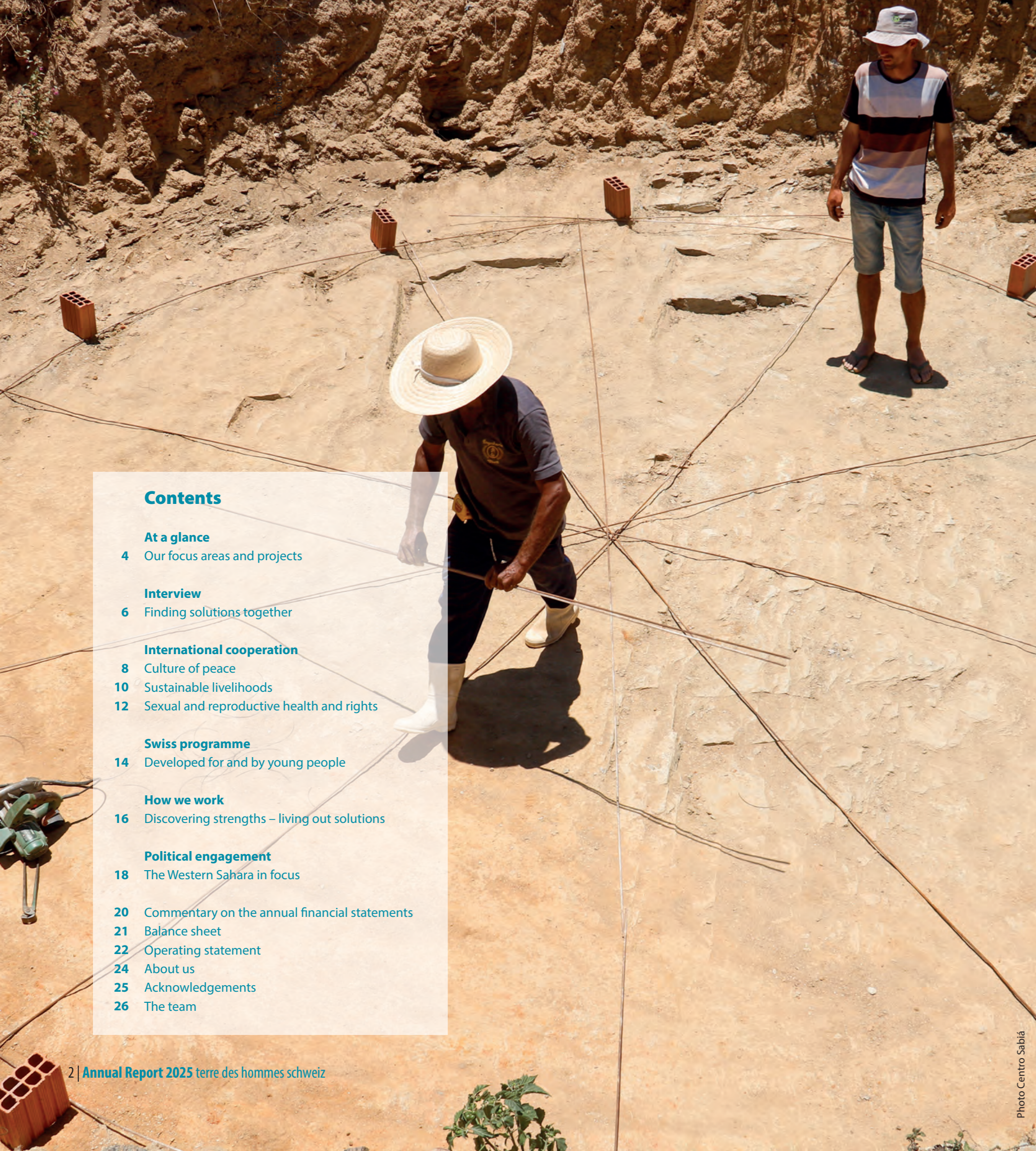




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schweiz** Opportunities for young people

Annual Report 2025



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Editorial

Building a peaceful and just world

Through an internship organised jointly by our partner organisations in Brazil and Nicaragua, young people learned how to build a cistern. The programme also gave them the opportunity to learn from one another and exchange ideas about problems and solutions. These cisterns make it possible to store rainwater and provide much-needed water to families and entire communities back home during long periods of drought. This is just one of many initiatives aimed at helping people adapt to a world that is changing at every level.

South-South cooperation projects like this one enrich local knowledge and increase the impact of projects across borders. We believe it is only by working together that we have the strength to overcome crises – be they climate-related, social or geopolitical. This means we need broad alliances and strong networks, both in Switzerland and internationally.

In 2025 we worked with our partners and large numbers of young people to develop solutions, even though conditions are becoming increasingly challenging and harder to navigate. We are concerned by the erosion of international agreements such as international humanitarian law and international cooperation frameworks. This makes it all the more important to defend them while remaining flexible in adapting to the new realities.

At the same time, financing our work is becoming increasingly difficult in the face of these global challenges. Our loyal supporters and donors made it possible for us to expand our work in 2025, despite public funding cuts. This is encouraging and, importantly, reflects the strong support for international cooperation among the Swiss population. We would like to thank you for your support and for showing solidarity with young people across the world.

Young people have a central role to play in developing solutions to current challenges. By encouraging and supporting them, we also help strengthen their communities and wider society. We are committed to ensuring their voices are taken seriously and considered in political processes – locally and internationally.



Franziska Lauper
Executive Director



Dr. Brigitta Gerber
President

At a glance

Our focus areas and projects

terre des hommes schweiz runs over 60 projects supporting young people in Africa, Latin America and Switzerland. 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 promote 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 supporting civilian peacebuilding initiatives, we bolster community resilience to disasters.

For more information, see pages 8–9



Sustainable livelihoods

Many young people in rural areas of Latin America and Southern Africa live in regions that are particularly at 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 climate justice 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 medical services and participatory methods, we enable young people to make their own decisions about their health.

For more information, see pages 12–13

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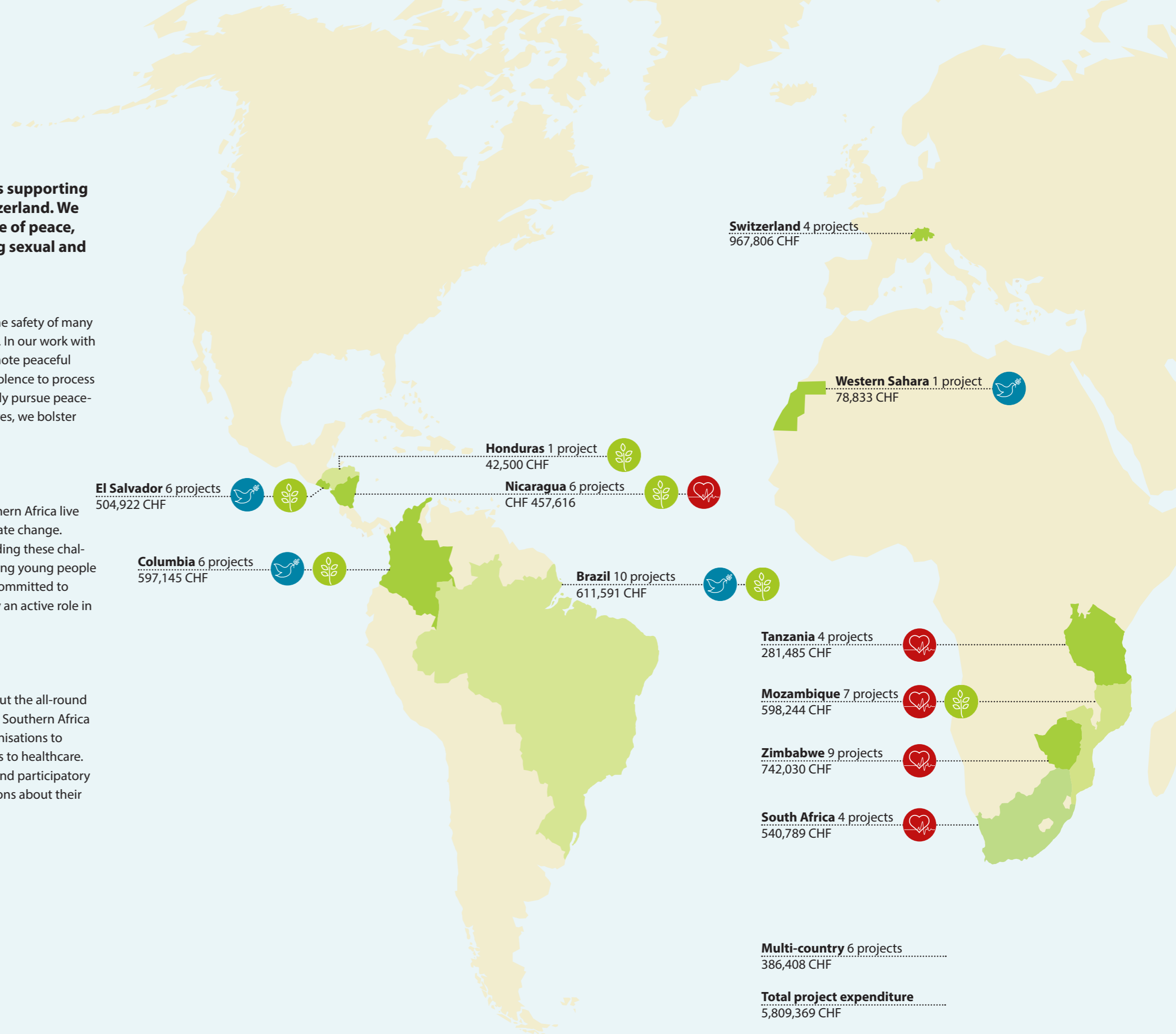


Photo Rayhala Pataxó

Interview

Finding solutions together

2025 – a year of unique challenges and significant milestones. It is in times of upheaval that we truly see the power of collective action. Executive Director Franziska Lauper discusses the highs and lows.

At the start of 2025 the United States froze its global development aid programmes. Did this change the work of terre des hommes schweiz and its partner organisations?

Franziska Lauper: It has had huge implications for our international partners, particularly in Southern Africa, as they are now reaching far fewer young people and communities than they were a year ago. But it's not just the United States: Switzerland is also cutting funding for international cooperation, which, unlike USAID, is affecting us directly. On the other hand, the Canton of Basel-Stadt, where our headquarters are located, is significantly increasing its support from 2026, sending a strong signal of global solidarity. We are delighted and hope others will follow this positive example.

The money saved through Switzerland's development cooperation cuts is increasingly being invested in rearmament.

This is short-sighted. Peace and security are key priorities for terre des hommes schweiz and for civil society. We firmly believe that international cooperation is an essential component of security. The two should not be played off against each other.

terre des hommes schweiz has long been active at a regional

and local level. What impact have the new programme and regional strategies had?

In just the first year, we were able to support more civil society organisations and movements in our programme countries. This strategic goal has become even more crucial at a time of global conflict and increasingly anti-democratic trends. For example, our contribution at the COP30 United Nations Climate Change Conference was to facilitate networking across several Latin American countries – not only our project countries. Building on this, we plan to support more regional initiatives and to collaborate more closely at the regional level on specific topics.

What contribution can Switzerland make?

We are experts in putting democratic culture into practice: our country is organised on a decentralised basis and we have direct democratic rights. Our form of decentralised democratic practice, which integrates important voices from civil society, is people-centred and produces effective political solutions. We apply this Swiss DNA each day in our work with young people and local civil society, through our projects in Africa and Latin America.

Did this work produce any particular highlights in 2025?

Our involvement in the global climate summit was certainly a key milestone of our international work. Young (and indigenous) people from Latin America were able to have their voices heard and gain a prominent platform on the international stage. This gave them an opportunity to put forward their own visions of climate justice and contribute to the global debate by sharing solutions that they are already implementing. They did this very successfully and were able to shape global policy.

What continues to motivate you in your work for terre des hommes schweiz?

In spite of uncertainties across the board, we have been able to work with young people and partner organisations to create spaces in which young people can have a say, help shape policy and initiate change. It is always incredibly motivating to experience the moment when young people realise: "I have the power to make a difference and create change."

Interview by **Daniela Mathis**, Media and Communication

345,000

people engaged worldwide, including 231,000 young people

2,600

institutions and civil society organisations strengthened

114,000

parents and community members engaged

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 nine of the 17 objectives.





Culture of peace

Strengthening peace by empowering women

For generations, black women in Latin America and the Caribbean have been fighting against discrimination and violence. Through networking, they become stronger and gain recognition, enabling them to change power structures and promote sustainable peace work.

In order to establish more just, resilient and peaceful societies in Latin America and the Caribbean, it is first essential to recognise the central role played by black women from the African diaspora – women who, throughout history, have stood up against racism, colonialism and structural injustices.

Black women and girls are disproportionately affected by poverty, educational inequalities and unemployment. They are particularly likely to experience gender-based violence and excessive police force, which undermines a stable culture of peace.

However, over generations they have developed collective strategies for survival, welfare and social change, based on the principle of *buen vivir* (good living) – an ethical model that promotes collaboration, solidarity and justice and consciously opposes colonial structures. For example, the Network of Afro-descendant Women from Latin America, the Caribbean and Diaspora (RMAAD) brings together women from 17 countries to strengthen their political voice.

In 2025, terre des hommes schweiz offered targeted support to help young black women network and further their education in geopolitics,

social movements and collective leadership. A total of 150 women from 17 countries took part in mobilisation and awareness-raising campaigns to increase their political influence in their home countries. This resulted in a shared agenda for gender equality and specific measures aimed at increasing the visibility and presence of black women in leadership positions over the long term.

The highlight of this work was the second global black women's march for reparations and *buen vivir*. Over 300,000 women – including 25,000 young women – from 40 countries demonstrated how collective power and international solidarity can pave the way towards a global culture of peace.

These kinds of initiatives have a transformational power, breaking the cycle of violence, strengthening gender equality, democratising power and laying the groundwork for peace. Where black women can live well and wield influence, the future takes shape. When this happens, peace becomes not just a promise, but a concrete path forward.

Fabiana Kuriki
Co-Head of Programme – Africa and Latin America

More on this topic

In a year shaped by extreme geopolitical volatility and rising anti-democratic trends, strengthening youth networks and movements that fight for peace and democratic values was a key strategic priority for us. Through our project partners, young people in Latin America learn to exercise their rights and understand their role as active designers of stable democratic structures. Participatory learning processes give young people agency and empower them to initiate change and assume responsibility within their communities. A core component of the work is based on the community resilience approach, which promotes strategies that enable young people to respond to varied crises and challenges with solidarity, collective action and self-organisation.

44,068
young people
educated about
building a
culture of peace

1,900
civil society
organisations
strengthened



Black women from 40 countries stood up for peace and justice at the second global women's march. They demanded a life of dignity, with guaranteed access to land, education, health and freedom from structural violence.

Photo Lissandra Pedreira



Sustainable livelihoods

Young people shape climate policy

Many young people are keenly aware of environmental and social issues. We support initiatives that enable young people to create sustainable livelihoods, forge connections and speak up for the environment.

In the remote north-east of El Salvador, our partner organisation CORD-ES is working with eight groups of young people who meet regularly and discuss pressing challenges, such as the interruptions of the rainy season, the dried-up harvest, the declining water table and the roads damaged by heavy rain.

Youth leader Xenia López supports the youth groups, which have joined together to form the EcoVerde youth network. The network aims to raise awareness of environmental and climate issues in and beyond local communities through its own theatre productions and videos. However, under El Salvador's authoritarian rule it is becoming increasingly difficult to speak up about these issues.

The Latin American Semi-Arid Youth Network offered these young people an alternative and an important platform. Nine young people from EcoVerde took part in a climate policy training course, where they learned important approaches to living in arid regions – from building simple water reservoirs to influencing (inter)national climate policy. Xenia López was also part of a 12-strong youth delegation from Latin America's semi-arid regions that subsequently attended the COP30 global climate conference in Belém (Brazil) in November 2025. The delegation expressed their con-

cerns at official meetings, bilateral discussions with government representatives, and the People's Summit. Other highlights included launching a handbook, supported by the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC), for young people seeking to influence climate and environmental policy, and presenting a manifesto by young people from Latin America's semi-arid regions to international negotiators.

It is not every year that an international climate conference is held in one of our programme countries. Our continued focus is on empowering young people over the long term. We support networks and organisations that give them a voice and bring them together to take concrete steps towards social and environmental change. Our local partner organisations play a key role, offering strategic and methodological support while the young people themselves take the helm.

Andreas Hugentobler Desk of Sustainable Livelihoods

More on this topic

Our projects teach participants about organic farming, hands-on 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 startup assistance to launch their own income-generating initiatives in areas such as agriculture, mechanics, crafts and hospitality. To ensure the long-term success of these initiatives, we educate families, communities and organisations on their supporting role and help forge stronger partnerships with government institutions in order to create a positive structural framework. This creates a supportive environment for social cohesion and ecological transformation.

2,487
young people take part in social and environmental initiatives

12,059
adults, parents and community members educated

4,487
young people took part in training on social and environmental change

Alongside theory, hands-on learning is a key component of our work with young people. Educational gardens like this one in Sofala, Mozambique, enable young farmers to put their learning directly into practice and refine sustainable farming techniques.

Photo: Hafid Derbal



Sexual and reproductive health and rights Historical milestone for women's rights

After decades of advocacy work, Zimbabwe discussed an important legislative reform aimed at strengthening the rights of women and girls, with a focus on safeguarding health, dignity and bodily autonomy.

In 2025, the Parliament of Zimbabwe began the process of reforming a restrictive, colonial-era abortion law. Up to now, it has only been permitted to terminate a pregnancy in cases of rape, incest or danger to the mother's life – or, more rarely, severe foetal impairment. The changes mean that other grounds for abortion will be accepted and access to medical services will be improved. In a country with a high number of unwanted and teenage pregnancies, this would have far-reaching consequences for public health, society and the economy.

Women and underage girls are under enormous pressure to marry the men responsible for their pregnancies in order to protect their family's honour – although child marriage has been illegal since 2022. Often abandoned, young mothers leave school and fall into a poverty spiral with no future prospects. In desperation, some risk unsafe, life-threatening abortions.

A national survey carried out in 2016 estimated that around 66,000 pregnancies are terminated each year, and around 40% of all pregnancies are unplanned, with many ending in (clandestine) abortion. The resulting complications put a strain on public health services, which are already over-burdened and under-financed.

Unwanted pregnancies affect women of all ages. It is still difficult to access sex education, contraception and youth-friendly health services. For years, terre des hommes schweiz has supported its partner organisations to bring about improvements in these areas. Alongside important preventative work, these organisations mobilise political decision-makers who support their work at the legislative level. The recent parliamentary debates reflect this sustained commitment. To ensure we can grasp this historic opportunity to achieve meaningful legal reform in the area of sexual and reproductive rights, despite opposition from influential church representatives and prominent individuals, we must keep up the pressure through advocacy and public mobilisation.

Tayson Mudarikiri
Co-Programme Coordination for Southern Africa, Co-Desk Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights

More on this topic

Millions of young people have almost no access to education, contraception and medical care – particularly young women in Southern Africa. terre des hommes schweiz works with partner organisations in Tanzania, Mozambique, Zimbabwe and South Africa to educate young people, improve their access to medical care and advance their rights. Through educational work, youth-friendly medical 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.

39,000

young people educated on sexual and reproductive health

20,033

young people use health services

Photo: Seb Daines



“When I was at my lowest, conversations with professionals and others in similar situations helped me. I received lots of support, which helped me to see a way forward, and now, as a mentor, I even have an additional source of income.”

Natasha Nolwandle Dube, aged 20, Zimbabwe

Swiss programme

Developed for and by young people

The imagine project gives young people a voice for their concerns. A project coach supports them in organising the imagine Festival in Basel, while smaller events help raise awareness of current issues.

To achieve social cohesion and create an inclusive and diverse space in which individuals can flourish, everyone must have a voice. Regional and global changes regularly challenge societies to consider the needs of all their members and find a consensus. The concerns of young people are frequently neglected, because they are often viewed as adolescents rather than fully fledged members of society.

The imagine Basel project offers eight young adults more than a part-time job: it gives them the opportunity to voice their concerns and bring to light issues that are important for their generation. This year, the imagine Festival took place on the same weekend as the Swiss feminist strike on 14 June. In order to bring the many activities associated with these two events under one umbrella, the imagine project coordinators took the initiative to forge a partnership with the organisers of the Basel feminist strike. They worked together to plan sessions for the two-day festival, such as a podium discussion on “Masculinity in transition” and a public reading on “Microaggressions”. They also made arrangements so that the Basel feminist strike could use the imagine Festival’s main stage in Basel’s Barfüsserplatz for opening speeches, and ensured that no male musicians appeared on stage on the day.

The imagine festival has been running for many years. As the biggest annual free festival in the Basel region, attracting up to 30,000 visitors, it enables people from all walks of life to participate in cultural life. In particular, it gives young people an opportunity to meaningfully participate in society. Through active project work carried out by young people, with a focus on minorities and people in vulnerable situations, imagine makes a significant contribution to social cohesion. We face a wide range of social challenges, but dialogue, consideration and mutual understanding remain key elements of a society in which everyone has room to participate.

Marco Müller, Project Coordination for imagine and the International Youth Network, Desk Youth Participation

More on 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 an active role as co-creators in the processes. This participatory approach, in which young people are involved as equals, is applied 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 on collaborative processes. By building partnerships with young people, we ensure that our projects are in step with their lived realities.

28,000

young people educated on topics including sustainable development and social diversity

15,000

educational resources distributed



Photo Jasmin Schraier

Young people attending the MePower summer camp. The project offers young people from a refugee background a safe space in which they can have conversations and discover their strengths with the support of professionals.

How we work

Discovering strengths – living out solutions

Young people are the experts on their own lives – this conviction underpins the solution-focused approach that we take to our work. We support young people to identify their strengths and actively shape their futures.

The solution-focused approach is one of our key working methods. But it is more than just a method: it is an attitude. We empower young people to shape their own lives – one step at a time. Rather than dwelling on problems or the past, we focus on what is already working well. Even small steps forward are valuable and build the motivation to take the next one.

This method is more than a theoretical concept; it is rooted in practice, is participatory and flexible, and can be adjusted according to context in order to support successful collaboration. Our partners apply the solution-focused approach rigorously, both when providing peer-to-peer support and in group processes. Young people and professionals who are trained in the approach pass their knowledge on, support their peers and guide them towards their goals. As a result, the approach not only benefits individuals but strengthens entire communities.

We apply participatory methods because we believe that young people and communities have their own strengths and resources. We encourage them to identify and apply these, because they are the experts on their own lives. It is also important that they take small steps in the direction of progress. To ensure sus-

tainable growth, we track progress and identify effective measures.

Young people's experiences and feedback show that the solution-focused approach helps them to build their self-esteem, remain motivated and cope better with everyday challenges. It guards against depression and supports them in making healthy decisions and becoming more resilient.

Our partner organisations have integrated the solution-focused approach into their daily work. Our practical activities kit gives them flexible tools to help implement the approach in an engaging and tailored way – whether in peer clubs, self-help groups or peer-to-peer initiatives. They also use activities for teambuilding, resolving conflict and giving creative compliments.

Mlungisi Nyathi, Technical Advisor for PSS and Youth Participation in Southern Africa

More on how we work

terre des hommes schweiz relies 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 play an active role in shaping their futures. With targeted psychosocial support (PSS), we help young people to process their experiences and build 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.

2,544

parents, teachers and decision-makers took part in training

5,760

young people received training on the solution-focused approach

Political engagement

The Western Sahara in focus

For 50 years, the Saharawi people have been waiting for self-determination. Last year, two Saharawi visitors to Basel highlighted the plight of Saharawis, living either in refugee camps or in the occupied territory.

A highlight of our development work in 2025 was once again giving the Western Sahara a prominent position at the Culturescapes arts festival. As a festival partner, terre des hommes schweiz brought the voices, perspectives and culture of the Saharawi people to Basel.

“Jaimitna” (in English: our tent) was on display in the Markthalle: a mobile, multimedia art project by Saharawi artist and human rights defender Asria Mohamed Taleb. From the outside, it looks like a smaller version of the tents found in Saharawi refugee camps in the Algerian desert, where she grew up. The tent is made of waterproof canvas, similar to that provided by aid organisations, and lined inside with *melhfa* textiles, traditional garments worn by Saharawi women. The original items of clothing belong to 19 human rights defenders from the Western Sahara occupied territory. Their biographies and details of their fight for self-determination can be accessed via discreetly positioned QR codes.

As an agronomist in the refugee camps, Taleb Brahim developed hydroculture and permaculture methods to enable food to be produced in the extreme desert climate. This is very valuable for Saharawi refugees, who rely on humanitarian aid. For the past 50 years, around 174,000

Saharawis have been living in harsh conditions in five camps in the Algerian desert. Taleb Brahim – with the support of terre des hommes schweiz – is trying to improve daily life for people in these camps with his innovative solutions.

Saharawis who have lived for the same amount of time in the Moroccan occupied territory are often subjected to daily human rights abuses and discrimination. Asria Mohamed Taleb pays particular homage to the courageous women who experience additional gender-based violence inflicted by Moroccan security forces.

Morocco also disregards the Saharawis’ right to self-determination over their own resources in the occupied territory of Western Sahara. terre des hommes schweiz is taking a closer look at the situation and supporting specific research in this area, such as the report by Western Sahara Resource Watch on companies that issue sustainability certifications for fishery products in the occupied territory. These include Swiss companies.

Sylvia Valentin
Advocacy and Campaigning

Other campaigns

Once again in 2025, we took part in various political initiatives. In January, over 10,000 campaigners collected 183,661 signatures for the Swiss Responsible Business Initiative in just 14 days, and it was submitted at the end of May with 287,164 signatures. This incredible level of engagement shows the scale of support for this initiative among the Swiss population. The Swiss Nuclear Weapons Ban Initiative was submitted with 135,000 signatures at the end of the year, in December. The initiative calls on Switzerland to finally accede to the United Nations Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW), thereby taking a clear stand against the global threat of nuclear armament and in favour of sustainable peace. Although Switzerland voted in favour of acceding to the TPNW, it has not yet signed the treaty.

183,661

signatures in just 14 days for the Swiss Responsible Business Initiative

588

individuals learned about the Western Sahara at the Culturescapes Festival

“Jaimitna” gives a voice to Saharawi human rights activists, enabling the world to hear their stories. It can travel to places where these women cannot go.”

Asria Mohamed Taleb, Saharawi human rights defender and artist



Photo Hafid Derbal

Commentary on the financial statements 2025

We scaled up our project work both internationally and in Switzerland. Expenditure on international programme work totalled around CHF 5.3 million (previous year: CHF 5 million). Expenditure on Swiss programme work totalled around CHF 1.9 million (previous year: CHF 1.8 million). At the same time, we reduced our fundraising costs and administrative expenses. With operating income of around CHF 9.54 million (previous year: CHF 10.25 million) and a negative operating result of CHF -0.2 million (previous year: CHF 0.7 million), 2025 was a loss-making financial year for terre des hommes schweiz. Copartner Revision AG audited and approved the accounting records and annual financial statements. Its audit report is available for inspection at our office, and the detailed annual financial statements can be ordered.

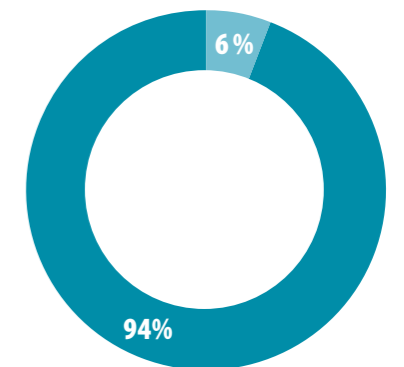
Reto Mischler
Head of Communication and Fundraising, member of the Management Board

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

In 2025, terre des hommes schweiz received 17 donations through wills and legacy gifts with a total value of CHF 1,420,311, which equates to 14.9% of our total income. This support is particularly valuable to our organisation, since it allows us to plan and finance our projects with young people over the long term. It is the greatest gift that you can leave to future generations. **Thank you.**
www.terredeshommeschweiz.ch/en/inheritance-and-legacies/

Balance sheet As at 31.12.2025

| | 2025 CHF | 2024 CHF |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|
| ASSETS | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | 10,320,248 | 11,699,913 |
| Securities | 2,543,006 | 2,521,692 |
| Receivables | 15,297 | 12,478 |
| Prepayments and accrued income | 758,515 | 390,230 |
| Current assets | 13,637,066 | 14,624,313 |
| Long-term financial assets | 5,905 | 5,905 |
| Tangible assets | 0 | 4,700 |
| Non-current assets | 5,905 | 10,605 |
| TOTAL ASSETS | 13,642,972 | 14,634,919 |
| LIABILITIES | | |
| Liabilities | 117,748 | 210,570 |
| Provisions for holiday and flexitime balances | 106,948 | 109,495 |
| Additional payments to projects | 313,332 | 213,491 |
| Accrued liabilities and deferred income | 223,677 | 145,219 |
| Provision for legacy gifts subject to conditions | 0 | 923,460 |
| Provision for severance pay | 409 | 36,525 |
| Current liabilities | 762,113 | 1,638,760 |
| Fund: projects for girls | 0 | 0 |
| Fund: projects for young people | 0 | 0 |
| Fund: projects for education and income | 0 | 0 |
| Multi-topic projects fund | 0 | 0 |
| Fund capital | 0 | 0 |
| Restricted capital | 3,715,601 | 4,090,601 |
| Unrestricted capital | 9,165,258 | 8,905,558 |
| Organisational capital | 12,880,859 | 12,996,159 |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES | 13,642,972 | 14,634,919 |



Current liabilities 6%
Fund capital 0%
Organisational capital 94%

Operating statement

01.01.–31.12.2025

| | 2025 CHF | 2024 CHF |
|--|------------------|-------------------|
| INCOME | | |
| Unrestricted donations and legacy gifts from individuals | 5,057,872 | 5,766,601 |
| Restricted donations and legacy gifts from individuals | 1,075,658 | 1,135,541 |
| Restricted project contributions | 1,029,494 | 714,620 |
| Income from grants | 7,163,024 | 7,616,762 |
| Restricted programme contribution from SDC | 2,353,000 | 2,596,500 |
| Income from services provided | 2,353,000 | 2,596,500 |
| Events | 17,907 | 31,780 |
| Other income | 7,539 | 5,604 |
| Other operating income | 25,446 | 37,384 |
| TOTAL OPERATING INCOME | 9,541,470 | 10,250,646 |
| EXPENDITURE | | |
| Africa | 2,241,381 | 2,026,990 |
| Latin America | 2,213,774 | 1,983,362 |
| Regional programmes | 353,873 | 429,160 |
| Support for international programme | 533,978 | 595,502 |
| Total international programme | 5,343,007 | 5,035,013 |
| Swiss programme – information and awareness-raising | 1,903,178 | 1,807,169 |
| Administrative expenses | 822,879 | 923,083 |
| Fundraising | 1,669,971 | 1,768,886 |
| Total head office expenses | 2,492,850 | 2,691,970 |
| TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURE | 9,739,034 | 9,534,152 |
| Operational result | -197,565 | 716,494 |
| Financial result | 82,264 | 280,466 |
| Result before fund changes | -115,301 | 996,960 |
| Fund inflows | -4,476,059 | -3,876,621 |
| Fund outflows | 4,476,059 | 4,248,411 |
| Fund changes | 0 | 371,790 |
| Annual result before allocation to organisational capital | -115,301 | 1,368,750 |
| Inflow of restricted capital | 0 | -368,318 |
| Outflow of restricted capital | 375,000 | 50,000 |
| Change in restricted capital | 375,000 | -318,318 |
| Allocation/use of unrestricted capital | 259,699 | 1,050,432 |
| ANNUAL RESULT after allocation to organisational capital | 0 | 0 |

| | | |
|--|-----------|--------|
| Donations and sponsorships | 4,437,666 | 46.51% |
| Programme contribution from SDC | 2,353,000 | 24.66% |
| Organisations | 800,206 | 8.39% |
| Donations through wills and legacy gifts | 1,420,311 | 14.89% |
| Cantons, municipalities, parishes | 504,840 | 5.29% |
| Events and other income | 25,446 | 0.27% |

Total operating income CHF 9,541,470 100%

| | | |
|---------------------|-----------|--------|
| Restricted income | 4,476,059 | 46.91% |
| Unrestricted income | 5,065,411 | 53.09% |

Total income CHF 9,541,470 100%

| | | |
|---|-----------|--------|
| International programme | 5,343,007 | 54.86% |
| Swiss programme – information and awareness-raising | 1,903,178 | 19.54% |
| Fundraising | 1,669,971 | 17.15% |
| Administrative expenses | 822,879 | 8.45% |

Total operating expenditure CHF 9,739,034 100%

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 out different things. 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. In 2025, terre des hommes schweiz was once again awarded the Zewo quality seal following a thorough review. This confirms that we comply with high standards in use of funds, organisation and reporting.



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Thank you very much!

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“Helping people to help themselves is the most sustainable way out of poverty. Last year, microloans enabled us to help young women to make their ideas a reality and become financially independent. It is amazing how a small amount of startup assistance generates a huge amount of confidence. We greatly value our work with terre des hommes schweiz, because real change requires trust and strong partnerships.”

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Alliances and networks

We are involved in various alliances and networks, including: Alliance Sud | Terre des Hommes Schweiz-Suisse Alliance | Center for Peacebuilding (KOFF) | Ethos International Engagement Pool | Terre des Hommes International

The team

Who we are

Around 60 people are employed at the headquarters of terre des hommes schweiz in Basel and the country offices in Africa and Latin America. Our employees from 2025 to 2026:

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