



**terre
des hommes
schweiz** Opportunities for young people

Annual Report 2024



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Editorial

Facing headwinds with confidence

Dorca Davide Matias is a young truck driver from Mozambique. In a region where violence is an everyday occurrence for many women and girls, she has broken free, escaping a violent marriage and embarking on a life of independence. With the support of our local partner organisation, she now encourages other women to no longer accept violence.

We continued to see the impact of our partner organisations in Latin America and Africa in 2024 – as demonstrated by the inspiring stories of young people like Dorca. Together, we are working to create opportunities and catalyse changes that benefit everyone. This is precisely what sustainable development cooperation is based on: mutual trust, accountability and long-term partnerships.

However, the work of civil society organisations to promote freedom, democratic values and human rights is coming under pressure worldwide. These developments continued to have a significant impact on our work in 2024, with autocratic governments in the driving seat, increasingly polarised societies and escalating conflicts. We all have a responsibility to play our part in bringing about stability and peace.

Not everyone recognises this responsibility, however. Countries in the Global North – including Switzerland – are scaling back their contributions to international cooperation. For Switzerland in particular, which profits from exploitation of resources in the Global South, this is unacceptable. The unexpected USAID freeze is also having a huge impact. Together, these factors are weakening civil society worldwide and the living conditions of millions of people are deteriorating as a result.

As a society, we must refocus on our values and give power to those who stand up for a fair and peaceful world. There are, and will always be, people who are willing to do this, and we are dedicated to supporting them. Above all, we would like to thank you, our valued partners and donors, for your support and solidarity, without which our work would not be possible.



Franziska Lauper
Executive Director



Dr. Brigitta Gerber
President

At a glance

Our focus areas and projects

terre des hommes schweiz supports young people in Africa, Latin America and Switzerland in over 50 projects. We focus on three main areas: establishing a culture of peace, creating sustainable livelihoods, and promoting sexual and reproductive health and rights.



Culture of peace

Violence, discrimination and social inequality compromise the safety of many young people living in conflict-torn regions of Latin America. In our work with groups of young people, families and communities, we encourage peaceful solutions and support political change. We help victims of violence to process traumatic experiences and empower young people to actively pursue peaceful coexistence. By promoting civil peace work, we bolster community resilience to disasters.

For more information, see pages 8–9



Sustainable livelihoods

Young people in rural areas of Latin America and in southern Africa often live in regions that are at particular risk from the effects of climate change. Unemployment, poverty and social inequality are compounding these challenges. Together with local partner organisations, we are giving young people access to practical training and sustainable income. We are committed to green projects that encourage young people to play an active role in ecological transformation for a climate-friendly future.

For more information, see pages 10–11

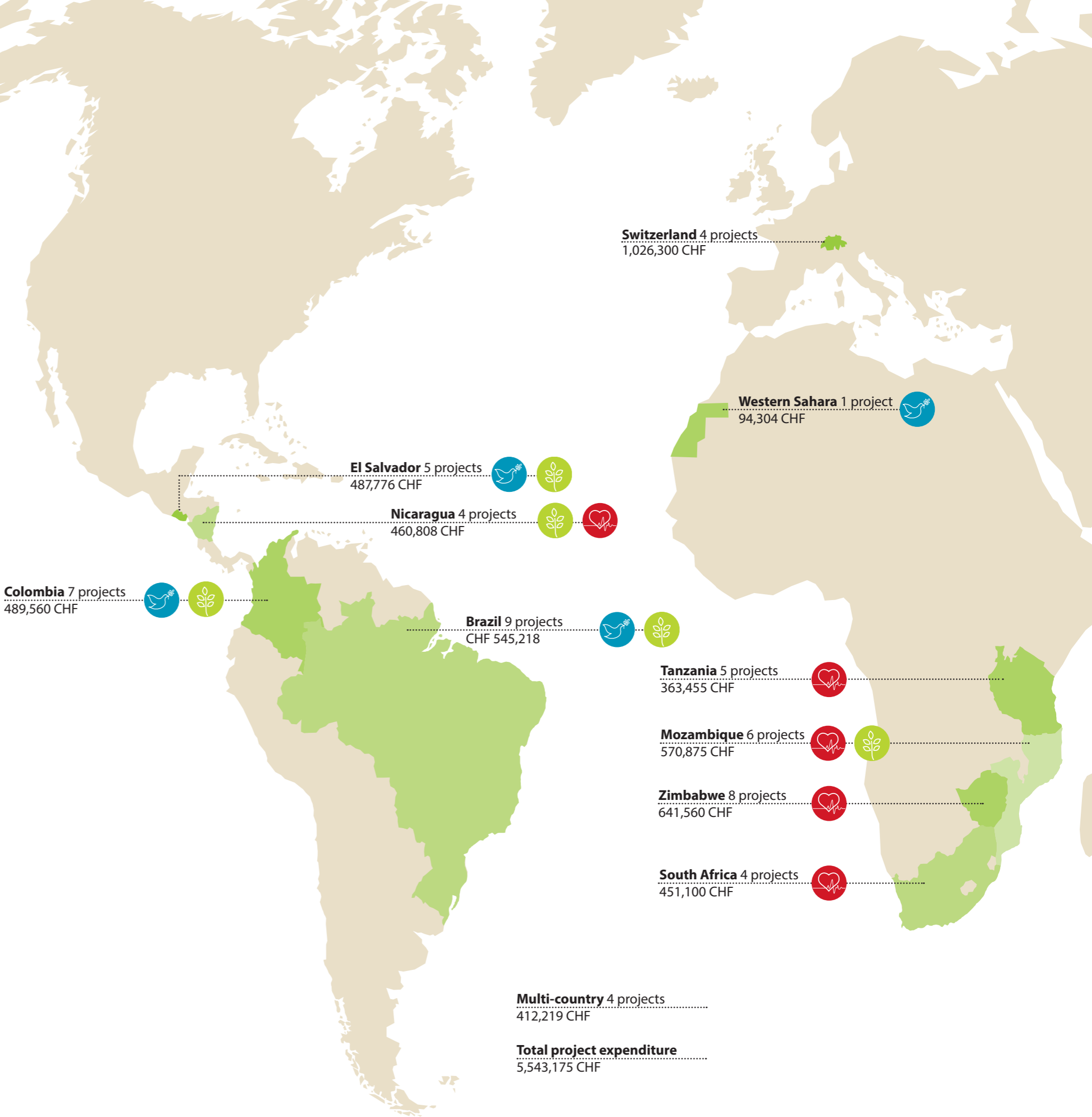


Sexual and reproductive health and rights

HIV/AIDS, teenage pregnancies and gender-based violence put the all-round health and personal development of young people at risk. In southern Africa and Central America, we are working with local partner organisations to enhance the rights of young people and improve their access to healthcare. Through educational work, youth-friendly health services and participatory methods, we enable young people to make independent decisions about their health.

For more information, see pages 12–13

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Interview

Our response to a changing world

In 2024, terre des hommes schweiz responded to global changes with new projects and a programme strategy for the next four years. Executive Director Franziska Lauper discusses the highlights and challenges.

What particularly stands out when you look back over the past year at terre des hommes schweiz?

Franziska Lauper: One of my highlights was the visit of our Brazilian partner organisation, Odara, to Switzerland. I was impressed to witness their dedication and courage despite being heavily impacted by violence in their everyday lives. The cuts to the federal budget for international cooperation were a pressing issue for us. Together with other civil society groups, we campaigned in Parliament and on the streets to keep them to a minimum. Unfortunately, the political situation in our programme countries has also deteriorated further, and civil society is seeing its scope for action restricted everywhere.

How are these restrictions having an impact in the programme countries?

The increase in autocratic governments is making the work more difficult and dangerous, which is changing the way in which we cooperate. We have to ask ourselves every day how we can protect our local employees, partner organisations and young people involved in the projects from these negative developments.

How has the programme work developed?

In 2024 we broadened our country programmes by launching ten pilot

projects with new partner organisations. For example, we are working with young indigenous people for the first time in Brazil, we have entered the field of agroecology in Colombia, and we are empowering young people to campaign for the right to health in Zimbabwe. The innovative approaches of these projects give me confidence.

The new programme strategy for 2025–28 was approved in 2024. What new elements does it include?

We are even more committed to strengthening the resilience and capabilities of our partner organisations, for example by facilitating knowledge-sharing between them. In agroecological projects, we are focusing on climate justice and climate adaptation. With flexible funds and core financing, we are also enhancing the institutional stability of our partners, which is particularly key in these uncertain times.

What challenges do you think terre des hommes schweiz will face over the next few years?

The cuts to public funding for development cooperation present enormous challenges. In particular, the freezing of USAID development funding is a watershed moment. Across the world, the existence of civil society organisations is under threat. This is also affecting our partner organisations, which we are

supporting with emergency aid. Our solid financial base and the support of our donors ensure that the work of terre des hommes schweiz will continue.

What inspires you personally as Executive Director?

I am most inspired by the dedication and development of the young people in our projects. It is very rewarding to work with a generation that is open to new experiences and has so much energy and expertise, so I really enjoy my work. We can learn a lot from young people.

Interview by **Jasmin Schraner**,
Media and Communication

762,500

people reached
worldwide

318,500

parents and
community members
reached



Our contribution to the 2030 Agenda

terre des hommes schweiz is committed to working towards the objectives of the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Through our programmes, we contribute to eight of the 17 objectives.

444,000

young people reached,
of whom 58% are
young women

Photo Tullio Felipe



Culture of peace

Young voices for peace

At times of great uncertainty, it is particularly important to support initiatives for peace and unity. A good example is the project in Colombia in which young people are advocating for the rights of children and adolescents.

Economic and social inequality are features of life in Colombia, and the country has experienced armed conflict for over 70 years. Today, young people are developing creative approaches to effective peacebuilding. One example is the “Mi Vida, mi Momento” (My Life, My Moment) campaign, which terre des hommes schweiz has facilitated together with Terre des Hommes Suisse and local partner organisations.

The campaign was established in response to the upsurge in forced recruitment of minors by armed groups over the past few years. It focuses on this issue and stands up for the rights of children and adolescents.

Young people played an instrumental role in the launch and implementation. They conducted a survey to find out the challenges that adolescents face, with a particular focus on the methods and language that perpetrators use for the purposes of recruitment or exploitation. This was key to designing the campaign so that it effectively supports young people to fight back.

The campaign comprised various activities, including workshops to raise awareness among children and adolescents, mural painting and public events. For example, children and adolescents from different regions sent each other postcards,

which fostered dialogue, reflection and a collective search for solutions.

In 2024, the campaign reached over 5,000 children and adolescents and more than 8,000 adults. At a follow-up event in Bogotá, the young people presented their demands. The audience included representatives of government and civil society organisations including the Ministry of National Education, the Family Welfare Institute and the Swiss embassy.

“Mi Vida, mi Momento” played a significant role in making the voices of young people heard and demonstrating their commitment to bringing long-term peace to Colombia.

Andrea Zellhuber
Responsible for the “culture of peace” focus area

More about this focus area

Civil society is becoming increasingly suppressed in many countries around the world. This means it is even more vital for young people to call for democratic rights to be upheld. Many of our projects teach young people how they can come together to exert political influence. In Colombia, for example, youth organisations are fighting for the rights of conscientious objectors. Young people across Brazil are resisting racist police violence and rallying against the country’s inhumane security policies. When young people speak out and play an active role in their communities, they help increase stability and enshrine democracy in regions that are badly affected by violence.

3,875

young people attended workshops on establishing a culture of peace

2,012

young people took action to promote a culture of peace

“If a police operation takes place, I become a target. Our group of young people are working to change this system of violence over the long term. We are showing that the young people of Cabula are standing up for art, culture and rights.”

Magno Ferreira de Jesus, aged 29, student, Brazil



Sustainable livelihoods

A green future based on knowledge

Young people's livelihoods are at risk from climate change, loss of biodiversity and rising prices. By fostering local knowledge, we are bolstering the future generation of smallholders.

terre des hommes schweiz is working with several partner organisations that are pioneers in the field of organic farming. We encourage knowledge-sharing so that young people and organisations in different project countries can benefit from these experiences. In 2024, a youth exchange took place in north-east Brazil for the first time.

For two weeks, young people from El Salvador, Colombia and Brazil discussed methods and technologies that could sustain endangered livelihoods in regions affected by drought. They visited successful agroecology projects run by our local partner organisations and spoke with representatives of the influential landless movement.

Our projects aim to foster local knowledge, social technologies and methods in order to establish food systems and income opportunities that offer young people prospects for the future. Farming techniques such as soil health, local seeds and rainwater storage are just as important as social approaches including solidarity funds, common markets and raising awareness of environmental issues.

If they lack prospects, young people will leave their rural homes and head for the cities or to other countries, where they are often vulnerable

to criminality, illness and isolation. Meanwhile, the small-scale farming community loses its future producers. Who will feed the local population in ten years' time? This is an important question, not least because the local population is often excluded from global markets. Local food and market systems are a better solution: they create food security and local income, while also contributing to biodiversity and climate protection.

Inspired by the successful youth exchange, we will carry out a pilot project in 2025 combining education, knowledge-sharing and influence on climate policy. To conclude the project, a delegation of young people from drought-affected regions of Latin America will make their views heard at the 2025 UN Climate Change Conference in Belém.

Andreas Hugentobler Responsible for the "sustainable livelihoods" focus area

More about this focus area

Our projects teach participants about organic farming, practical vocational training and preparation of business plans. Training courses equip young people with personal and entrepreneurial skills. Once they have successfully completed the training, they receive start-up assistance to launch their own income initiatives in areas such as agriculture, mechanics, crafts and catering. To set these initiatives up for success over the long term, participants' families and communities are advised how they can play a supporting role, and the young people are encouraged to work with civil society organisations and government institutions. This creates a supportive environment for social cohesion and ecological transformation.

3,495

young people trained in agroecological and professionally relevant techniques

1,836

young people generated their own income

"Every day I tend my vegetable garden and work to develop my business. I have confidence in what I am doing. While completing my agroecology training I learned that I am able to find solutions, even in difficult moments."

Maria Isabel Meza, aged 21, young farmer, Nicaragua



Sexual and reproductive health and rights

Learning to protect oneself

In KwaZulu-Natal, the province with the highest number of teenage pregnancies in South Africa, well-informed young people are campaigning to raise awareness about sexual and reproductive rights among their peers.

On the eastern coast of South Africa, in KwaZulu-Natal, high pregnancy rates among young people have triggered a public health crisis and are impeding young women's access to educational opportunities. Provision of youth-friendly health-care services remains a challenge: many young people lack awareness of the services available, and those who seek help frequently encounter disapproval and judgement.

LoveLife, a partner organisation working with terre des hommes schweiz, runs a successful peer-to-peer programme that is helping to improve young people's knowledge of and access to healthcare services. A lack of awareness and limited life skills often prevent young people from making use of sexual and reproductive health services.

To remove these obstacles, LoveLife employs peer trainers – young people who work in communities, schools and healthcare facilities. They support their peers and ensure that they can access the services they need. They provide information and teach fundamental skills such as assertiveness, negotiation, decision-making, self-confidence and conflict resolution. This teaching is particularly effective when it is provided by peers.

Despite its relatively high Human Development Index value of 0.717, South Africa's public health system is impacted by profound inequality and numerous crises. The figures are alarming: nowhere in the world has higher numbers of people living with HIV than South Africa, where around 8.2 million people are affected. Young people, and particularly young women, are disproportionately impacted by HIV. In addition, around a third of women aged over 15 have experienced gender-based violence.

Peer-to-peer approaches like that of LoveLife are helping to meet the urgent need to promote sexual and reproductive health. Since 2021, we have used similar approaches to enable over 65,000 young people in four countries of southern Africa to gain access to healthcare services.

Tayson Mudarikiri

Jointly responsible for the "sexual and reproductive health and rights" focus area

More about this focus area

Millions of young people – and particularly young women in southern Africa – have almost no access to education, contraception or medical care. terre des hommes schweiz is working with partner organisations in Tanzania, South Africa, Mozambique and Zimbabwe to educate young people, provide them with access to health services and enhance their rights. Through educational work, youth-friendly health services and participatory methods, we enable young people to make confident decisions about their health. Our goal is a future in which young people can live safe, independent lives.

27,283

young people used healthcare services

72,310

young people received training on sexual and reproductive health

"I withdrew more and more due to the violence I was experiencing at home. With the support of my guidance counsellor, my mother and I found the courage to report the violence. I am now using my experiences to help other young people."

Wandisiwe Muchunu, aged 20, student, South Africa

Swiss programme

Finding one's way in a new home city

The MePower project run by terre des hommes schweiz empowers young people with a refugee background. A new city map for Basel was created in 2024, based on a topic that holds particular significance for these young people.

A city map by young migrants – this innovative product has been available as both a printed flyer and a website since spring 2025. It is the result of an extensive process that the young people have been involved in.

As well as monthly meetings, the MePower project organises a camp over several days each summer. The young people themselves decide on the topic for the camp; the aim is to use creative methods to focus on this topic and to empower the young people during their stay.

The summer camp before last focused on the emotional topic of "home". As a starting point, the young people discussed in groups of three how they would explain the concept of "home" to someone and represented their ideas in the form of sculpture. During the subsequent group discussion it became clear that home is primarily a feeling that is strongly connected to attachment figures such as parents, siblings and friends. For these young people, who are no longer living in their former homes, this generated lots of emotions.

To help them process these emotions, the young people were expertly guided by the team of leaders to produce individual body maps. First, the silhouette of each

person's body was painted onto a large piece of paper. Next, feelings, emotions and body sensations were represented within the painted body. For example, the young people captured on their body maps what their home looks like and what smells and noises remind them of it. We also considered which feelings are associated with home and where the young people feel these in their bodies.

The group then considered the topic of "home" from a solution-focused and forward-looking perspective. The participants decided to produce a city map that would make it easier for people who have just arrived in Basel to feel at home and find their way around. On the last day of the camp, the young people started to research the first important locations.

The city map shows that examining emotions and reflecting as a group can produce forward-looking solutions. Explore the map for yourself: www.basel-for-refugees.ch

Catherine Brunold, Projects in Switzerland and Psychosocial Support Department

Projects in Switzerland

The Swiss programme run by terre des hommes schweiz has been established in partnership with young people. From project design to implementation and evaluation, young people play a collaborative and equal role in the processes. This participatory collaboration as equals applies to the imagine Basel project, the MePower project aimed at young refugees, and our workshop series, Terre des Hommes Education. To ensure success, we are constantly expanding our methodological knowledge in collaborative partnerships. By building equal partnerships with young people, we ensure that our projects are in step with their lived realities.

48,454

children and adolescents educated on topics including sustainable development and diversity

72

schools reached with awareness-raising workshops

"When I came to Switzerland I didn't know my way around. The MePower project has helped me to discover lots of new places and make friends. With the city map, I can now help others who are new to Basel."

Luiz Correia, aged 18, apprentice, Switzerland

Methods

Participatory youth research

terre des hommes schweiz has actively involved young people in Africa and Latin America in developing the new programme strategy for 2025–2028. This ensures that our project work is focused on their needs.

In a constantly changing world, young people are striving to actively shape their futures. Together with local partner organisations and youth collectives, we have launched a process for participatory youth research – the “YouthSpeaks” programme. This enables young people to act as researchers and identify topics that they perceive as key to the development of their communities. In 2024, we took these topics into account when developing our new programme strategy.

Around 300 young people in Nicaragua, El Salvador, Brazil, Zimbabwe, South Africa and Tanzania took part in this community-based process of participatory action research. They carried out analyses and interviewed other young people in their communities, using a peer-to-peer method based on youth participation, gender equality and contextual awareness.

By applying various tools, such as the solution-focused approach, focus groups, interviews, local visits and community mapping, the research teams identified the most pressing concerns of young people in their communities: prevention of gender-based violence, prevention of teenage pregnancies, access to healthcare services, education and leisure activities, youth employment,

access to sustainable livelihoods, self-care and self-confidence.

“YouthSpeaks” marks a turning point in the strategy development of terre des hommes schweiz and is cementing youth participation as a foundational pillar of decision-making. Many of the young participants continue to be active in their communities, and are taking on leadership roles and campaigning for the rights of young people.

Based on these experiences, terre des hommes schweiz will expand the programme to further develop the leadership skills of young people and promote national and international youth alliances. We are empowering young people to have an impact in their communities, establish a protective environment and create opportunities to exercise their rights.

Jorge Contreras, Technical Advisor for PSS and Youth Participation, Nicaragua

How we work

terre des hommes schweiz focuses on proven working methods that reflect our extensive experience and expertise and put the needs of the people with whom we work front and centre. We are committed to youth participation to support the potential of young people and give them the opportunity to actively shape their futures. With targeted psychosocial support (PSS), we help young people to process their experiences and build their resilience. Our solution-focused approach supports them to recognise and gradually develop their own strengths. All these methods are based on the conviction that young people are the experts on their own lives.

8,616

young people
trained in the
solution-focused
approach

2,050

parents, teachers
and decision-makers
trained



Photo Sheila Glasz

Development policy

Working towards long-term security

As part of a broad civil society alliance, terre des hommes schweiz has worked over the past year to ensure that the following principle is not forgotten in the public debate: development cooperation is a security policy.

For development cooperation organisations, the announced cuts to federal international cooperation (IC) contributions were a defining feature of 2024. The realignment of security policy meant that army equipment and the reconstruction of Ukraine were funded at the expense of the IC budget. Together with other organisations, we pointed out that IC contributes to global security and must therefore form part of a comprehensive Swiss security policy.

Development cooperation supports the resilience of societies before crises emerge. Against a backdrop of escalating armed conflicts, anti-democratic trends and increasingly polarised societies, the peace work of IC organisations plays a significant role in creating a world that is safe for everyone.

To raise awareness of this issue among the public and politicians, we held discussions with parliamentarians and released information through our communications channels. We were supported in this work by young people who appeared on camera and told us why they believe that development cooperation is important. We also took part in the “solidarity alarm”, a campaign run by Alliance Sud. By clicking on an online button, supporters could sound the alarm to indicate their opposi-

tion to impending cutbacks in development cooperation. The “solidarity alarm” also went offline in the form of a city tour that included a stop in Basel. We were delighted to receive support from many passers-by who we spoke to.

After months of debate, the Swiss Parliament decided at the end of December to cut the Swiss IC budget by CHF 110 million in 2025 and by CHF 151 million within the 2025–2028 funding period. When this report is published, we will have greater clarity about what these cuts mean for us and our partners in the South. However, we already know that we will continue tirelessly with our work, because it is contributing to global human security.

Sylvia Valentin
Development Policy Campaigns

Our political work

The conflict-ridden global situation impacted our work in other ways. We took part in various events, for example at the International Cooperation Forum, where we gave a presentation about our peace work with young people. We also supported the initiative for the prohibition of nuclear weapons, which was launched in 2024. We continued to be active in the area of climate justice, responding to developments such as the Climate Protection Ordinance and supporting an open letter calling for the ruling of the European Court of Justice on the case brought by the Swiss “climate seniors”, a group of older Swiss women, to be respected. At various events, we also brought attention to the fact that Saharawi refugees, who have been living in refugee camps in the Algerian desert for the past 50 years, are particularly affected by climate change.



“Development cooperation is important because it is specifically about people. It's about ensuring that people have prospects in their lives. That they have access to education and healthcare, and they can build a good life for themselves.”

Nino Russano, 23

“Development cooperation can be very varied. I think the thread holding it all together is the global community working together in solidarity to reduce global inequality, and ensuring that all people in the world have the same chances and opportunities.”

Fina Girard, 22



Young people from Basel explain why development cooperation is needed: you can find all the video statements from this series on our Instagram page (@terredeshommesschweiz) and YouTube. Photos: screenshots from the videos



“I think Switzerland needs to support development cooperation because it has been active in this area for years and has a wealth of experience. In addition, Switzerland is a big trading centre, including for commodities, and it therefore has a responsibility to stand up for global justice.”

Til Haenggi, 27



Commentary
on the financial statements 2024

In Switzerland and internationally, we have maintained a high level of project work. Expenditure on international programme work amounted to around CHF 5 million (previous year: CHF 5.2 million). Expenditure on Swiss programme work totalled around CHF 1.8 million (previous year: CHF 1.79 million).

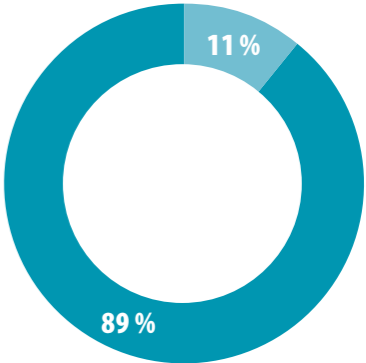
With operating income of around CHF 10.25 million (previous year: CHF 8.84 million) and a positive operating result of CHF 0.72 million (previous year: CHF -0.68 million), terre des hommes schweiz recorded positive income figures in 2024.

Copartner Revision AG audited and approved the accounting records and annual financial statements. Its audit report can be viewed at our offices and the complete annual financial statements can be ordered from us.

Reto Mischler
Head of Communication and Fundraising, member of the Management Board

Balance
As of 31.12.2024

ASSETS	2024 CHF	2023 CHF
Cash and cash equivalents	11,699,913	10,295,819
Securities	2,521,692	2,677,982
Receivables	12,478	9,248
Prepayments and accrued income	390,230	456,279
Current assets	14,624,313	13,439,328
Long-term financial assets	5,905	5,905
Tangible assets	4,700	26,300
Non-current assets	10,605	32,205
TOTAL ASSETS	14,634,919	13,471,533
LIABILITIES	2023 CHF	2023 CHF
Liabilities	210,570	59,503
Provisions for holiday and flexitime balances	109,495	102,561
Additional payments to projects	213,491	222,511
Accrued liabilities and deferred income	145,219	147,775
Provision for legacy gifts subject to conditions	923,460	923,460
Provision for severance pay	36,525	16,525
Current liabilities	1,638,760	1,472,334
Fund: projects for girls	0	0
Fund: projects for young people	0	371,790
Fund: projects for education and income	0	0
Multi-topic projects fund	0	0
Fund capital	0	371,790
Restricted capital	4,090,601	3,772,283
Unrestricted capital	8,905,558	7,855,126
Organisational capital	12,996,159	11,627,409
TOTAL LIABILITIES	14,634,919	13,471,533



Current liabilities 11%
Fund capital 0%
Organisational capital 89%

Operating statement

01.01.-31.12.2024

INCOME	2024 CHF	2023 CHF
Unrestricted donations and legacy gifts from individuals	5,766,601	4,101,102
Restricted donations and legacy gifts from individuals	1,135,541	1,121,379
Restricted project contributions	714,620	991,013
Income from grants	7,616,762	6,213,494
Restricted programme contribution from SDC	2,596,500	2,596,500
Income from services provided	2,596,500	2,596,500
Events	31,780	26,123
Other income	5,604	7,953
Other operating income	37,384	34,075
TOTAL OPERATING INCOME	10,250,646	8,844,069
EXPENDITURE		
Africa	2,026,990	2,250,684
Latin America	1,983,362	1,843,052
Regional programmes	429,160	309,989
Support for international programme	595,502	803,551
Total international programme	5,035,013	5,207,275
Swiss programme – information and awareness-raising	1,807,169	1,790,758
Administrative expenses	923,083	868,499
Fundraising	1,768,886	1,660,719
Total head office expenses	2,691,970	2,529,218
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURE	9,534,152	9,527,252
Operational result	716,494	-683,183
Financial result	280,466	170,511
Result before fund changes	996,960	-512,672
Fund inflows	-3,876,621	-4,085,172
Fund outflows	4,248,411	4,606,324
Fund changes	371,790	521,153
Annual result before allocation to organisational capital	1,368,750	8,480
Inflow of restricted capital	-368,318	0
Outflow of restricted capital	50,000	555,000
Change in restricted capital	-318,318	555,000
Allocation/use of unrestricted capital	1,050,432	563,480
ANNUAL RESULT after allocation to organisational capital	0	0

Donations and sponsorships	4,581,951	44.70%
Programme contribution from SDC	2,596,500	25.33%
Organisations	617,019	6.02%
Donations through wills and legacy gifts	2,091,318	20.40%
Cantons, municipalities, parishes	326,474	3.18%
Events and other income	37,384	0.36%

Total operating income CHF 10,250,646 100%

Restricted income	3,876,621	37.82%
Unrestricted income	6,374,025	62.18%

Total income CHF 10,250,646 100%

International programme	5,035,013	52.81 %
Swiss programme – information and awareness-raising	1,807,169	18.95 %
Fundraising	1,768,886	18.55 %
Administrative expenses	923,083	9.68 %

Total operating expenditure CHF 9,534,152 100 %

Some subtotals have rounding differences of a maximum of CHF 1.

The complete audited annual financial statements are available to download as a PDF at www.terredeshommeschweiz.ch/en/annual-report/



About us

terre des hommes schweiz

terre des hommes schweiz works to empower young people in Africa, Latin America and Switzerland. Together, we campaign for social cohesion, global justice, climate justice and human dignity for all. Our actions are guided by our core values:

Commitment

Together with other organisations and networks, we stand up for the rights of young people and young adults. We stand for democratic participation and combat the increasing inequality and polarisation in our societies. We hold decision-makers accountable.

Diversity

We see diversity as a strength, and we respect the different perspectives, contexts and experiences of people who work at and with terre des hommes schweiz. We work with all those who share our values, regardless of their gender, age, background, religion, social status, sexual orientation, or physical and cognitive abilities. We leave no one behind.

Creativity

Creativity, enjoyment and fun are fundamental to the development of individuals, societies and organisations. We are open to new ideas and try things out. We promote collaborative learning between generations and cultures.

Certified to Zewo quality standards

As a Zewo-certified organisation, terre des hommes schweiz is tax-exempt and guarantees that donations are handled responsibly.



Donations through wills/legacy gifts – leaving something to future generations

In 2024, terre des hommes schweiz received 15 donations through wills and legacy gifts, with a total value of CHF 2,091,318. This equates to 20.4% of our total income. This support is particularly valuable to our organisation, since it allows us to plan and finance projects over the long term. It is the greatest gift that you can give to future generations. Your support can help young people to create a just future that is worth living for.

Thank you.

<https://www.terredeshomesschweiz.ch/en/inheritance-and-legacies/>



A big

thank you!

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Public institutions (from CHF 10,000)

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