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FOR CHILDREN AND FAIR DEVELOPMENT

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| Editorial

In 2023, thanks to your support, Terre des Hommes Suisse was able to help 461,000 adults, children, and young people throughout the world. This is a real success story, but our work is a long-term endeavour!!

Action for children is essential. This year, too, the global context for children's rights remains incredibly challenging. The proliferation of crises, environmental degradation, and the expansion of areas of instability and conflict have a direct impact on children, who are the most vulnerable. The wounds and containment caused by the pandemic have not yet healed. Despite these challenges, we have acted with determination. In Geneva and in nine countries around the world, we have worked tirelessly to protect and support children.

In Switzerland, we have raised awareness of the rights of more than 86,000 children. Our initiatives have highlighted the difficult reality of Colombian children and the efforts being made to protect them and ensure that they have access to quality education amidst the challenges posed by armed violence. These efforts have also empowered children from the Cantons of Geneva, Vaud, Fribourg, and Valais to raise their voices and present their recommendations to the political leaders at the Children's Conference for French-speaking Switzerland.

Terre des Hommes Suisse has teamed up with over 60 local partners in Africa, Asia, Latin America, and the Caribbean to defend children's rights. The key to Terre des Hommes Suisse's success is working with local partners and associations in the operational countries. These joint efforts make it possible to protect children from violence and exploitation and to offer them access to education. In this way, they can develop their potential and take their place in the world to become actors of change.

However, our commitment does not stop there. We also celebrated a major victory in 2023 at the Geneva International Cooperation Centre with the recognition of the right to a clean, healthy and sustainable environment by the Committee on the Rights of the Child. This was a crucial step, resulting from a participatory process that included the views of thousands of children around the world and with the support of the International Federation of Terre des Hommes. But we will not stop until this right becomes a concrete reality for every child, everywhere.

The past year has been rich in commitments and achievements for truly changing the life prospects of children. Together, we continue to act for a world that is more sustainable and respectful of children's rights.

Thank you very much. Enjoy your reading.



Doris Charollais
Honorary Chairman



Christophe Roduit
Secretary General
(until 1st May 2024)

Profile

Terre des Hommes Suisse is a non-governmental, independent, and public utility organization based in Geneva. For more than 60 years, it has been working in close collaboration with local organisations for a world of solidarity and sustainability where children's rights are respected.

Terre des Hommes Suisse takes concrete action to ensure the respect of children's rights, focusing on three priority areas



Right to Adapted, Free and Quality Education



Right to Protection against all forms of violence and exploitation



Right to Participation of children and young people in decisions that concern them

Acting here and there

To act consistently and in an integrated manner in Switzerland and in 9 countries in Latin America, West Africa, the Caribbean, and Asia, drawing on the work carried out in each country to raise awareness, protect, and open up new life prospects for children and young people, is one of our guiding principles. The interdependence and the universality of children's rights imply action at the local level, here and there.

Supporting the Actors of Change

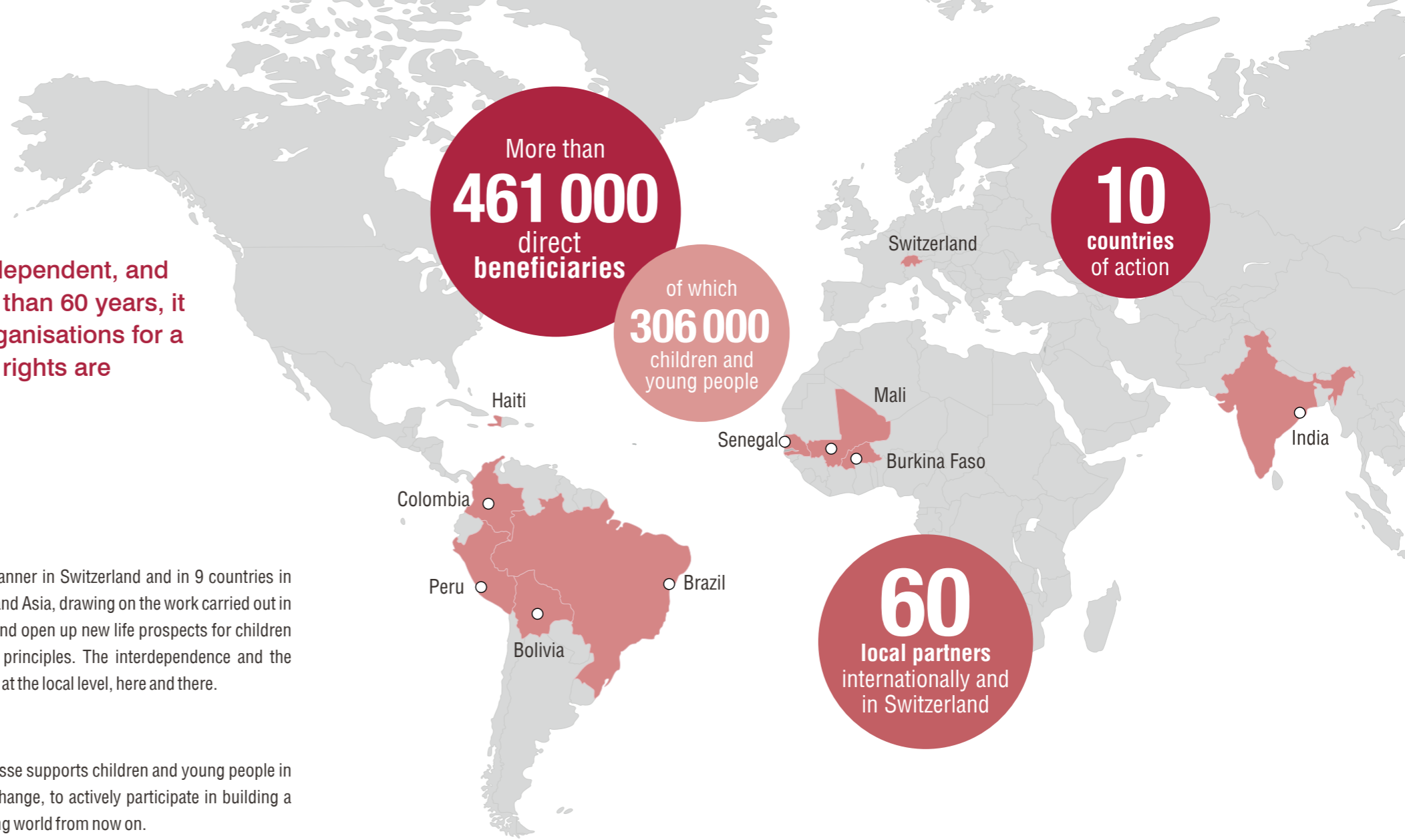
Whenever possible, Terre des Hommes Suisse supports children and young people in developing their capacity to be actors of change, to actively participate in building a more sustainable and child-rights-respecting world from now on.

Supporting children and young people in building a sustainable and child-rights-respecting world is done by mobilising their families, as well as schools and communities, and by supporting the engagement of civil society around the world. Thus, here and there, Terre des Hommes Suisse teams and supported local partners work on a daily basis to enable children and young people to be aware of their rights and sustainable development, to have access to quality education, to be protected from all forms of violence and exploitation, and to be able to participate fully in the decisions that concern them.

A unique aspect of Terre des Hommes Suisse is, its support for around 60 local associations in its 10 countries of operation. Its mission is long-term, and built on local anchoring, by relying on the strong responsibility of local actors and young people, a key element for achieving the Sustainable Development Goals of the 2030 Agenda and for the sustainability of its actions.

Overcoming the Interconnectedness of Global Challenges to Ensure Children's Rights and Protection

In 2023, issues related to child protection and rights remain at the heart of global concerns. In the face of growing challenges such as armed conflicts and climate crises, the need to ensure a safe and supportive environment for children's well-being is more urgent than ever. Fundamental children's rights, such as the right to



education and protection from violence, continue to be the subject of considerable efforts. Strengthening protection mechanisms, promoting social inclusion and advocating for global child-centred policies remain crucial goals to ensure a balanced and fulfilling future for every child around the world.

Our environmental commitment

For several years, Terre des Hommes Suisse has been committed to reducing its carbon footprint to defend the right of future generations to a healthy and sustainable environment. After determining our carbon footprint, we continuously work together, in a participatory method to define additional actions for further reduction. Terre des Hommes Suisse is formally committed to the Climate Action Accelerator (CAA) programme. This commitment involves defining a roadmap aimed at achieving a 50% reduction in our carbon footprint by 2030. This dedication to limiting the environmental impact of our aid is crucial and should be considered as a standard shared by all. Without it, we cannot guarantee our commitment to respect a healthy and sustainable environment as a fundamental right of children. All other rights depend on respecting this fundamental right.

Key figures

With 25 permanent employees (18.25 full-time equivalents) in Geneva and 34 internationally (31.8 full-time equivalents), as well as more than 589 volunteers, Terre des Hommes Suisse reached more than 461000 direct beneficiaries in 2023, including more than 306000 children and young people in the 9 countries internationally and 85800 children, young people, and adults in Switzerland.

Fundraising activities in Switzerland are conducted in accordance with a strictly defined and respected ethical code. Terre des Hommes Suisse is Zewo certified, ensuring the quality of its financial management and transparency in the use of donations.

International Programme

In 2023, Terre des Hommes Suisse and its local partners faced a global reality marked by growing polarisation and the deterioration of democracy, under the looming shadow of authoritarian governments. This was further exacerbated by the devastating effects of climate change, which left an indelible mark on the socio-economic landscape of the year.

Despite the deteriorating security situation or chronic political instability affecting the countries of action, Terre des Hommes Suisse has acted alongside its local partners to improve the situation of children's rights, particularly those of the most vulnerable. The organisation has paid particular attention to supporting children and their families, who suffer from several factors of vulnerability, such as poverty, discrimination based on gender, origin, religion, caste, language, disability, or people displaced due to insecurity. Terre des Hommes Suisse's integrated approach has reduced the risks of violence, discrimination, and exploitation that children face (right to protection) while enabling them to access quality educational opportunities (right to education) and to strengthen their capacity to become actors of change (right to participation) to build a better future, for themselves and those around them.

The right to a healthy environment finally recognized!

The year 2023 marked a turning point with the first-ever recognition of the right of children to a healthy and sustainable environment. The Committee on the Rights of the Child issued General Comment No. 26, highlighting the disproportionate impact of climate change on children, in a context of "triple planetary crisis" including the climate emergency, biodiversity loss, and widespread pollution. In a key step towards protecting children today and tomorrow, this position finally recognizes the right to a healthy and sustainable environment as a fundamental child's right.

An ever-growing impact

In 2023, a total of 461000 beneficiaries were reached by Terre des Hommes Suisse's actions, including over 306000 children, adolescents, and young people who participated in activities carried out by our 60 local partners in 9 countries and Switzerland. We were able to reach more than 111000 young children and adults through our education-related projects; nearly 291000 on protection and 330000 on participation and education for sustainable development.

Act for the environment



"I feel that the deforestation process has reached a high level and that this will pose a problem for us in the near future. In the past, we had a wide variety of trees (shade trees and fruit trees), which is no longer the case today. So now I am trying to save our environment by planting trees in the community so that the future generation does not face the same difficulties as we do. If we don't take action, the environment will be destroyed, and that will have terrible consequences for all of us."

Karu, 22 years,
Youth Council member, India

375 000

children, young people, and adults participated in our actions internationally and 85800 in Switzerland.

The climate crisis, and its implications in India

Climate change in India poses serious threats to the health, education, food security, and overall development of children and young people. An unprecedented heat wave in 2022 and 2023 has had dramatic effects on agriculture in rural areas. Additionally, reduced access to food has led to an increase in the number of wild animals (elephants, tigers, etc.) searching for food in and around villages, causing numerous accidents, particularly involving children. With the support of children and young people, Terre des Hommes Suisse's programme in India has been able to reinforce its presence within communities and enable a greater part of the society to respond to climate change and its impact. The global campaign "Save my Planet, Save my Rights" has played a key role in this regard, engaging over 1500 children and young people and 8000 adults from the communities of West Bengal, Jharkhand, Odisha and Madhya Pradesh.

214 000

children and young people developed their knowledge about children's rights and the right to a healthy environment.

Right to Education

Insecurity, parental poverty, and lack of resources dedicated to education in the countries where Terre des Hommes Suisse operates, create barriers to access to quality education for the most vulnerable children. In a complementary and context-adapted manner, Terre des Hommes Suisse guarantees vulnerable children's access to education while supporting teachers to improve the quality of education in a sustainable manner.

Fight administrative barriers to guarantee access to school for all!

In West Africa, Haiti, and Colombia, children often see their access to education denied or interrupted due to administrative obstacles. When populations are displaced to escape insecurity, families do not always have their official transfer papers allowing their children to be re-enrolled in schools. Often, the lack of a birth certificate prevents enrollment in public schools or, worse yet, the ability to write examinations to validate educational cycles. These obstacles particularly affect the most vulnerable children and young people, specially girls, displaced populations, minorities, and people with disabilities. In Mali, local partners supported children's clubs in their advocacy with local authorities to regularise the birth certificates of 1215 children. This allowed all these children to return to school or take their primary or secondary school examinations.

Training teachers to innovate and adapt

Terre des Hommes Suisse and its partners have taken steps to ensure quality education that is inclusive and adapted to the needs of children in unstable contexts. In Colombia, for example, teachers have been trained in playful teaching techniques and risk reduction. Practical workshops have been set up to generate income, such as soap making, to buy school supplies and allow students to apply their knowledge in a practical way.

In Colombia and Haiti, teachers have been trained to integrate a risk reduction component into their teaching, and together with the students, they have identified the security risks they face. As a result, protective measures, such as communication channels to stay informed about security incidents or the implementation of group travel, have been taken to protect students and educational staff from the risks associated with the presence of armed groups.

Hope for the girls



"Despite my father and brother's work, our family situation remains very precarious: due to the pandemic, I had to drop out of school. I was very worried and sad because I know that education is my only way to a better future. When CARD created an education centre, with 2 teachers, near my village, I found hope again. I went to the centre every day and was able to take the final school examinations. Today I know that I will achieve my dream to go to high school, to join the civil services and become the first female civil servant in my village."*

Kalpana, 15 years, India.

*Centre for Action Research and Documentation

91 000

children and young people from marginalised and vulnerable groups have access to quality education

of which
55%
are girls



Inclusive access to school for displaced children in Burkina Faso and Mali

Terre des Hommes Suisse has taken various actions, ranging from strengthening existing educational infrastructure to setting up structures adapted to the volatility of contexts, to ensure access to education for displaced children and facilitate their return to school. In villages hosting families displaced by insecurity in central and northern Burkina Faso, or in camps for the Internally Displaced Persons (IDP) near Bamako in Mali, a range of educational support initiatives have been launched, including accelerated schooling, remedial classes, provision of school kits and bridge classes to enable children who have interrupted their education, to return to school.

In addition to working with families to encourage them to enroll or re-enroll their children in schools, Terre des Hommes Suisse partners support the government's Accelerated Bridging Schooling Strategy programme by providing specific educational support to the existing system. They are also committed to ensuring access to a safe, inclusive, and local learning environment by rehabilitating school infrastructure in centres for displaced persons. In addition, they offer innovative vocational training in these centres to meet the needs of older children.

"Before, many children in our displaced persons site (Grabale) in Faladiè did not attend school, we helped parents and sometimes did hard work and begged, but today many parents have enrolled their children and even girls in school, thanks to the project." Aminata, 13 years, Mali

| Right to Protection

In 2023, Terre des Hommes Suisse carried out actions to strengthen the protective environments around children (families, schools, communities) in a sustainable manner, while also working to reduce the immediate risks of violence, exploitation, or forced marriages that they face, particularly in unstable countries.

Terre des Hommes Suisse's complementary approaches to address so-called nexus contexts (the bridge between long-term development and immediate humanitarian needs) have made it possible to address the multiple challenges of children's rights, and particularly their protection, by developing action strategies that are best adapted to the local contexts. Thus, a project aimed at protecting children from violence and exploitation was not implemented in the same way in deprived urban neighbourhoods in India, as in Haiti, plagued by gangs, or in rural communities in Latin America. Regardless of the context, Terre des Hommes Suisse works to systematically strengthen the knowledge of children, teachers, families, and local authorities on children's rights, to enable them to not only defend their rights, but also to act to protect other children. Supporting women's groups, children's, or youth clubs to make concrete requests to local authorities or setting up establishment of child protection mechanisms (community protection committees, listening centres, child-friendly spaces, etc.) are the foundations of child protection in all actions carried out on the ground.

Protecting Children from the Threats of Armed Groups and Gangs

In Colombia, Burkina Faso, Mali, and Port-au-Prince in Haiti, children are threatened by armed groups, with risks of forced recruitment, interrupted education, and physical or sexual violence. Terre des Hommes Suisse supports teachers, families, and young people to develop skills to help children overcome these traumas. Immediate psychosocial interventions are offered by partners, often essential as government services cannot always meet all needs. Children are also referred to child protection services for a long-term follow-up.

Positive Parenting



"I was able to participate with my family in virtual workshops. So, my parents learned, they know my rights, the importance of good treatment and communication, and the protective role between siblings. I feel more protected with my parents because my family protects me from threats and teaches me to take care of myself. My family talks to me a lot about what I need to protect myself from and they take care of me in case of a threat."

Amaya, 15 years, Peru

172 000
children and young people
of whom 92000 girls benefitted from a protective environment (prevention and care) against harmful practices such as violence, discrimination, and exploitation.



213 000
children and young people
have benefitted from protection actions against violence and exploitation, including 116000 girls.

In Haiti, schools are safe havens for families in the face of violence

The situation in Haiti's gang-controlled capital is dire. After years of instability and natural disasters, the population is plagued by extreme poverty. For several years, Terre des Hommes Suisse has been helping dozens of schools to become places of refuge in the event of a crisis. In 2023, for example, people were able to take refuge within the walls of several schools, which were transformed into community camps, giving local families and their children access to drinking water, food and a sheltered place to sleep. With supplies of drinking water, food and solar panels, the schools are true oases of protection for families in a violent and unstable environment.

Right to Participation

Ensuring the participation of children and young people in its projects, is a major concern for Terre des Hommes Suisse and all its partners.

Recognised as a fundamental right by the Convention on the Rights of the Child, the participation of children and young people is a means of freely expressing their opinions on issues concerning them and of creating mechanisms that will allow them to be duly considered.

Participation is also an effective means of promoting the personal development of children and young people, their social inclusion, their active citizenship and commitment to sustainable development. Unfortunately, this is not always guaranteed or valued in the decision-making spaces that affect them, whether at the family, school, community, local, national or international level. Children and young people often face structural, cultural, institutional or personal barriers that limit their ability to influence the changes that affect their lives.

In 2023, Terre des Hommes Suisse, through its projects, promoted the strengthening of favourable conditions for young people's participation and supported them in exercising their rights by promoting a model of participation: voluntary, informed, respectful, relevant, age-appropriate, inclusive, supported by training, safe and risk-sensitive and responsible. The youth platform in India carries out numerous initiatives with children, their communities, and local authorities so that they become more proactive in protecting and promoting children's rights. In 2023, "Save my Planet, Save my Rights" was a global campaign initiated by Terre des Hommes Suisse that had a huge impact within communities through advocacy, awareness-raising and other concrete projects, for example tree-plantation.

Involving all stakeholders

To implement these principles, it was necessary to involve various stakeholders, such as parents, teachers, peers, civil society organisations and public authorities, in promoting the participation of children and young people. In Djourbel, Senegal, children made suggestions about their learning methods and discussed them with adults to promote mentoring in schools. These councils have set up a mechanism for monitoring children's suggestions, discussed at monthly meetings, thus facilitating communication between the management committee, pupils and their parents.

Clubs for personal development



"The establishment of children's clubs has led to positive changes on all fronts. Children are more fulfilled with the clubs, they express themselves freely, they express their rights and are better respected by the supervisors. FDC has facilitated the fact that each partner (the parents' association, the school management committee) plays its role, which contributes to better student outcomes."

Principal of the primary school of Kombrissi, Burkina Faso.

963

Actions and initiatives taken by children and young people in the 10 countries, including Switzerland

33 000

children and youth were involved in participation mechanisms enabling them to take civic actions for children's rights



An innovative participatory method in Bolivia: Children "Eco-Reporters"

In 2023, following the adage "little streams make big rivers," Terre des Hommes Suisse launched several pilot phases of the "Children Eco-Reporters" project in different countries, initially developed in Bolivia. This project encourages children's participation in environmental protection by training them in journalism and children's rights. Children learn to conduct interviews, take photos, and write articles on environmental issues in their community. Their reports are published in a local magazine and presented to the authorities to encourage policy changes, favourable to the environment and children's rights. In 2023, 42 children were trained (including 22 girls), producing reports on water resource management, waste management, and actions taken by them for a healthier environment.



Education for Children's Rights and Sustainable Development in Switzerland

In line with its international development programmes, Terre des Hommes Suisse also carries out numerous projects locally, mainly in the Canton of Geneva and in French-speaking Switzerland, through the March of Hope, the French-speaking Children's Conference, Robin des Watts and the Colibri project: an opportunity to empowering the children and young people with the tools they need, to actively participate in building a more equitable world that respects their rights and planetary boundaries.

In 2023, our organisation also participated more widely in actions in German-speaking Switzerland, through numerous technical collaborations in groups for the creation and dissemination of school and educational content. Through its projects and technical partnerships, the organisation has raised awareness among young people in Switzerland about children's rights and sustainable development. Based on field realities, the interventions carried out have offered very concrete mobilisation opportunities and aimed at a change in behaviour, attitudes and habits of each and every one, in view of sustainable and solidarity-based development. The public in Geneva was also made aware of the issue through campaigns and information materials.

Education for Sustainable Development

In the Cantons of Geneva and Vaud, Terre des Hommes Suisse has been a key player in supporting the integration of education for sustainable development (ESD) and children's rights, by supporting local authorities, schools, and teachers to integrate sessions on these topics into the framework of its Robin des Watts and Colibri projects. Based on activities integrating a comprehensive and cross-cutting approach to education for sustainable development, these two projects have enabled 1921 children and young people to become actors of change by participating, in collaboration with school and community members, in the design and implementation of concrete local actions to save energy, or participate in a local climate change mitigation project.

Concrete Actions



"Our class came up with the idea of setting up a community garden in our town and our project was accepted. We are very happy and super proud to be able to do what we decided to do. It gives us even more desire to act and do things to improve the future."

Anna, student from Coppet, Switzerland.



34 500

adults were informed about children's rights through TdH Suisse publications, including 1800 teachers.

32 700

students were raised awareness in Geneva and Switzerland about children's rights and sustainable development.

2350

children and young people were mobilised throughout the year in solidarity actions or awareness-raising activities on children's rights among their peers.

More than just a Walk, a marathon!

Every year, for the Terre des Hommes Suisse team, the March of Hope is much more than a walk. Ahead of the famous October event on the lakeside, the March of Hope is above all a marathon that starts several months in advance, culminating in a final sprint where, in the space of 6 weeks, students from standard 2 to 8 in 184 schools are made aware of the issues. It all starts in January when a country representative of the work of our organisation and its partners is chosen to illustrate a theme, an issue linked to Children's Rights that we want to highlight to the children of the Canton of Geneva.

In 2023, we chose to tell the story of Ana Lucia, a resident of the Cauca region of Colombia. To do this, our teams and partners were committed to capturing as accurately as possible the realities on the ground and the reality of these children's lives. Several months were dedicated to preparing awareness-raising materials and creating educational sheets related to the theme highlighted, based on Ana Lucia's life. Stories were created for the little ones; video content and photos were selected. Tales were created for younger children, and videos and photos were selected. Finally, at the beginning of September, everything gathered pace with the launch of the major awareness-raising campaign in schools, where, in this very short space, more than 30000 children were reached.



Children and Youth as Actors of change

In 2023, young people strongly mobilised themselves on the ground in Switzerland to make their voices heard. There were actions to raise public awareness on children's rights, demonstrations in favour of climate, interventions with politicians and international bodies: a strong commitment of young people to advance their rights.

To promote the participation of children and young people at international level, Terre des Hommes Suisse and the Swiss Council for Youth Activities (CSAJ) have been organising the Children's Conference for French-speaking Switzerland since 2020. The first edition was with the children from the Canton of Geneva while children from Valais were added in 2021. The Canton of Vaud took part in the project in 2022.

This was the 4th edition of the Children's Conference, which took place from November 15 to 18, 2023. Once again, Terre des Hommes Suisse and its partners have renewed this project, with the aim of promoting the civic and political participation of children and young people. This year, children aged between 10 and 12 years from the cantons of Geneva, Vaud, Fribourg and Valais were able to make their voices heard on the implementation of their rights in Switzerland.

After learning about children's rights and political participation, nearly 264 children from different schools and extracurricular structures in the participating cantons were able to identify rights that they believe should be improved in Switzerland and elect delegates to represent them in the framework of this project.

For three days, 46 child delegates, chosen by their peers, debated on how to improve children's rights in Switzerland, addressing equality, special protection, and a healthy environment. They presented recommendations to political representatives and experts, including a member of the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child. The children chose to address the issues of cyberbullying, violent online content, and digital addiction, linked to the prevention of suicide among bullied young people. As child rights ambassadors, they visited the Federal Palace in Bern and participated in cantonal visits to make their concerns heard.

Echoes of the Conference



"We have learned a lot about children's rights, and we are very happy to be able to talk about our rights to politicians. I really hope they will listen to us and help us uphold our rights."

Anita, Child Rights Ambassador, Switzerland.

"I felt like working on the theme of children's rights and participation because it directly concerned children and this theme is not addressed much in class, or at least not enough. The format is dynamic, and children can engage themselves in a reflection on their rights."

Valérie, Teacher, Switzerland.

500

young people reached during Children's Rights Week at the University of Geneva.

600

students raised awareness about sustainable development and solidarity in Switzerland



"Committed young students: the youth movement!"

TdH Suisse's youth movement brings together around fifty young active volunteers aged between 18 and 25 years in Geneva. In 2023, several new members joined the youth movement and participated in a training workshop on the right to a healthy environment, as well as a welcome training for new members in October to present Terre des Hommes Suisse, its action, its partnership strategy and its various events.

In 2023, the second edition of the Children's Rights Week was launched at the University of Geneva, entirely organised by young people. This week aimed to raise awareness among students and the public about child rights issues, with a focus on the right to a healthy environment. Young people ran a variety of stands and workshops, as well as round table discussions with internal and external experts from Terre des Hommes Suisse. They also produced online articles to continue their awareness-raising about child rights.

Finally, some of the students worked on developing educational materials as part of the Colibri project, which they were then able to implement in support of our team, in schools in the Canton of Vaud.



The Essentials of the 2023 Accounts

In 2023, Terre des Hommes Suisse spent CHF 9 219 567 (+1% increase compared to 2022) on its actions in the defence of children's rights, both in Switzerland and abroad. Our mission in 10 countries has benefitted over 461 000 people, including 306 000 children and young people, with 166 000 girls. 2023 was a year of strengthening financial and digital management systems, as well as regional teams based in the countries, aimed at guaranteeing the quality of actions carried out in all supported projects. Overall, 72.50% of our expenditures were devoted to the

implementation of our programmes.

We were able to maintain our efforts to ensure the sustainability of our activities, thanks to the generosity and trust of our donors and funders, despite a difficult international context. Thus, 42% of our revenue in 2023 came from private donations and legacies, and 33% from our public partners (SDC, FGC, the city of Geneva and municipalities). 25% of our revenue comes from events, foundations and companies.

In 2023, Terre des Hommes Suisse also increased its general fund (+30%

compared to 2022), thanks to the sale of a real estate property that the association received as an heir in the same year. This highlights the importance of successions to be able to carry out our mission. The year ended with a positive result of CHF 45 573.

You will find in this report all the transparency that we owe you to earn your trust and continue to support our actions for the defence of Children's Rights. Thank you very much.



10 Countries of action



60 partners internationally and in Switzerland



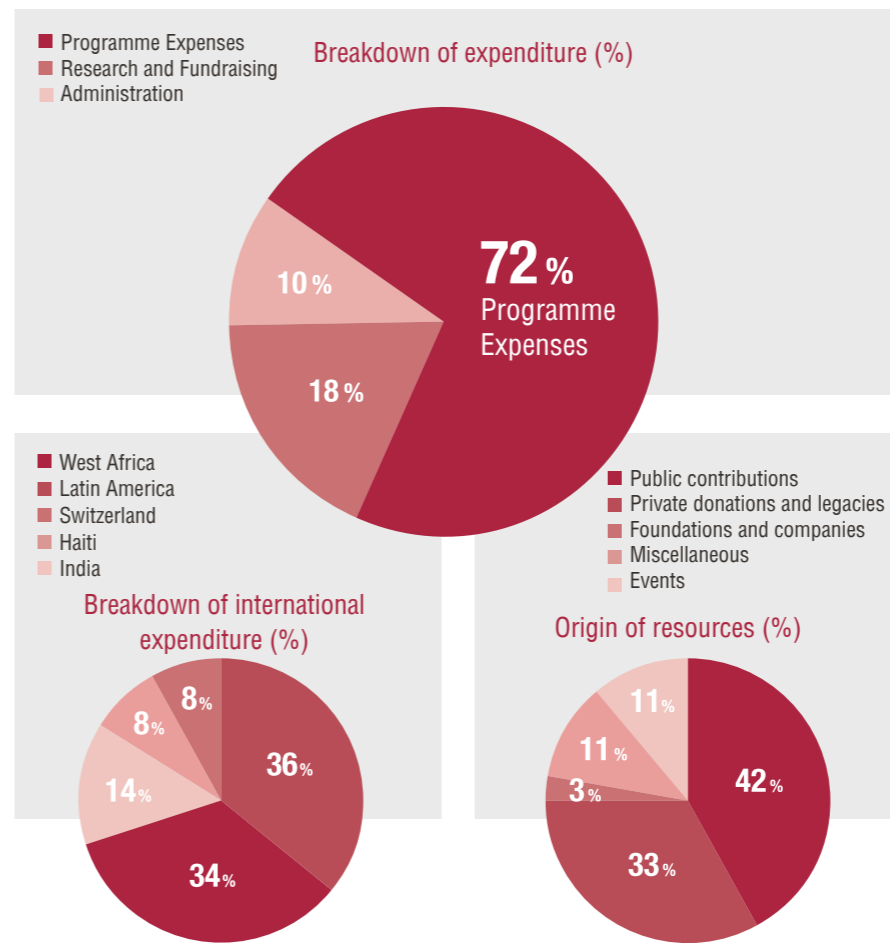
+ 461 000 beneficiaries including 29 6000 children and young people



67% of donations come from the private sector



72.5% of expenditures are dedicated to the defence of the rights of children and young people.



Financial Report

Balance sheet as at 31 December 2023 (in Swiss francs)

Assets	2023	2022
Current assets	5 366 820,56	4 410 390,38
Cash and cash equivalents	5 097 248,07	4 329 996,15
Inventories of goods	3 528,00	6 194,40
Prepayments and accrued income	266 044,49	74 199,83
Current assets	5 61 040,24	0
Cash and cash equivalents	5 61 040,24	0
TOTAL ASSETS	5 927 860,80	4 410 390,38
Liabilities		
Short-term foreign capital	1 029 066,02	494 982,41
Sundry creditors	9 469,15	-56 191,69
Accruals and deferred income	1 019 596,87	551 174,10
Capital for restricted fund	0,30	133 710,62
Funds for ongoing projects	0,30	133 710,62
Association capital	4 898 794,48	3 781 697,35
General fund	3 992 321,20	3 040 173,45
Surplus for the year	45 573,28	-119 376,10
General reserve	600 000,00	600 000,00
Solidarity loan reserve	260 900,00	260 900,00
TOTAL LIABILITIES	5 927 860,80	4 410 390,38

Operating accounts as at 31 December 2023 (in Swiss francs)

Receipts	2023	2022
Receipts with allocation	5 674 940,52	6 212 133,58
Private donations	48 756,12	220 378,11
March of Hope	304 163,13	426 951,67
Foundations and companies	544 445,21	893 829,64
Terre des Hommes Movement	854 760,56	646 939,86
European Union	59 430,00	114 339,95
Communes	0,00	11 240,00
FGC	480 985,00	480 985,00
DDC	2 800 000,00	2 800 000,00
Swiss Solidarity	267 155,00	405 509,00
Loterie Romande	100 000,00	30 000,00
Miscellaneous income	215 245,50	181 960,35
Unallocated receipts	4 530 523,46	2 807 532,83
Private donations	1 458 244,39	1 381 425,20
Legacies	2 777 584,52	1 190 054,18
Events for the general public	46 594,46	52 256,59
Solidarcomm	0,00	0,00
Containers for clothes	35 891,78	125 992,98
Foundations and companies	20 290,35	30 222,28
Municipalities	3 595,00	22 872,40
Various receipts	4 525,96	4 709,20
Corporate March	183 797,00	-
TOTAL RECEIPTS	10 205 463,98	9 019 666,41

Expenses	2023	2022
Programme South	4 554 811,19	4 866 292,03
Africa	1 759 271,22	1 926 380,40
- Burkina Faso	869 406,26	830 269,50
- Mali	433 017,06	532 942,76
- Senegal	456 847,90	563 168,14
Latin America	1 591 730,79	1 715 115,47
- Bolivia	468 732,21	509 458,37
- Brazil	223 304,98	271 723,34
- Colombia	467 082,34	446 179,82
- Peru	432 611,26	487 753,94
Asia	417 413,12	432 772,65
- India	417 413,12	432 772,65
Caribbean	415 636,84	578 578,44
- Haiti	415 636,84	578 578,44
Regional	370 136,22	205 643,74
Youth Council	623,00	7 801,33
Programme Suisse	728 204,82	871 207,41
Information	355 601,80	311 681,27
Personnel	248 008,05	213 938,43
Production and dispatch	62 850,48	72 238,91
Other expenses	44 743,27	25 503,93
Awareness and Education	372 603,02	470 894,87
Personnel	257 212,53	332 607,01
Events and materials	74 449,72	99 103,67
Other expenses	40 940,77	39 184,19
TdH Education	0,00	88 631,27
Personnel	0,00	74 307,44
Other expenses	0,00	14 323,83
Direct programme expenses	5 283 016,01	5 737 499,44
Programme support	1 402 352,35	1 362 983,77
Personnel	1 081 427,47	1 044 390,08
Travel and meetings	92 700,78	144 651,84
Monitoring of results	35 580,69	46 002,84
Other expenses	192 643,41	127 939,01
Total programme expenses	6 685 368,36	7 100 483,21
Administration	907 028,66	512 446,21
Personnel	430 119,02	380 133,75
Overheads	398 439,40	40 323,30
Administration costs	52 461,33	67 423,81
Membership fees	26 008,91	24 565,35
Fundraising and communication	1 627 169,73	1 481 332,28
Personnel	564 722,78	538 195,40
Fundraising	822 378,40	809 960,90
Public events	102 802,18	63 568,65
Other expenses	137 266,37	69 607,33
Total expenses	9 219 566,75	9 094 261,70
Intermediate result	985 897,23	-74 595,29
Financial result	-24 034,27	-33 779,29
Financial income	9 057,19	375,23
Financial expenses	-33 091,46	-34 154,52
Result before changes in equity	961 862,96	-108 374,58
Changes in funds		
Restricted funds	133 709,91	-11 001,52
Allocations	-5 674 940,89	-6 212 133,58
Applications	5 808 650,80	6 201 132,06
Result profit before allocation of free cash flow	1 095 572,87	-119 376,10
Allocation to the solidarity loan reserve	0,00	0,00
Allocation to the general fund	1 050 000,00	0,00
RESULT FOR THE YEAR	45 572,87	-119 376,10

Financial Report

Notes to the financial statements 2023

Principles of the establishment and valuation of accounts

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with Swiss GAAP FER (Fundamental RPCs and RPC 21), the Swiss Code of Obligations, the regulations of the ZEW0 Foundation, and the Articles of Association. The annual financial statements reflect a true and fair view of the assets, financial position, and results of operations. The financial year covers the period from January 1 to December 31, 2023.

The accounting is established in Swiss francs (CHF). During the year, transactions in foreign currencies are converted into CHF at the exchange rate valid at the time of the transaction. At the end of the year, assets or liabilities in foreign currencies are converted into CHF at the exchange rate of December 31, 2023.

Comments on the balance sheet

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in balances, postal accounts and bank current accounts. Cash and cash equivalents are valued at nominal value.

Inventories of goods

In this account, we have grouped together the stocks of handkerchiefs held for sale.

Prepayments and accrued income

This account includes prepaid expenses, accrued revenue, and recoverable prepaid taxes. Prepayments and accrued income accounts are stated at their nominal value, less any necessary value adjustments.

Tangible fixed assets

In 2023, Terre des Hommes Suisse received a legacy that included real estate, which was added to the balance sheet at its tax value as tangible fixed asset. Otherwise, the tangible assets are few in number and old. They were either received free of charge or recognised directly in operating expenses.

Sundry Creditors

The accounts receivable includes the balance of the professional pension scheme and the recoverable advance tax. The valuation is

made at nominal value.

Accruals and deferred income

This account includes expenses that have been recognised in the current financial year but will not be paid until 2024 (CHF 689 187). It also includes amount received in the organization's accounts in 2023 but recognised as revenue in 2024 (CHF 330 410).

Capital from restricted funds

This fund includes restricted income and donations used for a clearly defined and limited purpose, which is generally spread over several years. See also i) below.

Association's Capital

The association's capital includes, the General Fund, which can be used for the statutory purposes of Terre des Hommes Suisse, in particular to protect against risks. Its development is as follows:

- Balance as of January 1, 2023: CHF 2 920 797
- Reversal of provision for 2022 tax on a legacy: CHF 21 524
- Allocation to the General Fund according to the activity statement: CHF 1 050 000
- Balance as of December 31, 2023: CHF 3 992 321

Restricted Funds

The balance of restricted funds is explained in the table of changes in capital (see attached table) and is further justified by more detailed documentation available at the Association's headquarters upon request.

Segregation of costs

The distribution of costs is in accordance with the ZEW0 method. This includes the costs of fundraising, communication and general advertising, as well as administrative costs. With regard to the creation and publication of the Terre des Hommes Suisse newsletter, the distribution of costs is as follows: 50% of the costs for fundraising and 50% of the costs for the Information section of the programme in Switzerland. Similarly, the costs of public events, such as the March of Hope, are divided 50% for communication and fundraising and 50% for raising awareness of the programme in Switzerland.

Other Information

Fire Insurance - Insured Value

Fire insurance - Insured value of furniture, IT equipment, and merchandise: CHF 291 500.

In-Kind Contributions

Terre des Hommes Suisse receives donations in kind, such as goods or services. In 2023, the in-kind contributions from the City of Geneva, at market value, amounted to: Office rent: CHF 251 103. Free services provided by the City of Geneva: CHF 51 756.00 for the March of Hope

Volunteering

For many years, Terre des Hommes Suisse has been able to count on the commitment of some 580 volunteers. In total, these volunteers dedicated 5 937 hours of work to project groups, communication, administration, and our various events in 2023. As for the eight members of the Committee, they provided nearly 680 hours of work at CHF 30 per hour. In total, all the services provided by all volunteers in 2023 represent an amount of CHF 198 510.

Compensation of governing bodies

The members of the committee do not receive any compensation for their activities. In accordance with RPC21 standards, we do not publish the compensation of the management, as it is only composed of one person.

Report of the statutory auditors on the audit

To the Committee of the Association
Terre des Hommes Suisse (French-speaking
Section) - Geneva

Geneva, 25 March 2024

As statutory auditors, we have audited the financial statements (balance sheet, operating accounts and notes) of TERRE DES HOMMES SUISSE (French-speaking Section), Geneva, for the financial year ended 31 December 2023.

The responsibility of preparing the annual financial statements lies with the Committee, while our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We confirm that we meet the legal requirements, professional qualification and independence.

Our audit was conducted in accordance with the Swiss Auditing Standard on Limited Audits. This standard requires that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance in such a

way that the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

A limited audit mainly includes inquiries, analytical checks, and appropriate detailed examination of documentation available at the audited organisation. On the other hand, verifications of operating flows and the internal control system, as well as inquiries and other audit procedures designed to detect fraud, are not part of this audit.

During our audit, we did not come across any elements that would allow us to conclude that the financial statements, which show a balance sheet total of CHF 5 927 860.80 and a surplus of CHF 45 573.28, do not give a true and fair view of the financial position and results of operation and the cash flow in accordance with Swiss GAAP standards and are not in compliance with the law and the articles of association.

We also ensured that the SDC funds were used in accordance with the terms and conditions and annexes of the agreement of December 20, 2022 (Project No.: 7F-10658.02, Contract No. 81076090). We also noted that the accounts of programmes and local partners exceeding CHF 100 000 had been audited by local trustees.

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Mehmet Cem
UNAL Auditor



Terre des Hommes Suisse
est certifiée par la Zewo qui garantit la
bonne utilisation des dons.



| Team

Terre des Hommes Suisse is based in Geneva and has been active for over 60 years. It is made up of a Committee of 8 members and a team of 24 staff in Geneva. The regional and national coordinators are based in the 9 countries of international intervention.

Committee

Francesca Cauvin
Co-Presidents
Jérôme Piguet
Co-Presidents
Yves Bodmer
Treasurer
Louis Bodmer
Laurence Cruchon
Calliope Karavgoustis
Minou Khamsi
Isabelle Nicolazzi

The committee was elected for a 2-year term, from June 2022 to June 2024.

Honorary positions

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Honorary Chairman
Jean-Luc Pittet
Honorary General Secretary

Personnel in Geneva Management

Christophe Roduit
General Secretary

International and Swiss programme

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Director of Programmes
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Head of Themes and MEAL (Monitoring Evaluation Accountability and Learning)
Anahy Gajardo Muñoz
Education and Sustainable Development Specialist

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Head of Communications
Deniz Ates
Digital Communications Manager

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Laetitia Jacquemoud
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Hélène Stadelmann
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Julien Keller
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Guerty Aimé
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Ramata Coulibaly
Coordinator Mali
Hamidou Ouedraogo
Coordinator Burkina Faso

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Coordinator Colombia
Julia Garcia
Coordinator Brazil
Carmen Montes Bravo
Coordinator Peru
Patricia Vargas Vallejo
Coordinator Bolivia

Asia

Ashish Ghosh
Regional Coordinator and Coordinator India

Status as of 31 December 2023. The team is completed by interns or civilian volunteers assigned to headquarters, as well as support staff in national coordination.

| Volunteers

In 2023, we were fortunate to have a valuable team of volunteers at Terre des Hommes Suisse. Their generosity and dedication were exceptional: 589 people devoted their time and energy to support our mission.

Whether it was by participating in our events such as the Solidarity Handkerchief Sale or by manning stalls at the March of Hope, our volunteers have been there for us. Some have even joined our team at headquarters to help us with various projects.

We would like to say a big THANK YOU to all our volunteers for their unwavering commitment. They are a true source of inspiration for us, and we are infinitely grateful to them!

Estelle David



After obtaining my Master's degree at the GSEM, I spent six months as a volunteer in the communications department at Terre des Hommes Suisse to gain some initial professional experience. I wanted to find out

more about the world of social and solidarity-based economy. Why Terre des Hommes Suisse? During my studies, I had the opportunity to take part in a fund-raising activity for the Association. I immediately identified with its values and was particularly touched by its mission. The defence of children's rights is at the heart of their concerns and activities. In addition, the team was very welcoming, and the volunteers are truly valued. My experience at Terre des Hommes Suisse, was a great opportunity for learning and personal growth, and it reinforced my choice to work in this field.



more than
5937
hours
of work
completed

580
volunteers,
including 40
young people

Muriel Haarman



For many years, I have dedicated a small part of my time to volunteering, especially with children. Upon returning to Switzerland in 2001 after a few years in Africa, it was natural for me to get involved again and I was able to join the Terre des Hommes Suisse team in Geneva.

At the beginning, in parallel with my professional activity, I mainly took part in the March of Hope, where I was in charge with a lot of other volunteers, registering children on site. I thoroughly enjoyed this event, in bringing children and their families together for such a touching cause: the plight of disadvantaged children in distant countries. This day was a magnificent example of solidarity, and I immediately felt proud to participate in it at my humble level.

Subsequently, and upon my retirement, I joined the Terre des Hommes Suisse office to assist in the preparation of the March, its follow-up, and then sending thank-you notes to the children who had participated. I also participate in the sale of handkerchiefs every year.

I have always felt at ease among the Terre des Hommes Suisse team, which is made up of young, highly motivated and professional people. The atmosphere in the offices is relaxed and welcoming, and the work is done in a very open-minded spirit. This is why I continue to give some of my time to this Association, which is a model of solidarity and aid to children.

Networks and Campaigns

Protecting children's rights requires mobilising the skills and energies within national and international networks.

At the International Level

Terre des Hommes Suisse has taken part in joint actions with other national and international NGOs, as well as with the ministries of the countries in which it operates, aimed at protecting children against the risks of dropping out of school, violence, forced marriages, exploitation and malnutrition. For example, in Senegal, on the occasion of the International Children's Day on November 20th and the 16 Days of Activism (November 25 to December 10), the National Coalition of CSOs for the Abandonment of Child Marriage (CONAM), the Joining Forces Consortium, and Terre des Hommes Suisse's National Council of Children and Youth in Senegal (CNEJS) organised an advocacy campaign to urge the government to support the financing and implementation of the National Action Plan for the Abandonment of Child Marriage. Similarly, a "child rights caravan" travelled for 3 days in 3 provinces of Burkina Faso to raise public awareness about issues related to children's rights and protection. The event mobilised administrative authorities (including government officials) and community leaders, as well as actors (theatre forum), and a local UNICEF ambassador singer (Habibou Sawadogo).

In Switzerland

Terre des Hommes Suisse is active in the Swiss Children's Rights Network and the Platform Agenda 2030. It contributes to the sharing of knowledge in the field of education through active participation in the RECI (Swiss Network for Education and International Cooperation), the network of extracurricular actors of Education 21 and contributions to the thematic exchanges of the Education Network of the SDC (Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation). Collaboration continued with the Swiss Council for Youth Activities in the

framework of the Children's Conference. Terre des Hommes Suisse also continued its collaboration within a coalition of NGOs to create an educational fact sheet on children's rights, distributed nationally on November 20, International Children's Rights Day.

At the Local Level

Terre des Hommes Suisse is a member of the Fédération Genevoise de Coopération, an essential network of cantonal development cooperation, bringing together around sixty associations, whose dynamism and quality of work are increasingly recognised. Terre des Hommes Suisse has continued to develop excellent synergies with both the City and Canton of Geneva and the Department of Public Education. These collaborations have been key in organising the March of Hope, the Children's Conference and in supporting the entire work of Terre des Hommes Suisse.

This networking, built on a strong local base that passes on to national and international levels, enables Terre des Hommes Suisse to strengthen the impact of its actions and that of its partners in defending children's rights.

Keeping Children Safe

Terre des Hommes Suisse implements a child protection policy that protects children from harm in the context of its activities. The quality of this protection has been certified by the Keeping Children Safe coalition.



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Foundations and Companies

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Corporate March of Hope

Following the success of the first two editions, Terre des Hommes Suisse continued its partnership with local Companies through the Corporate March of Hope.

This sporting and solidarity challenge took place from September 1 to 30, 2023. A total of 28 companies and organizations participated, with over 760 employees covering more than 130,000 kilometers and raising nearly CHF 124,000 for the Swiss programme and international projects. Thank you for your commitment.

Tributes

Terre des Hommes Suisse would like to express its deepest gratitude to our donors for their generosity. We have received significant donations this year, which have allowed us to carry out our mission and offer children and young people in our areas of activity - quality education, protection of their rights and the opportunity to directly influence their future.

"You can only see clearly with your heart. What is essential is invisible to the eye."

Antoine de Saint-Exupéry

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The writing of this report is a team effort: a big thank you to all the collaborators in Geneva and internationally involved in the writing and production of this annual report 2023.

The masculine expressions used throughout this annual report apply equally to girls, boys, women and men.


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