

About the project

The DIGNIFY project of Terre des hommes Hellas (Tdh) aims to meet the urgent needs of families who are not entitled to protection because their application for asylum has been granted or rejected or because they are not yet registered in the reception system for asylum seekers. Tdh's action will take the form of assistance through supermarket vouchers for the provision of essentials -food, hygiene items etc. Vouchers are distributed for the purchase of basic goods (food and non-food items, with the exception of electronics, alcohol and cigarettes / tobacco). Beneficiaries are accepted after referrals from specific partners and upon appointment only.






Furthermore, beneficiaries are offered psychosocial support and, if needed, are referred to specialized services. DIGNIFY applies strict criteria of selection to ensure most vulnerable families will be supported. In line with Tdh's mission, priority is given to families with children who have not yet secured a livelihood; also to single-parent families, pregnant women or caregivers and children, with chronic health problems. The activities will last all summer, covering 150 families.

Additional information

- Terre des hommes cannot and does not intend to replace the Greek state in its obligations towards asylum seekers and beneficiaries of international protection.
- Tdh has been supporting families, children and youth regardless of their nationality with several projects. DIGNIFY targets specific groups that are currently in a state of emergency caused by a lack of access to basic goods and social safety nets following recent ministerial decisions. Tdh will continue to advocate with partners for policy improvements that ensure all refugees and asylum seekers have access to their rights.
- Cash-based interventions in addition to responding to nutrition needs have the potential to improve health and to support households more effectively, preventing them to resort to harmful coping mechanisms, such as begging or child labor. The option for people to choose and purchase themselves the goods they need, is one that dignifies them.

Terre des hommes (Tdh) is the leading Swiss organisation for children's aid. We provide assistance to over four million children and members of their communities in more than 30 countries through our health, protection and emergency relief programmes.

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