



terre des hommes

For Children, With Children



South Asia / India Programme



Terre des hommes (Earth of Humanity) is a children's aid organisation working against the injustice faced by children all over the world.

Terre des hommes believes in supporting children in their own environment and social context, with respect and solidarity, and without any reference to gender, race, caste or religion.

Terre des hommes is an international federation of national chapters, which raise funds to support action and advocacy on behalf of children against poverty, oppression, abandonment and discrimination.

The first such group was set up in 1959 by a Swiss journalist, for the child victims of the Franco-Algerian conflict.

Terre des hommes, Germany is one such chapter, initiated in 1967.

Terre des hommes, Germany works for the creation of a just and peaceful world for all children, those alive today and the generations to come. Its endeavours are based on the fundamental principles of humanity, tolerance and equal rights for all people regardless of their origin, gender and religion.

Within Germany, it seeks to inform and educate the public about the situation of children, women and other vulnerable groups in developing countries.

Within developing countries it acts through local project partners, supporting local initiatives to protect children from exploitation, deprivation and injustice and to promote children's rights.

Terre des hommes Germany – India Programme (tdh G-IP) started its work in 1975 from Pune. The Pune office is now the Regional Office for South Asia.



Support to projects

Tdh G-IP supports projects of grassroots organisations that empower vulnerable groups with a special focus on children and women. These are projects working towards

- Eradicating child labour and child abuse
- Universalizing elementary education
- Improving the economic status of families
- Empowering women through providing legal aid, skill training and income earning capabilities
- Combating discrimination against girls and women
- Promoting people-oriented healthcare
- Working to improve the environment, preserve biodiversity and cultural diversity
- Protecting children from the vagaries of natural disasters, both by assisting those who are victims of such calamities and by working towards preventing these.

Support to campaigns

Tdh G-IP also supports initiatives that promote the socio-economic rights and political empowerment of marginalized groups and campaigns that create public awareness and mobilize public opinion on issues of children's and women's right.

It initiated and actively supports the national Campaign Against Child Labour (CACL) and is also involved in the International Campaign against Child Trafficking (ICaCT) and the national Campaign Against Child Trafficking (CACT).

Other campaign priorities are ecological and environmental rights of children, promotion of biodiversity and sustainable use of natural resources. Support for cultural diversity, peace processes and combating the impact of globalization especially on women and children.





Apart from the Pune office, tdh G-IP maintains offices in Delhi, Bangalore, Kolkata and Mumbai with a view to closely working with partner organisations based in remote areas in different zones.

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