

History

Terre des hommes (Tdh) Palestine was established in 1973 in response to child malnutrition in the West Bank. Tdh has been providing multi-sectoral protection services to vulnerable children and their families, targeting especially **child labour, injured children, and gender-based violence (GBV)**, mostly in Gaza. With an ultimate goal of prompting, enhancing and advocating children's rights who are in contact / conflict with the law, Tdh has launched its Access to Justice (A2J) program in Gaza and West Bank in 2012.








- Staff: 10
- Budget 2020: 1 million CHF
- Number of beneficiaries in 2019: 25,481
- Donors : UNICEF, oPt Humanitarian Fund, CDB, UN Women
- Institutional partners: Ministry of Social Development (MoSD), Ministry of Labour (MoL), Ministry of Justice (MoJ)

Access to Justice Challenges

-  Rights of children **are not fully respected** while in contact with the law
-  Limited homogeneous applicability of the **related laws** between West Bank and Gaza
-  Limited specific **gender responsive approaches** for girls in conflict and in contact with the law
-  Need of legal support to **enhance children's access to alternatives to detention**
-  Need to strengthen interaction and cooperation between **formal and informal justice actors to promote restorative justice**

Gaza : A Humanitarian Protracted Crisis

-  53% of Gaza population live in **poverty** (Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics, PCBS, 2017)
-  Children up to 14 years constitute **42%** of the Gaza Strip population (PCBS, 2019)
-  Unemployment among youth in Gaza exceeded **70%**, and it is even higher for females at 78% (PCBS, 2018)
-  Overall 73% of key informants across Gaza Strip mentioned **domestic violence** as the main risk for children ([CPRA, 2018](#))
-  An estimated number of **15,850 children** between 10 and 17 are engaged in **child labour**

Tdh's programmatic objectives



Child protection

Provide **vulnerable children, especially children exposed to child labour, GBV and injured children** with comprehensive package of child protection services.



Access to Justice

Promote a **restorative approach based on child-friendly justice**, encouraging **non-custodial measures** for children in contact / conflict with the law.



Humanitarian Action

To prevent further **collapse of critical child protection, mental health, and psycho-social services and gender-based violence support** in the Gaza Strip.

Transversal thematics

Child marriage

Child labour

Violence against children and youth

Great march of return injured children

GBV

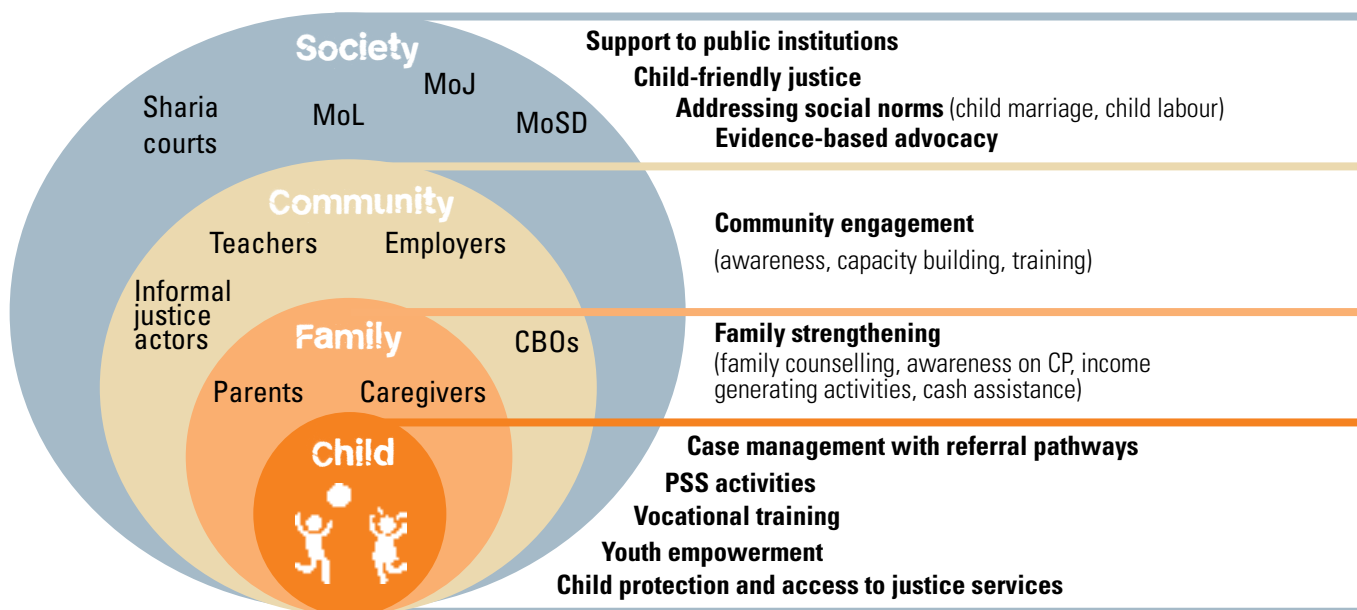


Tailored CP services for injured children (see [Tdh infographic](#))

"After I was hit with shrapnel in my right foot, it was amputated. I used to move around, play and go to the Vocational Training Center, but after the amputation, I became very nervous, especially with my father and brothers. The hardest moment was when my mother passed away during my treatment, my relationship with others was even worse. After I participated in Tdh's sessions and activities, I felt confident, safe, more comfortable and less nervous; my relationship with my father and my brothers became better."

A 16-year-old boy, North Gaza

Tdh's model of action in Palestine



Tdh's action in 2019

1,404 children benefited from individually case management services with referral pathways

11,592 parents attended awareness raising sessions on CP concerns

4,752 children received specialized access to justice services

71 judicial stakeholders trained on restorative justice

How is Tdh integrating innovation in its Covid-19 response?



Play with **Nazeef-a Care** and **Natheef-a App**

As part of Tdh's emergency project supporting the children of Gaza, Nazeef-a Care is an online game that engages 6 to 12 year-old children in a new way of **"learning by playing"**, following two main purposes: 1) engaging children in **good hygiene practices** including handwashing with soap and use of water, and 2) **monitoring and evaluating changes** in their knowledge, attitude and practices. Nazeef-a care was used as an **awareness raising tool** during the **lockdown** observed by households in Palestine and beyond (Jordan, Egypt, Lebanon). Based on the same approach, Natheef-a App that targets teenagers addresses **adolescence and puberty changes**, such as **menstrual hygiene** and other topics that are not always openly discussed within the society.



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