



**6610**

people benefitted from our interventions and services in 2024

**1114**

children were directly supported through our interventions and services in 2024

**1551**

professionals were trained through our capacity-building programmes in 2024

## Context

2024 marked a year of mixed progress and persistent challenges for Kosovo, as the country navigated complex political, security, and social issues while striving for greater integration into European and global frameworks. The government's focus on improving the legal, social, and economic conditions of its citizens, along with efforts to enhance national security, showcased Kosovo's resilience and its ongoing commitment to stability, democracy, and human rights. A major milestone was the implementation of visa-free travel within the Schengen Area, reflecting Kosovo's progress in meeting EU standards.

## Intervention map



## General overview

For over two decades, Terre des hommes (Tdh) has been actively engaged in Kosovo, strengthening the national child protection system to improve the prevention, protection, and quality of services for vulnerable children and their families.

Areas of expertise range from direct psychosocial interventions with vulnerable children, their families, and communities, to the education and empowerment of local and national governmental institutions, as well as policy influencing, with a focus on the development and implementation of adequate child-sensitive structures, policies, standards, and procedures.

## Our thematic priorities



**Child protection**



**Children and young people on the move & Anti-trafficking**



**Access to justice for children and young people**

Through its programmes, Terre des hommes in Kosovo supports institutions in strengthening the child protection system by:

- Engaging in policy interventions and dialogue with Ministries, Parliamentary Committees, academic institutions, and other key stakeholders;
- Supporting efforts to implement the Child Protection Law and the Juvenile Justice Code, including the drafting of by-laws and related documents;
- Strengthening the capacities of structures within the national child protection system; and
- Piloting new social service policies to facilitate lesson learning and potential replication.

# Our impact in 2024

## Child protection

- Supported the development of the Minimum Functional and Structural Standards and Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for Child Protection Houses, in alignment with Kosovo's Child Protection Law, which provide a clear framework for the establishment, organisation, and management of Child Protection Houses.
- Supported the development of the working protocol for Multidisciplinary Tables for Assistance in Case Management to standardise and coordinate child protection efforts, ensuring effective case management in violence, abuse, and neglect cases.
- Supported the development of the national Action Plan for Children in Street Situation.

## Children and young people on the move

- Provided essential services to 318 vulnerable children (168 boys, 150 girls) and 147 parents (115 mothers, 32 fathers) through **Day Care Centers in Prishtina and Prizren**, fostering holistic support and development.
- Equipped 89 adolescents and young adults (48 girls, 41 boys) aged 16-20 with vocational training and extracurricular life skills, promoting personal and professional growth.
- Indirectly supported 1,427 children (655 girls, 772 boys) through emotional health services delivered by **Day Care Center** staff and mobile teams across six municipalities.

*"I am very satisfied with the lessons and activities at the day care center. The teacher's advice is very helpful and makes me feel good." – E.L.*

## Access to justice for children and young people

- Trained 70 justice professionals and 163 public officials on antigypsyism, in collaboration with the Academy of Justice and Kosovo Institute for Public Administration and the Office for Good Governance.
- Influenced legislative advancements by actively contributing to the working group that finalized Draft Regulation No. XX/2024 on the Registry of Persons Convicted of Criminal Offenses Against Sexual Integrity, which was officially approved by the Kosovo Judicial Council in its 366th meeting.
- Enhanced access to justice for marginalised communities by providing strategic litigation support for the National Platform reporting ethnic discrimination cases against Roma, Ashkali, and Egyptian communities. Notably, two reported cases resulted in court rulings confirming discrimination, marking a tangible success in combating antigypsyism.

# Advocacy

Tdh plays a continuous key role in advocating for policy and service improvements in child protection in Kosovo. Efforts focused on operationalising the normative framework under the Law on Child Protection, mainstreaming the case management approach, and ensuring specialised services for children in street situations and other vulnerable groups.

## Outlook

In Kosovo, Tdh will continue its efforts to ensure that child rights are upheld and to influence agendas and strategies that impact children and young people at all levels.

## Main partners and donors

UNICEF, Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation, SOS Children's Villages, Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Education, Science, Technology and Innovation, Municipality of Prishtina, Municipality of Prizren.



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