

## TDH ITALIA PRESENTATION

Terre des Hommes (TDH) Italia is an international development NGO based in Milan and founded in 1989 by a group of prominent entrepreneurs and lawyers sensitive to human rights.

To protect children from all forms of violence or abuse, to ensure every child's right to health, education and life: this is the mission of Terre des Hommes ever since 1960, when a group of people urged by Edmond Kaiser gave birth in Lausanne to what is currently one of the largest global movements for the defense of child rights.

TDH Italia envisions a world in which every child can grow up free from violence, exploitation, abuse, and hunger, can receive appropriate medical care and education, without being discriminated on the basis of religion, ethnicity or politics.

TDH Italia is one of the ten members of the Terre des Hommes International Federation (TDHIF) whose shared mission is to active support children in need around the world, free from ethnic, religious, cultural, political or gender discrimination. Whilst independently managing their own projects, the member organisations work together to pursue common strategies established by the General Assembly and by the elected International Board. The International Secretariat in Geneva and the Brussels office play a coordinating role. The Terre des Hommes Federation is accredited by the United Nations Economic and Social Council, UNICEF, ILO, IOM and Council of Europe, with which it collaborates to improve international policies for the protection of minors.

Terre des Hommes Italia is present in 21 countries with 105 relief and development projects in the sectors of education, mother and child health, child protection, human rights promotion, water and sanitation, reconstruction and income generation activities. More than 2,4 million people, mostly children, benefit directly from these actions.

TDH Italia has been working in Bangladesh with local partners since 1996 and registered with the NGO Affairs Bureau (NGOAB) in 2000. Its projects are mainly focused on adolescents' empowerment and protection, safe migration and educational support for disadvantaged children and adolescents.