# Regional Profile Asia





## We fight against Child Labour Sexual Exploitation of Children Humanitarian Crises



### **Our Thematic Programmes**



#### Worst Forms of Child Labour (WFCL)

We address child labour in mica mining and waste collection communities in India and in the Western and Central Visayas Regions in the Philippines. We develop and strengthen child protection response mechanisms, nurture children-at-risk as change agents and facilitate community-led economic development activities. We also advocate for ethical supply chains and effective policy changes.



## Sexual Exploitation of Children (SEC)

We work to stop online sexual exploitation in all the countries we work in, address exploitation in Bangladesh's readymade garment industry, India's disadvantaged Devadasi communities, Cambodia's vulnerable ethnic groups, among children affected by early marriage and in COVID-19 affected communities. We address child trafficking and other forms of offline SEC in Bangladesh, Philippines and Thailand. We empower children to advocate for their rights, build capacities of stakeholders, strengthen and develop protection systems.



#### Humanitarian Action (HA)

We ensured emergency response in Typhoon Rai affected communities in the Philippines and for children who lost their parents to Covid-19 in India by building child protection systems for emergencies, through psychosocial care, education support, food supplies and social security.

"A person threatened to leak my private pictures online. I gathered the courage to report and I plan to file a case and approach the Ministry of Women's Affairs. I encourage other girls to do the same."

17-year-old Boupha\* from Cambodia

## Our Achievements 2022-2023



**860 children** taken out of child labour and enrolled in school.

Partnerships with the Department of Social Welfare and Development Social Technology Bureau in the Philippines to set up help desks and a child labour registry. The State Government of Jharkhand, India began discussions on drafting a policy to protect the mica mining community.

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2,303 children safeguarded from sexual exploitation (online and offline).

PLDT and Smart Communications (telecom companies in the Philippines) take an active role to fight online child sexual exploitation.

77 trial courts in Nepal instituted to hear cyber crime cases.

3 Commune Councils in Mondulkiri, Cambodia integrated the promotion of child rights into their annual plans.

The Karnataka State Government in India issued an order to make "father's name optional" in all application forms to protect the dignity of children of Devadasis.

TdH NL's one-stop-digital service centre for reporting of child trafficking in Bangladesh has been integrated with the government's National Refferal Mechanism.



**20,101** children accessed protection in emergencies.

Creation and passage of Borongan City Mental Health Program of 2022 ordinance for disaster response in the Philippines and the District Legal Service Authority in India supported citizens in accessing government schemes under Covid relief.

#### **Major Donors**

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#### About Terre des Hommes Netherlands

Terre des Hommes Netherlands (TdH NL) is a global child protection organisation working in Asia, Africa and parts of Europe. TdH NL protects children and prevents child exploitation, empowering children to make their voices count. In 2022, TdH NL reached out to 177.777 children and 668,453 families globally. Terre des Hommes tackles issues at the roots with the support of grassroots level implementing partners. We ensure that children are at the centre of our initiatives. We work towards building strong and empowering systems to bring about change.

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