



In Ethiopia, over 28.6 million people are estimated to be in need of humanitarian assistance due to multiple overlapping humanitarian crises.¹

According to the humanitarian response plan (HRP 2023), over 4.5 million Internally Displaced People (IDPs) required humanitarian assistance in 2023.² The HRP 2023 document clearly indicates that of the total population, 20 million people are estimated to be experiencing food insecurity and 4.9 million need life-sustaining protection services. Among the people in need of protection services, 56% are children, 25% are women, and 17% are people living with disabilities.

Shockingly, man-made and natural crises have led children and their families to be displaced and denied access to basic rights. Children remain at risk of protection concerns and are exposed to different forms of exploitation resulting from the ongoing conflict and climate shocks.

Moreover, girls and young women face multiple challenges due to hindering socio-cultural attitudes, lack of institutions supporting them and limited political will. As a result, girls and young women suffer from limited access to basic rights such as education and sexual reproductive health. Moreover, they become victims of child marriage, trafficking, sexual and labour exploitation.

Terre des Hommes Netherlands seeks to accelerate progress on stopping child exploitation by expanding knowledge through research, catalyzing collaborations and influencing change.

CHILDREN IN ETHIOPIA

Ethiopia faces various pressures due to its fast-growing population. The country's population is estimated to be 123,415,729³.

The population under 15 and 30 years⁴



Children remain at a high risk of living in poverty with limited access to essential services.

The youth represent a large section of the Ethiopian society. An estimated 31.5 million people in Ethiopia are between 15-29 years, which constitutes about 30 per cent of the total population, with the median age being just 19 years old⁵.

DEMOGRAPHICS



Population

123.4 M



Children
(up to 18 years)

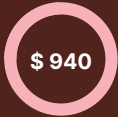
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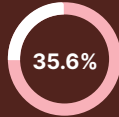
Urban - rural
ratio

22% - 78%

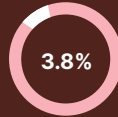
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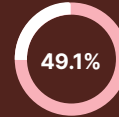
Per capita income (GNI
per capita)



Living below the poverty line
(of \$1.90 per day)



Annual growth of per
capita (GDP growth)



Literacy rate

Percentage of children in school



68%

Net attendance of children in
pre-primary school age



27%

Net attendance of children in
lower secondary age



35%

Net attendance of children in
upper secondary age

2024 Budget

€ 2,002,211

OUR WORK IN ETHIOPIA

- Our work in Ethiopia is focused 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. Additionally, we provide vital humanitarian assistance.
- The current programmes in Ethiopia are centred around providing support to children who are suffering from man-made and natural crises, as well as empowering girls and young women by enhancing their decision-making power in all matters that affect their lives.
- Terre des Hommes Netherlands collaborates with local organisations and networks to implement both development and humanitarian projects. The projects aim to prevent child exploitation, provide assistance to exploited children and children experiencing conflict and influence

relevant policies and practices at the local and national levels.

OUR APPROACH

◆ Children at the centre

Children are at the centre of everything we do. We support them to get access to education and other skills development so that they can eventually find jobs to earn better incomes to enhance their opportunities to live a decent and dignified life. We build their resilience and facilitate their empowerment. We help them amplify their voice, opening opportunities to speak up to those with the power to realise systemic change.

◆ Strengthening child protection

We educate parents and communities. We build the capacity of local structures to effectively prevent, detect, report and respond to child exploitation. We collaborate with other actors to influence strengthening of the legal and policy environment for better promotion and protection of children's rights.

OUR PROJECTS

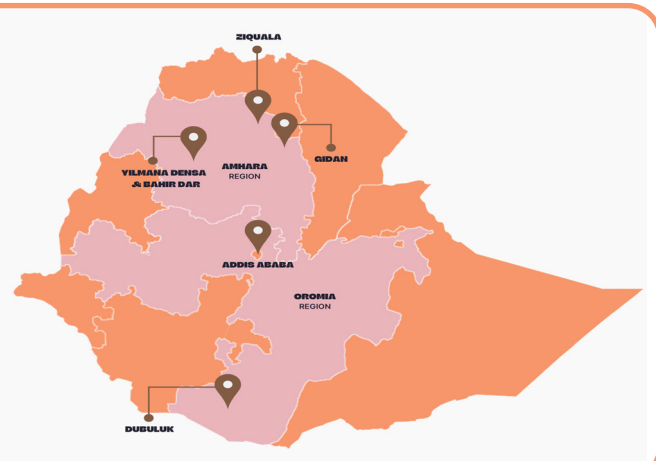
Project locations

Our current projects are implemented in various regions of Ethiopia including:

- Dubuluk (Borena zone of Oromia NRS)
- Gidan (north wollo zone of Amhara NRS)
- Ziquala (Waghimra zone of Amhara NRS)
- Yilmana Densa district and Adet town (north Gojam zone of Amhara NRS)
- National Level (Ethiopia)

Current projects

- Sexual Exploitation of Children - 2 She Leads projects
- Humanitarian Action - 4 Ethiopia Joint Response (DRA funded) projects



2023 REACH



Children under 18: Boys

9,950



Children under 18: Girls

11,670



CSO representatives

436



Family community members

16,544



Government officials

368

ACHIEVEMENTS

Humanitarian Action (Ethiopia Joint Response) Project

- Comprehensive child protection case management services provided to 306 vulnerable children with protection concerns - 9 vulnerable children received service from other partners through referral pathways.
- IPA (Individual Protection Assistance) provided to 2500 children and women.
- 200 vulnerable children supported under informal care arrangements with need-based assorted non-food items (blankets, bed sheets, cooking pots, kettles and mats).
- 800 adolescent girls provided with dignity kits: in kind support to attend school, and cash for dignity kits for 1200 women in reproductive age.
- Group-based activities that promote protection, well-being and learning - delivered in safe, inclusive, contextual and age-appropriate approaches (CFS & WGSF at Ataye) to 2000 children.
- Training provided for 21 TdH NL Staff, government staff (Women, Children Social Affairs Office, DRA partners (Plan international and Tesfabrehan) on CP in Emergencies, GBV and Psychosocial Support.
- Positive parenting skills training provided to 423 parents and other caregivers of vulnerable children.
- Three days of protection mainstreaming training provided to 75 DRA operational partners in collaboration (cost sharing) with SOS CVE.
- One Child Protection unit (CPU) constructed and furnished in Ataye town police station and used as a temporary staying place for children separated from their families.
- Multi-Purpose Cash (MPC) assistance implemented in 850 vulnerable households and their family members in Ataye town administration. Each household received 2,400ETB (€44) per month for four consecutive months.

She Leads Project

- Girls and Young Women (GYW) groups at national level have been empowered and presented their demands and asks to high-level decision-makers and policymakers.
- Ethiopia Young Women Voice (EYWV) has been able to organise a consultative meeting with young feminist movement leaders and able to identify GYWs agenda.
- 2 GYW and 1 Women-led CSOs have been able to undertake lobby and advocacy work that is aimed at influencing other CSOs and government offices in their intervention areas.
- Enhanced the 3 CSOs' capacity and enabled them to support the GYW led movement.
- The project created space for one GYW to be a member of the She Leads UN Cohort. This opportunity allowed one of the EYWV members to participate and advocate at CSW68 (global-level advocacy) in New York.
- The capacity of GYW groups in and out of school has been strengthened and are effectively advocating their agenda to influence the community.
- Law enforcement bodies started to act timely when there is GBV cases as a result of capacity-building support by the project: Coordination and networking platform improved.
- Volunteer committees in Yilmana Densa District and Adet town are providing free legal aid services to GYW and Women in need.
- Community members in the intervention areas influenced their families and neighbours to abandon HTPs in the intervention areas.

“ We consider TdH NL as our own organisation; we do not see it as a donor, and TdH NL is really special to me. I always remember and speak to others about TdH NL's capacity development support. At this time, there are only a few organisations working on capacity development by assessing gaps among local NGOs. TdH NL truly believes in and is actively working on a meaningful localisation of partnerships. We want to maintain and strengthen this strategic partnership. ”

**Workayehu Bizu,
Executive Director, ANPPCAN-Ethiopia**

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“ In my eight years of working with Terre des Hommes Netherlands, I have witnessed how committed the organisation is to improving the lives of thousands of children who need our support. Our role ranges from providing life-saving assistance to defending the rights and protection of children. Terre des Hommes Netherlands has become a credible organisation in the areas of building capacities of local actors (its partners, government, community and children networks) as well as ensuring meaningful child participation in its programmes.”

**Girma Amentie Gari,
Country Director, Ethiopia
Terre des Hommes Netherlands**

PARTNERSHIPS

Terre des Hommes Netherlands is a member of the:

- Joining Forces - an alliance of six child-focused international NGOs.
- 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).

- Ethiopia HINGO Forum -a forum of International organisations working within the humanitarian setting.
- Ethiopian Civil Society Organizations Council

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)

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- Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA)
- Dutch Relief Alliance (DRA)

About Terre des Hommes Netherlands

Terre des Hommes Netherlands is part of the International Federation of Terre des Hommes organisations, a strategic partnership of member organisations sharing the same brand name and core values for joint lobby and advocacy around children's rights. Terre des Hommes Netherlands (TdH NL) protects children by preventing and stopping child exploitation, and by empowering children to make their voices count. Our work is grounded in the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child and seeks to support the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals.

Under our new Global Strategy (2023 - 2030), TdH NL is redefining and refining our role as a child rights organisation, with the strategic ambition that “by 2030, Terre des Hommes Netherlands is a catalyst for systemic change to stop child exploitation. We do this by empowering children and their communities, connecting them with those who have power to enact change, and utilising our knowledge and expertise to co-create sustainable, evidence-based solutions.”

In line with our new strategy, TdH NL has established three thematic programmes under which our portfolio of humanitarian and development projects and programmes will be managed.

These are: **1. Child Labour, 2. Sexual Exploitation of Children, and 3. Humanitarian Action.**

The values of Terre des Hommes Netherlands are:

Responsible, Bold, Human-Centred and Playful.

The organisation's core principles are:

Children at the Centre, Intersectionality and Power Awareness, Safety and Wellbeing, Sustainability, Meaningful and Strategic Partnerships.

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