



12,052

children and adults
received our services
in 2025

366

professionals
were trained on
mental health

48

organisations directly
supported across 9
countries in child related
projects

Context

Hungary has a relatively high child poverty rate compared to other EU countries, with economic disparities and social exclusion disproportionately affecting Roma children, children with disabilities, those in alternative care, and refugee and migrant children.

Following the change in government in spring 2026, relations between authorities and civil society organisations began to normalise. A notable sign is the appointment of the head of a leading child protection NGO and long-standing Tdh partner as State Secretary for Children's Rights and Child Protection.

The education sector remains underfunded and faces a shortage of qualified teachers, though the creation of a dedicated Ministry of Education raises expectations for improvement.

Restrictive anti-immigration policies introduced in 2024 remained unchanged in 2025, and future directions are unclear.

General overview

Terre des hommes (Tdh) opened its Regional Hub in Budapest in 2006 with a dual function: providing expertise and advice for Tdh operations across Europe and developing local and 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*. The office also became a **global communication hub**, providing communication support for several projects. From 2026, the office operates as the **Hungary Country Office**.

In 2025, Tdh Hungary supported Ukrainian refugees through multiple projects focused on integration, wellbeing, and skills development. Through the RIF4UA, EmpowerED and YoU Decide projects, it provided community spaces, digital and language training, summer camps, and employment counselling for young people, while also supporting youth-led initiatives. In addition, the organisation contributed to psychosocial support by delivering Psychological First Aid training and disseminating resources for professionals working with children affected by the war.

Our thematic priorities and intervention map



Access to justice for
children and young people



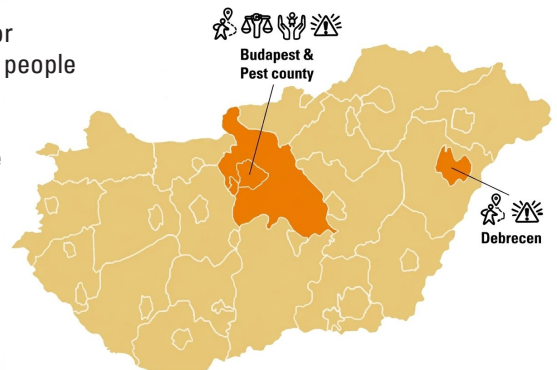
Children and young
people on the move



Child protection



Humanitarian aid



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

Our impact in 2025

Children and young people on the move

Through the **RIF4UA project**, Tdh supported young people over 16 in Budapest by strengthening their digital and social skills, organising two one-week summer camps for Ukrainian children and providing language courses for 82 participants. The **You Decide project** advanced social inclusion and protection by establishing an 8-member Youth Advisory Board, including 4 Ukrainian young people from Hungary, and conducting focus group discussions and service mapping. **EmpowerED project** complemented these efforts with skills development activities for vulnerable youth, contributing to a total of 842 children and young people reached across 4 projects.

Access to justice for children and young people

Through the **PPRO-CHILD project**, we worked to safeguard children's procedural rights in digital justice processes, contributing research, policy recommendations, and child-centred solutions for remote hearings at both national and European levels. The **LINK project** focused on improving accessibility of justice systems for children with intellectual and psychosocial disabilities, culminating in a European symposium and policy recommendations.

Child protection

Within the **CHILD-DAPHNE project**, our partner Eurochild distributed EUR 1.3 million among 48 civil society organisations in nine countries - Bulgaria, Greece, Ireland, Hungary, Portugal, Romania, Serbia, Spain, and Ukraine - to support efforts tackling violence against children.

The **CARING project**, which aimed to reduce gender-based violence (GBV) in 32 schools in Bulgaria, Croatia, Romania, and Greece, ended and evolved into **CARING 2.0**. The new project focuses on strengthening integrated child protection systems through multidisciplinary prevention and response to school violence, including its gender dimensions, while promoting rights-based child participation, especially among vulnerable groups. Led by Tdh Hungary, it is implemented in Bulgaria, Croatia, Greece, Kosovo, and Romania. In 2025, supplementary training toolkits on child participation and bullying/cyberbullying, as well as a trauma-informed multidisciplinary training package, were developed in six languages.

Launched in January 2025, the **Unity in Care project** strengthens the mental health and psychosocial well-being of vulnerable children and young people through educational and preventive methods in Albania, Greece, Kosovo, and Romania, under the coordination of Tdh Hungary. Around 440 adults and children contributed to adapting mental health tools and participation methodologies to local contexts. In total, 25 materials were translated into five languages, and 366 professionals were trained.



Global communication hub

Tdh Hungary plays a key role in supporting international projects through strategic communication and visibility:

- **CHILD-DAPHNE**: leading the communication strategy, including a dedicated website and podcast series with partners.
- **Safeguarding Resource and Support Hub (RSH)**: managing online communication, contributed to branding and UX audit, and supported platform redesign and new visual identity.
- **Psychological First Aid**: outreach campaigns reached 984,000 people; newsletters engaged 10,000 readers.
- **CARING 2.0**: organised three webinars with record-breaking engagement, attracting 1680 participants.
- **ChildHub**: continued platform management, marking its 10th anniversary in 2025; reached 468,526 users with resources in 8 languages.
- **LocalLink Hub**: provides full communication support for Tdh's partnership and localisation platform.

Main partners and donors

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