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Organization Information

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Organization Information



The Children of Earth Association (YECED), founded in Istanbul in 2016, focuses on supporting children affected by crises such as conflict and natural disasters. The organization works in the areas of education, psychosocial support, humanitarian aid, financial sponsorship, and advocacy for children's rights. YECED also supports families, particularly mothers, to ensure the well-being of children.

As an organization dedicated to child-specific projects, YECED is committed to advocating for children's rights on every platform and through all necessary actions, without exception.

YECED's executive team oversees key departments including Program Management, Resource Development, Volunteer Management and Administrative and Financial Affairs. The MEAL unit works as a dedicated sub-unit within the Program Management department and supports project implementation by ensuring effective monitoring and evaluation. The organization has a team of 22 staff members and works with over 500 active volunteers, having collaborated with more than 4,000 volunteers to date. YECED's 2024 budget is \$2,328,866.82 which enables the organization to effectively implement its projects in crisis-affected areas.

02 Organization's Objectives

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YECED's main aim is to reach and create permanent solutions for the children, especially those who are affected by any kind of crises like war, conflict, and natural disasters.

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YECED has been carrying out all of its activities on the very fundamental basis that all children regardless of their ethnicity, religion, language, class and cultural belonging have the right to be protected from harm, abuse, and exploitation in any condition.

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YECED, states that every individual under the age of 18 should be considered a child and that all children should personal characteristics such as age, gender, ability, culture, racial origin, religious belief and language regardless, it aims to have equal education and protection rights.

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YECED, in case of extraordinary circumstances affecting the lives of children such as war, conflict or natural disaster; anything that may affect the life of any child It tries to eliminate the negative effects of all kinds of problems.

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YECED is internationally recognized for the protection and security of children following the policies, regulations and law, and the special protocols as well as procedures accompanying them references.

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Scope of Work and Target

Psychosocial Support and Education

Within the scope of psychosocial support, activities are organized to support the social, emotional, mental, physical, and spiritual development of children. In addition, we aim to remove the obstacles that prevent them from accessing qualified education such as lack of materials, language differences, loss of academy years and academic insufficiency, and to contribute to the realization of their own potential in life.

Social Assistance

YECED's Social Assistance programs are designed to meet the immediate needs of vulnerable children and their families. These programs provide basic resources such as food, clothing and access to services that promote the overall well-being of children.

Advocacy for Children Rights

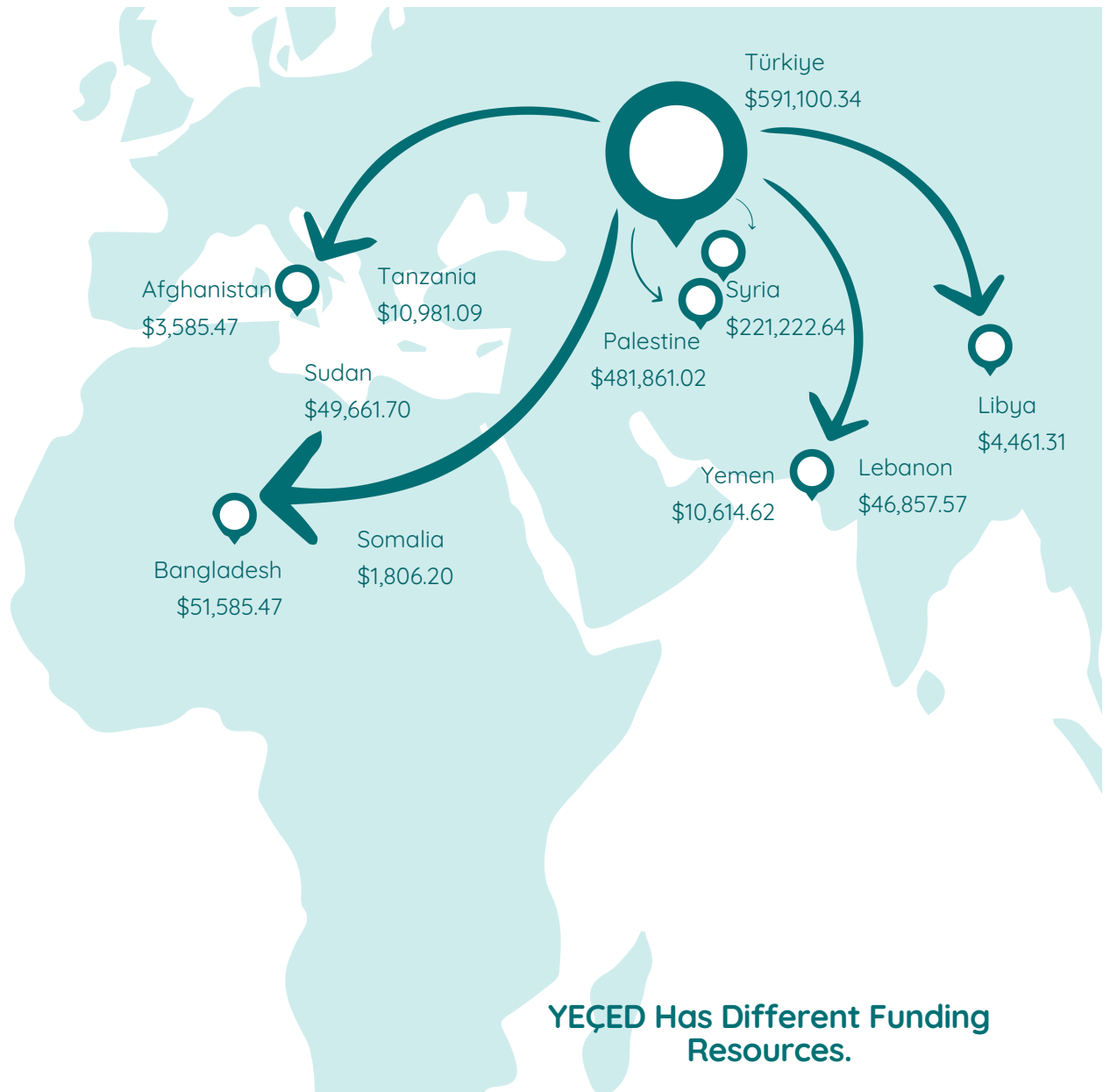
Advocacy activities are conducted to raise awareness within society against the rights of children in the world and to follow cases of disadvantaged children in the court authorities to take action.

Child Sponsorship

YECED's Child Sponsorship initiatives focus on providing consistent and long-term financial support to children in need. Through monthly sponsorship programs, children receive the necessary financial support to meet their educational expenses and other critical needs.



YEÇED 2024 with Numbers



Where Your Donation Goes?

Program Services: 92%
Management/Admin Cost: 8%

Total Budget Amount in
2024
\$1,640,940.15

YEÇED Has Different Funding Resources.

26,148

Individual
Donations

43

Corporate
Donations

18

Institutional
Grants

Total Donation during 2024
\$2,264,305.84

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Geographical Coverage 2016-2025



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|------------|----------------|---------------|
| 📍 Türkiye | 📍 Syria | 📍 Palestine |
| 📍 Sudan | 📍 Lebanon | 📍 Afghanistan |
| 📍 Yemen | 📍 Bangladesh | 📍 Pakistan |
| 📍 Tanzania | 📍 Libya | 📍 Morocco |
| 📍 Kenya | 📍 Somalia | 📍 Egypt |
| | 📍 Sierra Leone | |

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Major Working Areas

YECED operates across several major areas to comprehensively support children and their families affected by crises. The organization prioritizes psychosocial support, organizing activities to foster the social, emotional, mental, physical, and spiritual development of children. In line with the Child Protection field, the organization implements strategies to protect children and ensure their safety in vulnerable situations. YECED's Advocacy efforts are strengthened by a dedicated team of lawyers who are following the cases in the court and social media content creators. Social Assistance is delivered via financial aid, sponsorship programs, and other forms of support to alleviate immediate hardships. During Emergencies and Disasters, YECED mobilizes quickly to offer relief, including essential supplies and support services, ensuring a swift and effective response to crises. Through these comprehensive efforts, YECED aims to create lasting, positive impacts on the lives of those in need.

Child Protection

Education & Psychosocial Support

Advocacy

Social Assistance

**Emergency and Disaster
Response**

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Major Activities Completed and Achievements

Child Friendly Space Project

YECED's Child Friendly Space Project offers children in crisis a safe space to play, socialize, and learn, helping them recover from trauma and regain a sense of normalcy. After the February 6, 2023 earthquake in Türkiye, YECED quickly established these spaces in 10 locations across 4 provinces, using mobile trucks to provide warmth, comfort, and psychosocial support. The project also includes parent support groups, led by expert psychologists, to help families assist their children in coping with trauma.



Syria School Project

In the school built by YECED in Idlib, a total of 2,000 students studying in the dual education system continue their education. The school is located on a hill overlooking Atme Camp, which is known as the most densely populated camp in Idlib, and responds to the needs of this population.



Back To School Programme

YECED ensures equal access to quality education by building schools, providing financial and operational support, distributing school kits, and offering essential services like heating and nutrition. In 2023, we supported over 10,000 children, including refugees, earthquake survivors, and those in conflict zones.



ToT Programme for Syrian University Students

YECED has designed a programme to enable students to do internships in the association. In this direction, there is a psychological resilience group counselling programme developed by YECED for children aged 7-13. After completing their training as practitioners of the psychological resilience group counseling program, the students visit schools in Azaz and carry out this program with primary and secondary school children in Azaz. For this, YECED has a partnership with the Turkish Ministry of National Education in Azaz.



Children's Assembly Project

The Children's Assembly Project aims to empower children to actively participate in decision-making within their communities, addressing issues related to their rights and global challenges. By fostering awareness, critical thinking, and communication skills, the project encourages children to develop solutions for the injustices they face and express their views confidently.



'Being a Child in Crisis Regions' Seminar

Held in 2024, the Being a Child in Crisis Zones Workshop aimed to understand the problems faced by children living in crisis zones, develop strategies to protect children's rights and meet their basic needs. The event brought together a wide range of participants including experts, academics and representatives of civil society organizations.



Gina Mercimek Case

On April 4, 2023, 9-year-old Syrian girl Gina Mercimek from Kilis went missing and was found dead in a water well two days later. YECED's legal team closely followed the case, while their social media team advocated for justice. Collaborating with local organizations and ministries, YECED emphasized the need for accountability and reinforced their commitment to protecting children's rights.



Gaza Emergency Response

YECED is dedicated to addressing the ongoing humanitarian crisis in Gaza, where countless lives have been lost and many have been injured or displaced. The organization focuses on fulfilling the critical needs of affected populations, particularly displaced Palestinians in refugee camps. To support children's welfare, YECED has set up a clothing store offering free, clean clothing, and it also distributes essential resources like food and water to help civilians endure this challenging period.



Türkiye Earthquake Response

After the devastating earthquakes in Türkiye that resulted in over 50,500 fatalities, YECED swiftly initiated several response efforts on February 6. These included a Debris Notification Hotline, Emergency Social Assistance, Psychosocial Support, Education Activities, and Child Protection services, with specialized teams established for each initiative.



Lemonade for Palestine

The Lemonade for Palestine project is an initiative that aims to foster empathy and solidarity among children for their peers in Palestine. This summer-long event encourages children to set up lemonade stands in their neighborhoods, marketplaces or other public spaces to raise funds for Palestinian children affected by hardship. The proceeds are collected by YEÇED and allocated directly to support Palestine, creating a meaningful impact. The project not only engages children in a charitable cause, but also instills in them the values of compassion, activism and collective responsibility. Through this initiative, participants and their families contribute to raising awareness about the challenges faced by Palestinian children, demonstrating that even small actions can lead to significant change.



Gaza Education Center

The Gaza Education Center aims to keep the hopes and dreams of children growing up in the shadow of war alive by providing a safe educational environment. Despite the challenges posed by the conflict, the center provides not only academic knowledge but also psychosocial support, contributing to children's emotional healing. This work, based on the hope of the people of Gaza, ensures that children are better prepared for the future and look to society with hope. With the belief that every child has the right to learn and dream in safety, Gaza Education Center continues to build that hope.



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Gaza Works

Gaza Education Center

YEÇED's Education Center Project in Gaza ensures that 300 children continue to receive education and psychosocial support amidst the ongoing war. Carried out in partnership with local stakeholders, the project is a vital effort to protect children's right to learn and support their emotional well-being.



Gazan Families in Türkiye

We stand with Gazan families who were relocated to Istanbul and Ankara after October 7. We provide social assistance to hundreds of families, support over 200 children with Turkish language and psychosocial activities, and offer social and therapeutic group sessions for dozens of mothers.



Advocacy Efforts

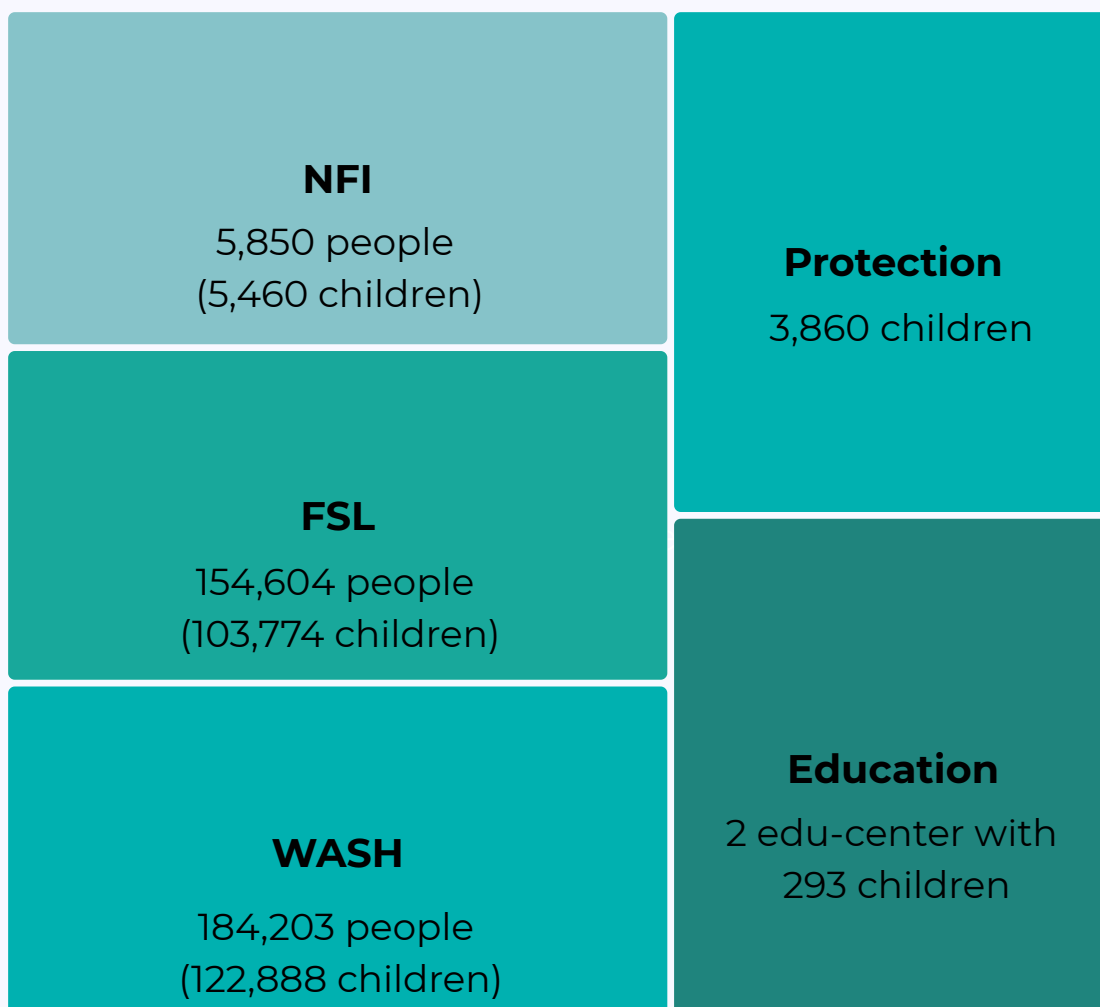
We raise awareness about child deaths in Gaza, promote Palestinian consciousness and participation through children's councils, and prepare reports, seminars, and exhibitions on child rights violations.



Gaza Works

Since October 7, 2023, YEÇED has delivered comprehensive humanitarian aid in Gaza, prioritizing the needs and rights of children. Through our Food Security and Livelihood (FSL) efforts, we reached over 150,000 people with hot meals and food parcels. Our WASH interventions supported more than 180,000 individuals with access to clean water and hygiene supplies. We also distributed essential non-food items such as clothing and blankets. Psychosocial support and social activities were provided to nearly 4,000 children to help them cope with trauma and restore emotional well-being. In the field of education, two temporary learning centers were established, ensuring continued access to learning for 293 children in a safe and structured environment. All activities were carried out under a child-centered and rights-based approach, in coordination with local actors, aiming to protect children and restore hope in the midst of crisis.

Sectoral Breakdown of Beneficiary Numbers in Gaza Between October 7, 2023 - April, 2025





Hot Meal Distribution



Eid Clothing



Hot Meal Distribution



Clean Water Distribution

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Some of Partners

**Mercy Malaysia
Association**



**Fondation de
France (FDF)**



**Global Giving
Foundation**



**Shanti Volunteer
Association**



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Some Glimpse of Our Activities





A photograph of a young boy from behind, wearing a blue backpack. The backpack features a logo with a globe and the text 'yeryüzü çocukları' and 'children of earth' in English, and 'اطفال العالم' and 'طفن وامتد يبينم عالما' in Arabic. The background shows a stone building with a red-framed window. A large teal semi-circle is overlaid on the image, framing the text.

A CHILD BUILDS A WORLD!

As Children of Earth Association, since the year 2016, we have been working for children whose rights are at risk, especially children affected by crises such as war, conflict, migration and natural disasters.



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