

A close-up portrait of a young woman with dark skin and hair, looking directly at the camera with a slight smile. She is wearing a dark jacket over a red top with a blue pattern. The background is blurred, showing some wooden structures.

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stops child exploitation



BUILDING RESILIENCE

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Terre des Hommes Netherlands

Who we are

Terre des Hommes Netherlands is a Dutch not-for-profit child rights organisation dedicated to stopping child exploitation.

What we do

Stopping child exploitation, the most serious violations of the rights of the child, is the core of our work. We fight child exploitation through quality programmes, capacity building of the local civil society sector, investigation of child rights violations and lobby for better compliance with the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child.

Our Vision

Terre des Hommes Netherlands is working towards a world in which children are no longer exploited, a world in which all children can live with dignity and develop their talents in a safe and loving environment. We will continue our work until this has been accomplished.

Our Mission

Terre des Hommes Netherlands prevents child exploitation, removes children from exploitative situations and ensures these children can develop themselves in a safe environment.

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FOREWORD

On behalf of Terre des Hommes Netherlands, I am pleased to present the 2021 Annual Report which highlights our key achievements and successes in the last year.

The theme of the year can best be described as **“Building Resilience.”** Resilience is being translated in the way we deliver on programmes focused on the most vulnerable children across Africa.

2021 presented new opportunities as well as challenges for us at Terre des Hommes Netherlands. Together with local civil society partners and other stakeholders, we adapted to the ‘new normal,’ and built our resilience to fight Child Exploitation.

Through various interventions, we managed to protect **38,420** children from abusive, exploitative and dangerous situations, supported **51,885** families with income generating activities and trainings, mobilised **1,758** CSO representatives to lobby and advocate for children, strengthened the capacity of **2,178** government officials, **681** law enforcement agencies, and **718** private sector staff to ensure better coordination in the response to Child Exploitation across Africa.

This year showed us that we can be bold and ambitious in our unique approach and drive long-lasting impact. I am proud to witness the progress we made. We worked to ensure that we deliver on all our programmatic objectives, diversify our portfolio, explore innovative solutions that can enable change, bolster our advocacy and lobby initiatives and forge stronger meaningful partnerships.

With the trust and support accorded to us by our donors and development partners, we worked tirelessly to protect children from exploitation. We invite you to join us in this journey. Together we can work towards building a better world, free from exploitation, for the most vulnerable children in Africa.

“Terre des Hommes Netherlands will continue to build resilience in delivering transformative work to fight child exploitation. Together, we can bring about lasting positive impact in the lives of children.”



Raphael Kariuki
Head of Region, East Africa and Madagascar
Terre des Hommes Netherlands

2021 HIGHLIGHTS

38,420

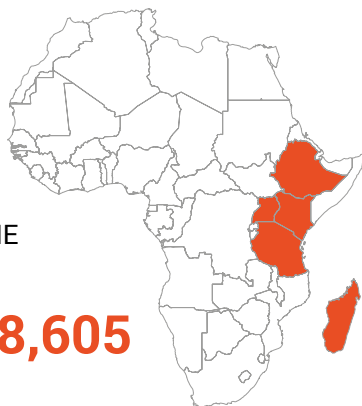
CHILDREN HELPED

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PROJECTS

REGIONAL
PROGRAMME
BUDGET

€ 3,598,605



OUR FOCUS

SAFEGUARDING

3,558 children protected from abusive, exploitative and dangerous situations



Impact per theme

HA - 2,558
CTM - 589
SEC - 382
GE - 29

EDUCATION

2,003 children enrolled in educational programmes



CTM - 1,099
SEC - 904

LEGAL ADVICE

311 abused/exploited children received legal assistance



CT - 205
CE - 106

LIVELIHOOD SUPPORT

12,840 people (survivors, children, community members, and youth) provided with livelihood support



HA - 6,952
CE - 3,554
CT - 2,334

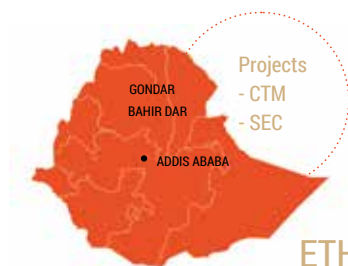
AWARENESS CREATION

21,969 community members reached through awareness activities



CT - 18,828
CE - 1,170
GE - 1,991

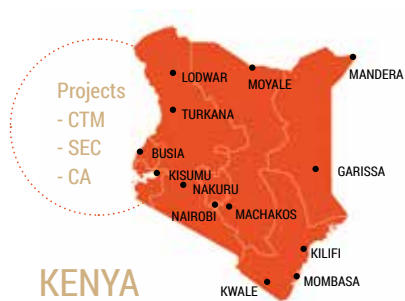
OUR RESULTS



ETHIOPIA

Children under 18: Boys	5,366
Children under 18: Girls	8,619
CSO representatives	586
Families & Communities	14,382
Government Officials	1,086
Law enforcement agencies	483
Others	446
Private sector staff	379

Children under 18: Boys	2,813
Children under 18: Girls	3,300
CSO representatives	585
Families & Communities	12,985
Government Officials	348
Private sector staff	31



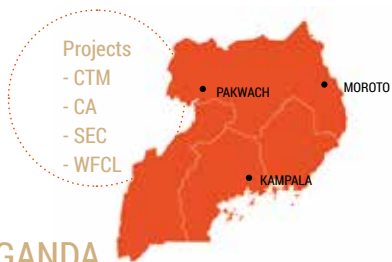
KENYA

Children under 18: Boys	937
Children under 18: Girls	1,829
CSO representatives	142
Families & Communities	10,611
Government Officials	203
Law enforcement agencies	152
Private sector staff	130



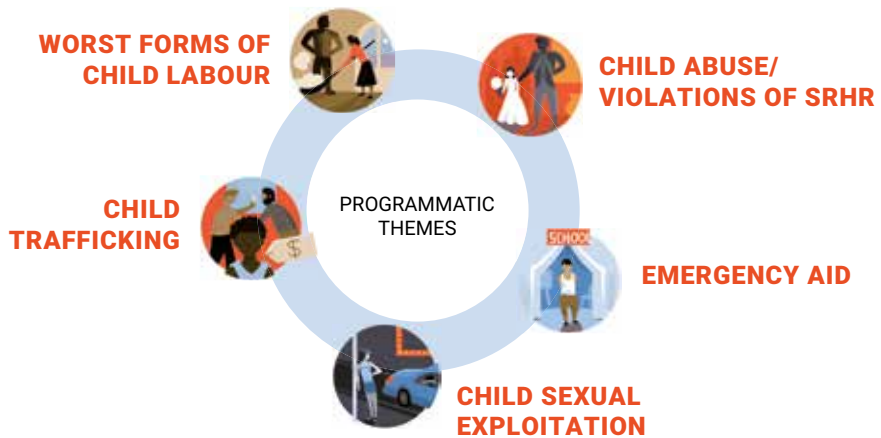
TANZANIA

Children under 18: Boys	4,133
Children under 18: Girls	5,330
CSO representatives	153
Families & Communities	13,351
Government Officials	480
Law enforcement agencies	36
Others	446
Private sector staff	178



UGANDA

OUR THEMES



Stopping child exploitation, the most serious violations of the rights of the child, is the core of Terre des Hommes Netherlands' work. In line with the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) and International Labour Organization (ILO) standards as laid down in Conventions 138 and 182, our definition covers:

- **child trafficking and unsafe migration;**
- **sexual exploitation of children;**
- **the worst forms of child labour;** and
- **child abuse** including **violations of the sexual and reproductive health rights (SRHR)** of adolescents and **retrogressive cultural practices** such as child marriage and female genital mutilation.

In addition, **humanitarian assistance** is an integral part of our activities, in particular child protection and stopping child exploitation in emergency situations.

OUR APPROACH

The aim of Terre des Hommes Netherlands is to create an environment in which children can claim their rights and live in a world without exploitation and abuse. To this end, we have identified stakeholders with whom we can achieve lasting change. These include children, families and communities, governments, law enforcement agencies, the private sector and CSOs.

Through these five interventions, we seek to create a world free of child exploitation:



PREVENTION

To empower children and mobilise families and communities for prevention of child exploitation, we constantly invest in education services and awareness-raising campaigns.



PROVISION

To protect and empower children with the aim of a safe and sustainable reintegration in society, we provide child victims of exploitation with education, shelter, gainful employment, medical care and therapy services.



PROMOTION

To advocate and uphold the rights of children, we organise public and media campaigns, conduct research into the scale and nature of abuse and exploitation, as well as lobby for attention and change.



PROSECUTION

To seek justice for the victims, we assist children and their families to report abuse and exploitation cases, offer legal aid and social protection, train and assist police, public prosecution offices and justice departments.



PARTNERSHIP & PARTICIPATION

We engage and strengthen civil society in the promotion of children's rights to ensure children are protected. Meaningful participation of children is enshrined in all our programmes.



KENYA

2021 PORTFOLIO OVERVIEW

In Kenya, Terre des Hommes Netherlands continuously adapted its programming to better respond to the emerging challenges arising from the Covid 19 pandemic. Twelve projects were implemented across 9 counties (Nairobi, Kwale, Mombasa, Machakos, Kilifi, Nakuru, Kisumu, Busia, Turkana, Garissa), all aimed at preventing and responding to child exploitation both in the development and humanitarian sector. Increased collaboration with key partners at all levels led to more innovative approaches in addressing child exploitation and protecting the hard won gains for children, girls and young women in Kenya.

Despite the reduced funding opportunities, new programmes were launched: She Leads programme and the Wezesha Vijana programmes both apply the learnings from our experiences in the past years with regards to equal opportunity for girls and young women, and skills development and economic empowerment for children and young people respectively.

Looking ahead, we are committed to ensure that children's rights are observed to protect children from exploitation, even in the most difficult circumstances, and to influence agendas and strategies that affect children (girls and boys) and youth (young women) at all levels.

In all our interventions, we will continue to make deliberate efforts to meaningfully engage children, listen to their views and incorporate them in all actions to address their challenges.

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

The results for Kenya in 2021 are indicated below;

- A total 13,985 children (5366 boys and 8619 girls) who are survivors of exploitation or at risk of exploitation were directly reached with services such as education, rescue and reintegration, psychosocial support, legal support and awareness on their rights across the project locations.
- 14,382 families and community members reached with information on child rights, entitlements, risks and mitigation measures related to COVID 19, emerging CE trends and access to services through community based structures and radio sessions.
- Increased networking and mobilisation of 586 CSOs to lobby and advocate with the government for children. This has improved response to childrens' issues at both county and national levels and political goodwill to review and adopt legislation such as the Children Bill 2021.
- Capacity of 1,086 government officials and private actors has been strengthened through training in CE and emerging trends of exploitation in the wake of Covid 19, to ensure better coordination in the response to CE.

The Moment of...

“It was a thrilling moment for me to see children from child rights clubs confidently engage with government officials and CSOs from Busia (one of our target counties) to advocate for child sensitive budgeting. The memorandum submitted to the Governor on the plight of children in the county and their recommendations has seen the county government take matters of child protection with seriousness, and as an early commitment has allocated some resources for a rescue center as well as initiated the process of drafting a county children policy. Throughout our programmes we put children at the center of all our actions while partnering with them as important change agents. One child exploited is one too many, and all duty bearers at all levels must focus on sustainable interventions to address exploitation of children in the world.”



Magdalene Wanza,
Country Manager, Kenya

KNOTE (Kenya National Outreach Counseling and Training Programme)

In the spotlight - Partners

KNOTE's defining moment has been the ability to mobilise the youth, their parents and the community at large to be responsive to issues around SEC in Naivasha and Gilgil Sub Counties. KNOTE has trained/equipped 150 youth who were engaged in or were at risk of SEC with vocational skills, job skills and reproductive health information. At the end of the project in December 2021, 138 youth had completed vocational skills training with 12 ongoing. 30 youth are already in employment with another 38 in internship. 5 have initiated their own businesses while the rest are earning a decent income averaging KES 4500 a month.

In the spotlight - Programmes and Projects

Watch 24/7

The gist of the Watch 24/7 project is to ensure that promoters of Online Child Sexual Exploitation (OCSE) are prosecuted successfully and that in the process, children victims /survivors of OCSE also access good quality child protection services. To achieve this, the role of various stakeholders, both state and non-state, including the children and their families, cannot be underestimated. Working with key government officials, Law Enforcement Agencies (LEAs) and members of the communities in Mombasa, Nairobi and Kisumu, more than 26 businesses and internet access spots were identified as potential hubs promoting OCSE either by design or out of ignorance. These are being investigated by the Directorate of Criminal Investigation (DCI) for relevant action.

At the same time, a total of 135 child survivors of OCSE (81 girls and 54 boys) were identified and provided with child therapy services. The children were also afforded legal support where necessary while some were supported to access formal education through provision of school fees and related scholastic materials. Some of the parents also benefited from counseling services not only to help them come to terms with the related trauma but also to empower them with the requisite skills to further support their affected children to sustain positive behavior change on their journey towards recovery from OCSE. The number of child survivors of OCSE identified in 8 months, in only three counties, clearly shows that the situation in the country in terms of OCSE is a matter of grave concern that should be given priority to avert a looming disaster.

When justice prevails

Princess, a 13-year-old girl lives in Bungoma County, Kenya. Unfortunately for her, life took a dark turn when her parents divorced. Her mother left for Nairobi, leaving her with her father. By then, Princess was 11 years old. Her father would spend several nights out fishing at the lake. His absence gave Princess' stepmother the opportunity to mistreat her.

Princess started going to the lake to get sardines, locally referred to as "omena" to fend for herself. Later on, she met a fisherman who befriended her and would give her money to buy fish whenever she went to the beach. She knew him as a caring 'uncle.' Unfortunately, as she was collecting firewood one day, he sexually exploited her. A boy who heard her screams alerted the community members and she was rescued.

A Child Protection Volunteer in the area immediately informed the SEC Busia project officer and Princess was taken to hospital where she received medical care and counselling services. The perpetrator was arrested, the project team facilitated Princess, her mother, and all the witnesses to attend court, including the boy who witnessed the abuse. A legal officer guided Princess, her mother, and the witnesses on what was expected of them and closely followed up with the prosecution department to ensure no evidence was left out. The children magistrate under the Busia Law Court in July 2021 found the perpetrator guilty and sentenced him to 20 years in prison.

Princess is still receiving counselling services and the project team conducts home visits for further support. The project team also supported Princess with scholastic materials and helped her enrol in her new school and she is currently in class 6. "The joy in my heart is overwhelming, I am under the custody of my mother and I feel protected and very safe." she said cheerfully. Princess aspires to be a teacher so she can enlighten the world.



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Sepetu's unyielding resilience

17-year-old Sepetu was born in Kilifi County in the coast region of Kenya. He lived with his parents and three siblings. His father was the family's sole breadwinner, earning a living as a bottled water vendor. He sent Sepetu, his mother and his siblings to their rural home in Busia County, where he had a piece of land then he fled to Tanzania. Left to be the sole provider, his mother became overburdened and left them, never to return home.

With both parents gone, the then 12-year-old Sepetu had no choice but to assume their roles, which meant that he had to skip school and look for work. He would either cut sugar cane or work at the jaggery to earn an average of 0.54 Euros per day.

In 2019, Sepetu became ill and incapacitated and could not work to provide for his siblings. His aunt intervened and he was taken to receive medical care. After his condition improved, his aunt admitted him to a secondary school in the area. Unfortunately, barely a month after his re-enrollment, he had to drop out due to financial constraints.

Without any schooling activity to keep him engaged, Sepetu joined a group of boys who would go and harvest sand to earn an average of 0.54 euros per day. His aunt had cautioned him from associating with the group and advised him to disengage but Sepetu remained adamant. His aunt then reported the matter to the Malaba assistant chief who referred the case to the officer commanding station. The boys were arrested but Sepetu would be freed after he was found to be underage. Armed with the knowledge acquired during the Case Management and Referral training organised by Terre des Hommes Netherlands, the police officer referred Sepetu to the Sub-County Children Officer (SCCO).

The SCCO, the assistant chief and the police officer conducted a home visit for assessment. In 2021, Sepetu was awarded the Presidential Secondary School Bursary and secured admission in form one at a boarding secondary school in Malaba. Additionally, the assistant chief mobilised resources and purchased the additional scholastic materials that were required before admission. Sepetu is now able to concentrate on his studies and is a registered member of the Child Rights Club (CRC) and receives mentorship from the club patrons.

Speaking excitedly he said, "I am extremely happy that my life has been transformed from a nobody to somebody. The first time I went home during half-term, children (our neighbours) admired my new look. I felt accepted, welcomed, and respected, unlike those days when I would be called a Chokora (street boy)."

**“If all goes well I would want to be a teacher.
This will be a great opportunity to guide
other children well”**



UGANDA

2021 PORTFOLIO OVERVIEW

In Uganda, Terre des Hommes Netherlands implemented a total of five broad projects in 2021 which included the She Leads programme, Joining Forces Alliance, Community Action to End Child Trafficking and Sexual Exploitation, Sustainable Response Against Child Trafficking and Unsafe Migration in Uganda and the Protection of children from Commercial sexual exploitation in Kampala and Wakiso districts.

She Leads programme

This is a joint initiative of Plan International Netherlands, Defence for Children - ECPAT the Netherlands (DCI-ECPAT), The African Women's Development and Communication Network (FEMNET), and Terre des Hommes Netherlands (TdH NL), under the Power of Voices Framework for the period 2021-2025.

Joining Forces Alliance

Terre des Hommes Netherlands, Save the Children International together with ChildFund International received a grant from the European Union to collaboratively implement the Joining Forces Action. The Action is being implemented in 12 sub counties/towns in Uganda, with TdH NL, through a local partner - Somero Uganda, implementing in Busia and Bugiri Districts.

In 2021, the following achievements were made;

- Child protection referral charts were developed for each of the 4 targeted sub counties (Muterere and Budhaya in Bugiri and then, Sikuda and Buteba in Busia District)
- 127 child protection service providers received material and technical support to strengthen their service provision
- 898 children received individualized child protection support through case management or psychosocial support services
- 2 District Action Centres (DAC) were supported through financial, material, or technical support. The DAC for Busia is in the process of being established - assessment was completed. In Bugiri where this is already in place and financial support was provided to facilitate response to CP cases reported.
- 738 parents and caregivers participated in parenting skills sessions
- 144 education actors (club patrons/teachers) received training on child protection, providing psychological first aid for children, and reporting violence against children
- 2084 children participated in life skills, peer support, and other structured support programmes through peer clubs both for in and out-of school children

Community Action to End Child Trafficking and Sexual Exploitation in Napak District, Karamoja, Uganda.

TdH NL with funding from the Global Fund to End Modern Slavery (GFEMS) is implementing a project whose overall goal is to create SEC referral, response and reporting mechanisms that are effectively operating, providing a protective shield for children and reducing their vulnerability. This will protect 2,000 children at risk in Napak district (in Karamoja) from SEC.

Among others, the following achievements were made in 2021;

Interception, rescue and resettlement of 182 SEC victims, provision of COVID 19 emergency packages to 200 vulnerable families, development of sub county ordinances against SEC and CT as well training of 1787 parents and caregivers who can now monitor children when not at home and also respond, report, refer and follow-up on cases. These achievements have been made in partnership with law enforcement agencies, teachers, local governments, communities (76 champions trained) at various levels as well as children themselves through constructive engagement.

Sustainable Response Against Child Trafficking and Unsafe Migration in Uganda

In 2021, Terre des Hommes Netherlands and Dwelling Places continued to contribute to the sustainable reduction of the high numbers of children trafficked or unsafely migrated for street begging through:

- Reduction in the number of children begging or working on the streets as a result of CTM
- Improved quality of services being delivered to the children and their families through rescue, rehabilitation, reconciliation, sustainable reintegration and follow up.

In 2021, the following achievements were made:

- 101 children (40 girls; 61 boys) were immediately safeguarded
- 516 vulnerable children (227 girls; 289 boys) received services including psychosocial support/counselling
- 78 families of exploited/abused children were supported with income generating activities

Protection of children from commercial sexual exploitation in Kampala and Wakiso districts

Terre des Hommes Netherlands with funding from Stichting September is implementing a project that seeks to reduce Sexual Exploitation of Children through raising awareness in schools and provision of vocational skills to 430 child victims of SE and those at risk of being sexually exploited.

In 2021, the following was achieved:

- 282 children participated in awareness raising sessions
- 98 duty bearers (local leaders and members of the Parent Teachers Association Leaders) shall be trained on child rights and protection of children from SEC to support the project in terms of awareness raising, identification and referral of SEC survivors for appropriate services
- 100 (70 girls; 30 boys) exploited/abused children identified, assessed and received psychosocial support including vocational skills, life skills and business skills training to enhance economic empowerment and livelihood survival
- 10 vulnerable families identified, assessed and received income generating Activities (IGAs) to enhance their livelihoods and reduce their vulnerability

- Child Protection Needs Assessment in Adjumani, Palabek and Palorinya Refugee Settlement, February 2021. Jointly conducted by Terres des Hommes Netherlands and Windle International Uganda in February. Participatory qualitative methods were used in data collection that included 90 Key Informant Interviews (KIIs), 14 Focus Group Discussions (FGDs), document review and case studies.

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

Generally in 2021, the following beneficiaries were reached through the different interventions;

- 4133 Children under 18: Boys
- 5330 Children under 18 Girls
- 13351 Family and community members
- 153 CSO representatives
- 480 Government Officials
- 36 Law enforcement agents
- 178 Private sector staff

The Moment of...

“The moment of 2021 for the Uganda Country Office was being selected to present the CSO statement on behalf of all CSOs at the National event to commemorate the Day of the Girl Child. That statement that was broadcasted live on national television and various social media channels reached far and wide and greatly profiled Terre des Hommes Netherlands as a child focused organisation in Uganda and beyond.”



James Yesiga,
Country Manager, Uganda

In the spotlight- Partners

Somero Uganda

Negative Cultural Norms and Harmful Traditional Practices (HTPs) are documented as some of the causes of violence against children. With our partner Somero Uganda, we are addressing harmful traditional practices common in Uganda, such as early marriage and initiation ceremonies that frequently expose children, particularly girls, to vulnerable situations. In taking action to end child exploitation in Uganda, Terre des Hommes Netherlands and partners implement activities geared towards addressing these HTPs.

In Busia, the funeral fundraising ceremony - Disco Matanga was one of the HTPs that lead many children to being abused. In 2021, TdH NL and Somero Uganda, through the JOFA project, engaged stakeholders from local to district levels including cultural and religious leaders. Through various dialogues at parish, sub-county and district level, the district security committee passed a resolution on 15th March 2021 suspending Disco Matanga in Busia District.

Dwelling Places

In Napak District, because of the cultural norms and traditional practices such as courtship rape, there has been very low response to CT and SEC in the area because it is considered a normal practice. Hence, there has been very low reporting of cases of CT and SEC - and when this has happened, the victims receive backlash from the relatives of the perpetrators and even the wider community. Terre des Hommes Netherlands working with Dwelling Places, through the GFEMS project has scaled up community awareness and sensitisation through case conferencing - through which the community members interface with the different duty bearers - local leaders and the police. Community members have started coming out and reporting cases of CT and SEC.

In the spotlight - Programmes and Projects

Community Action Project

Terre des Hommes Netherlands in partnership with Dwelling Places are implementing a project - Community Action to combat child trafficking and sexual exploitation of children in Napak District - Karamoja, focusing on community-based prevention of child trafficking, including child sex trafficking. We are establishing and enforcing child protection regulatory frameworks from the national level to the community level. Targeting the Karamoja region, the project aims to reduce the number of individuals vulnerable to child trafficking and address the enabling environment in the region.

In September 2021, together with organisations under the Uganda Child Rights NGO Network and Uganda Coalition Against Trafficking in Persons, Terre des Hommes Netherlands hosted the first ever National Dialogue on Child Trafficking in Uganda under the theme; '*Taking Stock of the Trafficking Response: Are we doing enough?*'. This hybrid dialogue brought together duty bearers from Napak district - Karamoja and at national level (Uganda) and outside Uganda - especially Kenya which is a common destination for children from Napak District. A number of commitments were created by the stakeholders: The State Minister who was our chief guest pledged to provide relief food and items to victims of child trafficking and unsafe migration at the rehabilitation centre. Stakeholders committed to advocate for compulsory education for children in Karamoja, present a motion in parliament supporting education of Napak children through MPs' contributions, mobilise leaders and Karamoja elites who are in other areas like Soroti to go back and build Napak to inspire the young ones not to migrate to other areas. They also pledged to engage with cross-border stakeholders on the issues of Trafficking including following up with the MoU with stakeholders in Kenya and raise the issue of Child Trafficking to the EA parliament.

Bolstering child community champions to fight sexual exploitation

When children are informed about sexual exploitation, it creates a positive ripple effect on the community. The information is not only beneficial to them but also to other children through peer to peer sharing. Without knowledge about sexual exploitation, children fall prey to the menace without their awareness. On the other hand, when they are well equipped with information, they can identify the warning signs, know when and where to report exploitation cases and act as change agents within the community. Taking this into account, Terre des Hommes Netherlands' partner, Uganda Youth Development Link (UYDEL) ran a programme to facilitate knowledge sharing on sexual exploitation through child participation.



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Rescued from the streets

Deborah is 10 years old and lives in Uganda. Her parents contribute to the household's economy. Her father is a fisherman whereas her mother sells firewood and also sells clothes occasionally. However, a casual trip to Uganda's capital changed everything for Deborah.

In November 2020, Deborah, her three siblings and her mother travelled to Kampala. Deborah's mother wanted to get more clothes to sell. Unfortunately, when they reached the city, one of Deborah's siblings fell ill. Her mother had to make a tough decision to leave Deborah and her two siblings in the care of her friend who lives in one of Uganda's largest slums as she sought to help her ailing child.



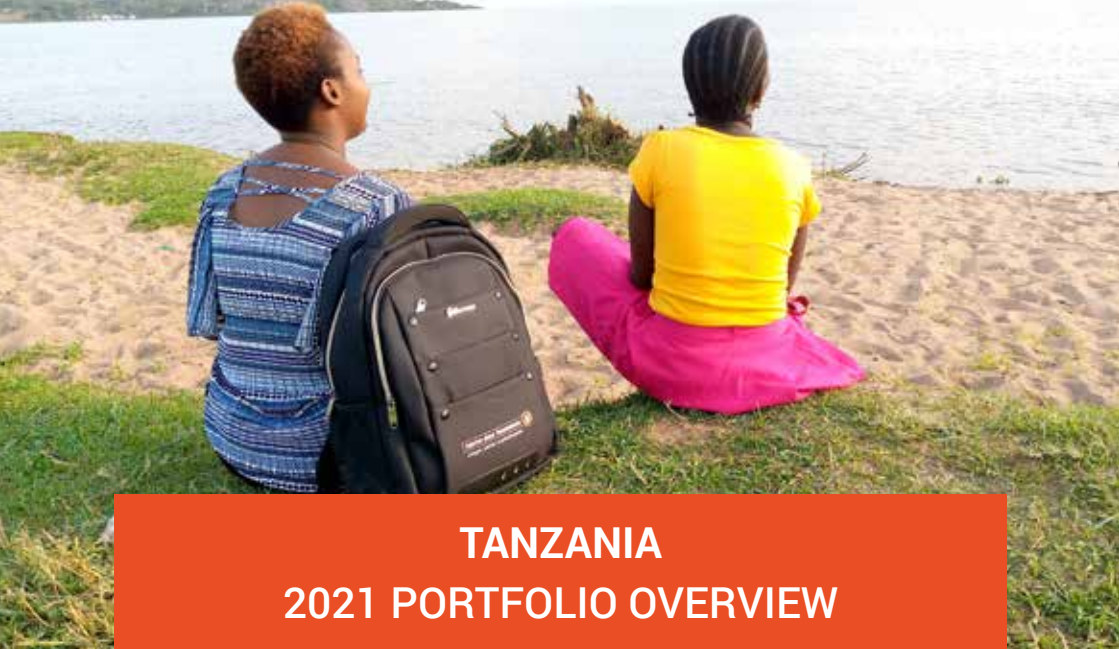
The mother's friend forced the children to go and beg for money in the streets. This posed a great threat to them as they faced the risk of trafficking, violence and sexual exploitation. Since Deborah was the elder of her two siblings she was forced to beg during the cold wee hours of the morning. Describing how she felt back then, she said, "I felt bad when I saw other children going to school and I wished that I could also go back to school." Deborah was exploited under the guise of getting money to feed her and her siblings.

Deborah's health became worse. She had skin rashes, fever, suffered headaches, upper respiratory tract infection and she had throat pain possibly attributed to the cold she had to endure as she begged strangers for money in the streets.

Luckily, the Dwelling Places rescue team was conducting outreach in the streets of Kampala in April 2021 when they came across Deborah and her siblings. During these outreach activities, the team would normally build a rapport with the children they find in order to help them get rehabilitated.

Deborah and her two siblings were rescued and brought into a home for protection and support as they waited for reintegration. While at the rehabilitation home, Deborah received etiquette classes, medical assistance, catch-up education classes and weekly counselling. Her health condition has tremendously improved and so has her hygiene. Deborah and her siblings were scheduled to be reintegrated back home but due to the recent Covid-19 restrictions in Uganda, they have had to be in the shelter a little longer than they expected.

Deborah who is learning new things at the home is generally very happy to be off the streets and in a comfortable home with access to as much food as she wants and other basic items. She concluded by saying, "I want to make my parents proud and build for them a big house."



TANZANIA

2021 PORTFOLIO OVERVIEW

In Tanzania (a source, transit and destination country for trafficked children) Terre des Hommes Netherlands focused mainly on stopping child trafficking for domestic slavery and on fighting Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) and child marriage. Our programming concentrated on the Lake Zone, consisting of the regions surrounding Lake Victoria: Mara and Mwanza including the Ukerewe islands.

The country programme was aligned to the Terre des Hommes Netherlands Strategic Framework which is based on exploring, uncovering, exposing, coordinating with, and mobilizing others to end child rights violations. Covid 19 pandemic context accelerated the adoption of new norms of interacting and working to counter the challenge of increased risk of child exploitation and contraction of the COVID 19 virus. These included online networking with other CSOs, digital reporting of CP issues and the creation of village networks through the support of community volunteers for enhanced reporting and feedback.

In 2021, the programme continued the implementation of two projects:

- Transforming traditional norms and values to strengthen girls' sexual and reproductive health and rights in Tarime, Tanzania which was phased out in March 2021 after 15 months of implementation.
- Countering Child Trafficking for Domestic Labour in Ukerewe district-Mwanza, Tanzania project which was initiated in October 2020 and was phased out on 15th October 2021.

The Tanzania Country Office continued with fundraising and in December 2021 succeeded in acquiring €110,000 from external donors to be utilised in 2022.

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

The following results were achieved in 2021;

- Engagement of media houses positively created a sense of responsibility: Radio Free Africa, a media outlet, went a step further to offer free broadcast sessions on issues pertaining to child trafficking and labour. 16 young reporters from the 40 established Child Rights clubs continued leading the child-led community engagements through the media.
- Improved quality of services offered to children victims of trafficking noted in 2021 which has been demonstrated by police officers adhering to the stipulated protocols of handling and protecting children in their contact (this includes taking into account children privacy and child friendly interviews at police stations in Tarime district and Ukerewe project locations as witnessed by project legal officers and social workers).
- Kisesa Ward of Magu District came up with by-laws, as proposed by the community members, which aimed at protecting children found within the Ward against CT and protect the welfare of child domestic workers (CDWs) working within the Ward. The bill was presented to the Kisesa ward development Committee and approved by the Ward Council and for implementation. We successfully influenced the Government CT response system to include Harmlet chairs responsible for quarterly village level reporting of CT response progress, to regional Committees and set up of functional gender and children desks in Ukerewe district at Ukara and Muriti police stations.
- 2 traditional leaders under community pressure to cut their girls refused to give in to the pressure but rather protect their children. One of them was the chairperson of traditional leaders who rescued her granddaughter and took her to Masanga rescue center.
- 4 ex-genital mutilators successfully continued monitoring and reporting progress of 56 girls to ATFGM after reintegration. The 4 ex- traditional mutilators had previously managed to rescue the 56 girls who were at risk of being cut. They sheltered the girls in their houses at various times in 2020 and then referred them to ATFGM

Masanga secretly. The ex-mutilators network (FGM) has gone national in collaboration with CSOs under the umbrella of the Civil Society Foundation. The 66 ex-mutilators trained by TdH NL and partners have since continued to get support from the Government (funding and extension services) acting as both role models and point of reference during the National anti-FGM strategy launch on 8/11/2021.

- 476 children (421 girls, 55 boys) were safeguarded against exploitation and abuse emanating from CTM (314 children) and FGM/CM (162 girls). Cross border FGM stakeholder forums were activated and GBV focused network came live digitally as facilitated by the project implementing partner, ATFGM with support from TdH NL. The link between the newly created village GBV network of volunteers and the CP ward committees continued growing stronger within Mara Region and the introduction of digital reporting came in handy.
- 175 children (125 girls, 50 boys) in Ukerewe district received educational support including vocational training and scholastic materials for primary and secondary levels. 70 out of 175 girls who were supported with vocational training are able to design and sew clothes and make products like liquid soap.
- 220 children were trained as peer educators on the rights of children and 150 girls supported through alternative rites of passage and mentored as agents of change against violence and abuses on children.
- 75 government officials were trained on child friendly interview techniques and CT. The government publicly acknowledged that the training resulted in an arrest of a chronic trafficker who had been evading apprehension for her offenses. Investigations of CT cases continue to take long to be finalized due to various reasons.
- 80 families with children at risk of trafficking/re-trafficking were supported to initiate income generating activities out of which 23 families have achieved relatively good progress in their enterprises, selling sardines, poultry raising, selling fresh fishes, selling grains and vegetables. 2 families were still facing a challenge of seasonal market fluctuations in selling fruits. The rest of the families were still struggling to keep their businesses afloat by the end of the project cycle. 400 families were counseled on positive parenting and made aware of the importance of supporting their children to complete school.

- 15 motorcycle transport operators (bodaboda) (private actors) rescued 42 girls from alleged genital mutilation and safely transported them to ATFGM Masanga for safeguarding contrary to the previous practice where the riders hijacking fleeing girls and delivering them back to mutilators.

The Moment of ...

“When COVID 19 Pandemic broke out, it presented challenges which necessitated new norms of interacting and ways of working. The challenge of restricted mass gathering pushed the project into innovative ways of implementation: the project achieved online networking with other CSOs as led by KIWOHEDE with our support. The cross border FGM stakeholders’ forums were activated and GBV focused network came live digitally as facilitated by the project implementing partner, ATFGM. CA Campaigns against FGM with other CSOs in TZ has crossed border to Kenya by use of Health passport in collaboration with Anti-FGM Board in Kenya and CBOs along the KE/TZ border.”



Lydia Kaugi,
Country Manager, Tanzania

In the spotlight- partners

Association for the Termination of Female Genital Mutilation (ATFGM)

In the midst of COVID 19, our long-time implementing partner, ATFGM staff volunteered to serve children unconditionally. They created village networks through the support of 186 anti-FGM community volunteers and together they continued to engage the communities on the importance of protecting children from exploitation and all forms of violence including FGM and child marriage as well as promoting anti-FGM cross border initiatives.

Among the key project achievements by ATFGM in 2021 included:

- 210 digital champions were trained on how to report cases of FGM, child marriage and other forms of online GBV. These digital champions were further provided with smart phones through support from other funders to enable them to report GVB cases on time.
- 309 girls were rescued from FGM, safeguarded and supported through alternative rites of passage.

- 100 faith based institutional leaders (both Christian and Muslim) in Mara Region were mobilized to support ending FGM. They held FGM and CM awareness campaigns through radio SACHITA FM and faith based bonanzas in the region that reached more than 750,000 community members.
- ATFGM took leadership roles in facilitating knowledge sharing sessions and coordination forums which involved government officials and CSOs working on cross-border FGM in both Tanzania's Mara Region and Kenya's Migori County to strengthen referral pathways and mechanisms among the child protection stakeholders.

Kiota Women Health and Development Organization (KIWOHEDE)

"KIWOHEDE engaged multi-sectoral child protection stakeholders and ensured collaborative efforts in advocating for children welfare, promoting child rights and child safeguarding and prevention measures against child exploitation.

During the 2021 project period, 314 children (55 boys and 259 girls) who are victims of trafficking and unsafe migration into domestic work were safely rescued, safeguarded and reunified with their families; 175 children (125 girls, 50 boys) received educational support including vocational training and scholastic materials for primary and secondary students. Additionally, 325 children (127 boys and 198 girls) were provided with legal aid based on their cases.

In the spotlight- Programmes and projects

Terre des Hommes Netherlands in partnership with KIWOHEDE implemented a project titled *Child Trafficking and Unsafe Migration for Domestic Labour in Ukerewe District, Mwanza Region in 2020/2021*. The project's goal was to reduce child trafficking for domestic labour in Ukerewe district, Mwanza Region, Tanzania, by December 2021. The project was implemented using four strategies namely prevention, provision, promotion and prosecution, through a diverse set of activities. These included safeguarding of victims of child trafficking through; rescue and shelter support, family tracing and reunification of victims, education and legal support to children, building of community child support structures, community awareness on the negative consequences of child trafficking and capacity building of government officials and law enforcers on prevention and response to child trafficking.

Ashura's endurance tale

Ashura's life has not been easy. Her parents separated when she was nine years old, and since then she has never seen nor heard of her father's whereabouts. Her mother is the sole income provider of the household, depending on selling sardines to meet the needs of her five children. When the Covid-19 pandemic broke out, things took a turn for the worse for Ashura and her entire family.

Ashura's mother went in search of greener pastures with two of her children in October 2020. Ashura, who was 10 years old then, her 15-year-old sister and 17-year-old brother were left to fend for themselves. They barely had any food to eat on most days, so when their neighbour approached Ashura's brother with the promise of employment, he jumped at the opportunity. He was trafficked and his location as well as that of their neighbour remains unknown. To make matters worse, Ashura's 15-year old sister also suffered the same fate three months later in March 2021. Just like her elder brother, she was trafficked and her location remains unknown. For more than a month, 11-year old Ashura was living alone in a rented house in Ukerewe, Tanzania.

Luckily for Ashura, the Tanzanian government covered tuition fees for basic education. She occasionally went to school despite her struggles. Over time, her irregular attendance caught her teacher's attention who probed the matter. She noticed something was amiss with Ashura's irregular school attendance and learned more about her situation after talking to her. The teacher reported Ashura's case to the District Social Worker who came to her rescue on the same day. The girl was placed in a shelter.

While staying at the shelter, Ashura was provided with accommodation, food, counselling and medical services. She also informed our partner Kiwohede about her siblings' trafficking and they reported the case to the police. Efforts to trace and rescue her two siblings are still ongoing. The project supported the family tracing and reunification of Ashura's mother and her two younger siblings. They were all informed of the dangers of child trafficking and unsafe migration as well as the importance of pursuing one's education.

The project team is still monitoring Ashura's progress now that she is back in school. She was provided with new school uniform and other school supplies. Ashura was among the top three best students in her class when she sat for her end term examination in June 2021.

Talking about the assistance she received, she explained, "I was afraid and unhappy because my mother abandoned me without any responsible guardian, food or school support. Now I am so happy for the support and intervention from Kiwohede, my teacher and the social welfare officer to bring back my mother and all the other services provided. Let God bless them all for this kindness."

“I feel more at peace. I want to continue with my education and help others.”

“I’m very happy to have been protected from FGM”

Rhobi comes from Tanzania’s Kuria community. The Kuria practise Female Genital Mutilation as a rite of passage to turn girls into women. For Rhobi the pressure to go through FGM started building as soon as she turned thirteen. At this age, girls are perceived to be ready for initiation followed by marriage.

Rhobi’s relatives started pushing her parents that the girl had reached the right age and that most of her peers had actually already undergone the ritual. They added that her parents would in turn get a higher bride price for Rhobi once she was mutilated. Rhobi was not spared either. While doing her chores around the village, women would comment how she would never get a husband if she did not get cut. Some of her peers who had already undergone FGM called her a coward and told her that they could never be friends as long as she had not been cut.

Rhobi’s parents decided that she should be genitally mutilated during the next cutting season, which normally falls in December every year. They were previously pro-FGM but had been made aware of the negative impact of the practice. This changed their mindset and they wanted their children to do well in school. Around February 2020, the push from the villagers became so overwhelming that Rhobi’s parents fled to Dar es Salam for safety. Rhobi, however, could not go with them as she was about to sit for her final primary school exams.

The girl was left in the care of her grandmother. Once her parents had settled down, Rhobi would soon follow. She was instructed to watch out for warning signs of secret FGM preparations and that she should contact ATFGM when she was under threat. ATFGM, a longstanding partner of Terre des Netherlands, provides a safe place during the cutting season for girls at high risk of FGM.

During the Covid-19 pandemic, some members of the Kuria community seized the opportunity and started to mobilise girls for FGM outside the normal cutting season. Rhobi began feeling uneasy. Her grandmother had already put everything in place for her to undergo the ritual, without her knowledge. In preparation, cooking for Rhobi’s cutting ceremony had started. Rhobi noticed the signs and decided to act immediately. She pretended that she was going to fetch water and took this opportunity to escape through the bushes to a rescue centre.

The rescue centre became Rhobi’s new home for almost one year. At the centre, she received all kinds of support and life skills training. Despite the disruption and change of environment, she successfully managed to complete her primary examination and proceeded to join high school. “I’m very happy to have been protected from FGM. I am determined to do well in my O-level examinations. Once I start earning some income I will support my family and seek to protect girls from FGM,” Rhobi says.

In February 2021 with the help of the rescue centre, Rhobi was reunited with her parents in Dar es Salaam where she has continued with her studies. Her dream is to become a lawyer and help “people who face any kind of gender-based violence”, particularly girls at risk of FGM.



ETHIOPIA

2021 PORTFOLIO OVERVIEW

Terre des Hommes Netherlands Ethiopia Country Office has been implementing projects focusing on reducing child trafficking and risky migration, empowering girls and young women and provision of humanitarian support for internally displaced citizens. She Leads is one of the projects that started in 2021 and will continue until 2025. The Paths to Safer Childhood project came to an end after more than 5 years of implementation. A humanitarian intervention project started being implemented in 2021 as the number of Internally Displaced People (IDPs) increased in the country following ongoing conflict.

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

In 2021, the following beneficiaries have benefited from our projects in Ethiopia.

- 6,113 children (3,300 girls and 2813 boys)
- 12,985 families and communities
- 585 representatives of CSOs
- 348 government representatives
- 31 private sector actors

Through its projects, Terre des Hommes Netherlands has been able to support children to go to school and protect them from risky migration. In this regard, 1,650 children have received educational materials that have helped them stay in school. Also, TdH NL reunified 793 victims of child trafficking with their families (out of which 381 are girls). Moreover 963 mothers have been supported with different income-generating activities to help them fulfill the basic needs of their children.

The projects have also engaged in lobbying and advocacy programs on the rights of children and young women. Awareness raising through workshops, media and community conversations has also been implemented.

The Moment of ...

“The key moment of 2021 was when we were informed that our Humanitarian Assistance proposal was approved by the donor, a call amounting to \$250,000 for a Rapid Response Mechanism Project on child protection and Gender Based Violence that lasts for 6 months aiming at providing support to children and women who are suffering from the ongoing conflict in the country. Not only was our proposal approved by the partner, we were also informed that the grant has increased from \$250,000 to \$500,000. This moment truly changed our portfolio and visibility in the country. For the first time in Ethiopia, TdH NL also started implementing both development and humanitarian projects.”



Girma Amentie,
Country Manager, Ethiopia.

In the spotlight- Partners

Mahibere Hiwot for Social Development (MSD)

Under the Paths to Safer Childhood project, Terre des Hommes Netherlands has worked with Mahibere Hiwot for Social Development (MSD), a national CSO engaged in child protection aiming to reduce child trafficking and risky migration. MSD's staffs have been very committed on the ground and their collaboration with local government structures like the police has been outstanding. The key achievement of MSD has been its ability to solicit funds to continue the project even if TdH NL funding came to an end in the middle of 2021. The organisation has been able to provide support to children with its own funding after the project phased out for about 3 months.

Network of Ethiopian Women Associations (NEWA)

Under the She Leads programme, Terre des Hommes Netherlands has worked with the Network of Ethiopian Women Associations (NEWA). NEWA has successfully been able to organize dialogues between representatives of girls and young women and political decision makers. It has created a platform where girls and young women demand their rights from government officials and parliamentarians. This partner has also actively engaged with media. The project has enabled NEWA to engage girls and young women as part of its thematic areas per its strategic plan, which would not have been possible without the partnership and support of She Leads.

In the spotlight - Programmes and projects

Humanitarian Assistance Project

Even if the project started late in 2021, the humanitarian assistance project is a breakthrough for TdH NL's programmes in Ethiopia. For years and years, TdH NL has been implementing development projects and its past efforts to start humanitarian intervention were not successful due to different reasons. However, TdH NL has been able to secure half a million dollars to provide support for internally displaced persons (mainly children and women). The project will support victims of child protection, GBV and psycho social trauma.

Halima's safe return

15-year-old Halima comes from the rural Amhara region in Ethiopia. Her mother is the sole income provider who supports the family through agriculture and livestock rearing. Halima was tasked with cleaning the house, herding, milking the cattle, fetching water from remote distances which put her safety at risk, as well as other duties that were imposed on her. The workload became too much that Halima was forced to drop out of school in January 2021. Feeling frustrated, exhausted and alone, Halima ran away from home four months later.

Halima fled to Metema, a town in Northwestern Ethiopia to escape the heavy chores that were borne by her. She roamed the streets in search of a job as a domestic worker for about two weeks, only for her fate to take a turn for the worse. A trafficker put her to work in a café that is located near a marketplace in Sudan that borders Ethiopia. The workload was not any lighter. For 10 hours a day, Halima cleaned, took out waste materials and performed other duties with little to no pay.

Halima decided to seek help from the Ethiopian immigration workers. They placed her in a temporary shelter as she waited to be reunified with her family. She was not only given accommodation, but also psychosocial support and counselling. Her trafficking case was also reported to the police and investigations are still ongoing. Luckily, after successful family tracing, Halima was re-integrated back home.

Halima's mother was informed about the risk of heavy chores on children and how it subsequently can lead to their trafficking. Through the help of partners like Mahibere Hiwot for Social Development, Halima's mother has changed the way she distributes chores among her children. Halima and her siblings assist with chores that coincide with their ages and ability.

Currently, Halima is back at home. She is set to go back to school in September 2021 and reads a lot to prepare herself. Enthusiastic about her future, Halima explained.

“I want to be a psychologist as I want to counsel girls who need strong support and guidance.”

Jemila the aspiring accountant

17-year-old Jemila lives in Ethiopia with her mother and her nine siblings. Their three-roomed rented house has no proper sanitation facilities. Jemila and her family are forced to cook in the open since the house has no space for a kitchen. Her mother is the family's breadwinner. She sells tella-local brew- to support her children. Their vulnerable economic situation put Jemila at risk of exploitation.

Jemila dropped out of school when she was in the sixth grade. She lacked scholastic materials to support her education and had no choice but to look after young children instead. She earned about 4.65 Euros which enabled her to buy clothes and some school items. When she was 13, Jemila was exposed to sexual exploitation, a situation that went on for a period of one year, causing her misery.

In the area Jemila lives, vulnerable people like children, the elderly or persons living with disabilities are selected every year to receive support. Jemila was identified as one of the beneficiary students in 2015 by the Kebele Community Care and support Coalition (CCC) committee. Fortunately for her, she was aided by the Paths to Paths Safer Childhood Project. Since 2015, Jemila has been receiving aid to enable her to finish school. At the start of every academic year, she receives scholastic materials that enable her to pursue her education with ease.

"Before the intervention of the project, getting scholastic materials was a problem and my school performance was low. With the support I received, I was the 5th best student among 66 others in the previous academic year. I am grateful to ANPPCAN-Ethiopia and TdH-NL". The project officer frequently visits Jemila at home. During these follow-up visits, Jemila is counselled and advised on how she can achieve better grades.

She is currently in her final year of high school and studies day and night in preparation for the same.

“ I want to be a well-known accountant and reach PhD level in the accounting profession. ”





MADAGASCAR

2021 PORTFOLIO OVERVIEW

The programme implemented in Madagascar is heavily focused on eliminating the Worst Forms of Child Labour in the mica mining sector. The project, funded by the Netherlands Enterprise Agency (RVO) aims to transform the condition of tens of thousands of children and their families across Madagascar and other developing countries, who are negatively impacted by mica business and trade. Terre des Hommes Netherlands, UNICEF Netherlands, UNICEF Madagascar and VDL will achieve such results by integrating social, public and private interventions at local mining level, within the entire trade supply chain and in combination with a focus on the governments' policies and actions towards responsible mica sourcing. TdH NL and UNICEF will align and collaborate with RMI on engaging downstream companies.

To sustain the efforts and gains made by this project, TdH NL and implementing partners in Madagascar have invested in humanitarian response to help limit vulnerabilities that could potentially expose children to child labour as a result of the current drought emergency. This phase of the intervention is funded by the Dutch Relief Alliance (DRA).

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

In 2021, the project interventions resulted in the following;

- 500 school children were trained on their rights and able to denounce violations;
- 130 community members participated in awareness-raising activities;
- 200 families benefited from an alternative and complementary subsistence activity, as well as training in financial literacy;
- 3 child protection committees were formed;
- 25 government officials trained in child protection.

In December 2021, the organisations received humanitarian assistance project in cash and food distribution endowed by the DRA for 2,682 households, or 13,405 individuals.

The Moment of ...

“We were glad to receive funds to implement two critical projects; the RVO project aimed to eliminate child labour in the mica mines and the humanitarian aid project, aimed to provide support to families affected by the drought. We remain committed to continuing our work in Madagascar and diversifying our portfolio.”



Lalalison Razafintsalama,
Consultant Programme Manager.

In the spotlight- partners

FAFAFI

Terre des Hommes Netherlands is working closely with FAFAFI to implement the ‘Elimination of Child Labour in Madagascar’s Mica Sector’ RVO project. FAFAFI Manantantely is a faith-based non-profit organisation that has operated in the two southern regions of Androy and Anosy since 1989. FAFAFI aims to promote ecological agriculture to improve living conditions of families through various income-generating activities. The organisation has supported households by guiding them in a participatory manner to invest recovery funds granted in order to impact the lives of

the beneficiaries in a sustainable manner. FAFAFI has also ensured the sensitisation of parents to establish school infrastructure. FAFAFI played the intermediary role to facilitate the integration of schools and allocation of teachers.

In the spotlight - programmes and projects

RVO Project FAMAHA

The 'FAMAHA (Fampiasana Ankizy @ Mica, Andao Fongorina, Atsahatra)' project is implemented in the South of Madagascar in the communities of Benato Toby, Ankaroka and Tatabe. It will set a precedent that will lead to structural positive changes in the condition of tens of thousands of children and their families across Madagascar and other low income countries, who are negatively impacted by mica business and trade.

The project will ensure that children are taken out of the mines and have access to quality education, children's rights are promoted in children's clubs, and they receive psycho-social support and reintegration support. Families in mica communities are supported with alternative and additional income-generating activities as well as financial literacy training, social systems are strengthened. Community members are brought together for consultations, leading to awareness and behavioural change towards children's needs, rights, education and engagement in day to day life.

A background image showing a classroom setting. In the foreground, a child's hand is raised, pointing upwards. In the background, another child is visible, also with their hand raised. A blackboard is visible behind them. The overall scene suggests an active learning environment.

ADVOCACY

ADVOCACY, CAMPAIGNS AND MEDIA COVERAGE

She Leads Kenya Launch

The She Leads Programme was officially launched in Kenya in June 2021. The strategic objective of the programme is to increase the influence of Girls and Young Women (GYW) in decision making and the transformation of gender norms in formal and informal institutions in Kenya.

Reports

'Protecting children during the COVID-19 crisis and beyond' Report

Joining Forces for Africa (JOFA) launched its new report "Protecting children during the COVID-19 crisis and beyond". The report highlighted the most prevalent child protection risks in Uganda, Kenya, Ethiopia, Mali and Senegal during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Alternative CSO Report

Terre des Hommes Netherlands in partnership with Save the Children, Plan International, SOS Children's Village, World Vision, ChildFund and Consortium of Christian Relief and Development Association (CCRDA) prepared an Alternative CSO Report on the UNCRC to be submitted to the UNCRC Committee.

Media coverage

- In September 2021, Terre des Hommes Netherlands together with organisations under the Uganda Child rights NGO Network and Uganda Coalition against Trafficking in Persons, hosted the first ever National Dialogue on Child Trafficking in Uganda under the theme: Taking Stock of the Trafficking Response: Are we doing enough? The event was featured in local media outlets; both TV (NBS TV) and newspapers (Daily Monitor) in Uganda.
- Under the She Leads project, TdH NL closely worked with media outlets (TV and Radio). 4 TV spots were produced and aired during 16 Days of Activism Against GBV. Under the She Leads programme, we received news coverage by EBS and ARTS Television and Sheger FM (102.1) in different events.
- The Launch of the Wezesha Vijana project in Kenya aimed to tackle sexual exploitation along the transport corridors/ hotspot towns and drew media attention locally with coverage of the launch on NTV and KBC (Y254).

Childrens Bill Enactment

The Joining Forces For All Children alliance in Kenya worked closely with other CSOs and part of the leadership of the Senate and the National Assembly to advocate for the quick enactment of the Children Bill. The bill is critical in the advancement of children's rights in Kenya and makes provision for access to child welfare programmes and services at the county level, access to alternative care services by orphaned, vulnerable and disabled children and access to justice for children through diversion programs, among others.

Partnerships

U.S. Department of Labor supports UNDP and its partners in efforts to end child labor in Madagascar's mica mining

The United States Department of Labor (USDOL) announced this month a US\$4.5 million cooperative agreement with the United Nations Development Programme in collaboration with UNICEF, Terre des Hommes and the Responsible Mica Initiative to end child labor practices in Madagascar's mica mining sector. This project aims at combating child labor in the mica supply chain through strengthening the resilience of vulnerable households in mica-producing communities, building the capacity of the government, and increasing the engagement of other stakeholders involved in mica supply. 1,575 households will receive livelihood services and 3,380 children will benefit from educational and vocational training services.

Tackling child sex trafficking in Kenya and Uganda

The Global Fund to End Modern Slavery (GFEMS) and Terre des Hommes Netherlands launched two new projects to tackle child sex trafficking, as part of the Global Fund's partnership with the U.S. Department of State's Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons. The projects are based in Kenya and Uganda with a focus on skills and livelihoods development for survivors and community-based prevention of sexual exploitation of children



MULTI-COUNTRY PROGRAMMES

She Leads Programme

She Leads is a five-year joint programme of Plan International Netherlands, Defence for Children - ECPAT the Netherlands (DCI-ECPAT), African Women's Development and Communication Network (FEMNET), and Terre des Hommes (TdH) Netherlands, in partnership with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands.

The geographic focus of the programme is East Africa (Uganda, Ethiopia, Kenya), West Africa (Ghana, Mali, Sierra Leone, Liberia) and the Middle East (Lebanon, Jordan). In addition to the key work in these countries, the programme is implemented at regional and international levels, targeting regional institutions, international human rights mechanisms and other stakeholders, and facilitating GYW's access to regional and international platforms.

The She Leads programme objective is to increase sustained influence of girls and young women on decision-making and the transformation of gender norms in formal and informal institutions. The programme made significant achievements and also captured key lessons;

Key Achievements:

- Successfully launched the programme in Uganda, Kenya, Ethiopia, and at Pan African level.
- Formation of the coalition, technical working groups, and networks in the respective countries focusing on addressing GYW issues.

- Young men, boys, and influential leaders have become gender champions and have been speaking against the practices that affect GYW negatively
- Submission of an Alternative Uganda UPR report, participation in the UPR processes and the recommendations being given to Uganda by Mexico and other Permanent Missions.
- Collaboration with the Dutch Embassies, and the operationalization of partnership with other dutch funded programmes.
- Formation of the National Girls Desk and national Girls Forum to foster movement building as well as advocacy at the national, regional and global levels.
- Visibility of She Leads at key national events such as the International Day of the Girl.

Key Lessons

- Working in coalitions is a key strategy in influencing collective actions e.g bills and policies.
- GYW are capable of utilizing opportunities if they are provided with capacity enhancement support as they are eager to represent themselves boldly.
- When we collaborate especially on international days, we achieve more in terms of visibility, reach, engagement, and impact

The programme conducted groundbreaking activities in 2021 to pave way for concrete results in subsequent years.

Social norms domain

- Leaders, community and media are knowledgeable on gender equality and girls' rights. The programme started conducting activities like community dialogues and media campaigns to create awareness on gender equality and girls rights.
- Traditional and religious leaders publicly condemn discriminatory gender norms and practices on girls participation in decision making. This was being done in Moroto where the elders of Lotome subcounty condemned the practice of child marriage.
- Media provided platforms for girls and young women to present issues of GYW. This has been done through radio talk shows. Media houses like Capital FM and Akica FM (Moroto) provided free air time.
- GYW utilised the available platforms to discuss gender equality and girls' rights. Platforms like international days, inter-ministerial conference on peace and security and AU human rights mechanism conference all are avenues through which GYW amplified their voices.

Civil Society domain

- Strengthened and Coordinated CSO networks collectively engaged on GYW issues.
- Capacities of 60 Girl led, Women led and Youth led CSO were enhanced to understand the issues of GYW and work with GYW to amplify their voices. Collaborations with UNICEF and UNFPA who have provided platforms for GYW to engage on their agendas continue.
- 60 GYW led groups have been empowered through capacity building, mentorship and coaching. GYW self confidence and self esteem have been built and they are able to present their issues in different platforms. 25 GYW in Moroto have been linked to an Aids information center and received five million shillings to start up income generating activities. Four GYW received scholarships from Welthunger to go back to school.

Political domain

- District, SC, Parish engaged GYW in planning and Budgeting. This has happened in Bugiri district where five GYW representatives the others to present their issues during Bugiri budget conference
- States established platforms for GYW participation in the review process (SDG, UPR). This was achieved and She Leads report submitted for review. One GYW presented issues during the pre-sessions and recommendations from the She Leads and this was taken up by Mexico.





Joining Forces Alliance

Joining Forces (JF) is an alliance of the six largest child-focused international NGOs namely: ChildFund Alliance, Plan International, Save the Children International, SOS Children's Villages International, Terre des Hommes International Federation and World Vision International. The alliance is united to accelerate change to secure children their rights and end violence against them.

TdH NL ECO is a member of the JOFA network in Ethiopia currently led by Plan International. Even though TdH NL is not directly receiving JOFA funding for program implementation, we are actively engaged in network meetings and events organised by JOFA in Ethiopia.

Global Fund to End Modern Slavery (GFEMS)

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Children's voices



"I have gained the skills and knowledge that will help me have a transformed life - free from exploitation."

"I am now confident and able to speak and teach in public about girls' rights and equality."

"I would like to give back to the community by supporting vulnerable children, the same way I was supported"

"If all goes well I would want to be a teacher. This will be a great opportunity to guide other children well"



"I was in the most difficult situation I ever had as a child. Your assistance has saved my life."

"I will fulfill my dreams and teach children to advocate for their rights"

"My participation in peer education discussion sessions & training helped me to develop life skills, become assertive and confident enough."

"The assistance provided has saved and changed my life for good"





"I hope and pray that my children never go through the same problems I have, like lacking fees to pursue education."

"In the future I would like to be at the forefront of fighting against violence and exploitation of children"



"I am very grateful to have been rescued from an exploitative environment and re-enrolled back to school."

"My dream in the future is to assist my clan to get rid of FGM, Child Marriage and Gender Based Violence."

"I want to be a nurse and provide various medical services to the community."

"I dream of advocating for children who have been exploited."

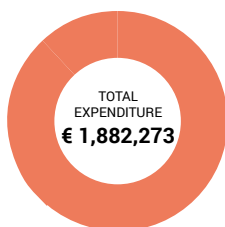


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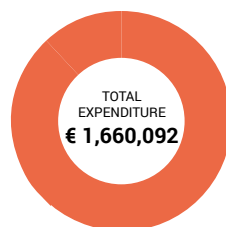
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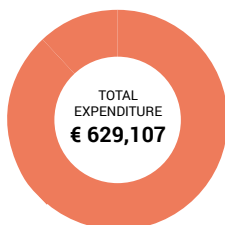


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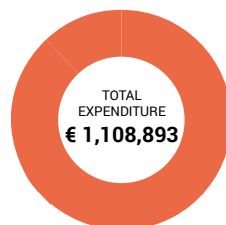


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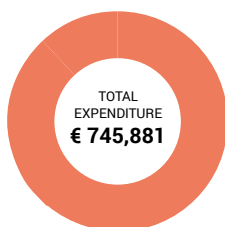


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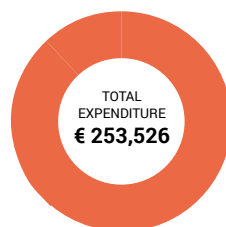


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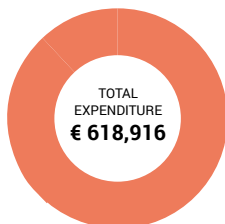


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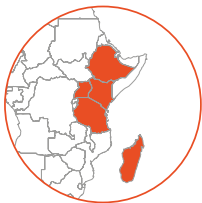
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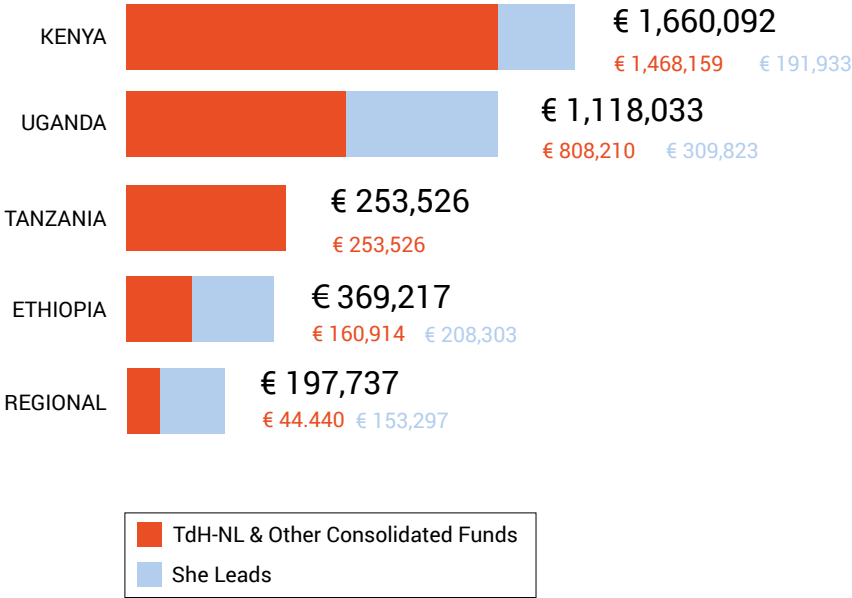


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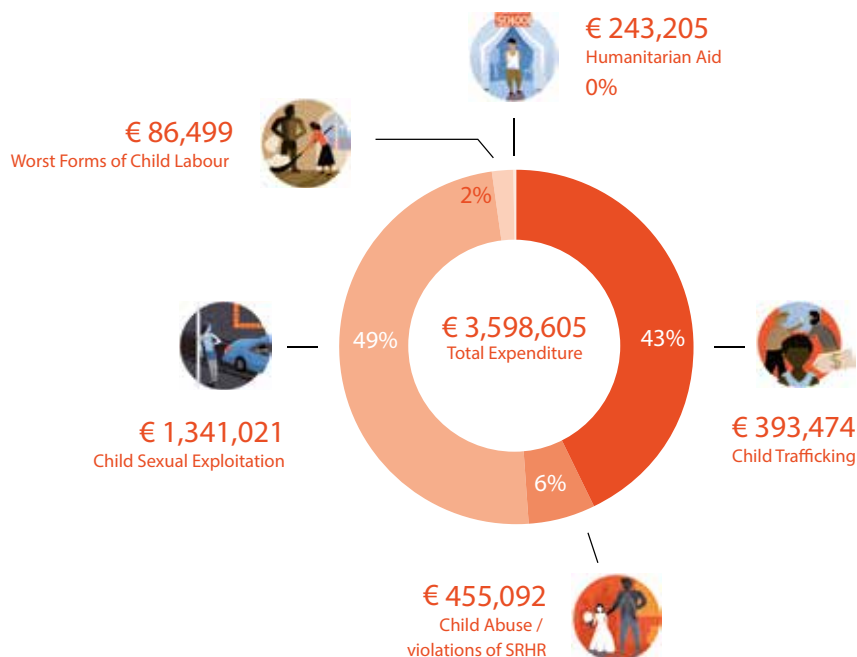


Regional Office
Operations/Administration Expenses
€ 3,598,605

Programme Expenses per Funding Stream



Programmatic Themes



The focus of Terre des Hommes Netherlands' work in 2021 remained on our four programmatic themes of Child Trafficking and Unsafe Migration (CTM), Sexual Exploitation of Children (SEC), Worst Forms of Child Labour (CL) and Child Abuse (CA)/ Sexual Reproductive Health Rights (SRHR). In addition, we have provided Humanitarian Assistance to children and their families affected by emergencies within our geographical concentration areas.

DONORS



We appreciate all the support that our donors and development partners have rendered during our work in 2021.

- Trekpeart Foundation
- Stichting 10 September
- European Commission
- Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA)
- Global Fund to end Modern Slavery (GFEMS)
- European Commission Humanitarian Aid (ECHO)
- Dutch Relief Alliance (DRA)
- Nespresso
- RVO Group
- TdH Germany
- Volkswagen Employees Foundation
- National Postcode Lottery
- UNICEF
- Own resources (raised by the 45 Terre des Hommes shops and by numerous individual donors, volunteers and other well wishers in the Netherlands)

PARTNERS

Terre des Hommes Netherlands works closely with various organisations across Africa to realise a world without child exploitation.



PARTNERS

Kenya

- African Gender and Media Initiative Trust (GEM)
- African Network for the Prevention and Protection Against Child Abuse and Neglect (ANPPCAN)
- Childline Kenya
- Kesho Kenya
- Kenya National Outreach, Counselling and Training Program (K-NOTE)
- The Network for Adolescent and Youth of Africa (NAYA)
- Youth Support Kenya (YSK)
- SAPCONE

Uganda

- Dwelling Places
- Girl Up Initiative Uganda
- Uganda Youth Development Link (UYDEL)
- Karamoja Women Umbrella Organization (KAWUO)
- Multi Community Based Development Initiative (MUCOBADI)
- Somero Uganda

Tanzania

- Association for the Termination of Female Genital Mutilation (ATFGM)
- Kiota Women Health and Development Organization (KIWOHEDE)


Ethiopia

- African Network for the Prevention and Protection Against Child Abuse and Neglect (ANPPCAN) -Ethiopia
- Mahibere Hiwot for Social Development (MSD)
- Network of Ethiopian Women Associations (NEWA)

Madagascar

- ALT (Andry-Lalana-Tohana)
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