

terre des hommes Germany
in Southeast Asia



Working WITH children FOR child rights



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Help for Children in Need

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terre des hommes Germany (tdh Germany)

is an international aid organization for children in need.

tdh Germany advocates for development policies that promote child rights and welfare.

tdh Germany operates in countries mired in inequality and poverty, beset by climate change and natural disasters, and burdened by unsustainable corporate and development projects.

These challenges lead to marginalization, dislocation, armed conflict and forced migration. As a result, children and youth – whether living in rural or urban areas – endure violence and exploitation. Their basic rights including education, health and safe environment, as well as their participation in civil society are unfulfilled. Thousands become stateless and consequently even more severely disadvantaged.

In Southeast Asia, tdh Germany works with partners who implement child-rights projects in Myanmar, Laos, Thailand, Cambodia, Vietnam, Indonesia, and the Philippines. tdh Germany and its partners undertake projects that directly provide basic social services, build capacities, develop coalitions and networks, and advocate for policies and mechanisms that protect and promote child rights.

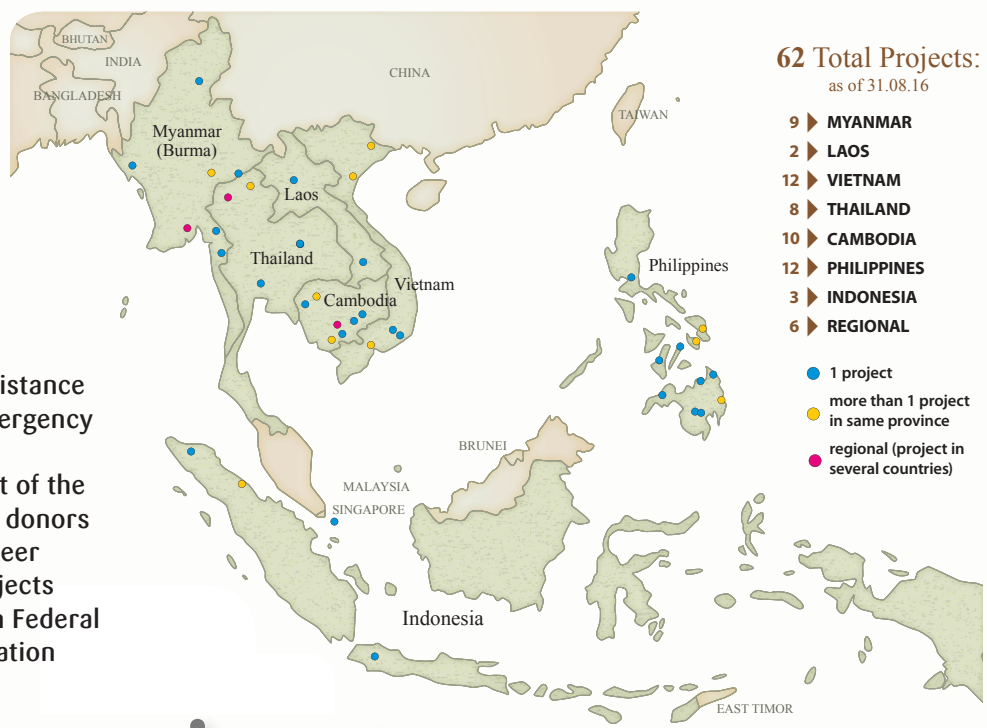


tdh Germany celebrates 50 years of engagement for children's rights on 7 January 2017. Today, tdh Germany supports about 400 projects in 31 countries.



In 2016,
tdh Germany
in Southeast Asia
accompanies
62 projects, most
of which are using an
integrated approach
to children's issues.

Six are humanitarian crisis assistance projects involving not only emergency relief but also components for sustainable development. Most of the projects are backed by private donors and money collected by volunteer groups in Germany. Seven projects are co-financed by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), and four are supported by third-party funding sources.



projects in Southeast Asia



STRATEGIC goals & outcomes from SEA

Strategic Goal 1:

PARTICIPATION OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH

- ▶ The ASEAN (Association of Southeast Asian Nations) Youth Movement and the Southeast Asia Youth Network (SYN) successfully recognised as advocates by ASEAN human rights bodies and governments.
- ▶ The Child Rights Audit Report prepared by children and youth in Myanmar, Cambodia, Indonesia and the Philippines provides an alternative perspectives to and contributes to the reports of their respective governments to the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child.
- ▶ Child Rights Country Teams in four SEA countries are enabled to carry out peer education and advocacy work on child rights.
- ▶ The Mekong Youth Assembly successfully campaigns to protect the Mekong River from development aggression.
- ▶ Youth and child organisations/networks are enabled and supported to participate meaningfully to promote child rights in decision-making in the commune, provincial and national levels.





DURING ONE VISUAL ARTS WORKSHOP FOR CHILDREN AT F.P. FELIX MEMORIAL NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL LAST 19 OCTOBER 2013.

WIND CHIMES WERE GIVEN TO 297 ARTS ZONE FAMILIES DURING THE 3 METRO MANILA RIZAL CONFERENCES.



Strategic Goal 2:

CHILD PROTECTION

- Fifty-five percent of the projects supported in the region in 2016 focus on child protection. Among these are the Stateless Children Protection Project (SCPP) of seven partners in north Thailand and the Advocate Right to Safety Zone project of the Philippine Educational Theater Association which raises awareness on corporal punishment and child abuse in general, and promotes positive discipline in eight cities in the Philippines.
- Partners in Thailand, the Philippines, Laos and Cambodia established the basis for a regional campaign against corporal punishment and promotion of positive discipline.

Strategic Goal 3:

CHILD RIGHTS TO ECOLOGICAL SUSTAINABILITY

- ▶ The regional campaign “Our Rivers Our Life” in all seven countries highlights the important link between child rights and the protection of biodiversity and rivers. Children and youth groups participate through awareness-raising, community radio programmes, River Watch Groups actions, and dialogues with decision-makers to promulgate policies for the protection of rivers and the environment in general.

Strategic Goal 4:

MAINSTREAMING CHILD RIGHTS IN INTERNATIONAL POLICIES

- ▶ tdh Germany leads the global advocacy for the inclusion of the concept of Ecological Child Rights in the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child. This campaign highlights how environmental degradation undermines the realisation of child rights.
- ▶ On the regional level, the child rights campaign is spearheaded by the Mekong Youth Assembly through the leadership of the ASEAN Youth Movement. Other champions include the Child Rights Coalition-Asia, the Asia Forum for Development, and human rights groups/networks in the region. SYN members raise child rights issues to various regional and international groups that operate in their countries. Youth activities for the Global Action Month have been successful. Links between the SYN and the International Youth Network (IYN) are fostered and sustained by the young people themselves.

five year
plan

2015-2019

The next three years is foreseen as a transitional phase to build regional capacity. From today's primarily country-based projects approach, tdh Germany is gradually moving towards increasing strategic trans-border programmes.

TWO YOUNG GIRLS LOOKING AFTER THEIR COWS ON THE WAY BACK TO THEIR HOUSES.

Working FOR health AND dignity

CAMBODIAN FARMERS, Tek Chreub and her husband Nget Neak, used to be buried in debt because of measly incomes from their rice harvest. Their three children were frequently sick and therefore often had to miss school.

Seeing their plight, the local commune committee in cooperation with the Cambodian Organization for Children and Development (COCD) provided the family a cow, a water filter, and a latrine. The commune trained the parents in raising chickens. Tek Chreub and Nget Neak also learned to construct a toilet and washroom and sanitary waste disposal system. In addition, their children were given school supplies and monthly stipend.

After the training, the family received 500,000 riel (\$125 US) as a loan from the local committee to purchase chickens and build their cages. Within a year, not only was the family starting to repay the loan, they were also able to buy a battery, bricks for the toilet, and enough food for the table.

Today, Tek Chreub is happy and no longer ashamed. Gone are the days when she and her family would bathe and toilet in the open and the house would smell from human and animal waste. They now have a proper water tank and a water filter and no longer have to purchase water. The children don't get sick as often and the family has more money to spend on food. With improved health from a cleaner environment and a better diet, the family's future looks brighter. Now they can also think of expanding their poultry business.

The Cambodian Organisation for Children and Development (COCD) is a strategic project partner of tdh Germany in Cambodia.

A GIRL SHOWS HER HANDS AFTER WASHING AT A SCHOOL-BASED WATER PUMP WELL PROVIDED BY THE PROJECT.

MUEDA (DADA), 28, knows what it means to be stateless. Born in Thailand of Karen parents who left Burma to escape conflict, Dada was a poor, stateless girl who bore abuse, prejudice and exclusion.

She was denied a birth certificate, school diplomas, student support, and travel documents granted to citizens. Teachers discouraged her from continuing with her studies. With her father's support and her determination, however, she became the first stateless person to graduate from Payap University.

"Stateless people are seen as garbage. I was very sad and also very angry," she said. Her growing consciousness of being stateless and the plight of other stateless children led Dada to promote the child rights and to advocate for the integration of stateless persons. Denied rights and benefits given to citizens, stateless people are more vulnerable to injustices such as unfair labour practices and trafficking. Dada's father himself died due to lack of access to health care.

After graduation, Dada volunteered at the Stateless Children's Protection Project and the Development Centre for Children and Community Network (DCCN). She organised the Mekong Youth Assembly (MYA) for youth in Burma, Cambodia, China, Laos, Thailand and Vietnam. With over 200 members, the network of youth groups strengthens community capacities to defend their rights to a healthy environment.



SCPP PROVIDES "MOBILE CLASSROOMS" AND GOES TO MONASTERIES WHERE BOYS WHO ARE STATELESS GET FREE EDUCATION.

Overcoming statelessness

WITH THE IDENTITY CARD AS THAI CITIZENS, CHILDREN ENJOY THEIR FULL RIGHTS.



Supported by DCCN, Dada fought for the passage of Article 23 of the 2008 Nationality Act of Thailand, which allows those born in Thailand prior to 1992 to apply for citizenship. Her story was used as a case study for Article 23 and in 2008, Dada became the first person to gain citizenship under the Article.

Dada represented Southeast Asia in the first IYN meeting organised by tdh Germany in 2011. She has joined several regional meetings of tdh Germany Southeast Asia Youth Network (SYN) and represented the SYN in the ASEAN Youth to defend the environment. Much more needs to be done.

Dada now wishes to study law not to fight for herself but for others. "If I fight, if I win, they win with me."

MYA receives financial support and technical advice from tdh Germany SEA Regional Office.



BRINGING EDUCATION TO CHILDREN IN THE JUNGLE OF INDONESIA

ADVOCACY AND NETWORKING IN THE REGION

The Southeast Asia coordination office participates in Destination Unknown (DU), the tdh Germany international federation's global campaign on migration. tdh Germany carried out a study on children in the shrimp industry in Thailand, and another on the situation of child migrants in north Thailand and neighbouring countries. A capacity-building programme for youth leaders has been launched. By cooperating with other tdh Germany Member Organisations, tdh Germany has facilitated the drafting of common strategies.

tdh Germany networks with regional groups such as the Child Rights Coalition-Asia (CRC-Asia). It participates in roundtable discussions on alternative development models organised by international groups including Focus on the Global South, and cooperates with emerging groups and communities that lead and promote environmentally-friendly, and alternative ways of living.

A STUDENT IN A TRAUMA THERAPY PROGRAMME IN INDONESIA



IT WAS IN THE 4TH REGIONAL PARTNERS' MEETING THAT THE CAMPAIGN ON "OUR RIVERS OUR LIFE" WAS PROPOSED AND ENDORSED BY PARTNERS.



PARTNERSHIPS

Project partners meet at the national and regional levels to discuss conditions, prioritise issues, and agree on strategies and plans of action.

National and regional partners' meetings lead to the global Delegates' Conference (DC) held every five years. The DC is a high point in realising partner dialogue. Here delegates elected from among the project partners, volunteers, staff, management, and the Board decide on policies, strategic goals and themes of the international programme of tdh Germany.

PROJECT PARTNERS, INCLUDING REPRESENTATIVES OF THE SYN IDENTIFIED CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DELEGATES' CONFERENCE 2013 STRATEGIC GOALS AND FOCAL THEMES DURING THE 9TH REGIONAL PARTNERS' MEETING IN YANGON, BURMA/MYANMAR IN 2014.



VOLUNTEERS

While tdh Germany is an international aid organisation, it is also a citizens' action group dedicated to the vision of a just, peaceful and sustainable world for children. tdh Germany welcomes volunteers for awareness-raising, capacity building, and fundraising.



THE PARTICIPANTS TO THE DC 09 HELD IN HONNEF, GERMANY.

about US

tdh Germany

is a citizen's movement made up of 160 working groups in Germany. Volunteer members run education events, raise funds, and organise campaigns to ensure that development issues are mainstreamed into the agenda in their towns and cities.



Strategic goals and policies are set by the Delegates' Conference (DC) composed of delegates elected from the partners, Board, staff, youth leaders and volunteers. Regional programmes grow out of these strategic goals.

tdh Germany relies primarily on private donations, allowing it to take an independent stance in its work for justice and peace worldwide.

tdh Germany is a founding member of the International Federation of terre des hommes (IFTDH) based in Geneva, Switzerland. The Federation represents terre des hommes at the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) of the UN, and lobbies with the UN Human Rights Commission and other UN agencies in Geneva. The IFTDH has ten member movements with headquarters in Belgium, Canada, Denmark, France, Germany, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Switzerland, and Syria.



tdh Germany started as a group of 40 women and men in Germany, who were moved by the plight of the children wounded during the American War in Vietnam. They organised relief flights and delivered medical care to young survivors. They called their project "terre des hommes" – earth of humanity. tdh Germany was registered as a charity on 8 January 1967.

Vision

A young child, wearing a light-colored bucket hat, a blue and white striped t-shirt with a logo, and plaid pants, stands amidst a massive pile of garbage. The child is holding a long-handled tool, possibly a stick or a small shovel. The background shows a hazy landscape with some buildings and trees in the distance.

tdh Germany works toward the vision of a just and peaceful world for all children.

Its work is based on the principles of human rights and tolerance for all people regardless of origin, gender or religion.

tdh Germany seeks a world where children thrive, where no child is exploited and where all children have access to opportunities for development.

Undergirding this world is economic and social justice and the peaceful resolution of conflicts.

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