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“Being able to restore hope to hundreds of exploited children and children at risk of all forms of exploitation is a very rewarding experience. You have to experience it to fully appreciate it. Try it in whichever way you can. Speak out, donate, support child friendly services and restore hope.”

James T. Yesiga, Country Manager, Uganda

Terre des Hommes Netherlands is a Dutch organisation based in The Hague, founded in 1965 as a non-profit organisation. Terre des Hommes Netherlands is a member of Terre des Hommes International Federation (TDHIF), a network of eight national organisations working for the rights of children and to promote equitable development without racial, religious, political, cultural or gender-based discrimination.

# PARTNERSHIPS

Terre des Hommes Netherlands is part of the *Joining Forces for Children*, an alliance of the six largest child-focused international NGOs; and *She Leads*, a five-year strategic partnership between the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs and four consortium organisations - Terre des Hommes Netherlands, Plan Netherlands, DCI-ECPAT Netherlands and the African Women's Development and Communication Network (FEMNET).

In our work, we closely collaborate with the Ministry of Gender, Labour and

Social Development (MGLSD) and other partners:

- Dwelling Places
- Ecological Christian Organisation (ECO)
- Girl Up Initiative Uganda (GUIU)
- Karamoja Women Umbrella Organisation (KAWUO)
- Multi Community Based Development Initiative (MUCOBADI)
- Rahab Uganda
- Somero Uganda
- Uganda Youth Development Link (UYDEL)

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## Country Profile

# Uganda

In Uganda, Terre des Hommes Netherlands works on the issues of child sexual exploitation, child trafficking and unsafe migration, the worst forms of child labour and violence against children. Lack of educational opportunities coupled with poverty lead to many forms of child exploitation. Specifically the girl child is at risk, since many communities do not consider her education a priority.

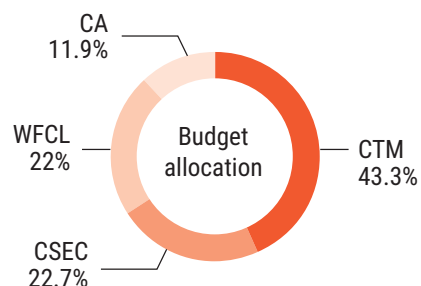
Child sexual exploitation is one of the most complex forms of exploitation which is quite persistent, in the major urban centres and along the main transport and transit routes. Most domestic trafficking victims are children

from the Karamoja region, exploited in forced begging and commercial sex in the capital Kampala. More in general, children are expected to contribute to the family income, making hazardous labour in agriculture one of the most common forms of child exploitation.

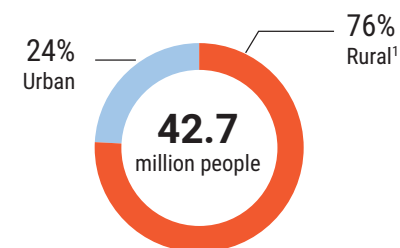
In addressing these issues, we work together with local civil society organisations. We do not only offer direct help to exploited children and children at risk, but collaborate with duty bearers from the local to the national level, to achieve an improved environment for children to grow up in.



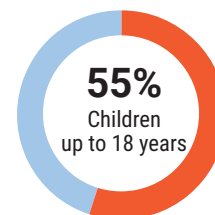
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PROJECTS



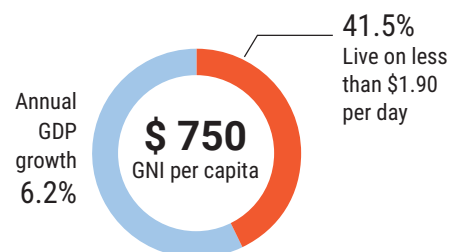
## UGANDA KEY DATA



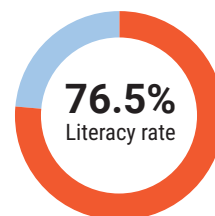
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million people



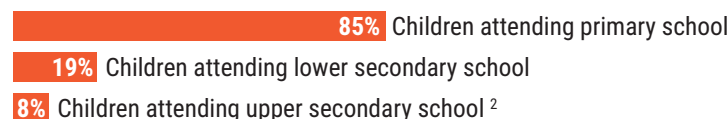
**55%**  
Children  
up to 18 years



41.5%  
Live on less  
than \$1.90  
per day



**76.5%**  
Literacy rate



Source: <sup>1</sup> Uganda Bureau of Statistics, Worldbank  
<sup>2</sup> UNICEF

A total of 40 projects were implemented between 2016 and 2020, these include:

- 22 projects - Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSEC)
- 9 projects - Child Trafficking and unsafe Migration (CTM)
- 5 projects - Child Labour (CL)
- 4 projects - Child Abuse, including harmful traditional practices (CA)

## 2019 OUTCOMES



**1,291**

Children



**5,246**

Families and  
communities



**291**

Government  
officials



**49**

Law enforcement  
officers



**5**

CSO  
organisations

## IMPACT 2016 - 2020

**557** survivors or children at risk of sexual exploitation supported to realise their potential.

**1,426** survivors and children at risk of child labour rehabilitated and returned to school or vocational training.

**1,023** children prevented prevent and rescued from trafficking through interception, rehabilitation and resettlement back into their communities.

“I feel loved and blessed to have people who have come out to help me. I can now see a better future for myself”

Mildred (17 years) was trafficked to Kampala at the age of fourteen with the promise of a tailoring course, yet she ended up being exploited: in child domestic labour and eventually in sexual exploitation for survival. As a teenage mother with no stable source of income, she is supported through counselling and baking classes so that she can become economically independent with her own baking business.

“I had an experience that I wouldn’t love my fellow children to go through. Education is a powerful tool for empowerment.”

Sonia (17 years) was trafficked to Uganda’s capital Kampala at the age of seven, where she was forced to beg on the streets from early morning until late at night. She was rescued, rehabilitated and reunited with her parents, and back home rejoined school. She is a passionate child rights advocate, with a focus on stopping child trafficking and unsafe migration; and the importance of education, especially for the girl child.