

Terre des hommes in Romania

Terre des hommes was founded in 1960 and is the most important Swiss-organisation for Child Protection. In Romania, it exists since 1992, contributing to the strengthening of the Child Protection system and supporting the empowerment of children to participate in their community.

Protecting the rights of all children is our priority and through our programs we have supported in 2023 around 12.000 refugee and migrant children and their caregivers and trained around 220 teachers and social workers to develop their competencies in working with vulnerable children.



Supporting Ukrainian children and families in Romania

From the first weeks of the war in Ukraine, Terre des hommes took action to support children and families that looked for a refuge from war.

Since March 2022, we helped through our programmes over 22.000 children and adults in Bucharest, Braşov, Constanţa, Suceava and Baia Mare. They were offered:



Child Friendly Spaces



Mental Health support



Relief items and vouchers



Information on rights and existing services



Psychosocial activities



Digital and life skills classes



Afterschool, intercultural and language classes



Individual Protection Assistance and Case Management



Opportunities to have their voice heard and participate in the community through Children Advisory Boards

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The Right to Participate

Children have the right to share their opinions freely on issues that affect them directly.

The Right to Education

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The Right for Development and Youth Empowerment

Children have the right to be actively involved and contribute to their community.

The Right to Protection

Every child has the right to good quality services and to be protected from all forms of violence, abuse, and neglect.

The Right to Play, Relax, Culture, Arts

Every child has the right to relax, to play and join in a wide range of recreational and cultural activities.

The Right to Mental Health and Psychosocial Support

Every child has the right to develop in the best possible way and be able to access the psychosocial support.



The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child

is an extremely important agreement signed by countries that had promised to protect children's rights. Romania adhered to the Convention in 1990.



All the rights are based upon four main child rights principles:



Best interests of the child

Decisions of parents, legal guardians, government, and other sectors of the society should always consider what is best for the children.



Non-discrimination

All children should be given equal treatment, provided with the same protection and access to goods, services and opportunities regardless of their race, ethnicity, social background.



Respect for the views of the child

Children's ideas and opinions should be sought, heard, valued, and considered.



Life, survival, and development

Parents, legal guardians, government, and other sectors of the society should ensure that these basic rights are respected.