

the challenge

Worldwide, over 1 million children languish behind bars, facing brutal and inhumane conditions. Many serve disproportionate or excessive sentences, for acts that are not crimes, or overstay on remand. They lack education, family contact, and reintegration support. Reducing their chances to a good future to almost zero.

our interventions

Prevention

1. Child Rights Clubs
2. Theatre for Change
3. Legal support

Rehabilitation

1. Diversion
2. Prison rehabilitation
3. School support
4. Youth vocational entrepreneurship centres

Awareness

1. *Tisinthe* child rights radio
2. Outreach & presentations
3. (Social) media

the opportunity

While poverty is a key factor in violations of child (justice) rights, root causes include lack of parenting skills, efficient (early) prevention interventions, job and entrepreneurship opportunities, youth participation, and ongoing harmful practices.

Via capacity building, coherent grassroots support systems, efficient procedures and youth development, these underlying factors can be effectively changed, creating sustainable child development systems.

desired outcomes

- Children grow up in safe and nourishing environments that thrive their positive development
- Young persons have job and entrepreneurship opportunities and actively participate in local and national development structures
- Resilient families combine parenting skills and family planning to ensure that they raise each child into productive individuals
- Tight-knit communities offer early coherent support to children at risk to prevent neglect, abuse, family disintegration and child crime
- Child Justice Systems work with professional staff and efficient procedures that guarantee child-friendly treatment of children, use detention as a last resort, and safeguard the children's future chances via coherent reintegration programs
- National and local policies actively facilitate child development

youth as changemakers

Africa is the youngest continent in the world, with 60% aged below 25. Youth face major challenges in education and job opportunities, exacerbated by the addition of 11 million youth to the labour market each year. Despite their majority, youth are fairly absent from decision-making structures.

Our programs empower youth to positively develop themselves and to establish nurturing families. And to become active Changemakers, as counsellors, mediators, paralegals, (vocational) trainers, who play a key role in enhancing sustainable change at grassroots level.

Current program area

Proposed new program areas

