



**50,132**

children and young people benefitted from our activities and services in 2024

**2,450**

professionals were trained in 2024 to provide improved child protection services

**151**

communities in all regions of Moldova were reached with our interventions in 2024

## 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. Child abuse 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.

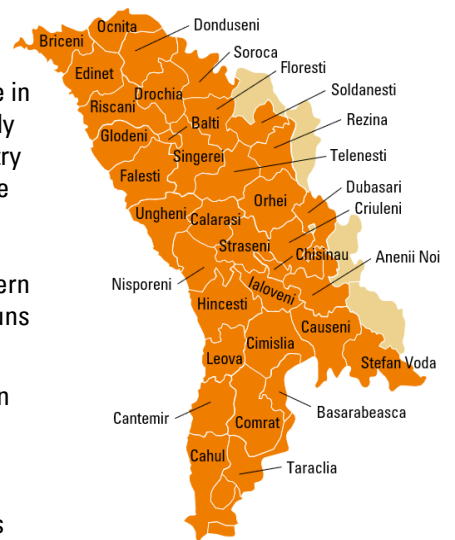
Since the beginning of the full-scale war in Ukraine in February 2022 until February 2025, approx. 1,253,000 displaced persons from Ukraine have crossed the border into Moldova. Of them, more than 131,000 have chosen to stay in the country, with almost half being children. (source: [UNHCR](#))

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 2024, we have implemented projects in 151 communities covering all regions of the country, except the Transnistrian region, with a total of 65,762 children, young people, professionals and parents engaged in our projects in Moldova.



## Our thematic priorities



We reduce the vulnerability, strengthen the resilience and improve the protection of **children and young people affected by migration**, with a focus on children left behind due to parents' labour migration.



We work towards ensuring that all children and young people have **access to their rights when in contact with the justice system** by promoting a child-friendly, inclusive and restorative approach.



To **protect children against any form of abuse**, we strengthen the capacity of institutions and professionals in the field of child protection, as well as build the resilience of children and young people.



Our **support for refugee children and families from Ukraine** ranges from responding to their urgent needs and providing psychosocial support to facilitating their long-term integration.

# Our impact in 2024

## Access to justice for children and young people

Almost 500 police officers received training in 2024. Tdh Moldova, with the support of UNICEF and in partnership with the General Police Inspectorate, conducted a training needs assessment for police officers working with children in conflict with the law. Based on the findings, a comprehensive training programme was developed and delivered to police officers across the country. In addition, a specialised training course was provided to operational officers from the 112 emergency service, aimed at preventing risk situations involving children and ensuring the protection of children already in vulnerable circumstances.

## Child protection

We are implementing continuous interventions aimed at reducing violence among and against children, including gender-based violence and bullying in schools. A total of 900 teachers have been trained in bullying prevention and intervention methodologies. Peer-to-peer educators continue to carry out activities in their schools to prevent bullying and violence more broadly, while promoting gender equality, tolerance, and student participation.

## Youth empowerment

In recent years, we have been actively engaged in efforts to empower teenagers and young people. In 2024, our flagship youth projects were YouCreate and MYCS – Moldova Youth Civil Society. Through YouCreate, 428 young people developed and implemented 16 community initiatives. MYCS provided a platform for 20 youth civic initiatives and offered capacity building support along with grants of up to 60,000 EUR to 12 youth organisations, reaching more than 7,500 beneficiaries over the three years of the project.

## Support for Ukrainian refugees

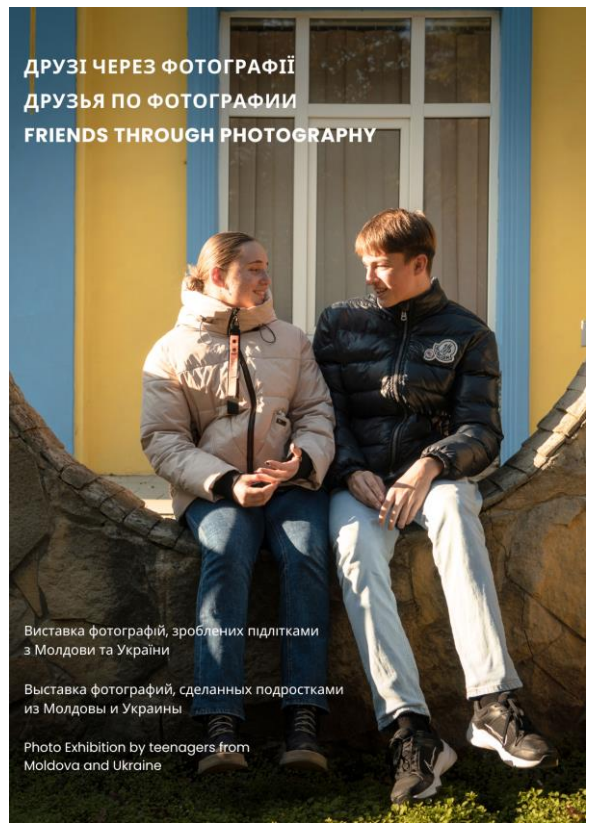
Since the beginning of the war in Ukraine in 2022, we have been supporting refugee children and their families through information services, psychosocial activities, summer camps, humanitarian aid, individual protection assistance, child-friendly spaces and mother and baby corners. During 2024, we provided assistance to 19,219 refugees, of which 15,567 are children.

## Advocacy

We provide continuous support to the child protection system, in particular to the Ministry of Labour and Social Protection and the General Inspectorate of Police, by strengthening the capacities of child protection specialists.

## Outlook

In 2025, we continue to focus on youth empowerment and participation; ongoing support for Ukrainian refugees and their integration in the local communities; capacity building for schools to prevent violence and bullying; trainings for the specialists from multidisciplinary teams. Also, in 2025 we started a peer-to-peer mediation programme in 20 schools and a project that aims to provide qualitative and inclusive afterschool services, especially for children in vulnerable situations.



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FRIENDS THROUGH PHOTOGRAPHY

Виставка фотографій, зроблених підлітками з Молдови та України

Выставка фотографий, сделанных подростками из Молдовы и Украины

Photo Exhibition by teenagers from Moldova and Ukraine

*Ten young people from Moldova and ten from Ukraine participated in a joint photographic project that celebrated friendship despite the harsh realities faced by the neighbouring country.*

## Main partners and donors

**Partners:** The Republic of Moldova's Ministry of Education and Research, Ministry of Labor and Social Protection, Ministry of Interior; Association of Community Mediators; local public authorities of the Republic of Moldova; local schools and Youth Centres; Civil Society Development Foundation (Romania), Center for Development Partnerships.

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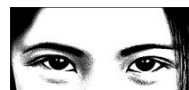
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