

2022
Achievements

36,255
Community
members reached

2,746
children
safeguarded

1,380
children enrolled
in educational
programmes

54
received legal
assistance

59,934
people provided
with livelihood
support

Regional Profile

Africa



Overview

Throughout the continent, children are trafficked for slavery and forced labour and hazardous work, are forced to participate in armed conflict; used for prostitution, pornography or in illicit activities. Children are often exploited and abused by both domestic and external actors including family members, community leaders, state and non-state actors, foreign tourists and international criminal gangs who are engaged in the production of child pornography, sex trafficking and the illegal harvesting and sale of organs.

Significant efforts have been made to end the exploitation of children in Africa. The African Committee of Experts on the Rights and Welfare of the Child, for example, has contributed to advancing efforts to end VAC through its General Comments and its Days of General Discussion that focused on ending child marriage, sexual exploitation, and child labour, among other things. African governments have been investing more in policy reforms, social services which benefit children and are increasingly taking steps to prevent and respond to violence and exploitation.

Terre des Hommes Netherlands works with various stakeholders to accelerate actions against child exploitation; working directly with the children affected, their families and communities, government institutions and structures including legislators, law enforcement officials, ministry officials; CSOs, NGOs and INGOs, media agencies, private sector companies and individuals to address systemic drivers of child exploitation, strengthening child protection systems and advocating for children's rights.

Countries of Operation

Ethiopia, Kenya, Madagascar, Tanzania and Uganda.



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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.

Our vision and mission are inspired and guided by international human rights instruments and standards, in particular the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, the Council of Europe's Lanzarote Convention, the International Labour Organisation Conventions and aligned with achievement of the SDGs, in particular Goals 5, 8 and 16.

We work with the understanding that at its deepest root, child exploitation is the result of a historical system of injustice and inequality. This has resulted in a world that features poverty, harmful norms, lack of access to education and information and absence of structures/systems protecting children. To realize our strategic ambition, we work towards achieving four main outcomes outlined in our Theory of Change:

Outcome 1: Children are empowered, have access to and utilize spaces where they feel safe and their voices are heard

Outcome 2: Communities address sociocultural norms and other factors leading to child exploitation and put in place structures that support children

Outcome 3: Duty bearers actively create spaces where children can be heard and contribute to coordinated action that prevents and responds to the exploitation of children

Outcome 4: Professional bodies, intergovernmental organizations and human rights accountability mechanisms ensure that duty bearers effectively fulfill their commitments and obligations to protect children from exploitation.

Every plan we make and action we take upholds our core principles, which are equally important and interdependent. They include 1) Putting Children at the centre of all our work; 2) Ensuring the Safety and well-being of children, our partners and staff; 3) Being conscious of the Intersectionality and power relations that can compound or provide solutions to the exploitation of children; 4) Embracing meaningful and strategic partnerships and; 5) Embedding sustainability of resources, processes and gains towards ending child exploitation locally, nationally and internationally. To respond to this ambition, our work cuts across four main thematic programme areas: a) Worst Forms of Child Labour (WFCL); b) Sexual Exploitation of Children (SEC) and; c) Humanitarian Assistance (HA).

For each of these forms of child exploitation, Terre des Hommes Netherlands co-creates 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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2022
Reach

44,263
Children under
18: boys

52,758
Children under
18: girls

9,494
Civil Society Or-
ganisations' repre-
sentatives

74,673
Family communi-
ty members

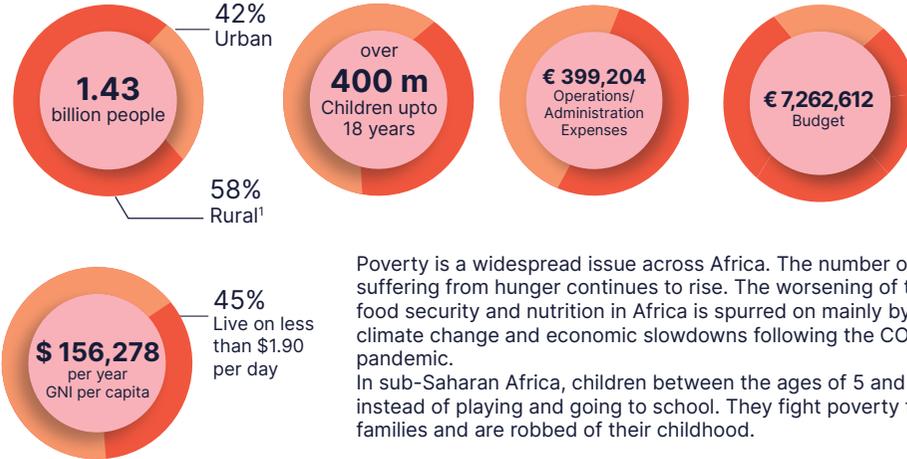
2,343
Government
officials

268
Law enforce-
ment agencies

636
Private sector
staff

784
Others

Africa Key Data



Poverty is a widespread issue across Africa. The number of persons suffering from hunger continues to rise. The worsening of the state of food security and nutrition in Africa is spurred on mainly by conflicts, climate change and economic slowdowns following the COVID-19 pandemic. In sub-Saharan Africa, children between the ages of 5 and 17 work instead of playing and going to school. They fight poverty for their families and are robbed of their childhood.

Source: ¹World Bank, WorldOMeter, UNICEF
SOS Children's Villages

Projects

A total of 116 projects were implemented between 2018 and 2022, these include:

- 35 projects - Sexual Exploitation of Children (SEC)
- 30 projects - Child Trafficking and unsafe Migration (CTM)
- 9 projects - Child Abuse, including harmful traditional practices (CA)
- 17 projects - Worst Forms of Child Labour (CL)
- 16 projects - Humanitarian Assistance (HA)
- 9 projects - Gender Equality (GE)

Donors

Our work in Africa is made possible through the generous support of our donors;

- 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
- Volkswagen Employees Foundation
- Volkswagen Works Council
- National Postcode Lottery of the Netherlands
- Own resources (raised by the 45 Terre des Hommes shops and by numerous individual donors, volunteers and other well wishers in the Netherlands)

“Terre des Hommes Netherlands remains at the forefront to tackle the unacceptable rise of child exploitation. Ending the exploitation of children means bringing together many different actors to work together. By meaningfully engaging with children, establishing structures that facilitate children's participation in matters affecting them, engaging in meaningful partnerships, creating awareness through campaigns, advocating for child-friendly policies, and engaging with national governments to ensure the implementation of long-term solutions, we can trigger a change and end child exploitation.”

Raphael Kariuki,
Regional Director, East Africa and Madagascar

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).

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. In Africa, 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 UNICEF and the Responsible Mica Initiative (RMI) to end child labour practices in the mica mining sector.