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**1095**

people benefited directly from our programmes in 2025

**568**

children benefited from our projects, receiving protection, education, and psychosocial support

**462**

professionals trained in various child protection areas, enhancing their capacity to support children

## Context

In Greece children’s needs became more complex and urgent, with rising gender-based and school violence, online risks, and mental health challenges, alongside the ongoing difficulties faced by children on the move. All these make the strengthening of child protection systems and the presence of a strong, independent, and active civil society more essential than ever.

In response, Terre des hommes Hellas reinforced its advocacy for children’s rights, expanded partnerships, and actively contributed to public dialogue on child protection and child-friendly justice, while continued to support the rights of children and families with migrant and refugee backgrounds, through specific activities on nurturing the emotional resilience and social integration.

At the same time, the Tdh Hellas team remained committed to creating safe spaces for dialogue, education, and participation, promoting child centred practices in all initiatives and interventions.

## General overview

Terre des hommes Hellas has been active in Greece since 2016 and, since 2018, as a Greek non-profit organisation, contributes to strengthening the child protection system and reforming social care.

In 2025, Terre des hommes Hellas further strengthened its work in child protection, mental health, education, and children’s rights. Through training, advocacy, and community-based initiatives, we empowered professionals, children, and families/caretakers by promoting trauma-informed care, psychosocial support, and the prevention of school violence against gender-based stereotypes. We also encouraged the active participation of children and young people in shaping solutions that affect their lives in and outside the school community, while continuing to support young people on the move and advocate for safer, more inclusive, and child-centered protection systems.

## Our thematic priorities



**Child protection:** We work to prevent and reduce gender-based violence among young people in schools by engaging parents, teachers, and students in awareness-raising and capacity-building initiatives. Through participatory approaches, we strengthen safeguarding mechanisms and promote safer environments for children.



**Access to justice for children and young people:** We promote restorative justice for children and advocate for child-friendly, rights-based legal processes. Our work strengthens professionals’ capacities, educates children about their rights, and empowers them to advocate for a justice system that protects them. We also support parents of children in contact with the law by offering psychoeducation sessions.



**Children and young people on the move:** We strengthen the mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) system for displaced children and their families by building the capacity of professionals and promoting community-based interventions. Our approach focuses on trauma-informed care, social inclusion, and resilience-building activities tailored to the needs of children and youth.

# Our impact in 2025

## Children and young people on the move

- Through the **INTACT** project, 350 refugee children participated in outdoor Trauma-Informed Adventure Therapy (TIAT) activities in Attica and Ioannina; 113 coaches joined webinars to promote the gained experience and tools to sport clubs across Greece, and two bilingual modules – for refugee children and coaches – were developed to promote trauma-sensitive, inclusive sports practices for refugee youth across Greece.

## Access to justice for children and young people

- The foundation for the creation of a European Youth Diversion Network was set, while an assessment report with comparative insights from the three project countries has been prepared in the context of the **BRIDGE** project, which promoted restorative diversion reintegration preventing youth stigma.

## Child protection

- 104 children actively engaged in activities preventing violence and promoting gender equality.
- 71 individuals supported the development of tools and curricula promoting multidisciplinary prevention and response to school-related violence.
- 89 children actively participated in activities adapted to their psychosocial needs through the **Movement, Games, Sports and Creativity (MGSC)**, the **Move On & Engage, I support My Friends** and **Walking the Journey** methodologies.

## Advocacy

In 2025, Tdh Hellas promoted child-friendly justice and children's rights through advocacy, research, and international collaboration. Key actions focused on restorative justice, stronger legal safeguards for migrant and unaccompanied children, participation in EU policy discussions, and evidence-based recommendations to improve the child-friendliness of the Greek justice system.

## Outlook

As the Greek child protection system remains fragmented and gaps in knowledge and capacity continue to exist, Tdh's vision is to build upon our work to strengthen protection and safeguarding systems and to empower children as well as their parents/guardians and professionals who work with them in all aspects of their lives.

In our access to justice work, we aim to stand out and make a difference in the field of child-friendly justice in the country with extensive advocacy and capacity interventions. Finally, we aim at expanding our work in child safeguarding in sports and educational settings with new projects and partnerships.



**"It is important to surround ourselves with people who make us feel good about ourselves and confident. We need to have a say in the things that matter to us and be involved in decisions, otherwise, we feel we are not valued."**  
– shared a 14-year-old student who participated in a workshop of the Unity in Care project.

## Main partners and donors

**Partners:** Adventure Therapy Greece, Association Roditeli Bulgaria, Avans University, Brave Phone Croatia, Centro Penc, Dråpen i Havet (Norway), European Forum for Restorative Justice, Foróige (Ireland), HALT Netherlands, HERA Center, Hope for Children (Cyprus), Jesuit Refugee Service Romania, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, KMOP, Lawren.io, Nisma-Arsis Albania, Noldus, NWSP Water Polo Ltd, Rafto Foundation (Norway), Restorative Justice Netherland, Social Activities and Practice Institute (SAPI), Social Insurance Board, SOS Children's Villages International, SOS Children's Villages Italy, Terre des hommes Foundation in Lausanne, Terre des hommes Hungary, Romania, Albania, Kosovo, Moldova, Ukraine and Bangladesh, UNICEF Greece, War Child Holland, Members of the Child Friendly Justice-European Network.

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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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