Albania has seen considerable positive changes in child protection in the last years. However, too many children are still exposed to the risks of migration, trafficking and abuse. Our aim is to ensure that they are effectively protected and their rights are respected. To achieve this, we work in close partnership with government institutions and communities.

### Our intervention

#### Child protection

To support child victims of abuse and identify those at risk, we contribute to improving the child protection system in Albania. We offer training and networking opportunities to professionals and empower local organisations through grants and mobilisation activities to develop initiatives for child protection. Children receive access to services, take part in psychosocial activities and get counselling. They can attend afterschool classes and learn about their rights, while parents take part in positive parenting courses. We also advocate for integration of child protection policies and strategies into the legal framework.

#### Migration

Families and children who migrate sometimes run great risks, whether along the way, at their destination or upon returning to Albania. They are willing to take these risks only because of severe economic hardship or violations of their rights at home. We help parents set up an income-generating activity, encourage children to attend school or to undertake vocational training and offer them after-school activities. In addition, our experts contribute to the improvement of both the regulatory framework and the services for children on the move and strengthen cross-border cooperation in the Balkans to prevent trafficking.

#### Juvenile Justice

Violent extremism among children and youth in Albania is mainly caused by difficult socio-economic conditions, lack of education opportunities, and isolation. To counter this phenomenon we are building youth resilience through an innovative approach at community level. We work with youth activists, local organisations and authorities. We train them on conflict resolution and leadership, offer grants to support grass-root initiatives to empower youth, and support youth in becoming agents of change by undertaking on-line counter-narrative campaigns.

#### Mother and child health

To ensure that the entire population, particularly marginalised and vulnerable groups, can access quality medical care, our teams are supporting ongoing reforms in Albania’s health system. As part of a consortium of three organisations (STPiH and Save the Children), we carry out health promotion campaigns for children and parents, establish training courses and a Master degree for primary healthcare professionals, rehabilitate the existing health care infrastructure and equip health centres and their staff with adequate instruments to work.

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The twin girls Klara and Klea and their brother Erjon live with their parents in a small village in Northern Albania. Tdh facilitated their reintegration after their asylum appeal was turned down in Germany.

Klara, Klea and Erjon could reintegrate in Albania.

Tdh in Albania

Beneficiaries in 2017: 14,813 people

Expatriate staff / National staff: 1 / 34

Budget 2018: 4,021,000 CHF

With your donation we can for example:

- CHF 20.- provide care for a child on the street and send him back to school
- CHF 80.- provide a school kit for a child (books, school bag, supplies)
- CHF 800.- do a capacity building training day for 20 child protection workers