



1159

children and adults received our services in 2024

969

workshops were conducted in the Resilience Innovation Facilities in 2024

63

formal and non-formal child protection actors participated our in-person trainings in 2024

Context

Hungary has a relatively high child poverty rate compared to other EU countries. Economic disparities and social exclusion particularly affect Roma children, children with disabilities, children in alternative care and also refugee and migrant children.

Local NGOs face restrictions in their operations, with a newly established Sovereignty Protection Office targeting civil society organisations that receive foreign funding.

The education sector is underfunded, with a shortage of qualified teachers, and no significant policy improvements despite ongoing concerns from educational professionals.

Anti-immigration policies have become more restrictive. Authorities made Ukrainian citizens from non-combatant regions ineligible for subsidized housing, affecting thousands of Hungarian-speaking Roma refugee families whose children attend local schools, creating risks of homelessness and educational disruption.

General overview

Terre des hommes (Tdh) opened its Regional Hub in Budapest in 2006 with a dual function: to provide expertise and advice for Tdh operations in Europe and to develop regional projects. The two main programmes in the region are *Children and young people on the move* and *Access to justice for children and young people*.

In 2024, the Regional Hub continued its support for Ukrainian refugee families through a new project aimed at enhancing the integration and well-being of refugees. The organisation reached 1,453 children and their parents with psychosocial support, catch-up education, leisure programmes, and individual assistance.

Across Europe, regional projects implemented in collaboration with a wide range of partners focus on improved services for children in contact with the law and ensuring the rights of children on the move by promoting their development in education and (re)integration. Our child protection expertise – being a cross-cutting theme – focuses on empowering children and ensuring their participation and on developing safer environments for them through improving the child safeguarding systems of various institutions, including non-governmental organisations, sports clubs, and summer camps.

Our thematic priorities and intervention map



Access to justice for children and young people



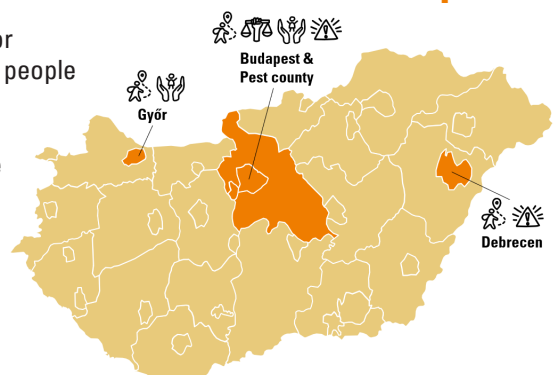
Children and young people on the move



Child protection



Humanitarian aid



Our impact in 2024

Access to justice for children and young people

The regional project iAccess MyRights aimed to provide child-friendly information to children in the justice system by using AI technology. A ChatBot was created to help children learn about their rights, better understand the justice process, take action, and anticipate outcomes. The project also explored the risks and benefits of introducing AI and other digital solutions in the child justice system.

The iRestore 2.0. project aimed to make restorative justice accessible to all children. We enhanced the capacity of child justice stakeholders to use restorative methods in their work while ensuring respect for children's rights.

The LINK project explores the barriers for children with disabilities to access justice and meaningfully participate in criminal proceedings.

Child protection

Launched in 2024, the Daphne-CHILD programme is a collaborative initiative led by Eurochild and Terre des hommes, active in nine European countries to combat violence against children through a comprehensive 3-year sub-granting and capacity-building programme. With a commitment to distributing EUR 1.3 million in sub-grants, the programme focuses on empowering local civil society organisations while ensuring children's meaningful participation.

The Well-U project implemented contextualised versions of the ReachNow, TeamUp, Movement, Games, Sports and Creativity (MGSC) and Problem Management Plus (PM+) methodologies as preventative mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) measures in Romania, Greece, Italy, and Hungary, to support refugee children and their caregivers.

We continue to support UEFA in its efforts to ensure the protection of children and youth in football across Europe. In 2024, the project had 15,309 participants through e-learning courses, onboarding trainings, UEFA competition guidelines, webinars, and UEFA workshop.

The Safeguarding Resource and Support Hub (RSH) programme continued its global mission in 2024, supporting international development organisations' protection policies. The project saw 1,060,168 website visitors, 286,047 publication downloads, 1,143 webinar participants, and 11,031 learners completing online course modules, with 88% of users highly satisfied with the resources.

The Child Protection Hub, which marks its 10th anniversary in 2025, remains a key platform and network for child protection professionals and organisations in Europe and beyond. In 2024, 783,000 people accessed the childhub.org platform, where e-learning courses, already completed by 8,800 individuals, and publications are freely available in 8 languages.

Main partners and donors

Partners: International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), Eurochild, Social Activities and Practices Institute (SAPI Bulgaria), Brave Phone (Croatia), Validity Foundation (Hungary), Social Development Direct (UK), KU Leuven (Belgium), SOS Villaggi dei Bambini (Italy), Save the Children (Sweden), Roditeli (Bulgaria).

Donors: European Union, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO), State Secretariat for Migration Switzerland, UEFA.

Children and young people on the move & Humanitarian aid

In 2024, the Resilience Innovation Facilities (RIF) in Budapest and Győr thrived as hubs of learning and creativity, hosting diverse workshops from financial literacy to mini-golf design. Collaborations with local schools and organisations flourished, while summer camps engaged children in hands-on projects. The first Regional Innovation Bootcamp brought together Ukrainian youth from Hungary and Romania for workshops on human rights, sustainability, and inclusion.

Additionally, we developed informational materials on available services for refugee children and families as well as a handbook on child protection in schools. The Including Children Affected by Migration (ICAM) methodology was introduced in five schools, while I Support My Friends sessions were held in Budapest and Győr. We conducted training on supervision and coaching, as well as safeguarding in summer camps.



"What I like about the RIF is that here I can be myself. We do different projects, and everyone creates something in their own way. Everyone has their own point of view about who they are, and that's respected here."
Aryna, 12, from Kyiv, Ukraine, now living in Budapest

Outlook

Tdh aims to grow partnerships, explore opportunities, and fundraise for the Resilience Innovation Facility in Budapest, continuing mental health and psychosocial support for Ukrainian children.

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