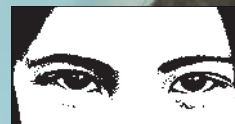


Terre des hommes Foundation in Romania 2020 Report



Terre des hommes

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**Every child in the world has the right to a childhood.
It's that simple.**

Overview Terre des hommes in Romania

- Active since 1992 in Romania
- We work at national level, with focus on 59 communities (in Dolj, Olt, Gorj, Bacau counties)
- Our team in 2020 was made of approx. 20 employees.

Terre des hommes

Helping children worldwide.

Terre des hommes in Romania

Mission: Terre des hommes aspires to a world in which the rights of the child are always respected, a world where children can thrive in safe environments and become agents of the changes they want in their lives. Our name is "inspired by one of the works of Antoine de Saint-Exupéry, the author who strongly believed in every child`s potential to thrive, if he/she is protected.

Who we are: Terre des hommes is an independent, neutral and impartial Swiss organization, committed to making significant and lasting changes in the lives of children and young people, especially those most at risk.

In Romania we are among the very few NGOs who work in the area of children affected by migration (children whose parents are working abroad, Roma children, refugee children and asylum seekers) and of juvenile justice (children in contact with the law, as victims or perpetrators of crimes). We develop child-friendly practices and specific methodologies for professionals working with

them, with an emphasis on the mental balance and resilience, and we help children overcome the cycle of poverty through education.

Tdh is recognized in Romania for:

- child participation (involving children in the projects and asking their opinions, in order to make sure our projects respond to their exact needs).
- training of professionals in child protection
- our rich educational resources that we offer to children and child professionals (with free access) through our website, Youtube channel (Terre des hommes Romania) and the Childhub.org platform (brochures, courses, webinars, videos).

We aim to be also recognized for improving the standards in child safeguarding in the context of sports activities, as our project "Keeping Children Safe in Sports" is about to make a difference in this field.

Children's participation

We are very proud and grateful to have a "Children's Advisory Council", that consists of enthusiastic young people who get to know our projects, express their opinions and advise us on how to better help. They support us in focusing on real priorities of vulnerable children when we design projects or events, when we implement them or promote them in communication or advocacy initiatives.

On the other hand, Project Managers create Child Advisory Boards (CAB) for almost each of their projects and regularly ask for the opinion of children. In 2020 the CAB meetings were limited due to the pandemic context, but a good amount of children were involved even in online sessions.

BRIDGE, the project on gender-based violence, gathered 10 Romanian and migrant pupils and students, who were trained to develop their leadership and worked together with children in a creative awareness campaign. At the same time, 32 children and young adults between 5 and 24 years old participated in 4 meetings in the "Keeping Children Safe in Sport" project, advising on how to better inform youth on the topic of safeguarding.

Access to Justice topics also benefited from the perspective of children: Within the FOCUS project, 10 children and teenagers gathered in meetings, while a group of 12 children and youth aged between 14 and 18 years old, got

involved in promoting restorative justice and they participated in 11 meetings (i-RESTORE).

The Child Protection Hub also involved 6 children from Romania in an initiative regarding child participation and empowerment: Participatory Action Research and Digital Storytelling Workshops, production of videos, audio clips, graphics or photography. In only 9 sessions they created a comic strip together with a few Tdh volunteers (Magda, Andrei and Angela).



How we work

We generally divide our activity in three major programmes according to the type of difficulties and contexts that children face: Migration, Access to Justice and Child Protection. Below you will find descriptions of our programmes and the projects and interventions we managed to achieve in 2020, in spite of the pandemic, and most often with great results.

We were only able to have these achievements thanks to our team, our partners and our donors in 2020 : The European Commission, Fondation Botnar, Medicor Foundation, Austrian Development Agency.



In Romania, we usually work closely with different national authorities and the regional/ local level structures under their administration. For 2020, we mention especially the collaboration with the National Administration of Penitentiaries (and its four Educational and Detention Centres for children and young people), the National Probation Direction, The Ministry of Education, The National Child Protection Authority (ANPDDCA) and its county level structures (DGASPC) in Bucharest, Dolj, Ilfov etc., the Romanian Football Federation and the Romanian Gymnastics Federation, The Prahova School Inspectorate, The Technological Highschool in Targu Ocna. We have also appreciated our collaboration with schools in numerous counties (within our migration projects) and with teachers within the Takeover Day campaign.

NGOs in Romania, such as Policy Centre for Roma and Minorities (for the Alternative Education Club project), have also been and are our partners. Under the Joining Forces initiative, Tdh Romania also collaborated closely with the other leading child protection organisations in Romania: Save the Children, World Vision and SOS Children's Villages.

NGOs from different parts of the world have worked with us closely in various projects, both in our Migration or Access to Justice programmes. The Northampton Centre for Learning Behaviour (NCfLB) and Achievement for All (AfA) from Great Britain, ACCESophia (Spain), ICARO (Italy), Eurochild (Belgium), Fundacion Secretariado Gitano (Spain), AFEJI (France), KOPIN (Malta), Defence for Children International and FEDASIL (Belgium), ARSIS (Greece), Organisation for Aid to Refugees (Czech Republic), Ocalenje Foundation (Poland), Slovenska Filantropija (Slovenia), European Forum for Restorative Justice, Restorative Justice Netherlands.

Context 2020

Children from all social categories in Romania were already facing many challenges, before the Covid-19 pandemic: (experienced or witnessed) violence, poverty, circular migration and absence of their parents or lack of moral support or lack of school counseling at the right moment. Moreover, formal education (especially the one provided in insufficiently equipped schools from economically deprived areas, with a low level of staff training) does not usually provide children with adequate skills, so even those who do not face these serious issues risk having difficulties like dropping out of school, being discriminated or excluded.

The Covid-19 pandemic exacerbated the vulnerabilities of children – limited access to social services, health care services, inequalities in access to education, poverty, various forms of violence against children etc. In 2020, all children and youth (C&Y) faced isolation, as they did not attend school or after-school classes.

For the largest part of 2020, education at all levels was conducted online, but approx. 600.000 children in Romania did not have access to schools or remote education in the last months (data from Save the

Children). They lacked internet and/or electronic devices and/or lacked proper conditions for learning at home. Even for those who had access, education has been endangered, as the quality of courses and attention was also affected. Schools were far from ready for the situation, in rural areas especially. There was no internet connection in 1 in 4 rural schools, and 9 out of 10 had no laptops, PCs or tablets (also in rural area). Moreover, the lack of technological knowledge or interest from some teachers affected children directly. C&Y in contact with the law continued to lack individualised approaches and services, but they also lacked visits from families and activities. In this context child-friendly practices should have become the rule in interacting with C&Y, increasing the children's and youth's well-being and their chances to a better reintegration into society.

In addition, the voice of vulnerable youth continued to remain silent in policy making and wider debates on important national issues such as discrimination, xenophobia, antigypsyism and intolerance in general. They did not have the means and tools to report the injustices for their communities.

Our achievements in 2020

In 2020 Terre des hommes Romania showed the world how the children can SHINE, we helped them say school was MISTO ("cool"), we created BRIDGES among them, no matter where they came from; we RESTORED their trust in themselves and in others; we made sure the FOCUS of professionals was on them, and we strived for their wellbeing with all the care, knowledge and PRECISION we could.

Last but not least, we kept the children SAFE in sports, we encouraged them to TAKEOVER a dream job for a day, and we created a FABLAB to build their skills for the future.



Our “star” projects in 2020

- We launched a FabLab in a small town (Targu Ocna, Bacau), to which hundreds of young people from three educational institutions had access and where they developed essential tech skills.
- We brought together sport professionals, two sport Federations, children and parents in an effort to raise awareness about child safety in sports. We are in the course of perfecting the safeguarding standards in the sport clubs and schools in Romania.
- We orchestrated an awareness online campaign, regarding gender-based violence and it succeeded in reaching thousands of Romanian and migrant children.

Our beneficiaries in 2020:



2.104 Professionals



388 Parents



11.001 Children



Our areas of intervention in 2020:

Through the ChildHub, Keeping Children Safe in Sports and MISTO AVILEAN! projects and through our Takeover Day campaign we have had national outreach.



What children said:

“ In our school they made a sports field. It`s very useful, as before we had a rocky field, we didn`t play much. But now we have this new field where we play handball and football.

Timeea,
pupil at Primary School, SHINE Project

“ One must be lucky to meet people who want to help him/her. I think people who have committed crimes are much harder to recover on their own. They must be helped by someone. And restorative justice is the context for that to happen.

Ruxandra,
a volunteer

“ It happened that on my birthday I participated in the Take Over Day project and that`s when I realized what I wanted to become when I grow up.

Dan, 12 years,
participant in Take Over Day

“ This meeting helped me to decide what I want to become. I know now that I can follow my dreams and I want to work in a team like the one of Terre des hommes.

Beatrice, 14,
participant in Take Over Day

What our team says:

“ We want to help young people realize that silence is not a solution, and that suffering must end. Every child has the right to a serene, healthy childhood, and we are all responsible for ensuring that this right is respected. Moreover, our resources will also help Romanian parents and children, because unfortunately they can also face equally serious situations of gender violence at any time.

Rodica Novac, Project Manager of BRIDGE and MINT projects.

“ It is very important for us to talk to children and ask for their opinion, which is why we have an advisory group of children. We need to know how they feel, but they also mentioned that, regarding the topic of child safeguarding, it would be good for them to talk to other young people, not adults.

Cristina Vladescu, the manager of the project “Keeping children safe in sports”

“ We have been the “spark” that triggered the desire of local representative to invest in the needs of the children in the area, and we showed them how they can do this. Education is the most important area where we need to focus so that children can have a future.

Marian Dămoc, Field Monitoring for SHINE and Project Manager for FabLab Leap to the Future

Migration Programme



Our migration programme included five projects in 2020 (SHINE, BRIDGE, MINT, MISTO AVILEAN!, ICAMnet) and targeted children and youth affected by migration, including EU mobile Roma children, children and youth from urban and rural disadvantaged communities – children left behind and Roma children. On account of the migration programme related activities, a number of 9.702 children received services; 235 parents benefited from assistance and 1.707 people were trained.

Tdh also supported social care and education professionals, teachers, local public administration (LPA), parents, (host) community members/ representatives, national authorities, NGOs and IOs; EU Agencies (like EASO, FRA). We aimed at empowering them, realizing inclusion and social cohesion, providing access to services and support systems available in Romania and in the destination countries and ensuring effective collaboration at transnational level/ between EU Member States.

- We strengthened the statutory response to gender-based violence affecting children & youth on the move.
- We made sure that C&Y affected by migration, residing in or outside of Romania, have access to safe and secure environments, with (i) investments in infrastructure that are dedicated to them and (ii) with strengthened capacity of education professionals, social care professionals, service providers and immigration personnel to provide knowledgeable and non-discriminatory support, enhancing C&Y's social and emotional learning (SEL) and general wellbeing.
- We reinforced positive attitudes and non-discrimination efforts, raised awareness about children's rights and about the law protecting them by means of child-led campaigns, by promoting public policy positions and recommendations addressed to different authorities and decision-makers, and by creating mechanisms for transnational cooperation between EU Member States.

Projects helping children affected by Migration in 2020

BRIDGEs have been created, in an integrated effort of educating children and training professionals to prevent gender-based violence.

The BRIDGE project (“Building Relationships through Innovative Development of Gender Based Violence Awareness in Europe”) aimed to reach, on the one hand, specialists in the public system and NGOs, and, on the other hand, migrant children in Romania. We supported all of them to prevent and resolve situations of gender-based violence that threaten children in vulnerable situations.

Professionals now have access to more information about migrant children and the risks they face and know how to help them adequately : free podcasts, a training manual on “Gender- based violence among children and young people in migration” a “Training manual for youth facilitators ” and an online course (including in Romanian) on “Gender-based violence affecting migrant children and young people ”.

We have increased awareness of care professionals and their ability to identify and address GBV amongst children and young people on the move due to improved knowledge, attitudes, capacities and practice.

Also, several materials (brochures and videos easy to understand are available free of charge on our website and channels in Romanian, English and Arabic) for multi-cultural children between 12-18 years old have been created by a specialist (. Thus, children were empowered to keep themselves and their peers safe and lead awareness raising campaigns. 20 migrant children and youth and 10 youth facilitators participated in awareness raising sessions and in the creation of materials and of 5 campaign projects aimed at raising awareness on GBV and how to report cases. For a glimpse of all creations see <https://childhub.org/ro/series-of-child-protection-materials/bridge-0>

An extensive online campaign (social media) was developed to inform the public, mostly young people, on the topic of gender based violence and to encourage them to “unhide the pain”. One of the most successful initiatives in this campaign was a series of videos created by an influential health expert.

The Mobile Data Collection tool was used to gather data from 47 young migrants and 43 professionals from migrants’ reception centres, social assistance (public service providers), NGOs. We supported and promoted multi-agency collaboration and learning on GBV affecting children and youth on the move through a regional community of practice.

Our “SHINE” project was completed in March 2020, but the few activities in 2020 (donations of the investments to the local authorities) marked the end of a very important project for us and for 11.000 children in Bacau area. Between 2017 -2020 we have made a total of 50 investments in social infrastructure in 37 communities: 21 school equipment (furniture, laptops and computers, whiteboards, laboratory equipment, etc.), 11 sport fields, 6 playgrounds, 3 school buses, 3 heating systems, 3 buildings rehabilitated, 3 sanitary groups. We also published a “Guide for equipping rural schools with indoor toilets”, which encourages sustainable investments.

Children have been involved from the beginning in the project and we made sure they were part of its sustainability: they learned about maintenance and about monitoring rules (via an app Development Check application) and they were empowered to ask for their rights. The trainings provided to children embedded fundamental values like: tolerance and acceptance, non-discrimination, teamwork, integrity and active citizenship, helping them to become active, responsible, open-minded. All the trainings were designed with games, activities and

lots of opportunities for interaction to keep the students engaged. For more details, please check the following: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ixe1wjtdVbk>



Migrant children arriving in Europe are particularly vulnerable to social exclusion, so we focused on their inclusion in education and active participation in the social, cultural and political life (in Romania). Our goal was also to combat prejudice among the hosts and build more inclusive societies. Through the “MINT” project (Mentoring for integration of children affected by migration), Terre des hommes (Tdh) and its partners encouraged connections between refugee and migrant children and young Europeans, with the help of an innovative mentoring methodology. We countered stereotypes and fostered acceptance by raising awareness on children’s rights, the difficulties of migrants and the cultural and human richness they bring to host countries.

As a result, 43 recently arrived children were enrolled in (formal and informal) education in Romania and actively

participated in local recreational and social activities thanks to the support provided by trained peer mentors and building up of cohesive peer groups. In addition, 250 third-country nationals have acquired basic knowledge and skills to engage in social relations, thanks to trainings on local languages and socio-cultural context provided by the project; 60 third country nationals and local youth were empowered and benefited from a welcoming atmosphere within the host society. Advocacy videos were written and produced by the children reflecting their experience of being a migrant and thus we spread a positive image of migrant and refugee communities at local and national level. Over 300 children and adults benefitted from online and offline language courses provided by the project.

Overall (throughout the project, 2019-2020) these are the achievements of the project in all four implementing countries: 142 refugee and migrant children (from 19 countries) and 118 young mentors were part of the mentoring programme. Over 130 mentoring/ integration group activities were organised (offline or online) by partners in all 4 countries – visits to museums, city quests, visits to countryside, football games etc. Regular individual meetings between mentors and mentees were held either offline or online (depending on the Covid-19 situation).

The methodology of the mentoring programme developed in the beginning of the project has been reviewed and adjusted in every country. See the link here <https://childhub.org/ro/series-of-child-protection-materials/mint-mentor-at-pentru-integrarea-copiilor-afectati-de-migratie> Feedback from children participating in the first mentoring cycle as well as from their mentors and families was collected in the Endline Survey Report and showed that the project helped children's integration especially with regard to their language skills.

The objective of the MISTO project was to facilitate and promote the integration in education of Roma children on the move in Europe by:



FICTION BASED ON REAL STORIES

Two years ago, one morning, my mother woke me up and said:

- We don't have time for nonsense. We're leaving tomorrow. You stay at home and

- Creating a transnational cooperation mechanism between schools from 3 EU member states (France, Spain and Romania): the www.misto-avilean.eu platform.
- Developing the capacity of education specialists to provide free and non-discriminatory education to Roma children on the move in Europe.
- Combating the negative representations of the Roma through a campaign led and implemented by children.

Despite the pandemic, the penultimate year of the project, 2020, marked several achievements:

Over 1.000 participants (Roma and non-Roma) in school events that promoted inclusion for all children in Romania (when Covid-19 sanitary measures allowed them).

We advocated for the institutionalisation of the Transnational Cooperation Mechanism (an advocacy campaign was organised in Romania reaching **48 stakeholders and policy makers**).

The interactive web platform for communication and cooperation reached **300 education professionals** in Romania, France, Spain and other countries registered on the Project Website;

Over **100 education professionals** in Romania, France and Spain exchanged best practices on the inclusive education of Roma children;

38 schools from Romania were involved in the Transnational Cooperation Mechanism;

16 Events gathered **over 400 teachers** interested in social inclusion of migrant children, while over 200 of them attended practical webinars on the topic

As seasonal migration for work continues to be a problem for Roma children (whether they accompany their parents or not), Terre des hommes will continue to address the issue and find solutions to support their education.

Migration project budgets:

- BRIDGE : total budget for Romania (two years): over **108.000 euros** (financed by EU, through the Rights, Equality and Citizenship Program 2014-2020).
- The budget for Romania for MINT project was **76,370 euros** (financed through the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund of the European Union).
- The total budget of MISTO the two year project for Romania was **130,917 euros** (financed by the EU through the Rights, Equality and Citizenship Program 2014-2020). The total budget of the project coordinated by Tdh Romania : **454,333 euros**. MISTO was implemented in partnership with Tdh Hungary, Fundacion Secretariado Gitano (Spain) and AFEJI (France).
- The budget of SHINE (3 years project) was of approx. **1,3 million euros** (financed by Fondation Botnar).

Access to justice Programme

With its four projects tackling Access to Justice in 2020 (i-RESTORE, PRECISION, FOCUS and FabLab), Tdh Romania targeted children and youth in contact with the law, professionals and policy makers working with child victims and children involved in criminal proceedings.



Projects helping children in contact with justice

On the one hand, Tdh aimed at promoting the use of restorative justice in cases involving child victims by improving knowledge of national stakeholders on child-victim friendly restorative justice and by empowering children to advocate for better protection of child victims and to become agents of change.

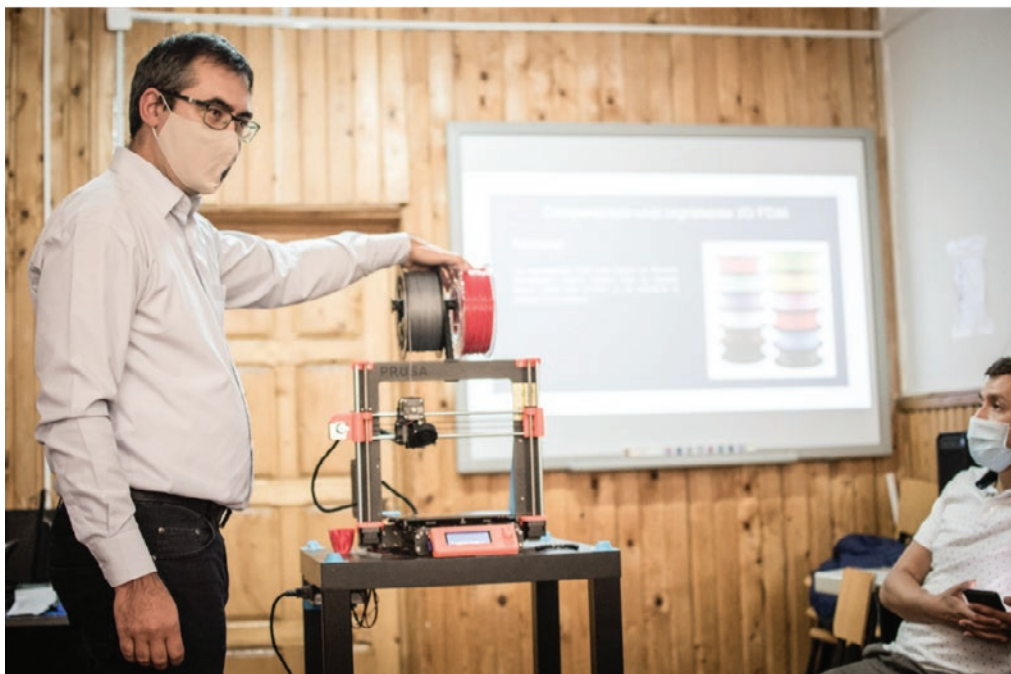
On the other hand, Tdh invested its efforts to create a rehabilitation and reintegration model available to support the specific needs of approximately 500 children and youth in the 4 juvenile detention facilities in Romania. In order to achieve this, the organization developed activities that help raise the employability and entrepreneurial skills, with a focus on technical, digital and IT skills of the young people in detention and students from a technological high school.

The main activities implemented during 2020 in the Access to Justice field were a research report on restorative justice cases, based mainly on interviews with national relevant stakeholders, which represented a first analysis of its kind, very well received by the national professionals and beneficiaries. A desk research has also been conducted in order to review standards and tools for multidisciplinary individual

assessment procedures in proceedings involving children as victims or suspects.

Tdh purchased and donated to all four detention facilities protective materials such as sanitizers, face masks, gloves, protective suits, capelins and clothes for the children and youth in detention, and this improved to a certain extent their physical conditions , especially during COVID-19.

Terre des hommes believes in an effective justice system, in which young people are not deprived of their liberty. Thus, we develop specific methodologies for professionals working with children in conflict with the law and child-friendly practices, with an emphasis on mental balance and resilience.



Following a cooperation with the Dutch NGO Young in Prison, a training course for prison staff on positive contribution to society was delivered. Also the project team was trained on how to design a mentoring program. Tdh's "Movement, Games and Sport" methodology was adapted to the needs and specificities of children and youth in detention.

Perhaps one of our most important highlights in 2020 was the creation of a FabLab in a small town from a poor area (Targu Ocna, Bacau). The space named "Leap to the Future" was equipped with 3 D technology and created as an educational project; it is meant to support youth in the area to acquire and develop basic habits and attitudes (such as self-discipline, teamwork, practical skills, digital skills) needed for a solid future. This was a project implemented in partnership with the Technological High School, the Educational Centre and the National School of Penitentiary Officers in Targu Ocna and financed by Botnar Foundation.

It all began with the needs of young people deprived of their liberty who have little chance of social reintegration in the absence of the technical skills. The partnership of the Foundation with the Technological High School (where the FabLab was created) made it possible to open the space to all students there (450) and at the same time contributed to the idea of reintegrating their "colleagues" deprived of liberty.

The Fablab was equipped with different types of machines and training activities were organised for staff and teachers. Although the launch during the pandemic was very difficult and restrictions prevented beneficiaries to access the classes, it was possible for a group of students to create face masks and various objects using digital embroidery machines and 3D printers. A series of video-tutorials have also been created. The FabLab is meant to function for 5 years, with teachers and staff of the partners offering access and classes to the students, but also for the children and youth in the local Educational Center. See a video presentation here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8AKyH0LsQ90>



Budgets of Access to Justice projects in Romania:

- The I-RESTORE budget for Romania (two years) is **100.486 euros**, financed through The Justice Program (2014-2020) of the European Union.
- For the FOCUS project, the budget in Romania (two years) is **60,083 euros**. Financed through the European Union's Rights, Equality and Citizenship program.
- FabLab in Targu Ocna budget: **129.620 euros** (Fondation Botnar)
- The budget of the PRECISION project (two years): approx. **360.000 euros** (Medicor Foundation)

Child Protection Programme

The objective of the work is similar across all the projects falling under this programmatic area. We strengthen the capacities of Child Protection actors and at the same time, provide or facilitate direct support (educational support, psychosocial support, investments in school, awareness raising activities etc.) for children and youth. By using this approach, we aim at ensuring better protection and safeguarding environments for the C&Y included in our projects.

We mobilize communities and work with social workers, teachers and other professionals in the field, in order to strengthen the system of protection of children's rights and prevent risky situations. We want to increase the resilience of children and young people and help them participate in decision-making on issues that affect them. We invest in education, health, social services and infrastructure to improve the lives of disadvantaged children in Romania.

Projects in child protection



Our Keeping Children Safe in Sports is the first initiative of an NGO in Romania to perfect safeguarding procedures for children in sports. We aim to prevent any form in which the child may be adversely affected - emotionally, verbally or physically - in the spaces where (s)he trains or does sports. One of the goals of the project is to develop a quality certification methodology (label) that will be offered to Federations and sports clubs that will approve and comply with children's safety standards and policies. An extensive awareness campaign has begun in 2020 targeting staff in sport environments, but also the general public and children, of course.

The main results achieved in this project in 2020 were: (1) the qualitative research report on sport clubs and summer camps in Romania and Greece (focusing on understanding the operating attitudes in these settings, the risks to which children are exposed, the professionals' level of knowledge and experience on child abuse and child safeguarding); (2) the capacity building and awareness raising sessions on safeguarding topics in which 121 coaches participated (74 women and 47 men); (3) the On-line Child Advisory Board meetings with 32 C&Y (24 girls and 8 boys), on the topic of child rights and safeguarding in sports.

We witnessed a positive reception of the project's idea and activities by the coaches and club staff, despite the potential sensitive topics included under safeguarding. Unfortunately,

the activities of the sports clubs were severely affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, which has also hindered the implementation of our project.

Our European ChildHub.org platform reuniting thousands of child protection professionals (7.000 readers/month from Romania only) also marked a few achievements. (1) The Research on Gender based violence in schools, focusing on the attitudes, behaviours and perceptions of children, community members and school professionals about violence against children in general, and school related gender-based violence in particular. (2) Peer to peer mentoring sessions with social workers and school counsellors (63 professionals working in DGASPC in Bucharest, Dolj and Ilfov counties). (3) An on-line national conference on Gender based violence against children organised in December, gathering around 120 participants.

In addition, during the pandemic, ChildHub proved to cover the capacity building needs for many professionals. The traffic on the ChildHub platform has significantly increased during the quarantine period in Romania (March-June). Compared to the same period of 2019, in 2020, ChildHub had 70% more visitors (33,226 users in a six-week period, as opposed to 19,667 last year), almost 100% more sessions (almost 50,000 in six weeks in 2020), and 180% more page views (i.e. 138,200). ChildHub is a regional initiative

funded by the Austrian Development Cooperation, the Oak Foundation and the Terre des hommes Foundation.

We are especially proud of our Takeover Day campaign, promoting mentorship and children's right to participation, which was awarded two prizes in 2020 (for the previous edition), as an Youth and Education project, at the Civil Society Gala in Romania, an important award ceremony recognizing the most important civil society initiatives. "Takeover Day" is a nationwide campaign for children, organized since 2012 annually in November by Terre des hommes Foundation in Romania and its partners (schools, institutions, companies).

See video here

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yvhwluJE-Es> and website (in Romanian) here <http://www.ziuastafetei.ro/>

It is a unique event, both educational and meaningful: for a day, thousands of children (aged 12 -18) can try out the job of an adult and take on their responsibilities : on Takeover Day, teenagers see what it means to take decisions.

The ninth edition of Takeover Day had to be organized exclusively on-line, so the number of school children who were able to test a job for a day or find a mentor was considerably reduced compared to the previous editions. Nonetheless, 659 C&Y and 78 teachers participated. We are looking forward to its tenth edition in 2021 !



Child protection project budgets:

- "Keeping Children Safe in sports" is a two year project financed through the European Union Rights, Equality and Citizenship Program (REC 2014-2020). The total budget for Romania is **161.630 euros**, but Tdh Romania is coordinating the project which is also implemented by Tdh Hellas (Greece) together with Tdh Hungary. Total budget **447,221 euros**.
- The Takeover Day campaign has been implemented in the past years with no budget, being coordinated by the Tdh team in Bucharest, with the volunteer participation of teachers in schools over the country.

How Terre des hommes responded to the COVID-19 crisis in Romania

Our response in Romania targeted one of the most vulnerable groups in the current context (children and youth in detention). In the first stage of the pandemic, we donated personal protective equipment (**1200 surgical masks, 1300 gloves, 20 protective suits and 100 non-woven medical caps**) to four centers which host children and youth. We also provided COVID19 rapid tests for the staff, as a preventive measure in order to reduce the risk of infection among C&Y (with the staff being their only contact with the outside world during this time). We indirectly contributed to slowing the spread of the virus in the four detention centres, a measure from which all the 600 C&Y in detention benefited indirectly.



Other actions in 2020

Participation in SWIMATHON Fundraising competition

At the Bucharest Swimathon (organized by Fundația Comunitară București) we carried out a successful public fundraising campaign and raised money for sport kits allowing young people from the Craiova Detention Center to participate in “Movement, Games & Sport” activities. Sport and game activities (especially those adapted according to this methodology) are known to improve their mood and motivation, which was especially important during this difficult time of maximum isolation. Three volunteer fundraisers helped us raise approx. **2.000 euros which were invested in sports accessories** for the children and youth in detention.

Rohelp platform

We enlisted on the fundraising platform RoHelp (by Code for Romania), also with the purpose of raising money and covering the urgent needs of vulnerable children in Covid context. People were kindly invited to donate for:

- Cash grants or meal vouchers to families with children in vulnerable communities most affected by Covid-19, including Roma communities
- Meal vouchers or food packages to migrant families and children from residential centers (beneficiaries of our projects) - approx. **500 beneficiaries**
- Hygiene products to the 4 Juvenile Detention Centers, with over 600 children and young people
- Installation of washing stations for hand washing and purchase of sanitary and hygiene equipment for approx. 10 communities from disadvantaged areas in Gorj, Olt, Dolj, Bacău counties (**over 10,000 beneficiaries**).

Donations are ongoing here :
<https://rohelp.ro/ro/ngos/79>



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