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Context

Due to the troublesome economic and social context in Moldova, many children live in poverty or have to cope for themselves because their parents work abroad. Violence against children is widely prevalent and insufficiently addressed by the society. Children from marginalised communities often face discrimination. Offending behaviour among children and young people is as well a major concern. A growing number of young adults move abroad in search of better opportunities.

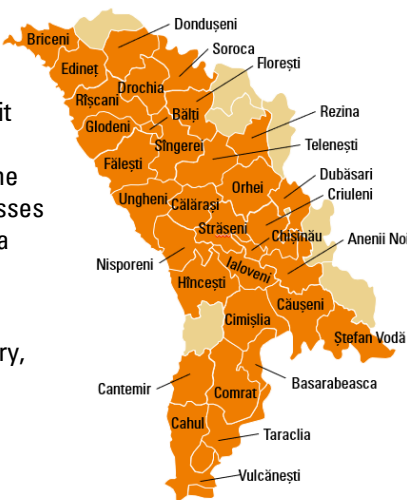
In Moldova, over 2 million border crossings from Ukraine have been recorded since the beginning of the full-scale in February 2022, and as of January 2026, nearly 140,000 Ukrainian refugees continue to reside in the country. (source: [UNHCR](#))

Moldova has also been heavily affected by high inflation, security threats, and other challenges fuelled by the war in Ukraine.

General overview

Terre des hommes (Tdh) has been active in Moldova since 2004, working consistently on ensuring that all children in the country benefit from a system that can guarantee their protection, development and involvement in the social, educational, cultural and health processes that concern them. Starting 2018, Tdh Moldova also runs projects for youth empowerment.

In 2025, we have implemented projects in 146 communities covering 29 regions of the country, with a total of 39,347 children, young people, professionals and parents engaged in our projects in Moldova.



Our thematic priorities



Children and young people on the move: We support children, young people and their families affected by migration – whether refugees, in transit, returning home or left behind – by reducing risks and addressing urgent needs, creating safe spaces for them, providing psychosocial support, and helping them integrate and thrive in the long term.



Access to justice for children and young people: We work to ensure that all children and young people in contact with the justice system can fully access their rights through child-friendly, inclusive, and restorative approaches. We raise awareness, strengthen services, and empower children and youth to understand their rights and safely reintegrate into their communities.



Child protection: We strengthen the capacities of adults and systems around children to better protect and uphold the rights for every child. Alongside this, we empower children to grow up safe, heard and resilient through mental health and psychosocial support and participation.

Our impact in 2025

Children and young people affected by migration

Around 20,000 people, including at least 10,333 refugees from Ukraine and 6,591 members of vulnerable host communities, accessed integrated protection, education and mental health services. More than 13,000 children benefited from safe spaces and psychosocial activities, while over 2,546 received individual support. In parallel, 257 child protection specialists were trained to respond to the complex needs of refugee and host community families, strengthening a coordinated and inclusive national response. We also raised awareness on gender-based violence and sexual exploitation and supported efforts to empower women and girls.

Access to justice for children and young people

We strengthened children's access to justice through prevention, early intervention and child-friendly approaches. Our work built the capacity of 245 professionals, piloted school mediation in 20 schools with 269 students and 57 mentors, and reached over 13,000 children, parents and teachers through peer-to-peer anti-bullying and legal awareness activities. New tools and services supported children at risk or in conflict with the law, promoting safer, more inclusive communities.

Child and youth participation

Children and young people shaped our work through two advisory boards focused on access to justice and afterschool activities. The 57 members took part in teamwork, consultations, and research; contributed to the development of the "Legisland" game, educational materials, and children's rights campaigns; participated in international forums; and helped improve afterschool programmes. Their voices informed decisions, advanced children's rights, and strengthened participatory, child friendly communities across the country.

Advocacy

We provide ongoing support to the child protection and education system – particularly the Ministry of Education and Research, the Ministry of Labour and Social Protection, and the General Inspectorate of Police – by promoting policy and service improvements and enhancing the capacities of professionals working with children.

Our partners in 2025

The Republic of Moldova's Ministry of Education and Research, Ministry of Labor and Social Protection, Ministry of Interior; Association of Community Mediators; INTERSOS; Don Bosco Foundation; UN Women; Junior Achievement Moldova; The Alliance of NGOs Active in the Field of Social Protection of Children and Families (APSCF); The General Inspectorate for Migration and the integration centres for foreigners in the municipalities of Balti, Chisinau and Cahul; local public authorities of the Republic of Moldova; local schools and Youth Centres; local NGOs.

Highlight project: "Legisland" educational board game

Legisland is an interactive educational board game designed to help teenagers to understand key concepts in child justice – from offences and misdemeanours to the rights they hold when coming into contact with the law, and the actors who can support them. Developed in close collaboration with 40 members of our Child and Youth Advisory Board and tested in 20 schools across the country, the game was conceived as a bridge between legal norms and children's real-life understanding.



"Through Legisland, I learned about the importance of laws, how chaotic the world would be without them, and how they protect children."

Alexandrina, a student and peer-to-peer educator from Chisinau, Moldova.

Outlook

In 2026, we continue to focus on youth empowerment and participation; ongoing support for Ukrainian refugees and their integration in the local communities; and improving access to afterschool activities for children in vulnerable communities.

Our donors in 2025

European Union, UNFPA, UNICEF, UN Women, Italian Agency for Development Cooperation (AICS), Embassy of Finland in Romania and Moldova, Swiss Solidarity, Medicor Foundation, SOS Kinderdoerfer Weltweit, World Bank.

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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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