

2022  
Achievements

7,839  
Community members  
reached

27,961  
people provided with  
support

18  
CSO's supported

“ Terre des Hommes Netherlands is an organisation that keeps children at the centre of its operation. Whatever we do we make sure that children are protected and also meaningfully participating in our programs. We will keep our commitment and continue our work to end child exploitation in Ethiopia. ”

**Girma Amentie,**  
Country Manager, Ethiopia

### About Terre des Hommes Netherlands

Terre des Hommes Netherlands (TdH NL) is an international non-governmental organization (INGO) committed to stopping child exploitation.

**Our Vision:** Terre des Hommes Netherlands' vision is that children can flourish in a world free of all forms of exploitation.

**Our Mission:** Terre des Hommes Netherlands' mission is to protect children by preventing and stopping child exploitation. And by empowering children to make their voices count.

Terre des Hommes Netherlands in Africa focuses on addressing 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 and humanitarian assistance. For each of these forms of child exploitation, Terre des Hommes Netherlands develops and implements programmes through collaboration with local partners. In Africa, Terre des Hommes Netherlands works in Uganda, Tanzania, Ethiopia, Kenya and Madagascar.



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## Country Profile Ethiopia



### Overview

Terre des Hommes Netherlands in Ethiopia focuses on supporting children on the move and related, interlinked issues of child exploitation, mainly child trafficking, unsafe migration, child sexual exploitation, child labour, child marriage and female genital mutilation and humanitarian assistance. Terre des Hommes Netherlands in Ethiopia also supports vulnerable Internally Displaced Children who flee their homes and supports girls and young women to actively participate in national-level decision-making spaces.

Child migration is a widespread phenomenon in Ethiopia. Children leave their homes in search for better opportunities, pushed by poverty, lack of education or economic alternatives in their rural areas. They end up being trafficked for forced labour, domestic servitude and commercial sexual exploitation. Additionally, the devastating conflicts in different parts of the country has resulted in girls and women facing grave risks such as food shortages, risk of sexual violence & abuse, psychological trauma and displacement among others.

Terre des Hommes Netherlands supports local organisations and networks in the implementation of projects (both development and humanitarian) which prevent child exploitation, provide assistance to exploited children and children experiencing conflict, and influence relevant policies and practices at local and national level.

### Project locations

**Amhara Region:** West Gojjam, North Shewa and North Wello Zones

**Oromia Region:** Borana Zone



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2022  
Reach

15,357  
Children under 18: boys

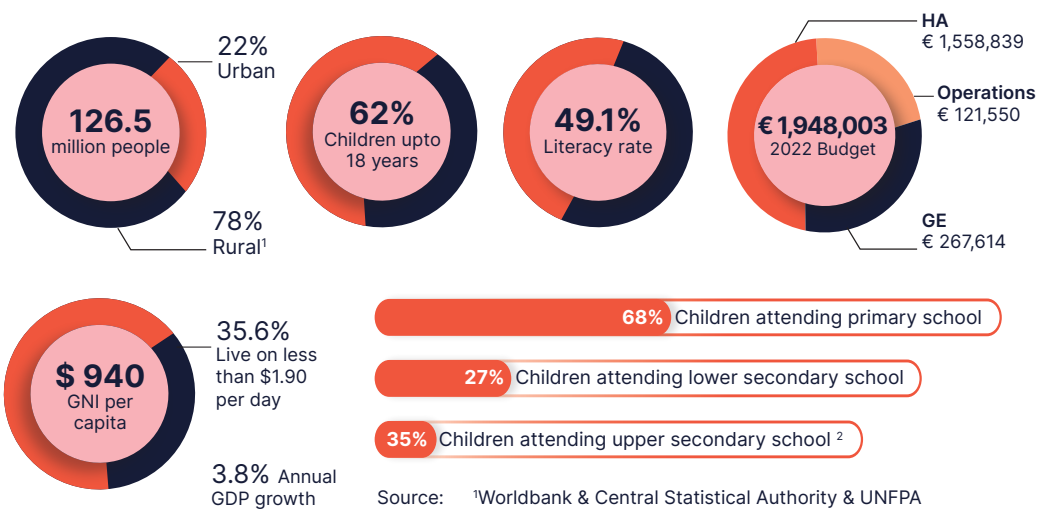
17,373  
Children under 18: girls

254  
Civil Society Organisations' representatives

31,711  
Family community members

489  
Government officials

## Ethiopia Key Data



## Projects

A total of 22 of projects were carried out between 2015 and 2022, these include:

- 8 projects - Child Trafficking and Unsafe Migration (CTM)
- 4 projects - Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSEC)
- 1 projects - Worst Forms of Child Labour (WFCL)
- 4 projects - Humanitarian Assistance (Three projects in the conflict response and one project for the drought response)
- 2 projects - Gender Equality (GE)

## Donors

Terre des Hommes Netherlands has been fighting against the exploitation of children all over the world irrespective of their faith, nationality, gender or culture. In Ethiopia our work is made possible through the generous support of our donors who include the **Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Dutch Relief Alliance (DRA)**.

## Children's voices

**"I am happy that my mother is attending coffee ceremonies that take place within my neighbourhood which help her to enhance awareness on FGM."**

Abraham's mother worked as a mutilator for over 20 years in the Amhara region. While in school, Abraham attended community conversations, where a member of the She Leads programme talked about the dangers of harmful traditional practices such as Female Genital Mutilation (FGM). He used this knowledge to educate his mother who eventually stopped the harmful practice.

**"I have realised that I can speak out for myself, say no if the community denies me my rights and neglects me. I am a girl who can lead and change my life, that of other girls and young women in my community and the country at large."**

Growing up in Ethiopia, Hayimant was denied the right to express herself and explore her full potential. With support from the She Leads Programme, she is now empowered and can confidently advocate for her rights and the rights of other girls.

## 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).

Within the local context we work alongside our local partners:

- 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)
- Ethiopian Women Lawyers Association (EWLA)
- Strategies for Northern Development (SND)
- Jerusalem Children and Community Development Organization (JeCCDO)
- Forum on Sustainable Child Empowerment (FSCE)