



308

children were monitored and treated in Benin in 2019

43

children were transferred to Europe to get a surgery in 2019

37

children were operated on during a mission to Benin in 2019

Difficult living conditions push many children to leave their hometowns and villages in the hope of finding a better life elsewhere. But migration poses multiple threats, including exploitation and violence. Together with communities and key actors, Terre des hommes protects migrating youth. We work with host families and empower children to protect themselves.

## Our intervention

### Migrant children

Thanks to a regional network, our social workers can protect children against exploitation when they leave their hometown or village. As soon as they start their journey, children know exactly where they can find help. They will get food, receive shelter, useful information, care and protection. If they have been subject to violence, they will be given immediate support.

### Child protection

We work to ensure that children at risk of exploitation can access education, health services, and are kept safe. Our teams provide solutions such as accompanying them to school, supporting them with professional training, arranging for foster care and organising social and psychological activities. Trainings and discussions raise awareness among local communities around the identification and support of at-risk children. We also conduct advocacy work with local authorities. A new child protection code – drafted with the help of Tdh – was adopted by the government.

### Specialised care

Within the framework of our specialised care programme, and thanks to a partnership with the Surgical Foundation for African Children, Tdh was able to build blocks for pediatric surgery at a departmental hospital in Abomey in Zou-Collines. This allows local surgical management and improved access to pediatric tertiary care in Benin. As part of our specialised care programme, we organise surgical missions to Benin in partnership with Swiss hospitals. We also arrange for the transfer of children to Europe when they cannot be operated on in their own country.

## Tdh in Benin

Beneficiaries in 2018: 47,975 people (Golfe de Guinée)

Expatriate staff / National staff: 1 / 40

Budget 2018: CHF 1,347,258 (Golfe de Guinée)

With your donation we can for example:

**CHF 25.-**

Provide clothing and hygiene products to a child

**CHF 8.-**

Provide medical care to a child



More information : <https://www.tdh.ch/en/our-interventions/benin>



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