

# TAEKWONDO HUMANITARIAN FOUNDATION

Annual Report  
2021



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## **Our world, our responsibility.**

Dear friends,

There are about 26.4 million refugees in camps throughout the world. This figure does not include those internally displaced inside their own nations, nor those seeking asylum. Now, we all have a responsibility to help these people in any way we can.

World Taekwondo (WT), which administers Olympic Taekwondo globally, has been supporting vulnerable people through grass roots projects for many years and more recently took a step further by supporting refugees. Taekwondo was a core curriculum item in Korea, building a resilient national physique and a determined national attitude at a time when the devastated nation was birthing an “economic miracle.”

Since its creation, in April 2016 in Lausanne, Switzerland, Taekwondo Humanitarian Foundation (THF) has trained over 13,000 refugees and is now an everyday reality in refugees camps across all three continents. The number of projects is increasing every year and the foundation is now sustainable. Furthermore, our best refugee athletes had the opportunity to qualify for the Olympic and Paralympic Games Tokyo 2020.

Through our action THF is giving refugees, the chance to share experiences and learn life skills to become Global Citizens in the future. But there are so many more refugees who could benefit from our support.

Now is the time to act!

Dr Chungwon CHOU

Founder & Chairman of  
Taekwondo Humanitarian Foundation



**— As fellow members of the human family, we face a crisis.**

# **THF improves quality of life in refugee camps.**

## **HOW WE DO IT ?**

The Taekwondo Humanitarian Foundation empowers refugees through the practice of taekwondo and supports them with the necessary equipment, infrastructure and related educational programs, teaching them the values of Olympism and global citizenship.

## **Taekwondo Benefits**

**Many refugees are in poor physical and mental health, having gone through traumatizing events such as war or persecution, forcing them to flee their home country.**

## **HOW TAEKWONDO HELPS ?**

Regular taekwondo training sessions help improve the physical fitness of refugees whilst, developing their self-belief and confidence.

Taekwondo teaches to all practitioners a comprehensive philosophy that includes universal values of discipline, respect, tolerance, team spirit and transcendence.

The practice of taekwondo can thus improve displaced persons' quality of life in refugee camps or host countries and increase their prospects as global citizens.



# **Our mission**

**We help refugees worldwide, in particular children and youth, by using taekwondo and related educational activities as tools for empowerment and education on world peace, sustainability and Olympic values.**

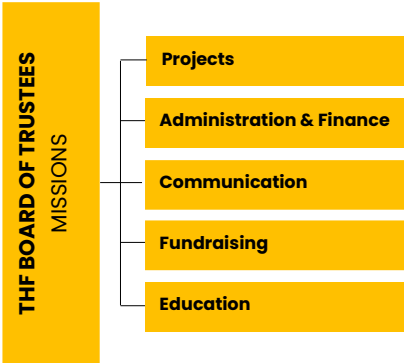


# Governance

## Peace through sport is our tribute to the human society.

**The Taekwondo Humanitarian Foundation is recognised by the Swiss Federal Department of Home Affairs as a non-profit Foundation of public utility, under Swiss Law (Civil Code, Art. 80 ff). It has been placed under the surveillance of the Swiss Foundations Supervisory Authority, to which THF reports on a yearly basis.**

THF is governed by a Board of Trustees, while the day-to-day operations and management are under the responsibility of THF office.



The role of the board is, among other things, to define the foundation’s general strategy, liaise with entities of sport, UNHCR and partners to identify projects opportunities, ensuring quality and safety guidelines application in the setup of programs involving operational tasks.

Additional voluntary consultancy is offered by friends of the Foundation around the world, all committed to strengthening THF’s operations and reach, while convinced of the benefits of taekwondo for refugees.

# Board of Trustees

On December 31, 2021 The Board of Trustees was composed by the following members:



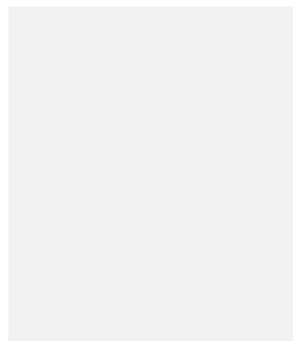
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**CHOUÉ**

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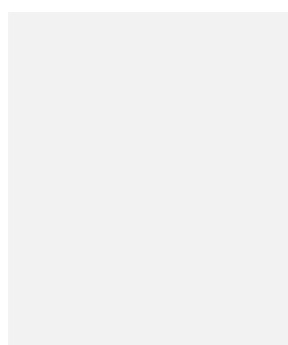
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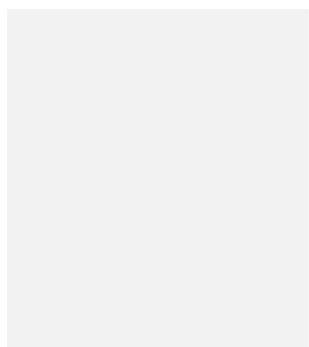
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**BAVEREL**

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**CITO**

Member



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**DEZHI**

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**Maher**  
**MAGABLEH**

Member



**Claude**  
**MARSHALL**

Member

## Our Spirit & Values

**“Peace is more important than Triumph.  
Because if taekwondo is about more than  
winning, it is about ethics, discipline and  
respect.”**

Dr Chungwon CHOUE

Founder & Chairman of  
Taekwondo Humanitarian Foundation

**THF makes sure that the  
rights of each participant  
are fully respected with  
THF Safeguarding policy.**

**The wellbeing of our participants  
is our number one priority.**

All our THF coaches sign a Code of  
Conduct and follow our course on  
safeguarding.

All THF participants receive our  
awareness training.

**THF applies the highest  
standards for governance.**

Project decisions follow a transparent  
and democratic process. Donations are  
reviewed in accordance with our robust  
due diligence donation policy.

### Our Values





**As a signatory of the UNHCR–IOC Sports Coalition pledge, World Taekwondo and Taekwondo Humanitarian Foundation are committed:**

**To promote** and ensure access for all refugees, without distinction of any kind, to safe and inclusive sporting facilities.

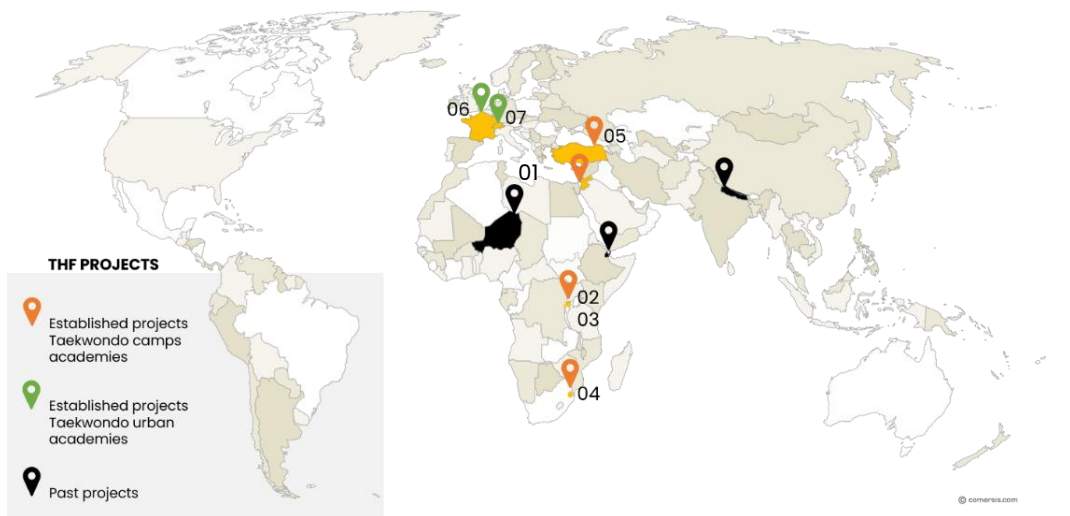
**To increase** availability and access to organized sports and sport-based initiatives for refugee and hosting communities, actively considering age, gender, ability and other diversity needs.

**To promote** and facilitate equal access to and participation of refugees in sporting events and competitions at all levels.

# Our Action

## We change refugees lives through our projects.

The Taekwondo Humanitarian Foundation is using the sport of taekwondo as a rehabilitation and empowerment tool in various projects around the world.



### THF PROJECTS WORLDWIDE IN 2021

- 01 – Azraq Refugee Camp / Jordan
- 02 – Kiziba Refugee Camp / Rwanda
- 03 – Mahama Refugee Camp / Rwanda
- 05 – Elbeyli Refugee Camp / Turkey
- 07 – Lausanne / Switzerland

01

## GRASSROOT PROJECTS TAEKWONDO ACADEMIES IN REFUGEE CAMPS

Taekwondo Academies deliver trainings and related educational activities to persons living in refugee camps where taekwondo instructors are dispatched for long-term missions. These projects are designed to be sustainable and operate in the long-term, notably through the hiring of local staff, with the involvement of the local taekwondo federation and clubs.

# Sustainable impact

through our action

Thanks to the Foundation's projects, taekwondo is now an everyday reality in refugees camps across all three continents. It brings together thousands of refugees all over the world, giving them the chance to share experiences and learn life skills to become Global Citizens.

02

## GRASSROOT PROJECTS TAEKWONDO ACADEMIES IN CITIES

THF is aiming to increase its reach by developing more Urban Taekwondo Academies in cities with large populations of displaced persons. This setting offers the perfect opportunity for integration and social cohesion in the host country, as both displaced persons and locals can take part in trainings.



**13,000**

Refugees have attended  
THF projects

## Our Projects

### JORDAN PROJECT – Azraq Refugee Camp

The Taekwondo Humanitarian Center in Azraq is THF's flagship project.



To know more about THF project in Azraq Refugee Camp – Watch the video

## A safe space at the Humanitarian Taekwondo Center

**THF Jordan project in the refugee camp of Azraq is running since 2016. It has shown significant results through the Taekwondo Humanitarian Center, achieved in 2018, and where children can live and enjoy sports activities and education.**

### About Azraq Refugee Camp

The Azraq refugee camp is located near Azraq, Jordan and was built for refugees of the Syrian Civil War in 2014. Developed, and operated by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) in conjunction with the Government of Jordan, its population reached over 35,000 refugees.

### THF Action & Goals

Many refugees in Azraq are in poor physical and mental health, having gone through traumatizing events. The Taekwondo Humanitarian Foundation and its partners set up since 2016 a holistic program directed to children and youth, bringing sport and education to deliver quality of life and teach Olympics values.

## KEY FACTS



**100**

participants per week  
– 4 trainings per week



**17**

black belts since the  
launch of the project



**1**

athlete receives IOC  
scholarship support



**6-year-old Syrian girl Doaa,  
becomes the youngest refugee  
taekwondo black belt.**

**Doaa is among 17 students to have been awarded with a black belt at the Azraq Taekwondo Academy in the Azraq Refugee Camp since 2016.** The young athlete was recently accredited by the Jordan Taekwondo Federation and everyone watching Doaa was impressed by her performance and self-confidence. Still only a young child, Doaa asked her father if she could go to the children's play city as a reward for her performance.

## Taekwondo for Good Health and Peace

### RWANDA PROJECT – Kiziba Refugee Camp

THF goal is to empower children and teenagers refugees.

**THF Rwanda project in the refugee camp of Kiziba is running since 2017. THF partners with the Rwanda Taekwondo Federation and local UNHCR to operate the project. Children can live and enjoy sports activities and education.**

#### About Kiziba Refugee Camp

Kiziba is the eldest refugee camp in Rwanda. He was established in 1996 after an influx of refugees from DRC at the start of civil war in DR Congo. Its population reached over 17'000 refugees.

#### THF Action & Goals

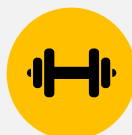
Taekwondo is a very popular sport at Kiziba Refugee camp. The THF project includes the development and delivery of a holistic and integrated health and well-being program to children and teenagers, using taekwondo to engage and educate them, but also to motivate positive behavior change.

### KEY FACTS



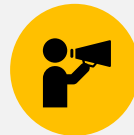
**140**

participants per week



**5**

trainings per week



**2**

Taekwondo coaches

# Taekwondo for Well-being and Inclusion

## RWANDA PROJECT - Mahama Refugee Camp

THF support a taekwondo para-academy for boys and girls.

The Mahama THF project was initiated by Parfait Hakizimana, a para taekwondo athlete living in the camp. THF supported his initiative in early 2018 and started to provide activities in Mahama camp where taekwondo has become very popular.

### About Mahama Refugee Camp

Since 2015, more than 280,000 Burundians had been forced to flee and to seek refuge in neighboring countries such as Rwanda, Tanzania and Uganda. Among them, were more than 47,000 who went to Rwanda. Today, Mahama population reached over 45'000 refugees.

### THF Action & Goals

Taekwondo is an extremely popular sport in Mahama camp and provides children with an ideal way to climb the socio-economic ladder. Aimed at young refugees, the project promotes the inclusion of para refugees through the shared practice of taekwondo, with the aim of fighting inequalities and improve the inclusion of all communities in the refugee camp.

## KEY FACTS



**180**

participants per week  
6 trainings per week



**1**

taekwondo class of  
para-refugees



**1**

taekwondo para-  
athlete at Tokyo 2020







## Taekwondo for Peace and Integration

### TURKEY PROJECT – Elbeyli Refugee Camp

THF contributes to life skills improvement and integration.

**THF Turkey project in the refugee camp of Kilis is running since 2017. As Kilis Camp closed in 2020, THF moves its project to Elbeyli. THF and the Turkish Taekwondo Federation have joined hands in the running of the Taekwondo Academy.**

#### About Elbeyli Refugee Camp

Just 100 kilometres north of the Syrian town of Aleppo, over the Turkish border, Elbeyli Refugee Camp was built for refugees who have fled the Syrian civil war. Its population is over 16,000 refugees.

#### THF Action & Goals

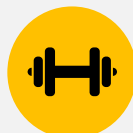
The project's overall goals are to use taekwondo as a tool to help Syrian refugees to live alongside with Turkish citizens by practicing a sport that will promote integration and improve their life skills. THF program is compulsory for the children in the camps, explaining the high number of students.

### KEY FACTS



**1400**

participants per week



**18**

trainings sessions  
per week



**2**

Taekwondo coaches

# Taekwondo for Inclusion in the Society

## URBAN PROJECT – LAUSANNE

THF partners  
with local  
taekwondo's  
clubs.

**New project in 2021, the Taekwondo Humanitarian Foundation (THF) in partnership with the Canton de Vaud, EVAM (Etablissement Vaudois d'accueil des migrants) and BCI (Bureau Cantonal pour l'Intégration des Etrangers et la prévention du Racisme), are deploying a program to address refugees and persons seeking asylum.**

### THF Action & Goals

THF project, supported by the Canton of Vaud, aims to integrate refugees, mainly orphans, in Swiss society by becoming member of a taekwondo club. Refugees improves their language skills (French) but also learn the societal norms of Switzerland. 20 refugees are taking part to this new program.

## KEY FACTS



**20**

participants to the  
program



**2**

trainings sessions  
per week



**1**

Taekwondo's coach



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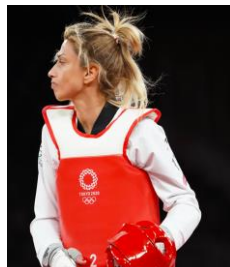
## IOC Refugee Team

**THF is contributing to the development of taekwondo refugees athletes chasing their Olympic dream.**

Following the success of the IOC Refugee Olympic Team Rio 2016, Olympic Solidarity (OS) launched the Refugee Athlete Support Programme which offers National Olympic Committees (NOCs) the opportunity to identify and support refugee athletes living in their host countries to prepare and participate in high-level competitions.



**Kimia ALIZADEH**  
From Iran  
W-57kg



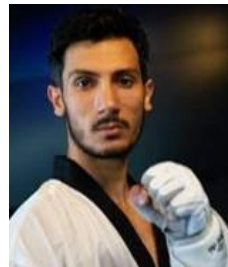
**Dina Pouryounes LANGEROUDI**  
From Iran  
W-49kg



**Abdullah SEDIQI**  
From Afghanistan  
M-68kg



**Wael Favaz AL-FARRAJ**  
From Syria  
M-58kg



**Amir Mohammad HOSSEINI**  
From Iran  
M-58kg



**Kasra MEHDIPOURNEJAD**  
From Iran  
M-80kg



**Seved Ehsan NAGHIBZADEH**  
From Iran  
M-58kg



**Ali NOGHANDOOST**  
From Iran  
M-58kg



**Gasto NSAZIMUKIZA**  
From D.R. of Congo  
M-61kg

## Refugee Paralympic Athlete, Parfait Hakizimana

### REFUGEE PARALYMPIC TEAM AT TOKYO GAMES – PORTRAIT

The Taekwondo Humanitarian Foundation has supported Hakizimana and he is now a THF coach.

**The Taekwondo Humanitarian Foundation coach Parfait Hakizimana, who had to flee the civil war in Burundi, was living until a few months ago at Mahama Refugee Camp, in Rwanda. Since he was included as a representative of his sport, in the first-ever Refugee Paralympic Team in Tokyo, he moved to the Rwandan capital of Kigali.**

Paralympic Taekwondo star Parfait Hakizimana lost his mother when he was height and received an injury that left his right arm permanently debilitated. He left his country permanently when unrest in Burundi flared up again in 2015. At the camp, Hakizimana organized a taekwondo school and later became a THF coach, training over 1,000 refugee children. In the meanwhile, he has also prepared himself for elite competitions. As a refugee, it has been hard to receive the necessary visas to travel to tournaments, making his Olympic classification challenging.

Andrew Parsons, the IPC President, said in a statement: “The athletes exemplify how change starts with sport: they have suffered life-changing injuries, fled for their safety and undertaken dangerous journeys, but despite the many barriers put in their way, they have become elite athletes ready to compete at the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games.”

THF Chairman Dr. Choue also thanked the different groups that helped Hakizimana along the way. Dr. Choue met with Hakizimana during the Paralympic Games and praised Hakizimana for all he has achieved. He presented him with his black belt in Chiba on the last day of competition at Tokyo 2020. Despite Hakizimana had lost his first match at Tokyo 2020 in the M-61kg, he reflected positively on his experience and will come back stronger at Paris 2024.



Photo Credit: UNHCR



Photo Credit: UNHCR



# Our Impact

## THF benefits extend beyond the physical

**THF action is a tangible deliverable, contributing to disseminate human values through THF educational toolkit, jointly to skills and progress for those who are furthest behind, participating of the common effort on Sustainable Development Goals adopted by the United Nations.**

The Taekwondo Humanitarian Foundation is committed to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals and ensuring that it delivers tangible benefits to refugees and displaced people around the world.





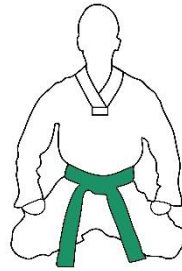


**Nearly all the countries in the world have promised to improve the planet and the lives of its citizens by 2030.**



**THF  
IMPACT**

**3** GOOD HEALTH  
AND WELL-BEING



## UN Goal 3

### GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

**Ensure healthy lives and  
promote well-being for all at all ages**

#### 01

The THF uses taekwondo and others sports to teach important health lessons, helping refugees learn the facts that can save and improve their lives. Through the THF programs and taekwondo, refugees discover how to make safe and healthy choices, and protect their families.

#### 02

The THF programs are designed with healthy play for children and a multi-dimensional exercise for adults at their very core. However, taekwondo's benefits extend beyond the physical. The sport teaches discipline, perseverance and self-control, while its sparring component demands courage. It teaches flexibility, agility, power, speed, stamina and grace. All these attributes not only strengthen physical resilience and upgrade the immune system, but, by forging an athletic physique, generate a positive self-image.

#### 03

The THF trains teachers and coaches to create safe environments when refugees learn how to manage their trauma and their stress.

**70%** of

participants feel  
happy in Azraq  
Refugee Camp.

**48%** of

participants feel  
happy in Elbeyli  
Refugee Camp.



**THF  
IMPACT**

**4** QUALITY  
EDUCATION

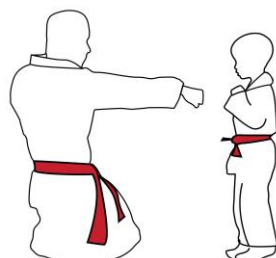


**96%** of

participants are satisfied with THF program in Azraq Refugee Camp.

**61%** of

participants are satisfied with THF program in Elbeyli Refugee Camp.



## UN Goal 4

### QUALITY EDUCATION

**Ensure inclusive and equitable education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all.**

#### 01

The THF program was designed by taekwondo experts but also by sport experts. Education is a core element of the THF. Taekwondo is used as a platform on which to deliver broader educational opportunities which are open to all. THF coaches are educated on Sport for Protection principles.

#### 02

THF coaches are trained in how taekwondo can serve as a tool for social inclusion, social cohesion and mental health. The practice of taekwondo can significantly improve people's self-esteem and decision-making abilities. Such acquired skills are life skills which are transferable to many other areas, e.g. in the professional domain.



**THF  
IMPACT**

**5**

**GENDER  
EQUALITY**

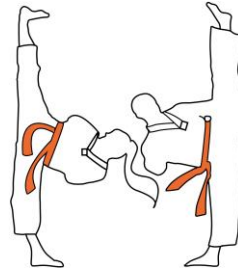


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THF coaches are  
women

**41%** of

THF participants  
are girls.



## **UN Goal 5**

### **GENDER EQUITY**

**Achieve gender equity  
and empower all women and girls.**

#### **01**

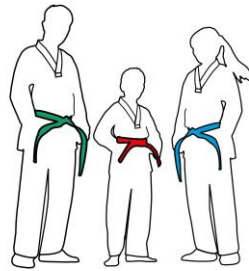
Girls and women deserve a fair and equal future. The THF gives girls a voice, to claim their rights to equality, education, dignity and safety.

#### **02**

Through the THF program, more girls are finding their voice and deciding to practice sport. The THF breaks down social barriers around female participation in sport and provides a welcoming and safe space for girls to practice sport – in some instances for the first time.

#### **03**

The THF educates coaches and parents on gender equality, supporting them to reduce gender-based violence and discrimination in THF lessons, in communities and at home.



## UN Goal 8

### DECENT WORK & ECONOMIC GROWTH

**Promote inclusive, and sustainable economic growth, full productive employment and decent work for all.**

#### 01

The THF creates jobs at a local level. The THF trains local or refugees' coaches through a specific program designed for teaching taekwondo to refugees. Not only does this have the benefit of generating employment for those in need.

#### 02

The THF also strongly believes that hiring displaced persons or refugees will guarantee greater success for the project as they can better engage with the participants through shared understanding and experience.



**THF  
IMPACT**

**8 DECENT WORK AND  
ECONOMIC GROWTH**



**3**

THF local coordinators

**3**

THF coaches are refugees, when 8 others are locals.

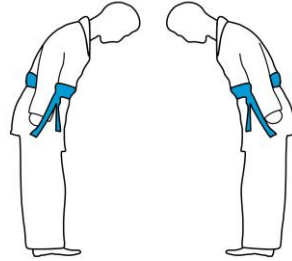
**5**

THF workers are refugees (mandate as administration or safety of the camp).



**THF  
IMPACT**

**16** PEACE, JUSTICE  
AND STRONG  
INSTITUTIONS



## UN Goal 16

### PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS

**Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build affective, accountable, and inclusive institutions at all levels.**

#### 01

The promotion of peace and inclusion is at the heart of taekwondo. The THF program helps participants to become Global Citizens through the teaching of the Olympic Values, the five tenets of Taekwondo and the spirit of Global Citizens. Refugees and displaced persons identify not as a member of a State, a tribe, or a nation, but instead as a member of the human race, looking beyond the narrow scope of national or personal interests. (definition, BankiMoon Foundation, website: <https://bankimooncentre.org/our-mission>)

#### 02

Safe sport is a key element of the THF program, therefore a THF Safeguarding policy has been created. The policy guarantees the protection of refugees or displaced persons from harm, abuse, abandonment and exploitation.

In addition, we are committed to taking strict measures to punish employees, associates, visitors or others related to the THF who adopt a stance contrary to those established by THF Safeguarding policy.

**90%** of

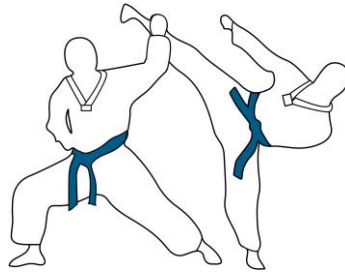
THF participants are aware of THF Safeguarding Policy.

**65%** of

THF participants feel to be Global Citizen of the World.

**85%** of

THF participants feel to belong to the Taekwondo Community.



## UN Goal 17

### PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS

**Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the global partnership for sustainable development.**

#### 01

The THF aims to partner with others sport organizations to promote humanitarian, peace- and development-supporting activities, as well as to enhance cooperation and information exchange. The synergy between organizations has a considerable impact on refugees as more refugees and displaced persons are encouraged to practice sport.

This allows the THF to extend its reach to those interested in sport and ensures that sport's universal benefits are applied to as many as possible. The THF work closely with UNHCR for all projects implementations.



**THF  
IMPACT**

**17** PARTNERSHIPS  
FOR THE GOALS



**10**

Memorandum of understandings have been signed with International Federation to develop common educational training for refugees.

**3**

Memorandum of understandings have been signed with cities to develop THF program.



Photo Credit: IOC Media



# Advocacy

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**The COVID-19 pandemic over the past year has been devastating, not only in the millions of lost human lives but also in terms of depriving sport and good health to the masses.**

Sport is also an enabler that makes the world a better place. In this regard, this year's International Day of Sport for Development and Peace was a reminder of our shared responsibility to contribute to a peaceful and inclusive society through sport.

For many youth and children in refugee camps, sport provides them with a dream to overcome their realities. Let's help end the pandemic by ensuring everyone is protected from COVID-19. Let's level the playing field and recover better.

Dr Chungwon CHOU

Founder & Chairman of  
Taekwondo Humanitarian Foundation

## THF Board meets in Olympic Capital

THF BOARD MEETING –  
**LAUSANNE**

Despite the COVID 19 pandemic, THF trained almost 2'500 refugees in 2021.

**To know more about Terrains d'Avenir project in Paris**

**The Taekwondo Humanitarian Foundation (THF) Board met in Pully, Lausanne on 30 October to discuss underway and upcoming humanitarian projects, appointing also Angelo Cito as a new Board member. The meeting was hosted by the World Baseball and Softball Confederation (WBSC) at their headquarters, as the expression of the existing partnership between WBSC and THF to expand the sport offer in refugee camps. One of the THF pledge is to empower as many refugees as possible through sport.**

The Board of Trustees discussed the THF's partnership with the Olympic Refugee Foundation partner of the **Terrains d'Avenir project in Paris**, oriented towards refugees and displaced individuals seeking asylum, enabling this population to practice sport through a consortium of five other NGOs in Paris. The project started in January 2022 and has been signed for three years. It must be a legacy to Paris 2024.

Chairman Choue said: "We are delighted to partner with the Olympic Refuge Foundation and work in collaboration with other NGOs to implement this new project". And to insist that: "At the THF we have always made it clear that we are very open to working with other organisations and other sports to expand the opportunities for refugees".

The taekwondo **urban project in Lausanne** started in August 2021, was also at the centre of the discussion. The project has the support of **EVAM** (Etablissement Vaudois d'Accueil des Migrants) and **BCI** (Bureau Cantonal pour l'Intégration des Etrangers et la prévention du Racisme).

## Sports & Peace Events

APRIL 6th -  
**VIRTUAL EVENT**

April 6th event contributed to creating bonds among boys and girls living in Zaatari and Azraq refugee camps.

### **A virtual moment of joy through sport**

**On the occasion of the International Day of Sport for Development and Peace (IDSDP), on April 6th, children from Zaatari and Azraq refugee camps in Jordan had the opportunity to take part in online training sessions aimed to transmit to the young participants the positive values of sport and to encourage them to stay active and healthy, despite the COVID-19 and its challenges.**

Over 150 young girls and boys participated with great enthusiasm in this virtual celebration, organized by Peace and Sport in cooperation with the Taekwondo Humanitarian Foundation (THF), Blumont, and with the support of UNHCR Jordan.

The coaches of the "Live Together" program in Zaatari camp and the Taekwondo Academy in Azraq camp combined their respective coaching experience with their knowledge on sport for development and peace, to educate the young participants on the role that sport can play in their lives. Even if they shared a moment of fun virtually, the participants discovered five sports disciplines and had fun. In addition, the virtual interaction with two Champions for Peace, Maria Toorpakai, a professional Squash player from Pakistan, and Pascal Gentil, Taekwondo Olympic medallist from France, provided a great moment of sharing and exchange for all children and coaches.

## Promote the role of sport as a vehicle for peace.

### SPORTS & PEACE FORUM – VIRTUAL EVENT

The Forum aimed to seek positive solutions to improve current difficulties through sport bringing people together.

[Click here to watch the full webinar video](#)

**The first World Taekwondo–FISU University Sports and Peace Forum was held virtually on April 30<sup>th</sup>, as both organisations came together to promote the role of sport in acting as a vehicle for world peace and harmony.**

World Taekwondo President Chungwon Choue and FISU President Oleg Matytsin developed the idea for the Forum during the Napoli Summer Universiade in 2019. The two organisations signed a Memorandum of Understanding that same year and committed to creating World University Sports Peace Corps,” which will cultivate future leaders through various sporting, training, and education programmes.

Themes linked with the UN Sustainable Development Goals were discussed, like Humanity, Social Justice and Gender Equality, and saw World Taekwondo President Chungwon Choue deliver a keynote speech alongside FISU Acting President Leonz Eder and other speakers sharing their experiences.

Claude Marshall’s speech centred on humanitarian support for refugee youth and the vital role of sports. Speaking from his experience with the UNHCR and THF, Marshall addressed the value of sport for refugee youth and what university students can do to help. FISU Executive Board member, Delise O’Meally, spoke about social justice and University sport; looking at the growing movement to speak out against social injustice, particularly racial injustice, and how University sports can engage. Her colleague of the Board, Chair Rosaura Mendez Gamboa discussed how sport can be a powerful tool for inclusion and the work FISU is doing in promoting gender equality.

## Taekwondo Athletes Refugee Olympic Team.

### REFUGEE ATHLETES AT TOKYO GAMES – TOKYO 2020

Taekwondo is the third most represented sport in the Refugee Team after athletics and judo.

**The Athlete Refugee Olympic Team at Tokyo 2020 was represented by three talented taekwondo athletes, originated from Iran and Afghanistan.**

Kimia Alizadeh Zonouzi (W-57kg), Dina Pouryounes Langeroudi (W-49kg) and Abdullah Sediqi (M-62kg) were selected by ICO based on sport performance, but also on confirmed refugee status and balanced representation across sports regions and genders.

If none of them reached the podium at Tokyo 2020, all of them have demonstrated a fighting spirit. Kimia, the Iranian native who now live and train in Germany was very close to win another Olympic medal, after its bronze medal at Rio 2016. Her fellow colleague, Dina, who lives and trains in Netherland, was unfortunately knocked out in the first round of the women (-49kg) event. She will come stronger at Paris 2024. While Abdullah, originated from Afghanistan, living and training in Belgium, he really impressed in its fight against the Chinese Olympic champion Zhao Shuai.

World Taekwondo and THF Chairman Dr Choue was extremely proud to see these three refugee athletes participating to the games. He said: "We have no doubt that their performances at Tokyo 2020 will inspire millions of people around the world and help to generate greater awareness of the refugee crisis our world faces. At World Taekwondo we believe strongly in sport's capacity to empower people and motivate social change. We commend the IOC for the work they are doing in supporting refugee athletes and we will continue to do the same through our events and humanitarian initiatives."

Kimia, Dinah and Abdullah are gifted athletes and might have a chance to win a medal in Paris.

Abdullah Sediqi fighting against the Chinese Olympic champion Zhao Shuai.



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Dina Pouryounes Langeroudi in her fight at Tokyo 2020



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Kimia Alizadeh at Tokyo 2020



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## Refugee forum held on World Refugee Day

### REFUGEE DAY FORUM – VIRTUAL EVENT

All the refugees expressed the importance of taekwondo in their lives and how it teaches them respect, strength, courage, gender equity and provides them with a sense of belonging to the taekwondo family.

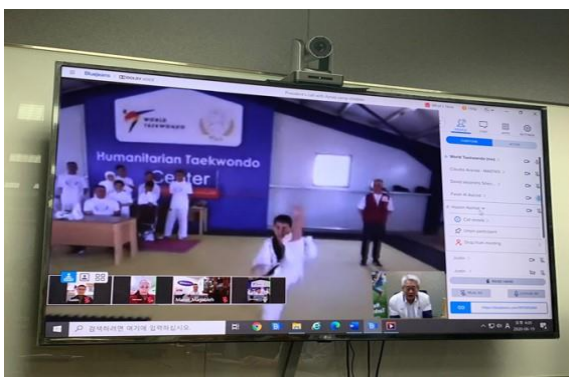
**The first World Refugee Forum dedicated to sports was initiated by World Taekwondo President and Taekwondo Humanitarian Foundation Chairman Chungwon Choue, reiterating the commitment of these two organizations to support refugees and displaced persons through sport.**

The Forum was held online on June 20<sup>th</sup>, promulgated the World Refugee Day. World Taekwondo and the Taekwondo Humanitarian Foundation (THF), with the participation of the Jordan Taekwondo Federation represented by HRH Prince Rashid bin El Hassan, President of Jordan Taekwondo Federation, UNHCR and the Rwanda Taekwondo Federation, delivered a message to the world.

President Choue said : “On this day we remember the difficulties refugees and displaced persons face in their everyday lives. It is also the day we reaffirm our commitment to making the world a better and more peace-loving place. Today, June 20<sup>th</sup>, we celebrate the indomitable spirit of refugees and displaced persons through the first World Refugee Forum organized by the THF and World Taekwondo. We hope this Forum will grow into a platform for refugees and displaced persons to share their experiences and receive recognition and hope for a better future. On this World Refugee Day, I wish to reaffirm THF and World Taekwondo’s commitment to help refugees and displaced persons through sport and service.”

The Refugee Forum comprised a panel discussion and live interviews with people in refugee camps in Jordan and Rwanda and with Olympic refugee athletes, Parfait Hakizimana, Abdullah Sediqi, Wael Al Farraj and Lady Mbabazi.





## Fundraising

FARAH AL ASSA'AD, THF  
COORDINATOR –  
**JORDAN**

“I’m grateful forever for THF being part of my life and for connecting me to a cause I’m proud always representing.”

## Climbing to the top of the mountains to raise money

**THF Coordinator in Jordan, Ms Farah Al Assa’ad set up a challenge and aims to summit all highest mountains on each continent, to raise money for the Taekwondo Humanitarian Foundation. She already unveiled the THF flag at the top of the highest mountain of Africa, Mount Kilimanjaro.**

Al Assa’ad set off on the expedition to Africa’s in order to raise funds to support the work of the THF. She was led by Mostafa Salameh, the first Jordanian to reach the top of Mount Everest. Al Assa’ad said: “I would like to send a message to support the refugees in all refugee camps around the world. To achieve their dreams and aspirations by practicing sport that develops their bodies, minds, and their self confidence, that teaches them tolerance and sport’s ethics, and enlighten their lives with hope for a better future. The mountain that has inspired the African continent on its journey to freedom, today its inspiration extends to reach all the world’s refugees, renewing hope in them and promising them a better tomorrow.”

Al Assa’ad now intends to raise the THF and World Taekwondo flag at the top of the Mount Elbrus, in Russia, the highest mountain in Europe. Through that mission, Al Assa’ad hopes to inspire generations to come by raising the Taekwondo Humanitarian Foundation’s flag which has been training refugees all around the world, as well as World Taekwondo’s flag, the sport that has shaped her personality.



## Cooperation

### COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE THF AND THF ITALY - ITALY

“The decision to bring THF to Italy was born from the desire to put Taekwondo at the service of people and especially children in difficulty.”

**Angelo CITO,**  
President of Federazione  
Italiana Taekwondo (FITA)

## THF extend to Italy and sign a cooperation agreement

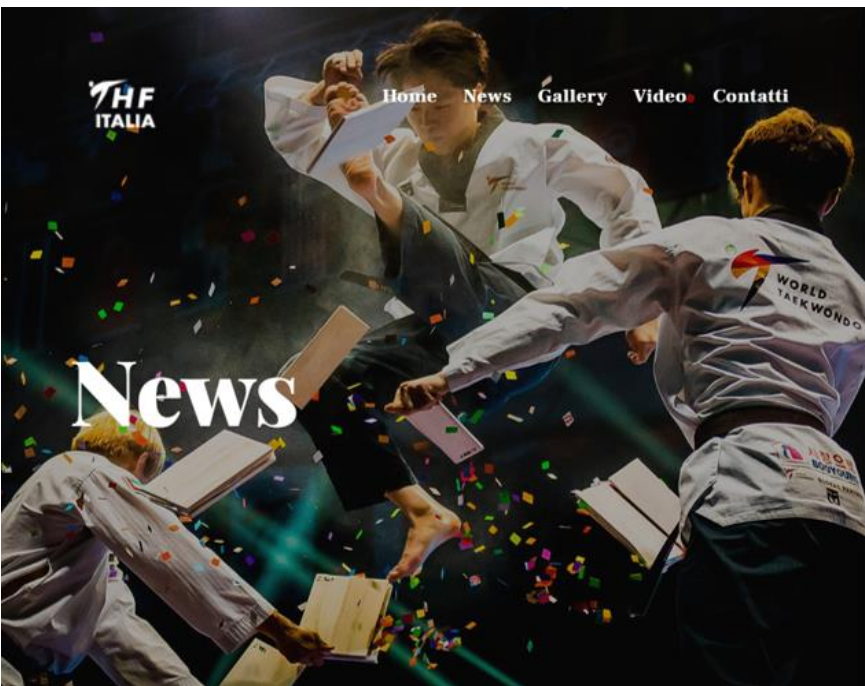
**The Taekwondo Humanitarian Foundation (THF) signed a cooperation agreement with Fondazione Umanitaria Italiana Taekwondo (THF Italy). Both organisations will work together to promote mutual humanitarian activities.**

The cooperation agreement was signed, on May 18th during an online ceremony. Under the terms of the agreement, the two parties will exchange ideas and know-how as well as support each other in raising funds for their respective initiatives and projects for refugees. THF Italy will help to strengthen the THF's presence in Italy and the European Union.

THF Chairman Chungwon Choue said: “We are delighted to sign this agreement with Fondazione Umanitaria Italiana Taekwondo and strengthen the THF's presence in Italy and throughout the European Union. Our objective is to support as many refugees as possible through Taekwondo and so it is important, we work with partners who can provide knowledge and networks in specific markets and continents. We share many values with FUIT and have enjoyed close collaboration on projects in the past. Through this cooperation agreement we will be able to strengthen our partnership and ensure that we are maximising our reach for our humanitarian activities.”

Federazione Italiana Taekwondo (FITA) President Angelo Cito said: “I am very happy to have achieved this goal, both President Choue and I strongly wanted Italy, to have an official representation of the THF-Taekwondo Humanitarian Foundation.”

The THF plans to sign more cooperation agreements with the aim of enhancing its presence across the five continents in order to help more refugees worldwide.



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# Nasce THF Italia, la fondazione umanitaria italiana di Taekwondo



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### Taekwondo Family

The Taekwondo Humanitarian Foundation is grateful for the involvement of the taekwondo family. A big thank to all taekwondo clubs and member national associations for your tireless support in achieving our mission.

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## THANK YOU ALL !



# Financial Report

## Balance Sheet as of 31 December (in CHF)

<b>ASSETS</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
<b>Current assets</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	196 802,30	201 889,53
<b>Total current assets</b>	<b>196 802,30</b>	<b>201 889,53</b>
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## Balance Sheet as of 31 December (in CHF)

<b>LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
<b>Current liabilities</b>		
Current account WT	0,00	3 890,90
Accrued liabilities	25 801,12	28 028,20
<b>Total current liabilities</b>	<b>25 801,12</b>	<b>31 919,10</b>
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>25 801,12</b>	<b>31 919,10</b>
<b>Equity</b>		
Capital	50 000,00	50 000,00
Net accumulated surplus beginning of the year	119 970,43	45 604,75
Net surplus/(deficit) for the year	1 030,75	74 365,68
<b>Total equity</b>	<b>171 001,18</b>	<b>169 970,43</b>
<b>Total liabilities and equity</b>	<b>196 802,30</b>	<b>201 889,53</b>



**Statment of income and expenditure  
for the year ended 31 December**

(in CHF)

		<u>2021</u>		<u>2020</u>
<b>Donations</b>	<b>100,00%</b>	<b>77 696,13</b>	<b>100,00%</b>	<b>187 228,41</b>
<i>Donations received</i>	100,00%	77 696,13	100,00%	187 228,41
<b>Income</b>	<b>100,00%</b>	<b>77 696,13</b>	<b>100,00%</b>	<b>187 228,41</b>
<i>Salaries and social charges</i>	0,00%	0,00	-0,01%	-18,00
<i>Projects costs</i>	-94,04%	-73 065,28	-39,49%	-73 935,37
<i>Professional fees - legal, accounting</i>	-12,23%	-9 505,59	-8,05%	-15 075,22
<i>Insurance charges</i>	-1,05%	-819,00	0,00%	0,00
<i>Communication and promotion</i>	-1,57%	-1 221,80	-3,00%	-5 621,37
<b>Operating expenses</b>	<b>-108,90%</b>	<b>-84 611,67</b>	<b>-50,55%</b>	<b>-94 649,96</b>
<b>Operating result</b>	<b>-8,90%</b>	<b>-6 915,54</b>	<b>49,45%</b>	<b>92 578,45</b>
<i>Other financial income</i>	5,01%	3 890,90	0,00%	0,00
<i>Exchange loss</i>	-0,18%	-140,25	-9,64%	-18 050,47
<i>Exchange gain</i>	5,76%	4 477,07	0,00%	0,00
<i>Other financial expenses</i>	-0,36%	-281,43	-0,09%	-162,30
<b>Total other income/expenses, net</b>	<b>10,23%</b>	<b>7 946,29</b>	<b>-9,73%</b>	<b>-18 212,77</b>
<b>Net surplus for the year</b>	<b>1,33%</b>	<b>1 030,75</b>	<b>39,72%</b>	<b>74 365,68</b>

**Notes to the financial statements**  
for the year ended 31 December 2021  
(in CHF)

**1 General**

The Foundation "Taekwondo Humanitarian Foundation" was registered on April 15, 2016 and is incorporated in Lausanne (Canton de Vaud), Switzerland.

The purpose of the Foundation is to help disadvantaged people by using sport, particularly Taekwondo, as vehicle, by bringing its support, especially in the fields of health, education and personal fulfilment.

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MARSHALL Claude	Member	No	No	

**Number of employees**

The yearly average number of full time employees is under 10.

**2 Summary of accounting policies**

Accounting principles

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in Switzerland. They are established on a going concern basis.

Revenue recognition

Donations are recognized as an income when the donation is received (cash basis). Annual support programs are recognized on signature and spread over the duration of the program.



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Pully, March 17, 2022

**Report of the statutory auditor on the limited statutory examination  
to the Board of Trustees of Taekwondo Humanitarian Foundation**

As statutory auditor, we have examined the accompanying financial statements (balance sheet, income statement and notes) of Taekwondo Humanitarian Foundation for the year ended December 31, 2021.

These financial statements are the responsibility of The Board of Trustees. Our responsibility is to perform a limited statutory examination on these financial statements. We confirm that we meet the licensing and independence requirements as stipulated by Swiss law.

We conducted our examination in accordance with the Swiss Standard on the Limited Statutory Examination. This standard requires that we plan and perform a limited statutory examination to identify material misstatements in the financial statements. A limited statutory examination consists primarily of inquiries of company personnel and analytical procedures as well as detailed tests of company documents as considered necessary in the circumstances. However, the testing of operational processes and the internal control system, as well as inquiries and further testing procedures to detect fraud or other legal violations, are not within the scope of this examination.

Based on our limited statutory examination, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the financial statements do not comply with Swiss law and the company's articles of incorporation.

Milleis Audit Sàrl

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