



1568

children and young people benefited from Tdh activities and assistance in 2025

956

parents and community members supported to improve their psychosocial wellbeing in 2025

435

professionals benefited from capacity building in 2025

Context

Over the past decade, Albania has made progress in reforming its social and child protection systems as part of its EU accession path.

However, inequalities persist, especially for children in rural areas, Roma communities, and those with disabilities. Many still face multidimensional poverty, while risks related to migration, violence, online harm, and gaps in mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) services remain pressing concerns.

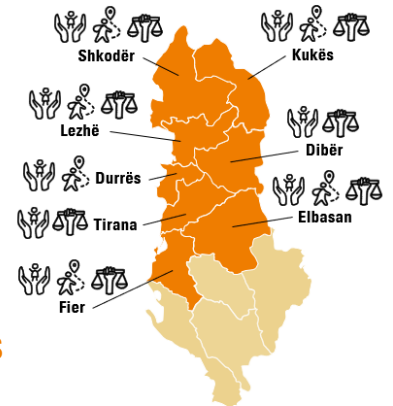
Civil society organizations (CSOs) operate in a partly enabling environment. They face challenges regarding limited public and private funding. Continued support from CSOs remains essential to address gaps in services, strengthen protection, supporting services and bringing meaningful and lasting changes to the most vulnerable children and youth.

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

General overview

Terre des hommes operates in Albania since 1993 in the field of child rights, child protection, migration, and access to justice for children.

The area of expertise ranges from psychosocial 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 programmes.

Our results in 2025

- **2959** individuals benefited from project interventions in 2025.
- **803** community members are outreached through awareness campaigns
- **468** children, youth, and their families received psycho-social support.
- **435** professionals benefitted from capacity building
- **228** young people were empowered through various support programmes.
- **152** young people engaged in youth-led initiatives on democracy, human rights, and environmental issues.
- **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 2025:

Completion of the National Study on the Implementation of Procedural Rights for Children in Conflict with the Law revealed persistent challenges. Key issues identified include delays in registering criminal proceedings, deficiencies in informing children of their rights and properly documenting them, the absence of a defense lawyer, parent or psychologist during procedural actions, and frequent violations of the Code of Criminal Procedure during the questioning and investigation of minors.



Anisa, 21, a member of the Youth Advisory Board, participated in the 5th World Congress on Child Justice – a unique platform for sharing challenges and best practices from around the world. During the panel on children’s rights in the digital age, Anisa made a powerful observation:

“Children might have access to screens but not necessarily access to justice.”

Her statement underscores the gap between children’s online presence and their actual legal protection. Anisa also shared valuable insights on the challenges of implementing diversion measures, with a particular emphasis on restorative justice for children in conflict with the law.

Our key areas of expertise

- Case management and child safeguarding
- Child protection systems strengthening
- Prevention and response to violence against children
- Child protection in digital environments
- Juvenile justice and reintegration models
- Mental health and psychosocial support for children
- Disaster risk reduction and emergency preparedness
- Youth empowerment and participation
- Research, innovation and policy advocacy

Outlook

Looking ahead, Terre des hommes Albania aims to strengthen its impact by expanding child protection initiatives, enhancing youth empowerment, and promoting access to justice for children and young people.

The organisation will continue to innovate, build partnerships, and respond to emerging challenges, ensuring that its programmes remain effective, sustainable, and aligned with evolving needs and policy priorities.

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, National Employment and Skills Portal.

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As the leading Swiss child rights organisation, founded in 1960, Terre des hommes stands alongside children to uphold their rights, protect their lives and improve their well-being. In 2025, Tdh and its partners supported 6.2 million children, young people and their community members across 27 countries.



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