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**3050**

children and youth benefitted from Tdh activities and assistance in 2024

**496**

parents were supported to improve their living conditions in 2024

**595**

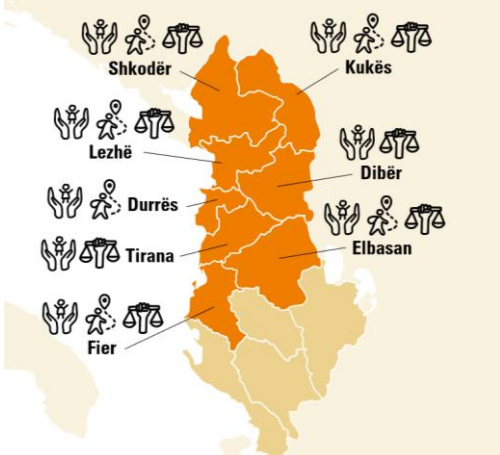
professionals benefitted from capacity building in 2024

## Context

Civil society in Albania is vital for democracy, advocacy, and service delivery but faces challenges like financial sustainability, limited decision-making influence, and regulatory constraints. It relies heavily on international donors, with limited domestic funding. Despite this, it plays a key role in transparency, accountability, and citizen engagement.

EU accession offers opportunities for stronger government-civil society cooperation in governance and reforms.

## Intervention map



## General overview

Terre des hommes operates in Albania since 1993 in the field of child rights, child protection, migration, and juvenile justice.

The area of expertise ranges from psycho-social interventions to empowerment of local, regional, and national level governmental institutions and key stakeholders and strengthening of the child protection, juvenile justice system and social inclusion system for migrants in Albania.

## Our thematic priorities



### Child protection

Terre des hommes supports child victims of abuse and violence. We advocate for better integration of policies and strategies into the existing legal framework & strengthen the child protection system.



### Migration and anti-trafficking

We improve the regulatory framework for children on the move and strengthen collaboration to prevent human trafficking and ensure access to services for victims.



### Access to justice for children and young people

We support system strengthening and youth resilience building through a restorative justice approach. We strengthen the child protection system and work to prevent the reoffending of children in conflict with the law through developing and implementing reintegration programs.

**Every child in the world has the right to a childhood. It's that simple.**

## Results in 2024

- **4141** individuals benefitted from project interventions in 2024.
- **1788** individuals engaged in capacity development initiatives.
- **474** young people were empowered through various support programmes.
- **327** young people engaged in youth-led initiatives on democracy, human rights, and environmental issues.
- **354** children, youth, and their families received psycho-social support.
- **70** individuals were supported with livelihood opportunities.
- **14** grants were offered to local youth civil society organizations, supporting community-driven initiatives on juvenile justice, gender equality, and youth empowerment.
- **LocalLink Hub** platform was established, serving as a space for capacity building of professionals from local NGOs.

## Youth Voice for Justice and Rights

The project aimed at fostering a child-friendly justice system in Albania, engaging children and youth (aged 12–29), justice professionals, and local authorities.

### Key achievements in 2024:

- A child-friendly version of the Criminal Justice for Children Code was developed and 137 youth consulted.
- A manual has been designed for professionals interviewing minors' victims of sexual or physical abuse.
- A work protocol for victim's coordinators developed-offering assistance to children's victims or witnesses of criminal offense.



**“Before joining the project, I had no idea how legislation impacted young people. Now, I understand my rights and responsibilities, and I’m even helping my peers navigate legal issues.”**

Engjëll, a 19-year-old boy from Dibra Municipality, had little knowledge of legal rights, gender, and advocacy. However, after attending training sessions, he became an active advocate in his community.

His engagement in the project led him to present youth concerns at a public forum with municipal officials, advocating for greater youth participation in decision-making. As a result, the local government allocated a dedicated youth space for activities and innovation.

## Advocacy

Throughout 2024, Terre des hommes supported **1455 children, youth, and adults**, empowering them to advocate for their communities. They raised their voices on key issues such as the establishment of youth spaces and increasing opportunities for youth participation in decision-making.

A policy paper has been developed to guide advocacy initiatives, providing evidence-based recommendations for strengthening children and youth online safety in frame of End Violence Against Children project.

## Key areas of expertise

- Case management and child safeguarding
- Rehabilitation and reintegration services
- Diversity and social inclusion
- Mental health and psycho-social support
- Community feedback and response mechanism
- Youth development
- Economic empowerment
- Research

## Main partners and donors

**Partners:** Ministry of Health and Social Protection, Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Interior, The Albanian Agency for Child's Rights and Child Protection, The National Coordination Center for Countering Violent Extremism.

**Donors:** Austrian Development Agency, UNICEF Albania, British Embassy Tirana, GCERF (Global Community Engagement and Resilience Fund), Permanent Representation of France to the United Nations and international organizations in Vienna (PP UN Vienna), End Violence Against Children and Technology Coalition, Somaha Foundation, GFA consulting group.

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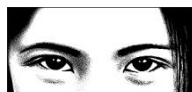
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