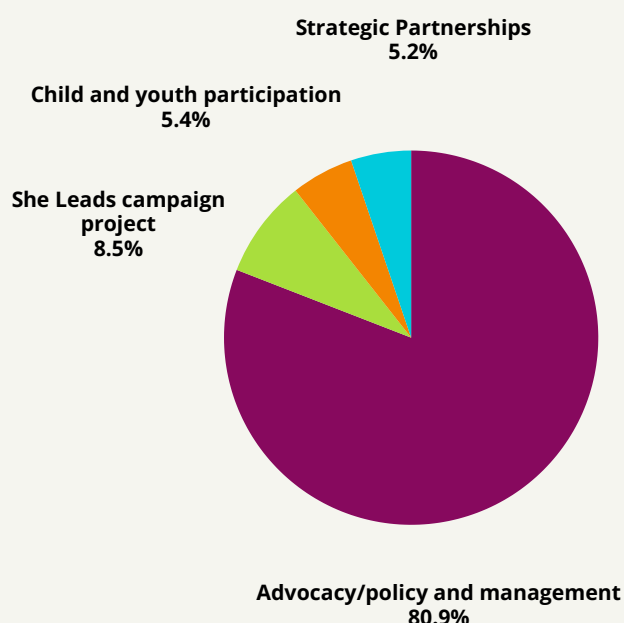
Consolidated statement of activities for International Secretariat for the year 2025

4 Income (CHF)



Income		
Members fees and contributions	751,253	69.9%
She Leads campaign project	99,598	9.2%
Safeguarding consultancy	7,939	0.7%
Child & Youth participation advisor	60,000	5.6%
Other sources	156,107	14.6%
Total (CHF)	1,074,897	100%

5 Expenditure (CHF)



Expenditure		
Advocacy/policy and management	845,493	80.9%
She Leads campaign project	88,724	8.5%
Child and youth participation	56,213	5.4%
Strategic partnerships	54,155	5.2%
Total (CHF)	1,044,587	100%

The financial statements of the International Federation have been audited by Patrick Monney, CF Groupe fiduciaire, Geneva. The auditor's report is available upon request.

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