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3,289

children and adults benefited from our activities and services in 2025

1,579

beneficiaries reached through our Migration projects in 2025

1,415

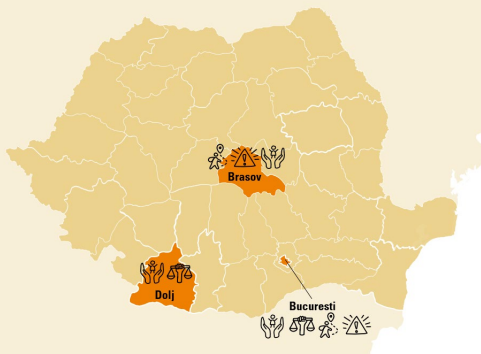
beneficiaries reached through our Child Protection projects in 2025

Context

In 2025, Romania transitioned into a “stable host” phase, managing over 201,000 refugees under temporary protection by the end of 2025. While enrollment of Ukrainian children in schools remained high (approx. 97%), the focus shifted toward addressing language barriers and the mental health needs of those affected by prolonged displacement.

According to Eurostat, 33.8% of children in Romania were at risk of poverty or social exclusion in 2024, down from 39.0% in 2023. This was the largest decrease in the EU, but Romania still had one of the highest rates in the EU.

Intervention map



General overview

In 2025, Terre des hommes Romania continued its mission to protect children’s rights, building on 30 years of dedicated work in the country.

In Romania, **our two flagship programmes** are **Children and Young People on the Move**, which includes our response to the Ukrainian crisis, and **Access to Justice for Children and Young People**.

We are particularly recognized for:

- Promoting (child) safeguarding and developing related procedures and guidance;
- Strengthening the capacity of professionals in child protection, education, and justice through new resources, training programmes;
- Fostering meaningful child and youth participation, including embedding child-led initiatives in almost all our projects.

Our thematic priorities



We strengthen the resilience and improve the wellbeing of **children and young people on the move** by supporting their integration and ensuring protection and safeguarding.



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



We work to ensure that all children and young people have **access to child-friendly, inclusive and restorative justice**.



To **protect children against any form of abuse**, we mobilise communities to prevent risk situations, train professionals, and build the resilience of children and young people.

Promoting psychosocial well-being and offering protection services

In 2025, we continued to provide comprehensive psychosocial support, social assistance to access basic necessities, medical services, and document translation support to children from both Ukraine and Gaza.

In parallel, we delivered educational, psychosocial, and digital skills activities through our Resilience Innovation Facility (RIF) centres, while also enabling youth-led initiatives and providing information services, social assistance, employment-access support, and after-school programmes for Ukrainian refugees in Brasov city.

Child Advisory Board

We integrate a **Child Advisory Board (CAB)** model into all our projects, ensuring children's voices actively shape our work. CAB members meet monthly to discuss key issues – mental health, school inclusion, integration, diversity, and the prevention of gender-based and other forms of violence – and to review our project tools, helping make them more child-friendly.

Over time, children advised on anti-bullying strategies, improved educational materials, and evaluated school initiatives.

CAB members – children and youth – also led community initiatives such as clean-up campaigns, healthy-eating workshops, sports activities for inclusion, podcast series, and public-speaking workshops.

Through these actions, children demonstrate leadership and agency, making real contributions to their communities.

Outlook

In 2026, Tdh Romania returns to its core development mandate, strengthening child protection systems, access to justice, and meaningful youth participation. As international humanitarian funding recedes and Ukrainian communities become increasingly integrated into Romanian society, our programmes will serve all vulnerable children through systemic, long-term approaches, primarily supported through European Commission funding.

Our partners in 2025

Romania's Ministry of Education, National Child Protection Authority, National Administration of Penitentiaries, National Probation Direction, Directorate for School Safety, Agency for Sustainable Development of Brasov County, Penal Reform International.



"There were many moments from the youth camp that I will remember for the rest of my life, but the most touching was when we wrote thoughts about each other. When I look at this piece of paper, I understand that I have found a new family."

Yevghenia, 15, a girl from Ukraine currently living in Romania

Advocacy

We developed and presented a set of recommendations on the implementation of the **European Pact on Migration and Asylum** in collaboration with other civil society organisations. As a result, a working group was formed which continues to liaison with the relevant authorities.

This was followed by a series of bilateral meetings with the General Inspectorate for Immigration, the Romanian Border Police, the National Child Protection Authority, and the Ombudsman. The process will continue in 2026, as relevant legislation is set to change and procedures and institutional mechanisms are being restructured.

Our donors in 2025

European Union (Directorate-General for Justice and Consumers, European Social Fund Plus, Directorate-General for Education and Culture), U.S. State Department's Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons (J/TIP), Defence for Children International (DCI), BRD Asigurari de Viata.

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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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