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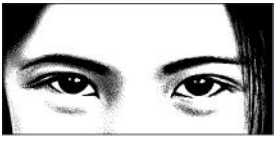
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Annual Activity Report

Terre des hommes Romania

2023





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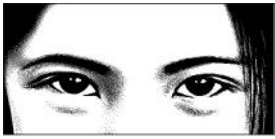
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Introduction

Terre des hommes (Tdh) 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.

As an active delegation **in Romania since 1992**, Terre des hommes Foundation aims to improve the child protection system and has set the **support of children affected by migration as a priority**, as well as the prevention of insecure migration of young people and ensuring access to the fundamental rights of migrant children. Currently, Tdh is among the few organizations in Romania that carry out **special projects for children affected by migration or children who come into contact with justice**.

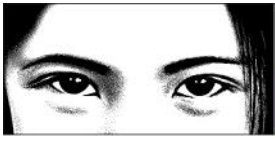
Every year, thousands of children and parents are beneficiaries of Tdh's activities in these areas. The organization uses innovative principles such as mentoring, children's participation in society, Movement, Play and Sport methodology.

The Foundation also contributes to the **improvement of the child protection system and to the reform of social assistance, and regularly publishes free resources** for professionals, but also for children and parents, promoting respect for the rights of all children.

We work at national level, with focus on communities in Dolj, Olt, Gorj, Valcea, Brasov, Constanta, and Bacau counties and in Bucharest, where most of our development team is based. 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.

Terre des hommes Foundation is recognized in Romania for:

- child participation (involving children in projects and asking their opinions, 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). For more details, go to www.tdh.ro.



Summary

In 2023, Terre des hommes Romania has worked to protect children, as it has for the past 30 years in the country. **We were able to work with a total of 15 324 beneficiaries across all our projects.**

While the Ukrainian refugee crisis was ongoing, we have **continued our efforts to support refugee and migrant families** and to aid them with integration within the host country.

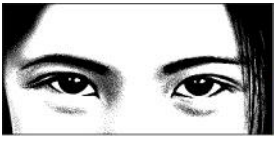
Additionally, we have **continued our efforts to protect children who are in contact with the law**, and ensure their rights are respected, even if they are in detention.

Equally **we continued to prevent school-related violence**, particularly school-related gender-based violence, through educational activities.

There is still so much to do for all the children in need.

In the following pages you can read about our achievements in 2023. We are proudly presenting them, but we must underline they were possible thanks to our team, our partners, and our donors in 2023. Thank you to everyone!

- If you want to reach out and work with us, as an individual (employee or volunteer) or as an institution /firm or NGO, let us know at rou.office@tdh.org
- If you want to know more about our team and our achievements, also let us know!



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2023 in brief

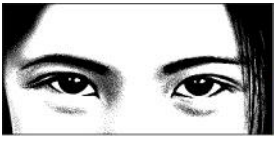
15 simultaneous projects throughout the country

15.324 beneficiaries (adults and children)

12.000 beneficiaries of the Support for Ukrainian refugees' programme

30 digital publications created

over 60 media mentions or features



OUR PROJECTS IN ROMANIA IN 2023

I. CHILD PROTECTION PROGRAMME

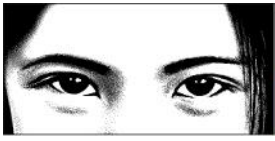
ACTIV: ACT Against Violence!

The project aimed to bring positive changes with regards to gender-based violence in the school environment, at the level of attitude and behavior on the part of children, at the level of teachers' strategies for addressing violence. The two paths we chose are promoting a better understanding of social norms, stereotypes, prejudices and the involvement of children, who become active actors of change.

In 2023, we finalized the tailored methodology implemented by teachers with their students, a **methodology focused on prevention of gender-based violence through challenging social and gender norms**. Then, 211 children across 14 Children Advisory Boards in Romania organized **14 events within their communities**, focused on prevention activities and communicating to their families about the dangers they face and about their ideas and solutions.

Last, but not least our study on Gender Based Violence in Schools in Romania, Moldova, and Ukraine (from previous projects) was presented at an international conference of the International Society for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect.

The ACTIV-ACT Against Violence! project was carried out by Terre des hommes Elvetia (Romania), in partnership with the Representation in the Republic of Moldova of Terre des Hommes Lausanne Foundation – Switzerland and the Separate Division of Terre des Hommes Foundation in Ukraine, with the financial support of the Active Citizens Fund Romania, a program funded by Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway through the EEA Grants 2014-2021.



CARING – Challenging social and gender norms to protect children in schools against violence.

CARING is dedicated to combating harmful social and gender norms within four implementing countries, particularly within the school setting. **This project falls under one of our main priorities, namely prevention of School Related Gender-Based Violence (SRGBV).** The project began in 2023, and is being led by Terre des hommes Romania, in partnership with Terre des hommes Hungary, Terre des hommes Hellas, SAPI Bulgaria, Association Roditelli Bulgaria and Brave Phone Croatia.

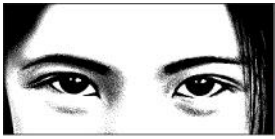
In 2023, partners developed a **Rapid Needs Assessment** methodology, which we piloted within the 32 schools taking part in the project, from Romania, Bulgaria, Croatia, and Greece. Based on this, we produced 4 National Reports, detailing the situation concerning SRGBV within the four countries. Additionally, we adapted and further developed our methodological guide for training teachers and youth.

A **Child Advisory Board** was created for the project, comprised of children from all implementing countries of the consortium, to ensure their coherent and integrated participation.

Based on this methodology, we trained 64 teachers (16 per country) offering them the tools necessary to transmit knowledge to their colleagues, to work with youth and work with school management and create friendly schools. Further ahead, teachers trained their own colleagues, then will be working with children to train Youth Leaders who can help transform schools into safer spaces for all children, and combat gender-based violence. In 2024, these teachers will themselves train their own colleagues from the 32 schools which are part of the project, and then will begin preventive activities with youth. **CARING** is a project co-funded by the European Commission.

Safe Sport Allies

In continuation of our efforts to protect children from **violence and abuse in sport contexts**, we joined the SAFE SPORT ALLIES. Our goal is to combat psychological, physical, and sexual violence, and proactively safeguard children in sport, through



bystander intervention that will allow athletes, parents, coaches, and managers to adequately react to child abuse in sport. Safe Sport Allies is a collaborative partnership between three sport organizations, two universities and one research center, one international child protection agency, one safe sport practice developer and one survivor led organization from different European countries (Belgium, the Netherlands, Finland, Spain, Cyprus and Romania) and complementary background, tradition, experience and expertise in safeguarding policies in and outside sport.

In 2023 we took part in the National Safe Sport Allies Event, which aimed to stimulate **prosocial by standing behaviour in local sport clubs** and offered a dedicated course for athletes, coaches, club managers and others about **signs of abuse, when and how to intervene, when and where to ask for help, and how to feel safe**.

Through the webinar “**See something, do something** – Responding to harassment and abuse in sport”, we informed the international audience from 22 countries about the proactive by- standing intervention and described the resources developed for young athletes, coaches, parents and club management.

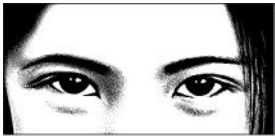
NOROC in Education: A Norwegian – Romanian Initiative for Quality in Education

The two-year project's overall objective was to ensure that children have access to fair and quality education by supporting and implementing measures to prevent early school dropout. Other measures considered are those who facilitate the transition rate from primary to secondary education, and from secondary to high school.

In 2023, we offered support to **22 learning spaces in Romania**, in order to reduce school dropout. In a commitment to foster holistic education and embrace digitalization, we assessed the unique needs of every school, and tailored our assistance. Through NOROC, we have equipped each of these schools with essential IT tools such as printers, video projectors, laptops, whiteboards, and smart interactive devices for a more interactive and dynamic educational process. This initiative not only eases the teaching process, but also encourages digital literacy.

In acknowledgment of the crucial role educators play in shaping young minds, we have invested in the professional development of teachers. **Every teacher across the 22 learning spaces has undergone specialized training in inclusive education** and effective strategies for **working with children with special educational needs (SEN)**. This ensures that the learning spaces become truly inclusive, catering to the diverse needs of every student.

Also, each learning space has been empowered to implement interventions promoting sustainability, with a keen focus on Movement, Games and Sport skills (MGS). Sport



equipment and tools for MGS activities have been provided, encouraging a holistic approach to education that nurtures both the mind and body.

In 2023, we published several resources:

- INTEGRATED INTERVENTION GUIDE FOR PREVENTING AND COMBATING SCHOOL ABANDONMENT AND FOR WORKING WITH CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS.
- Development and implementation of an intervention program on children at risk of school dropout.
- IDENTIFICATION AND MONITORING METHODOLOGY OF CHILDREN AT RISK OF DROPPING OUT OF SCHOOL.
- Methodology for identifying and remediating learning difficulties.
- Norwegian Best Practice Guide.

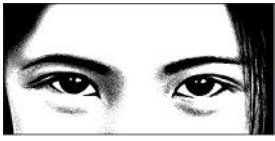
Our partners in the project were Asociația de Sprijin a Copiilor Handicapați Fizic (Romania)-Filiala Vâlcea and FAFO Norway. The project 'The Initiative 'NOROC in Education' - A NORwegian - ROManian Initiative for Quality in Education' benefits from a 998.000 € grant from Norway through the Local Development Program. The aim of the project is to improve the quality of educational services, especially in rural areas in 5 counties of Romania.

Safeguarding Resource and Support Hub Eastern Europe

Safeguarding Resource and Support Hub Eastern Europe (RSH EE) was a regional initiative hosted in Romania by the Terre des hommes Foundation between April 2022 – October 2023. Its main goal was to develop and consolidate the safeguarding systems and practices of small civil society organizations (CSOs) providing aid to refugees from Ukraine.

An **online regional Hub for Eastern Europe** countries was set up and continues to provide tools and guidance on safeguarding, on-demand access to quality-assured safeguarding consultants and a range of primary products, including tip sheets, webinars and e-learning, in 5 languages. It is a free resource for any organization in the international aid sector, but prioritizes the needs of smaller, local organizations.

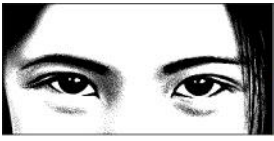
The **national Hubs (in Romania, Moldova, and Poland)** provide contextual guidance and support for local organizations, including capacity development, training, coaching services, and research.



The key highlights for 2023 in Romania include:

- 40 staff members of CSOs participated in **3 Safeguarding Essentials Training**.
- **2 awareness raising roundtables** on safeguarding risks affecting refugees with disabilities and LGBT from Ukraine.
- **1 webinar** on the 'ABC of the safeguarding investigations'
- **76 primary resources** contextualized and translated in Romanian.
- **1 podcast** on the 'Basics of safeguarding' in Romanian language.
- 58 users who completed the first module of the e-course Safeguarding Matters: Eastern Europe in Romanian
- **The „Prevention of sexual exploitation and abuse”** Glossary translated into the Romanian sign language.

The RSH Eastern Europe programme was delivered by a consortium, with Social Development Direct (SDDirect) as technical and delivery lead, together with partners Terre des hommes, Clear Global, and the International Council of Voluntary Agencies (ICVA). It was funded by the Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC).



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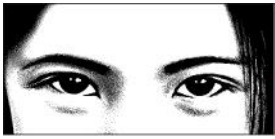
II. THE ACCESS TO JUSTICE PROGRAMME



i-RESTORE 2.0 - Accessible Quality Restorative Justice processes for children in contact with the law in Europe.

The i-RESTORE 2.0 project aims to promote the concept of Restorative Justice within Romanian society and to make quality restorative justice processes accessible for children in contact with the law.

Professionals in contact with children in the justice system are supported to better understand their needs and to ensure their participation in a fair process. The project also empowers children, including victims, to express their views about restorative justice through digital and child-led creative approaches. Families, practitioners, policy makers and the media also become more aware of the uses of restorative justice for



children in criminal proceedings, while the number of practitioners who can provide child-friendly restorative justice services is increasing as a result of the project.

In 2023 we involved participants and procedures in the project through:

- Policy Working Group on Restorative Justice and Restorative Practices
- Child Advisory Board
- Trainings with professionals

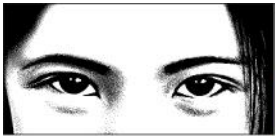
Awareness circles have also been set-up in schools in these four target countries with children, families, teachers, school representatives, and representatives of victims' support organizations to increase awareness on how children can better access restorative practices.

Policy Working Groups have been set-up in each of the four target countries to find solutions and improve restorative practices with children and youth. They comprise delegates come from institutions such as child rights organizations, restorative justice services, academia, and public authorities in the juvenile justice chain, the probation service, the public prosecutor, and the judiciary. As they discuss on different topics involving the restorative justice methods, the scope of the Working Groups is to sign a Memorandum of Understanding between different organizations in which they decide how to collaborate in the future for implementing restorative justice.

Child Advisory Boards (CABs) have been set-up in each of the four target countries (Romania, Greece, Estonia, and the Netherlands) to integrate children's voices in the implementation of the project. Their role is to create together instruments and materials (a digital tool, a creative resource, an awareness campaign) meant to bring more attention to restorative justice through the eyes of young people to practitioners.

The training for professionals (Basic and Advanced) gathered 26 delegates across the country from a variety of disciplines, such as judges, prosecutors, police, social workers, ombudsman, probation officers, prison staff, lawyers, mediations, teachers, representatives of ministries. The group proved to be very diverse in opinions and levels of understanding the concepts of restorative justice and restorative practices. In 2023, we managed to reach to 145 beneficiaries in Romania, through this project.

The i-RESTORE 2.0 project – " Accessible Quality Restorative Justice processes for children in contact with the law in Europe" is a continuation of a previous project on this topic. The project is co-financed by the European Union. Partners of the project: Terre des hommes Romania, Terre des hommes Regional Hub in Hungary, Terre des hommes Hellas, European Forum for Restorative Justice (Belgium), Restorative Justice Netherlands, HALT (Netherlands), and Social Insurance Board (Estonia).



i-ACCESS My Rights

i-ACCESS MyRights is financed by European Commission (2023-2025), and its objective is to improve the access to information and legal assistance for child victims in Europe by creating an AI-driven solution focused on the child.

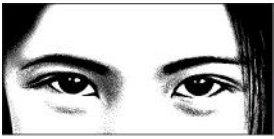
i-ACCESS works together with victim support organizations, child justice stakeholders, AI and tech experts and children in contact with the criminal justice system in Europe. Coordinated by **Tdh Regional Hub in Hungary**, it is implemented by - Tdh Romania- Tdh Hellas- SAPI (Bulgaria)- Lawren.io (Belgium) - KU Leuven (Belgium) - Noldus (Netherlands). During the Kickoff meeting specific sessions were dedicated to the project's governance structures like Technical Advisory Board, the External Ethical Board and the Child Advisory Board.

A Technical Advisory Board (TAB) has been set-up and the first joint meeting with the External Ethical Board took place online on 30 May 2023. The TAB was set-up to act as a Technical Steering Committee for the project. Its role is to ensure a high-quality level of and to validate i-ACCESS's deliverables and outputs.

The Child Advisory Board was set up at the end of March 2023 and the children were selected based on selection criteria like age (16-21), social background, children and youth from disadvantaged families, marginalized groups and disabled, providing equal opportunities for all; motivation and readiness/availability for active participation. Approximately 45 of children were interested and 12 were selected for the CAB - 4 girls and 10 boys, age 17-21. A total of 9 online meetings have taken place so far with various topics of discussion, including the procedures in place in detention and educational centres for reporting abuse among detained youth. Also, on discrimination and hate crimes, on Children's rights and legal issues related to child abuse; Protecting children from violence and how adults can work together to support children's rights to be safe from harm.

In 2023 we recruited end users and conducted individual interviews and focus groups with children and legal stakeholders, to collect the information needed to feed the AI tool. The ethical aspects were included in the co-design sessions as well as in surveys and interviews.

Codesign sessions involved vulnerable groups of children, such as minors and young people who are in detention and education centres in Romania or who are monitored by the probation services. The program was developed in collaboration with ethical experts



to define the type of interface and channel children prefer. The co-design sessions took in consideration ethical aspects as well as surveys and interviews.

The Legal Feasibility Study identified the specificities of the Romanian national legislation, practices and existing services regarding the protection of children victims of crime and domestic violence, the assessment of existing solutions with the scope of formulating recommendations for improvement, after consultation of the beneficiaries themselves. The research analysed the existing data from legal platforms, including the eJustice portal, to understand typical query formats and to identify legal and policy barriers to the implementation of such solutions and proposed solutions. The research also collected, legal data needed to populate the interface.

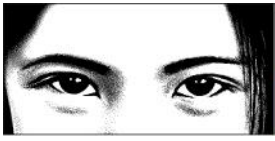
Data collection and data analysis has been incorporated in the AI driven solution (chat questions that children may ask, legal questions and answers) in close cooperation with Child Advisory Board based on the user's needs process. Information about the project has been presented and disseminated to several stakeholders and CSOs, including but not limited to representative from the Ministry of Justice, the Probation Services, several NGOs against child abuse.

DATA MOSAIC

DATA MOSAIC is mapping current data collection practices and promising approaches to monitoring and tackling violence against children in prisons across the EU in order to inform the development of a data collection tool and good practice guidance that will be piloted in close cooperation with child justice authorities in Bulgaria, Ireland and Romania.

It focuses on preventing violence against children (VAC) within the prison context by facilitating more comprehensive, comparable and human-rights based data systems that detect all forms of violence and are sensitive to the different experiences of imprisoned children, including girls and children belonging to marginalised groups, such as LGBTQI+ children and children with mental health problems or disabilities, or children belonging to racial, ethnic, religious or language minorities.

National Baseline Study - Review and analysis of current practices in Violence Against Children data collection in juvenile detention in the pilot countries, including first-hand data collection from stakeholders such as staff and children, with a focus on specific institutions selected for piloting of the new tool. National research aimed to collect data on violence against children in prisons and to understand the structural issues that limit the elimination of violence in the context of child imprisonment. The research benefited from the voice of children. The results of the research gained a better understanding of



the phenomenon of VAC and how VAC data is collected or acted upon in detention settings.

Best practice & international standards compendium - A compendium of international standards and identified best practices on data collection and monitoring of VAC in detention (not coordinated by Tdh Ro, but developed by the lead with the consultation of Tdh Ro and the results of the National Baseline Study). The compendium of international standards and good practice includes the development of a dynamic map that allows the user to click on the map and access country-specific information from the initial project to identify good practice in the field.

The national stakeholder workshop was held with 25 stakeholders and aimed to present research findings and (preliminary) recommendations and engage participants in the next steps, including receiving their input and recommendations on the gaps identified by the research in each country and how these can be addressed through a pilot project.

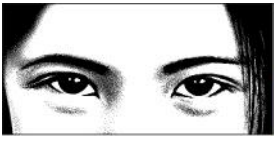
Funded by the **European Union Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values Programme (CERV-2022-DAPHNE)**, Data MOSAIC is implemented between March 2023 and January 2025.

PRECISION 2.0 – Promote Rehabilitation, Empowerment of Children and Support for Youth Offenders

The **PRECISION project – Promote Rehabilitation, Empowerment of Children and Support for Youth Offenders** was implemented by Terre des hommes Foundation as a pilot-project in Romania with the purpose of providing children and youth in detention the opportunity to develop their knowledge and skills (literacy, professional skills, life skills, self-esteem, motivation, social skills etc.) necessary for a successful rehabilitation in society.

Continuing the work and mission of Precision 1, the pilot phase, Precision 2 **aims to support the rehabilitation and social reintegration of children and young people** from detention and educational centers and to prevent recidivism.

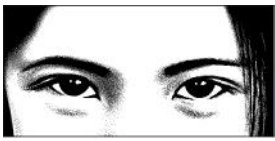
In the spring months, the equipment for a FabLab was purchased, the laboratory was installed and put into operation in the summer of 2023. In the summer of 2023, **two**



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Movement Games and Sports (MGS) training sessions were held for counsellors and sports monitors, as well as staff from detention and educational centers. In September 2023, counselling and MGS sessions began in the centers, and from autumn/winter, mentoring sessions were started in Craiova with 3 identified mentors, sessions that continued at the beginning of 2024. Partners of the project are the Detention Center in Craiova, Detention Centre in Brăila-Tichilești, Educational Centre in Targu Ocna, Educational Centre in Buziaș, and National Administration of Penitentiaries. The project is co-financed by Medicor Foundation.



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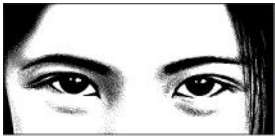
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III. THE MIGRATION PROGRAMME



PROMISE – Protecting Unaccompanied Migrant Minors

The **PROMISE project** is dedicated to protecting unaccompanied migrant minors, as well as help people with a migratory background better advocate for their needs within Romania, touching on topics such as integration, access to services and advocacy for basic rights. In 2023, we produced a research report looking at the situation of unaccompanied migrant minors within the country. Based on this research report, we wrote a **Standard of Best Practices regarding respecting the superior rights of the child** when it comes to unaccompanied migrant minors, which we consulted together on with multiple state and non-state actors who are in contact with this category of beneficiaries.



Additionally, we **produced a training course for lawyers**, as well as a **legal compendium** which can aid practitioners from the justice system in their case handling. **We trained 11 lawyers from the country in 4 separate sessions**. Later, these lawyers went on to **represent 28 migrant minors in courts across the country**.

We helped set up a **Migrant Forum**, formed of 11-15 youth of migrant background, from various countries, whom we trained in advocacy, in order to offer them the chance to better fight for their rights and the rights of their communities in Romania. The Migrant Forum went on to have **8 thematic meetings and meet with multiple state and non-state actors**, to express their needs and possible solutions to the issues they face in the country. Towards the end of the project, the **Migrant Forum helped produce a leaflet concerning medical rights for migrants**, which was translated into 5 languages and will be disseminated to reception centers across the country.

We also produced **6 Country of Origin Information** reports, which aid justice practitioners with assessing the situation in the country of origin of the migrants when their asylum or protection requests are processed. Additionally, we **used online resources to better** inform both migrants and Romanians.

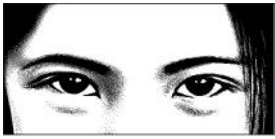
The project was carried out by Terre des hommes Foundation and JRS Association (Jesuit Service for Refugees in Romania), between May 2022 and November 2023, with the financial support of the Active Citizens Fund Romania, a program funded by Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway through the EEA Grants 2014-2021.

WELL-U

The **WELL-U project** is increasing integration level of forcibly displaced Ukrainians in Romania, by **capacitating lay professionals working with these vulnerable community**. Three methodologies are taught: Problem Management +, Reach Now and Movement Games Sport and Creativity (MGSC), provided by Terre des hommes Greece, War Child and Terre des hommes Romania.

Starting with February 2023, we **initiated a focus group discussion with professionals**, involved in emergency response and contextualized ReachNow methodology, by concluding that this instrument has similarities in terms of observance of a potential disturbing factor as it is the case of MGSC, currently used by Tdh professionals.

Another project milestone was **conducting a needs assessment within professionals' community working with Ukrainian refugees from 3 regions** and beneficiaries by checking the potential of using the earlier mentioned methodologies in



addressing light mental health distresses. The primary and secondary data was triangulated with input collected from data provided by humanitarian actors and we realized that project is feasible in approaching adults and children with 3rd layer of psychosocial support.

During May and June of 2023, we have **organized 4 trainings in Bucharest**, having provided learning sessions on **ReachNow, Problem Management + and MGSC** methodologies to lay professionals working with forced displaced persons from Ukraine, from Tdh Romania, Tdh Hungary, Tdh Moldova and other NGO's. The training sessions on MGSC have had follow up with coaching on the job meetings, starting in July and continuing till September 2023.

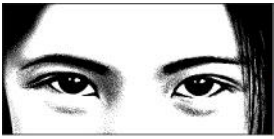
STEP-IN

The **STEP-IN project** objective is **facilitating integration process of persons affected by migration process**, including the economic one, by using Problem Management +, provided to lay professionals and communitarian actors.

We organized, in partnership with JRS Romania, a round table with the goal of **mapping the available services and organizations that provide mental health programs to refugees and asylum seekers**. Another objective was collecting opinions from mental health and asylum and migration experts regarding the implementation of the Problem management + methodology in the current migration context from Romania, given the current services' infrastructure and distribution across the country. During the meeting, PM+ methodology has been proposed as a cheaper, more rapid and more effective alternative option to existing services covering the mental health needs of vulnerable population affected by migration process in Romania.

We also initiated and finalized the selection process for PM+ training sessions, that have been organized in September-October 2023 in Bucharest. As a follow up of this process, there was a high interest in participating at PM+ training sessions, having a total of 60 potential participants, **covering Ukrainian professionals from Arabic countries and Romanian professionals, as communitarian medical assistants, working closely with geographically isolated areas**.

PM+ is a useful instrument, integrating pre-assessment, evaluation and solution-oriented activities, and strengthening the role of current non-MHPSS professionals. This conclusion was also offered in an interesting **focus group discussion with Ukrainian Roma community**, living in one of Bucharest residential sector and medical and communitarian assistants working with vulnerable communities, left behind due to economic reasons.



IURTS

IURTS project is using sport activities and best practices related to movement, games and creativity, in the integrating process of forcibly displaced persons, due to Ukrainian crisis. The project is financed by Erasmus + programme and brings together the experience of six partners from Romania, Poland, Slovenia, Great Britain and Italy.

Terre des hommes Romania, as expert in safeguarding and child protection policies, contributed to collecting best practices and suggested activities that have been used during integration process of persons affected by migration, throughout last years. This common effort was reflected in a **manual containing Physical educational materials**, effective tools, covering sport and games activities. These manuals will be used as instruments in **piloting sport activities throughout Romanian and Polish schools**, for facilitating integration process of Ukrainian children in host countries.

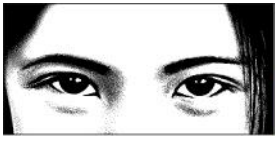
As part of the peer learning and peer support for the teachers/trainers to educate further instructors, Terre des hommes have **organized a training of trainers in Suceava, on using Movement, Games, Sports and Creativity instruments**, for professionals working in schools with mixed classes of children. The capacity building process will be measured using templates and evaluation forms, provided by the trainer and by our partner, UNICAS.

CASTLE

Within the **CASTLE project**, part of the efforts have been directed at advocacy level by publishing two **policy papers** on children affected by migration.

On the other hand, authorities and service providers in Ukraine, Moldova and Romania have been offered **Curriculums and training materials for service providers in countries of origin and, respectively, of destination**.

Several events have been organized in order to share good practices between Ukraine, Moldova and Romania (1 hosted in Bucharest and 1 hosted in Lisbon), International Meeting on Supporting Transnational Families in the EU (a 2-day international conference on supporting transnational families in the EU, including high-level



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policymakers from Romania, Moldova and Ukraine and other EU level destination countries).

Several training sessions have also been organized to improve the services offered by local, regional, and national authorities and non-governmental organizations to members of transnational families from Ukraine and the Republic of Moldova.

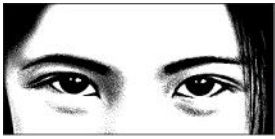
The CASTLE Action Project was co-financed by the European Union, contracted by the International Centre for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD) through the Migration Partnership Facility (MPF) - ICMPD/2021/MPF-357-004. The project is implemented by Babeş-Bolyai University in Cluj, in partnership with Terre des hommes Romania, Terre des hommes Moldova, Terre des hommes Ukraine, Ukrainian Institute of Social Research after Oleksandr Yaremenko and the Academy of Economic Studies of Moldova. The main objective of this project is to support the Republic of Moldova and Ukraine in improving child protection frameworks and migration and mobility policies, with a focus on the social and legal impact of labour migration on transnational families.

SUN – Safeguarding Unaccompanied and Separated Children’s Rights through the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights

The project SUN (Safeguarding Unaccompanied and Separated Children’s Rights through the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights) promotes the effective enjoyment of rights stipulated in the CFREU by unaccompanied and separated refugee and migrant children (UASC). Project started in April 2023 (24 months) and is funded by a grant from the European Commission. SUN is carried out in partnership with organizations from six EU countries (Bulgaria, Italy, Greece, Spain, Belgium and the Netherlands).

The project aims to strengthen the capacity of professionals to protect the rights of unaccompanied migrant minors through the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights and to facilitate the cooperation of key actors at national and transnational level.

As part of identifying best practice and transnational cooperation in 2023, **two exchanges of experience took place with partners in Italy, Greece and one in Romania**. Their aim was to identify good practices in working with unaccompanied



migrant minors and also to implement a mentoring program based on the theory of change between partners.

During September-October 2023 a training needs and best practices analysis was carried out in each partner country. Based on these identified results, a consolidated report was produced and published (<https://www.farbg.eu/index.php/en/latest/training-needs-analysis-and-good-practices-report-safeguarding-unaccompanied-and-separated>). A **Practitioners' Handbook** and a training curriculum will be developed with the purpose of delivering trainings for experts, specialist in the field of unaccompanied migrant minors.

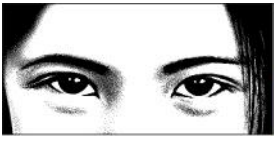
BUILDING BRIDGES

Building Bridges, started in November 2023, is a project funded by the Rapid Response Fund and managed directly by the State Secretariat for Migration (SEM) Switzerland. Its primary objective is to **enhance sustainable access to support and opportunities for Ukrainian refugees residing in Romania and Hungary.** The project's focus areas include providing social welfare assistance, facilitating access to quality information, promoting education, encouraging youth engagement, and fostering skill development. Through the reinforcement of both formal and informal systems, our overarching aim is to empower and cultivate resilience within the refugee community.

The project specifically targets Ukrainian refugees, with a particular emphasis on children and youth under the age of 25. Over an 18-month period, we aim to positively impact 7,100 individuals, encompassing refugees, local service providers, and members of the host communities. The project is **strategically implemented across three key locations in each country: Bucharest, Brasov, and Constanta in Romania, as well as Budapest, Győr, and Debrecen in Hungary.**

During the initial phase in Romania, approximately **168 children participated in the MHPSS, digital skills, and educational activities within the RIFs across the designated locations.** Additionally, a series of **38 life skills workshops were conducted for teenagers,** covering topics such as combating bullying, fostering emotional resilience, financial literacy, career development, teamwork, communication, digital proficiency, artistic expression, and public speaking.

Furthermore, our team **introduced the ICAM methodology in schools,** designed to equip schools with resources, knowledge, and tools to implement best practices aimed at enhancing the inclusion and engagement of children in school life. This involved research,



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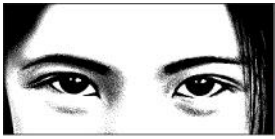
pilot training, and coaching to facilitate the transfer of this methodology to the Romanian team from its co-creator.



OUR SUPPORT FOR UKRAINIAN REFUGEES

Beginning with 2022 and the territorial invasion of Ukraine, which displaced many Ukrainian residents across the borders of neighboring countries, Terre des hommes Romania has set up an Emergency Intervention department, which was strategically focused on offering aid to Ukrainian refugees. Within 2023, these were notable results:

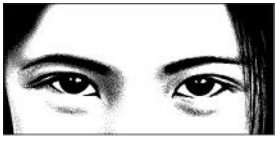
We continued our work within our three Resilience Innovation Facilities (RIF) in Bucharest, Brasov and Constanta, which are digital innovation spaces designed to be safe, inclusive, and contextually responsive. In them we offer IT tools, services, and we support the building of community connections for children and youth affected by migration.



These spaces also ensure that the rights of children are respected and safeguarded. They host activities such as: digital skills building, Romanian and English language learning, educational activities (afterschool only for Brasov and Bucharest), Mental Health and Psycho-social activities focused on movement, games, sport and arts; child advisory board, individual and group psycho-social support.

Our teams also offered Ukrainian refugees language classes (Romanian and English), catch-up classes or life-skills for children and youth in the following learning spaces:

- 1) Bucharest- Ienachita – Vacarescu School: school and educational hub; afterschool activity focused on Romanian language learning via the afterschool teacher.
- 2) Bucharest: Casa Siqua - hotel that offered accommodation center for refugees; afterschool activities focused on English language learning;
- 3) Malva - Ukrainian Community Center - English and Romanian language classes for children
- 4) Centrul de Migratie Brasov - integration center for refugees - English and Romanian language classes for children
- 5) Kastel Brasov - Kastel Youth Hub - Center for Education and Social programs- language classes
- 6) Rolang - Language School in Bucharest - Romanian and English language
- 7) Mihai Bravu National College Bucuresti - life-skills and Romanian language classes
- 8) UTCB - Refugee Accommodation Centre - life-skills, non-formal education, and Romanian language classes
- 9) Robin Hood - Centre for Unaccompanied and Separated Children - life-skills, including employability learning activities
- 10) Buftea - Refugee Accommodation Centre - life-skills



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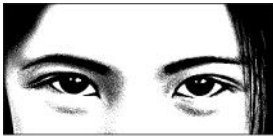


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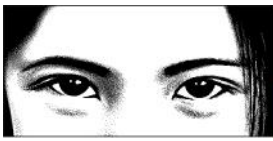
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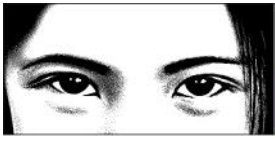
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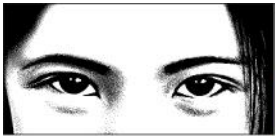
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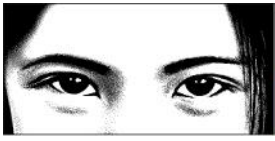
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