

Adoption & Research on origin



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Terre des hommes was a pioneer of international adoption and remained a central actor in this field for over 50 years. Today, although it stopped being an intermediary in adoption since 2013, the Foundation offers professional post-adoption services to its adoptive families as well as to adopted adults in search of their origins.

Monitoring after adoption

Terre des hommes remains available to adoptive families by providing relevant support. Terre des hommes can also, when appropriate, refer families in need of therapeutic support.

Information

Informational interviews can be organized, on request, on topics related to the subject of international adoption and Terre des hommes' experience in this particular field.

Contact

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on Wednesday only.

Search for origins

The International Convention on Children's Rights (1989) and the Hague Convention on the Protection of Children and Cooperation in Respect of Intercountry Adoption (1993) recognize every child's right to know his or her origin. The Hague Convention establishes that the country of origin must ensure access to the adoption file with appropriate professional support.

In Switzerland, the Civil Code (art.268c) also recognizes that everyone, from 18 years of age, has the right to obtain data in relation to the identity of his or her biological parents. In this sense, Terre des hommes provides access to its archives and offers support in this process, both to understand the historical issues of the country that led to the adoption or for the practical research for the biological family in the country within its network.



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