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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 (ChildFund, Plan, Save the Children, SOS Children's Villages, Terre des Hommes, World Vision); 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).

As a member of Terre des Hommes International Federation (TDHIF), we collaborate with several other member organisations, in particular Terre des Hommes foundation (Lausanne, Switzerland), Terre des Hommes Germany and Terre des Hommes Italy.

In Madagascar, we partner with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), UNICEF and the Responsible Mica Initiative (RMI) to end child labour practices in the mica mining sector.

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Terre des Hommes Netherlands focuses on stopping child exploitation in Africa. An analysis by Terre des Hommes (2020) indicates that in African countries despite universally ratifying the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) and the African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child (ACRWC), there are still big gaps in terms of implementation of policies and programmes and accountability towards protection of children from exploitation.

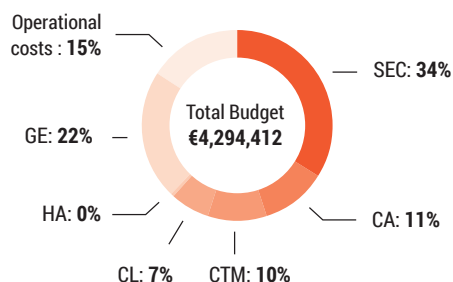
Countries in Africa still struggle with child exploitation, deeply rooted in traditional/cultural systems and structures, legal systems, private sector, government structures and institutions and at individual level. Throughout the continent, children are routinely abused and exploited as sex objects, instruments forced into services such as pornography and prostitution, tools in the farming and mining of various produce and materials, including cocoa,

gold, mica and other minerals; and, as child soldiers to fight in sectarian conflicts and civil wars. Children are often exploited and abused by both domestic and external actors including family members, community leaders, state and non-state actors, foreign tourists who seek the continent's children for sex, and international criminal gangs who are engaged in the production of child pornography, sex trafficking and the illegal harvesting and sale of organs.

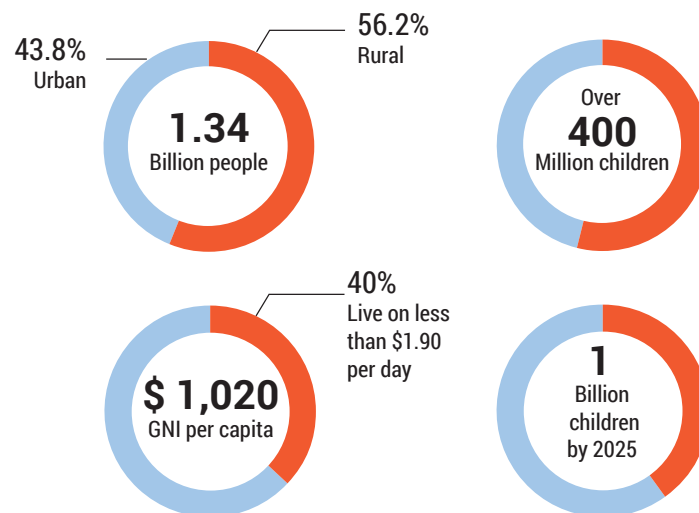
To research and expose the hidden forms of child exploitation, Terre des Hommes Netherlands works with partners including grassroot organisations, national and regional multi-stakeholder initiatives, legislators, leaders at multi-sectoral level, parents and children. Together we design workable solutions and empower stakeholders to find lasting solutions towards stopping child exploitation.



For over 50 years, Terre des Hommes Netherlands has worked in Africa, both in structural aid and in humanitarian assistance. Providing emergency support in humanitarian crises such as drought, famine and disease outbreaks all over the continent, our development work has most recently concentrated on Ethiopia, Kenya, Madagascar, Tanzania and Uganda.



## AFRICA KEY DATA



The COVID-19 pandemic is estimated to have pushed between 30 to 40 million people into extreme poverty with most of the consequences being borne by women and children. by 2055, two out of five (40 percent) of all children under the age of five would live in Africa.

Source: World Bank (estimates 2020), WorldOMeter (2021), UNICEF, SOS Children's Villages

A total of 28 projects were implemented between 2018 and 2020, these include:

- 8 projects - Sexual Exploitation of Children (SEC)
- 4 projects - Child Trafficking and unsafe Migration (CTM)
- 3 project - Child Abuse, including harmful traditional practices (CA)
- 2 project - Child Labour (CL)
- 3 project - Humanitarian Assistance (HA)
- 8 project - Gender Equality (GE)

## 2020 OUTCOMES



## IMPACT

### 2018 - 2020

46,541 child survivors (of child exploitation) rescued, safeguarded and rehabilitated or linked to other support services

40,230 child survivors and children at high risk of exploitation supported with education

2,730 survivors of child exploitation received legal assistance

83,366 child survivors and children at high risk of exploitation reached with awareness activities

“Violence (abuse and exploitation) often robs children of their childhoods. Even then, they still have a voice. We strive to ensure this voice is heard; building agency for children and young people to speak, be heard and act to end child exploitation.”

Angela Nyamu, Technical Advisor Child Protection

“Terre des Hommes Netherlands is at the forefront with our vision to stop child exploitation in Africa, to ensure children can be children. With data indicating many hidden and under-exposed forms of child exploitation across the continent, we are committed to systemically and structurally address them. Children play a key role as agents of change in our approach. Our efforts will contribute to the achievement of global and regional goals such as the Sustainable Development Goals and Africa Agenda 2063.”

Raphael Kariuki, Head of Region, East Africa and Madagascar