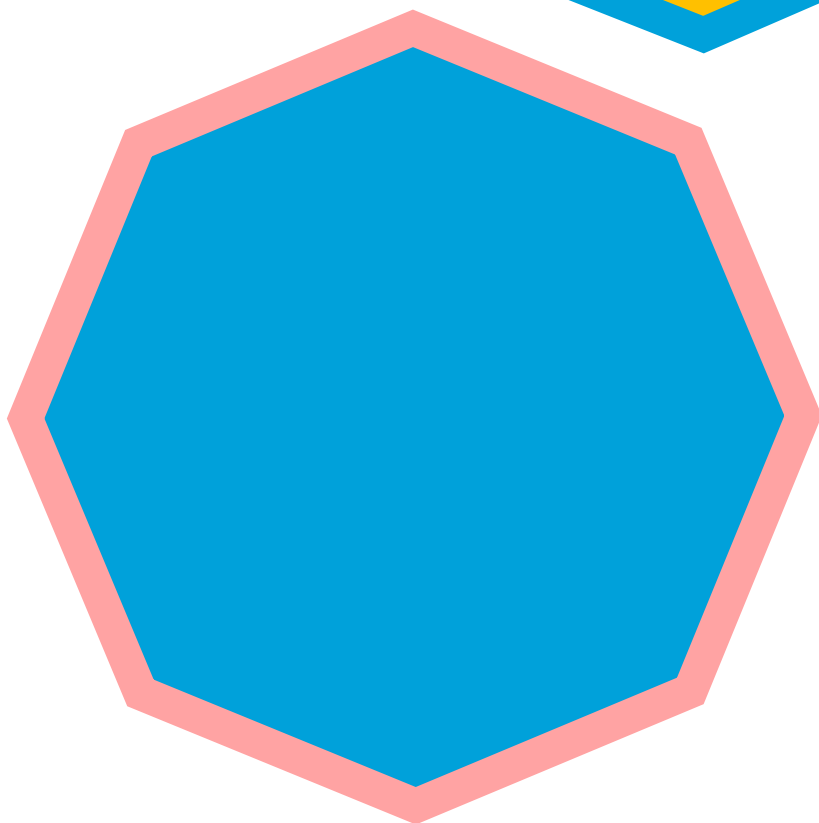




**TAEKWONDO**  
**HUMANITARIAN FOUNDATION**

## **Annual Report 2025**



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## Our world, our responsibility

Dear friends,

More than 43 million children were living in forced displacement worldwide in 2025. According to the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), this record level of displacement is a pressing global challenge. Yet millions of refugee children still lack access to safe and inclusive sport programs—a gap that the Olympic Movement and its partners must work together to close.

Sport has the power to restore hope, dignity, and belonging. Guided by the values of Taekwondo and the principles of the Olympic Movement, we believe every displaced young person should have the opportunity to benefit from safe and inclusive sport.

Since its creation in 2016 in Lausanne, the Taekwondo Humanitarian Foundation ("THF") has reached more than 15,000 young refugees across four continents, delivering Taekwondo and educational activities in refugee camps and host communities, helping them build confidence, resilience, and hope for the future.

Together with the International Olympic Committee and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, the Olympic Movement will continue to expand safe sport initiatives for displaced communities. Together, we will continue to ensure that more young refugees can experience the life-changing power of sport.



Dr Chungwon CHOUÉ

Founder & Chairman  
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, guaranteeing the practice of the sport in a safe and conducive way for teaching, also transmitting positive values of Olympism and civic principles.

World Taekwondo (WT) fulfills its role as an International Federation, providing financial support for THF activities in the camps, as well as for refugee athletes support.

## The benefits of Taekwondo

**Taekwondo is improving in many ways the conditions of refugees in the refugee camps.**

## HOW TAEKWONDO HELPS

Regular Taekwondo training sessions help to improve the physical condition of the refugees while acting on the mental side, impacting their attitude and self-esteem.

Through Taekwondo, we transmit a global philosophy inculcating universal values of discipline, respect, tolerance, team spirit and the art of transcendence.

Taekwondo practice is not only improving the quality of life of the refugees but also enhances their prospects, with the aim to turn them good global citizens.



## **Our mission**

**We help refugees worldwide, especially young boys and girls, by using Taekwondo and related educational activities as tools for empowerment and education on world peace, sustainability and Olympic values.**

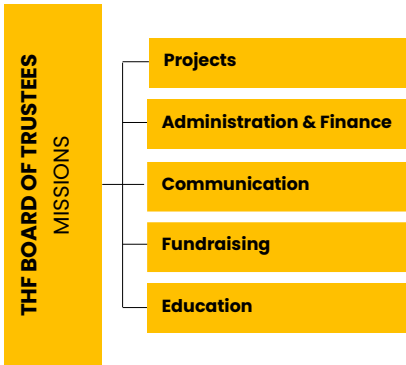
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Governance

Peace through sport is our  
tribute to human society.

**The Taekwondo Humanitarian Foundation is recognized 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 Federal Supervisory Authority for Foundations, to which THF reports on a yearly basis.**

THF is managed by a Board of Trustees, while day-to-day operations and administration are the responsibility of a THF Office Delegate, supervised by a THF Operations Director.



The Board's role includes defining the THF overall strategy, liaising with sports entities, UNHCR authorities and strategic partners to identify project opportunities, ensuring quality and safety guidelines application in the setup and running of THF programs worldwide.

The THF Board of Trustees in 2025 was composed of 12 members. Each member being elected for a 3-year term. Based on their skills, members are assigned to one or other of the missions (projects, education, administration, fundraising). The Board is mobilized at least twice a year, guaranteeing effective follow-up of the missions.

# Foundation Board

The THF Board of Trustees is currently composed of the following members:



**Chungwon**  
**CHOUÉ**

Chairman  
With collective signature



**Maher**  
**MAGABLEH**

Operations Director  
With collective signature



**Anna**  
**PANKA ANDRÉ**

Member  
With collective signature



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Member



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**ALQASIMI**

Member



**Pimol**  
**SRIVIKORN**

Member

## THF Principles & Values

**"Peace is more precious than triumph."**

**Because Taekwondo is about more than winning, it is about ethics, discipline and respect.**

Dr Chungwon CHOU

Founder & Chairman  
Taekwondo Humanitarian Foundation

**Thanks to our Safeguarding Policy, we make sure that the rights of our participants are fully respected.**

**The well-being of our participants is our number one priority.**

All our THF coaches sign a Code of Conduct and undergo training to protect our participants from any misconduct contrary to the Code.

**THF applies high standards of corporate governance.**

Program funding decisions follow a transparent and democratic process. Donations and donors' integrity are assessed according to THF's due diligence procedures.

### Our Values



**As Sport for Refugees Coalition (SfRC) members and contributors to the Global Compact on Refugees, World Taekwondo and THF are committed to the Joint Pledge on Sport 2024-2027, having significantly contributed since 2016 to improve the quality of life of more than 14,000 displaced people around the world, through their action.**

**We commit to the vision** that our action will continue reaching more displaced people, giving them the opportunity to raise their quality of life, mainly targeting children and young people in refugee camps worldwide, using Taekwondo and related educational activities as tools for empowerment and education on world peace, sustainability. and Olympic values.

**We commit in addressing new sports** together with IF's and NGO's to enlarge the offer of sports activities available in refugee camps, promoting activities jointly with our partners which have signed MoU's;

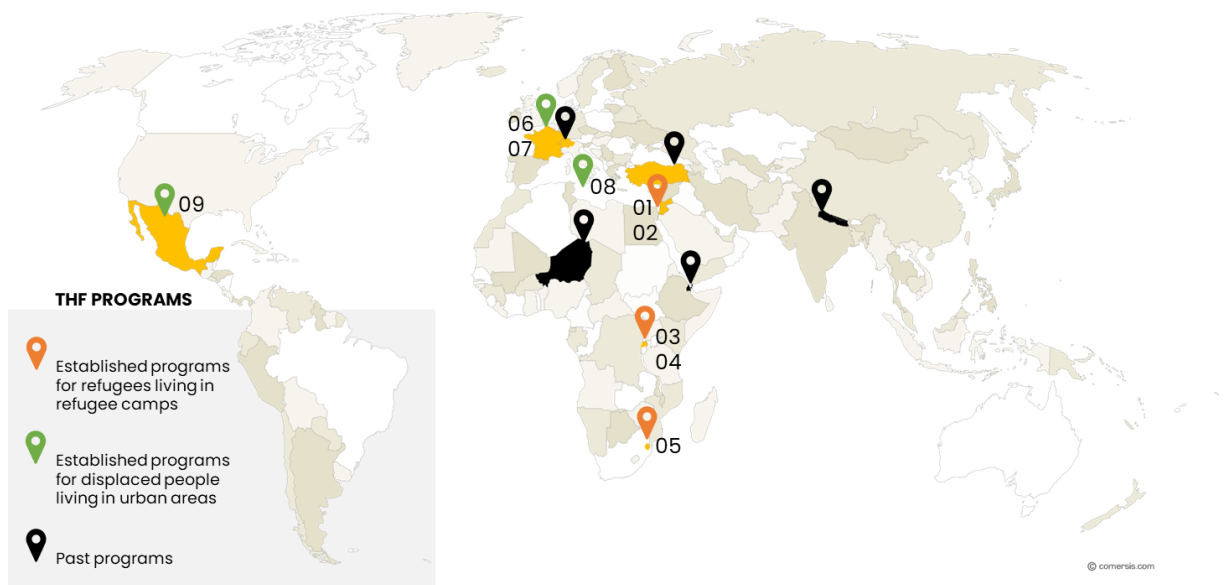
**We commit to sustain elite athletes** in their chase of the Olympic dreams together with ORF and through the ongoing THF Solidarity Refugee Athletes Program;

**We commit to advocate as ambassador** among International Sports Federations, sharing with IF's its vision and knowledge on how to set up sports humanitarian programs in refugee camps and cities, promoting multi-sports infrastructures in refugee camps, where 30% of the worldwide population of refugees are living in poor physical and mental health.

## Our action

# We change the lives of refugees and displaced people through our programs.

The Taekwondo Humanitarian Foundation uses Taekwondo as a tool for rehabilitation, empowerment and inclusion in various programs and projects worldwide.



### THF GRASSROOT PROGRAMS IN 2025

- 01** JORDAN – Azraq Camp THF Academy
- 02** JORDAN – Za’atari Camp THF Academy
- 03** RWANDA – Kiziba Camp THF Academy
- 04** RWANDA – Mahama Camp THF Academy
- 05** ESWATINI – Malindza Camp THF Academy

### THF SPECIAL PROJECTS IN 2025

- 06** FRANCE – Paris and Île-de-France
- 07** FRANCE – Mons en Baroeul
- 08** MALTA – Santa Verena
- 09** MEXICO – Tijuana

**01**

**THF  
Grassroot Programs**

**REFUGEE CAMPS**

THF programs in refugee camps are aimed at young boys and girls aged from 8 to 18. Programs are set up with the help of the UNHCR and Taekwondo national federations. THF participants practice Taekwondo several times a week and their progress is frequently evaluated through belts passing tests.

**02**

**THF  
Special Projects**

**MIGRANTS CENTERS**

THF programs addressed to asylum seekers hosted in reception centers is oriented to people aged from 8 to 35. THF programs are versatile in their approach to sport, and rely on funding and partners that vary from project to project, depending on opportunities. THF collaborates with some clubs.

## **A lasting impact** through our action

Thanks to the THF programs, taekwondo is now an everyday reality in refugee camps in Jordan, Rwanda, Eswatini and Turkey. Since 2016, the THF programs have met the interest of over 15,000 refugees, who thanks to the THF programs have been able to improve their life conditions.



**+15,000**

Displaced people  
impacted by THF action.

## THF Grassroot Programs

### JORDAN PROGRAM

Year 2025

In 2025, the THF program in Jordan expanded its number of young beneficiaries, delivering structured training in both Azraq and Za'atari refugee camps, alongside belt gradings with 50 new black belts and community activities. Competitions in Jordan and abroad remained a strong pillar of the program. The program fostered inclusion, performance, and personal ambition, while also connecting some refugee athletes to international opportunities.

Regular training sessions engaged around 500 beneficiaries across both THF academies, with 6-8 sessions for boys and girls held 4-5 days a week. These programs combined technical development, physical conditioning, as well as values-based education. Training sessions with Jordan centers and international camps accelerated athletes' progression.

Selected refugee athletes from THF academies participated in numerous local tournaments, demonstrating their skills by achieving strong podium results while fostering inclusion. Their participation in international championships was marked by a gold medal won by Ilham Al-Sheikh, an 11-year-old athlete from THF Za'atari Academy, at the Fujairah Open. Participation in major events such as the WT World Cadet Championships also highlighted the growing level of THF academy athletes and their ability to compete on the global stage.

Inclusive development was strengthened through para sport initiatives. Two athletes attended the 2025 World Taekwondo Para Taekwondo Training Camp in Chuncheon and competed in three international para events, expanding opportunities for athletes with disabilities within the THF refugee program.

Structured grading pathways enabled many THF beneficiaries to progress through color belt and Kukkiwon black belt examinations, reflecting sustained individual commitment and technical skills improvement. Community activities, including poomsae demonstrations and Ramadan events, further strengthened social cohesion among the participants.

Participation in the Hope and Dreams Sports Festival held in the refugee camps, showcased high-level Taekwondo demonstrations as well as strong fighting spirit during the competition day in Amman, providing an additional platform for motivation and inspiration. The event also promoted inclusion, with para Taekwondo athletes successfully competing alongside able-bodied athletes.



## **THF's Azraq program is aimed at bringing hope and realizing dreams**

JORDAN –

### **Azraq Refugee Camp**

A successful model to serve as an example for future development in sport for refugees.

**THF Jordan program in the refugee camp of Azraq is running since 2016 and is operated by THF. Significant results have been achieved through a professional teaching approach and extended Humanitarian Center, inaugurated in 2018, where children can practice various sports safely.**

### **Azraq Refugee Camp**

Opened in April 2014, the Azraq Refugee Camp welcomes people who fled the civil war in Syria. Set up by the United Nations Refugee Agency (UNHCR), in collaboration with the Jordanian government, its population consists now of around 23,000 refugees.

### **THF program**

Promoting well-being, social inclusion and personal development

The THF flagship academy in Azraq is weekly gathering 250 young Syrian boys and girls, aged from 8 to 18. The program is addressing beginners to proficient athletes.

THF beneficiaries are training Kyorugi technics 4-5 days a week, divided in two groups (morning and afternoon sessions from 1h15 to 2 hrs.) addressing separately boys and girls, developing their physical and mental health. A local Taekwondo head of coach is in charge of running the Taekwondo activities.

In 2025, 20 refugee athletes from THF Azraq Academy joined the THF Jordan Refugee Team and competed in local competitions, winning gold, silver, and bronze medals. From them, six athletes (cadets, juniors, and seniors), supported by the THF Solidarity Program, also participated in six international events, including the Arab Cup, Fujairah Open, World Cadet Championships, Asian Cadet and Junior Championships, Muju Grand Prix Challenge, and the Muju Taekwondowon Training Camp held in the Republic of Korea.



## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

**250**

students / week (boys & girls)

**20**

refugee athletes (boys & girls)

**6-8**

sessions per week (4-5 days)

**1**

Instructor (head of coach)

### Hope and Dreams Sports Festival

Since 2022, World Taekwondo and THF jointly organize the "Hope and Dreams Sports Festival", a now multi-sports humanitarian festival aimed at gathering refugee youth of the refuge sport communities from Azraq and Za'atari camps, delivering joy, hope and dreams through a gathering day in both camps and a sport day, outside the camps (in Amman).



**In the heart of adversity, where dreams often seem out of reach, one young girl defied the odds. Ilham Al-Sheikh, an 11-year-old Syrian refugee, rose from the confines of the Za'atari Refugee Camp in Jordan to claim victory. Her gold medal at the 2025 Fujairah Open was more than a sporting triumph; it was a powerful testament to perseverance, resilience, and the unyielding power of hope.**

The road to Fujairah was anything but smooth. The Jordan Refugee Team—four young athletes from THF academies in the Za'atari and Azraq refugee camps—faced a series of daunting obstacles from the very beginning. With the help of two dedicated THF supporters who stepped in at critical moments, they managed to overcome each challenge and finally reach the competition venue. By the time they arrived, however, very little time remained for training.

With relentless determination, Ilham battled her way through the rounds. In the semifinals, she secured victory in two consecutive rounds against a formidable opponent from Fujairah Club in the UAE. In the final, she etched her name into history once more, defeating a competitor from Sharjah Club and claiming the gold medal.

The Fujairah Open draws elite taekwondo competitors from around the world. For Ilham, the 2025 edition was more than a tournament—it was a chance to show that resilience and determination can break through any barrier.

The team's technical director coach Ahmad, stressed the event's importance for Ilham and her fellow refugee athletes, pointing out that the team participation was about more than competition, representing the journey and aspirations of thousands of young refugees in the world.

As Ilham stood proudly on the podium, the gold medal shimmering in her hands, it represented far more than a championship victory. It was proof that no obstacle is too great for those who refuse to give up—a message to every child facing hardship, every refugee daring to dream, and to all who believe in the power of perseverance.

Ilham triumph was also a testament to the dedication of her coach and the support of the Taekwondo Humanitarian Foundation. Through structured training programs, she and her teammates grew from aspiring athletes into determined competitors ready to take on the world. World Taekwondo President and THF Chairman, Dr. Choue, commented on Ilham's achievement:

**"Ilham's victory is a remarkable example of perseverance, showing the unbreakable spirit of a young athlete. Despite many challenges, she never gave up on her dream and today stands as a champion. I hope she continues to pursue her ambitions with the same passion and determination, inspiring many others along the way."**

With a gold medal around her neck, Ilham's dreams have only grown. Now, she sets her sights on global championships, with the ultimate goal of reaching the Olympics and raising the Syrian flag high.

**"I want to prove that refugees are capable of achieving their dreams despite everything. This is just the beginning."**

Ilham story is more than a victory—it is a beacon of hope, a reminder that ambition knows no limits, and that with perseverance, even the most impossible journeys can lead to triumph.



## Uniting for Change: THF and KRP's Taekwondo Program in Za'atari Camp

### JORDAN – Za'atari Refugee Camp

A program built on the Korean culture.

THF program in the refugee camp of Za'atari has been launched in 2024, based on the legacy of the Taekwondo program operated by the Korea Refugee Project (KRP). THF and KRP signed a MoU, joining forces, allowing now refugees to practice Taekwondo at his best through THF leadership.

#### Za'atari Refugee Camp

Opened in 2012, the Za'atari Refugee Camp is hosting 47,000 displaced people who fled the civil war in Syria. The administration of the camp is shared between the Syrian Refugee Affairs Directorat (SRAD) and UNHCR, in collaboration with the Jordanian government.

#### THF program

Promoting well-being, social inclusion and personal development

Through our Taekwondo academy, THF address weekly 250 Syrian boys and girls aged from 8 to 18. THF sessions are gathering beginners to black belts.

THF beneficiaries are training Kyorugi technics 4-5 days a week, divided in two groups (morning and afternoon sessions from 1h15 to 2 hrs.), addressing separately boys and girls, developing their physical and mental health. A local Taekwondo coach and a volunteer from Korea are in charge of running the activities.

In 2025, 20 refugee athletes from THF Azraq Academy joined the THF Jordan Refugee Team, competing in local competitions, winning gold, silver, and bronze medals. From them, five athletes (children, cadets, juniors, and seniors), supported by the THF Solidarity Program, also participated in six international events, including the Arab Cup, Fujairah Open, World Cadet Championships, Asian Cadet and Junior Championships, Muju Grand Prix Challenge, and the Muju Taekwondowon Training Camp held in the Republic of Korea.



## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

**260**

students / week (boys & girls)

**20**

refugee athletes (boys & girls)

**6-8**

sesssions per week (3-4 days)

**1**

Instructor (head of coach)

### Hope and Dreams Sports Festival

Since 2022, World Taekwondo and THF jointly organize the "Hope and Dreams Sports Festival", a now multi-sports humanitarian festival aimed at gathering refugee youth of the refuge sport communities from Azraq and Za'atari camps, delivering joy, hope and dreams through a gathering day in both camps and a sport day, outside the camps (in Amman).

## RWANDA PROGRAM

Year 2025

THF grassroot program in Rwanda's refugee camps (Mahama and Kiziba) combined regular training, national competition, and international exposure in 2025, while the visit to Mahama of World Taekwondo President and THF Chairman Dr. Chungwon Choue, resonated deeply among THF beneficiaries.

The activities strengthened the participants and refugee athletes' skills, built confidence, hope and ambition, expanding to pathways to elite performance. Structured Taekwondo sessions were held four times per week in safe spaces where refugee youth could train, improve fitness, and build discipline.

With 280 beneficiaries, mostly young boys, participants enhanced both their technical skills and their commitment to the values of the sport, promoting respect, perseverance, and resilience. Progress across belt levels and grading, reflect beneficiaries' sustained commitment through regular participation.

Competitive achievement was another major feature of the year. THF athletes performed strongly at the Rwanda National Taekwondo Championships 2025, securing several medals, particularly in the cadet and junior men categories. The results confirmed that refugee athletes can reach national standards when they are trained through appropriate programs.

Following regional success, refugee athlete Ndahiriwe Josue, from Kiziba THF Academy earned a bronze medal at the Uganda Ambassador's Cup in the M-58kg category after defeating four opponents.

Additional International events expanded refugee athletes horizons. Rukundo Guy Gerlin joined the "We Are The One" Training Camp in Muju, Republic of Korea, before competing in the Grand Prix Challenge.

THF refugee athletes also participated in the World Taekwondo U-21 Championships in Nairobi, marking an important step onto the global stage.



## Taekwondo for well-being, promoting peace

RWANDA –

### Kiziba Refugee Camp

An holistic program  
gathering several  
communities.

**THF program in the refugee camp of Kiziba started in 2017. Operated by the Rwanda Taekwondo Federation, the aim is to deliver physical and mental health, promoting peace through Taekwondo.**

### Kiziba Refugee Camp

Kiziba is the eldest refugee camp in Rwanda. It 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 program

Promoting well-being, social inclusion and peace

The program managed by the Rwanda Taekwondo Federation address weekly 127 young participants, mostly boys (99), from beginners to advanced. The participants are training Kyorugi technics in different groups (evening sessions of 45 min) 3 days a week, and a combined session of 2-3 hours on Sunday.

A local coach is delivering an holistic and integrated health and well-being program, using Taekwondo to engage and educate, motivating positive behavior changes among the participants.

## HIGHLIGHTS

**127** students / week

**4** sessions per week

**1** instructor



# Taekwondo for the well-being and inclusion of refugees

RWANDA –  
**Mahama Refugee Camp**

A program including  
para-practitioners.

**THF program in Mahama camp is operated by the Rwanda Taekwondo Federation. It has been initiated in 2018 by Parfait Hakizimana, a Paralympian Taekwondo athlete living in the camp. The aim is to provide physical and mental health, promoting inclusion and equality through Taekwondo.**

## Mahama Refugee Camp

Since 2015, more than 400,000 Burundians have fled their country and found refuge in neighboring countries such as Rwanda, Tanzania or Uganda. From these displaced people, over 47,000 have reached Rwanda and the Mahama camp. In 2020, the camp counted over 70,000 refugees, but since then, several thousand Burundians returned home.

## THF program

Promoting well-being, social inclusion and peace

The program run by the Rwanda Taekwondo Federation is addressing weekly 156 participants, mostly boys (98), from beginners to advanced, from them practitioners with a disability. Participants are training Kyorugi techniques in different groups (evening sessions of 45 min) 4 days a week, and a combined session of 2-3 hours on Sunday.

Under the impetus of Parfait Hakizimana, Taekwondo became an extremely popular sport in the camp, through an inclusive approach mixing able-bodied and disabled practitioners, with the aim to fight inequalities and promote acceptance and equal opportunities for all refugee communities.

## HIGHLIGHTS

- 156** students / week
- 8** disabled participants
- 4** sessions per week
- 1** instructor



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## NDAHIRIWE Josue – Rising to the Podium in Kampala

### STORY OF SUCCESS

#### "A Journey of Perseverance"

**NDAHIRIWE Josue, a determined young refugee athlete from Kiziba THF Academy, marked a major milestone in his Taekwondo journey by winning a bronze medal at the 2025 Uganda Ambassador's Cup, in Kampala.**

Bringing together competitors from five African nations—Uganda, Kenya, Burundi, the Democratic Republic of Congo, and Rwanda—the tournament was a vibrant showcase of regional talent and high-level competition. Representing the Rwanda Refugee Team under the sponsorship of the THF, Josue competed in the M-58kg category with remarkable determination.

His path to the podium was anything but easy. Josue eliminated four opponents on his way to the semi-finals, including two athletes from Kenya and one from Burundi. Demonstrating speed, tactical intelligence, and composure under pressure, he secured his place among the tournament's top contenders. His campaign ended in the semi-final against the eventual Ugandan champion, earning him a well-deserved bronze medal.

Five athletes formed the Rwanda Refugee Team at this two-day event. The competition was organized by the Uganda Taekwondo Federation in partnership with the Embassy of South Korea in Uganda, reflecting strong international collaboration in promoting the sport.

For NDAHIRIWE Josue, this achievement represents more than a medal—it is a testament to perseverance, structured training, and the transformative power of opportunity. His success continues to inspire fellow refugee athletes and reinforces the growing competitiveness of the THF program in Rwanda.



# **RUKUNDO Guy Gerlin – A Journey from Mahama to South Korea**

## **STORY OF CHANGE**

"A defining chapter in the Taekwondo journey of a young refugee athlete from Mahama"

**From Mahama Refugee Camp to South Korea's premier Taekwondowon Center, RUKUNDO Guy Gerlin's story is one of courage, progress, and expanding horizons—proof that opportunity, when matched with dedication, can transform aspiration into lived experience.**

Selected to participate in the Muju-Taekwondowon "We Are The One" Training Camp for Refugee Athletes, Rukundo traveled to Muju, Republic of Korea, an experience that marked his first immersion into an elite international training environment.

Organized by the Taekwondo Promotion Foundation (TPF) under the framework of World Taekwondo (WT) and hosted at the world-renowned Taekwondowon, the training camp brought five promising refugee athletes from Italy, Jordan and Rwanda.

Stepping into the global arena was both humbling and empowering for Rukundo. Training under high-profile coaches, he refined his technique, tactical awareness, and conditioning while embracing the discipline of world-class sport. Beyond the technical growth, the experience allowed him to exchange cultures, build friendships, and realize that his dreams extended far beyond the camp where he grew up—strengthening both his performance and belief in his potential.

Following the camp, Rukundo competed in the 2025 Grand Prix Challenge, facing Uzbekistan in the opening bout. Though he was eliminated in his first match, the competition offered invaluable exposure to elite opponents and the intensity of international tournaments. The loss did not define his journey; instead, it became a stepping stone toward growth.



## Taekwondo for well-being and empowerment

ESWATINI –

### Malindza Refugee Camp

A performing  
outsourced  
program.

THF program in the refugee camp of Malindza is operated by The Next Generation Taekwondo. It has been initiated in 2022 to include and empower young refugees through Taekwondo. Long-term objective will be to unite Taekwondo practitioners from in and outside the camp, to train together under one roof.

### Mahama Refugee Camp

The Malindza migrant reception camp situated in the Lubombo region has been run for several years by the government with the help of the UNHCR. It currently accommodates migrants from Burundi, Angola, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Rwanda and Somalia.

### THF program

Promoting well-being, social inclusion and personal development

The program run by our partner (The Next Generation Taekwondo) address 95 young participants, from which a majority of girls. THF sessions are gathering beginners to black belts.

THF beneficiaries are training Kyorugi technics and Poomsae performances in different groups (evening and day sessions of 2 hrs.) 5 days a week, developing physical and mental capacities, as well as soft skills and values. The Next Generation Taekwondo staff includes a head coach and 2 trainers in charge of the program, also including activities on life subjects to support the beneficiaries in their personal development.

The most talented athletes are training from time to time outside the camp, given the chance to compete in local tournaments, shining gold, silver and bronze.

## HIGHLIGHTS

**95** students / week

**20** refugee athletes

**5** sessions per week

**3** instructors



THF Special Projects

PARIS PROJECT –  
Taekwondo for Inclusion

Built on the legacy of the *Terrains d’Avenir* initiative (launched in 2022 and concluded in 2024), the project has been reshaped into a renewed format and slightly reduced budget. With the support of Taekwondo Ligue Île de France (IdF), managing the project.

The *Paris Project – Taekwondo for Inclusion* has, over the course of the year 2025 shown, strong social value by combining public engagement, regular training sessions, and opportunities for progression. Participants showed high levels of motivation, joy in practice, and a growing sense of belonging. Punctuality, respect, and commitment were consistently emphasized by the coaches.

The year began on January 12 with the event *Taekwondo and Social Performance*, which highlighted sport as a powerful inclusion and social cohesion driver. The event featured speeches, socio-sport demonstrations, and a Body Taekwondo session led by a French expert. It set the tone for a year focused on participation and empowerment.

Throughout the 2024–2025 and 2025–2026 seasons, regular Taekwondo sessions were held twice a week at Van Thuyne TKD dojang and once a week in a refugee shelter, reaching around forty young displaced people, mainly boys.

Some participants progressed quickly and successfully achieved their yellow belt—an important milestone that fostered pride and a strong sense of accomplishment.

Beyond technical progress, beneficiaries described the program as a source of joy and meaningful human connection. Many expressed a sense of belonging, often referring to the group as a family—especially during opportunities to meet practitioners from other shelters and share experiences. Communication among participants also improved over time, facilitating interaction and strengthening their confidence.

HIGHLIGHTS

- 40 beneficiaries
- 8 nationalities
- 3 sessions per weeks
- 2 coaches



# MONSOISE PROJECT –

## Taekwondo for Inclusion

The THF supported project covering the season 2024–2025 and operated by “Ecole Taekwondo Monsoise” aimed at fostering the integration of displaced people through Taekwondo, being a pioneer initiative among the Taekwondo clubs in France, recognized by the FFTDA.

École Taekwondo Monsoise implemented a wide range of structured activities to support refugees through sport during the 2024–2025 season. By combining training, competitions, and community initiatives, the Taekwondo for inclusion program focused also on introducing the basics of Taekwondo to children, building confidence, encouraging meaningful social connections among participants.

Throughout the first semester 2025, weekly sessions were delivered for both adults and children, within the Monsoise Taekwondo club and directly in shelters (CADA).

These sessions provided a stable and supportive environment in which participants developed discipline, respect, and physical well-being. Targeted sport programs for women and little children ensured inclusive participation, motivation and consistency.

Community-building activities were central to the social program. Parent-child workshops and sports events created opportunities for interaction, helping refugees connect with one another and with local communities.

These shared experiences contributed to a strong sense of belonging and reinforced the initiative’s social dimension.

The program also emphasized progression through training and competition. Participants took part in regional and international events, gaining valuable exposure and confidence. Selected Training camps—including technical preparation, refereeing, and self-defence—further enhanced refugee athletes skills and readiness for competition.

Overall, the activities delivered a combined result of opportunity and community impact while supporting refugee athletes in building sporting skills and a sense of integration.

## HIGHLIGHTS

- 40** beneficiaries / week
- 11** nationalities
- 4** sessions per week
- 3** instructors



## MALTA PROJECT –

### Refugee athletes development

Malta is home to more than 11 000 refugees and 2000 asylum-seekers, predominantly from Bangladesh, Libya, Syria, Sudan and Ukraine. Since the full-scale invasion of Ukraine began in 2022, Malta has issued over 2000 Temporary Protection certificates.

Initiated in 2023, the cooperation between THF and the Malta Taekwondo Association (MTA) promotes Taekwondo as a vehicle for peace, development and self-integration, providing refugees in Malta training and competitions opportunities, through the Iron Taekwondo League, a club based in Santa Verena.

In 2025, the partnership delivered structured activities to five young Ukrainian athletes (cadets and juniors), alongside Ashik Sunil, a senior Indian refugee athlete who won two international medals in 2024. Combining training sessions in both disciplines, kyorugi and poomsae, competitions, and community engagement, two specialized coaches from the Iron Taekwondo League (ITL) supported the athletes' skill development, confidence, and integration within the sporting ecosystem.

International exchanges further enriched the program. Training activities with visiting teams and expert coaches provided exposure to diverse methodologies, strengthening refugee athletes' learning experience and broadening their horizons within Taekwondo.

As competition is a central component of the initiative, refugee athletes participated in local tournaments, international events, and online championships, progressively building their skills and confidence.

Medals at both national and international levels revealed the impact of the training pathway and the athletes' commitment.

The program also ensured access to essential equipment, including *doboks* and protective gear as both training and competition kit. In parallel, participation in national events such as Olympic Day increased the partnership visibility and reinforced integration within the Maltese sporting community.

Finally, team-building and social activities strengthened cohesion and belonging among participants. Together, these activities and partnership created a consistent and inclusive environment, supporting athletic progression and meaningful social integration.

## HIGHLIGHTS

**6** refugee athletes

**4** trainings per week

**3** coaches



# Taekwondo as a means of improving self-esteem

MEXICO –  
TIJUANA & SALTILLO

A temporary safe place for a sport activity.

Launched in October 2022, THF program in Mexico is based on a partnership between THF and THF PanAmerica, represented by (PATU) the Pan American Taekwondo Union. Catered to attend migrants hosted in reception centers in Tijuana and Saltillo, Taekwondo is used as a tool for well-being and self-esteem.

## Casa del Migrante

The “Casa del Migrante” in Tijuana and Saltillo are temporary safe hosting places for migrants coming from Haiti, Africa and Central America. They defend their rights in a context of persecution and violence, providing humanitarian supports such as legal advice regarding immigration procedures and deportation.

## THF program

Promoting Taekwondo as a self-esteem tool

The Taekwondo sessions run by THF PanAmerica are addressing twice a week 10-20 participants, from all ages, in both Casa del Migrante. For each location, a Taekwondo coach is in charge of the session lasting from 1 to 1.5 hrs. The practice of Taekwondo exercises is beneficial, reducing the level of stress, boosting the self-esteem.

## HIGHLIGHTS

**20-40** students / week

**2 x 2** sessions per week

**2** instructors

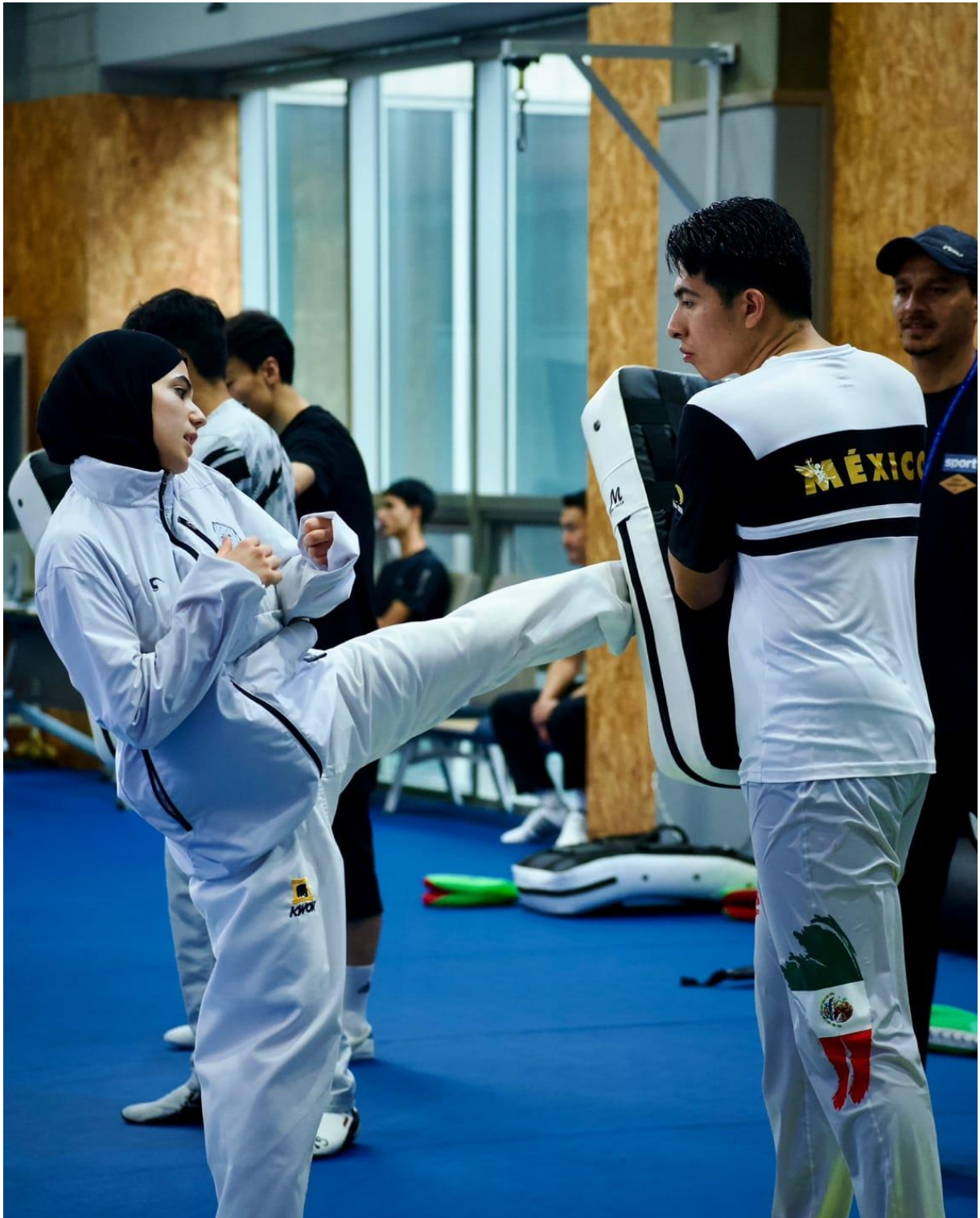


## **THF Solidarity Program for Refugee Athletes**

World Taekwondo (WT) has a vision of achieving “One World One Sport Taekwondo” under the spirit of “Peace is more Precious than Triumph”. The goal is to develop and grow Taekwondo throughout the world in a sustainable way, from grassroots to professional level. WT provides all with the opportunity to play, watch, and enjoy the sport regardless of age, gender, religion, ethnicity or ability.

In order to achieve these objectives, WT established the Development Programs as part of its initiatives to improve the capabilities of its Stakeholders. The WT Solidarity Program for Refugee Athlete, being one of the promoted Development Program of WT.

Until 2024, the WT Solidarity Program for Refugee athletes was administrated from WT HQ, in Seoul. Since 2024, THF has been entrusted to administrate the program, as a bridge between its grassroot programs in the refugee camps and the support to refugee athletes.



# THF

## SOLIDARITY PROGRAM

Year 2025

Focusing mainly on cadet and junior refugee athletes, the THF Solidarity Program continued to provide critical financial and technical support in 2025, reinforcing WT's commitment to inclusion, refugee athlete development, and humanitarian impact through sport.

In 2025, the program supported 33 able bodied refugee athletes and for the first time funds were allocated to three refugee para athletes. Originating primarily from Syria, Afghanistan, Iran, and Rwanda, these athletes are living in diverse contexts, including refugee camps in Jordan (Azraq and Za'atari camps), Rwanda (Mahama and Kiziba camps), and urban host countries such as Iran, Germany, UK, Austria, Ireland and the Netherlands, reflecting the global reach and inclusiveness of the initiative.

The Solidarity Program facilitated participation in major international World Taekwondo (WT) promoted competitions, WT promoted elite training camps, and relocation scholarships, enabling athletes to pursue high-performance Taekwondo pathways.

Supported activities included participation in the World Cadet Championships in Fujairah and U21 WT Championships in Nairobi, Asian Cadet and Junior Championships in Kuching, Taekwondo development programs for both able bodied and para athletes in the Republic of South Korea, Grand Prix events, and regional competitions across Asia, Europe, Africa, and the Middle East. The program also supported the relocation of two elite Afghan refugee athletes to Germany, ensuring access to top level training at the Taekwondo Competence Center (TCC) recognized by the IOC and WT.

Through the WT-THF partnership, a delegation of 23 supported refugee athletes participated in the G1 Solidarity Center Open (5-6 July), where the refugee team ranked first overall, winning 11 medals and demonstrating both strong competitive performance and the effectiveness of sustained support.

Across the 14 WT-promoted competitions that have been supported, participating refugee athletes won 13 medals, primarily in the senior categories (nine). They also secured three bronze medals (junior) at the Solidarity Center Open and achieved a historic milestone: the first-ever international medal for the THF Academy (Za'atari), winning gold in the child

THF remains grateful for the partnership with World Taekwondo whose financial support enables refugee athletes to pursue excellence and dignity through sport, in alignment with the shared objectives of the WT Care program. These efforts directly contributed to athlete performance, international representation, and long-term athlete development, while promoting social inclusion and resilience among displaced communities.

# WT Solidarity Program for Refugee athletes

## 2025 Key Figures

### PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Total budget allocated:

**USD 100,000**

Total budget spent:

**USD 88,332**

Total refugee athletes:

**36**

Top 3 nationalities:



**Syria**

**13**



**Afghanistan**

**9**



**Iran**

**8**

#### Countries of living : per importance

|               |           |
|---------------|-----------|
| Jordan        | <b>12</b> |
| Germany       | <b>6</b>  |
| Rwanda        | <b>5</b>  |
| Great Britain | <b>3</b>  |
| Switzerland   | <b>3</b>  |
| France        | <b>2</b>  |
| Netherland    | <b>1</b>  |
| Italy         | <b>1</b>  |
| Austria       | <b>1</b>  |
| Ireland       | <b>1</b>  |
| Iran          | <b>1</b>  |

### SUPPORT PER CATEGORY

Scholarship and Relocation:

**2 refugee athletes**

**USD 14,351**

Competitions & Training Camps:

**20 refugee athletes (able bodied)**

**USD 30,348**

Competitions & Training Camps:

**3 refugee athletes (para)**

**USD 28,633**

G1 Solidarity's Center Open:

**23 refugee athletes**

**USD 15,000**

### COMPETITIONS SUPPORTED

World Senior Championships  
 World Cadet Championships  
 Asian Cadet Championships  
 Asian Junior Championships  
 Asian Para Championships  
 Uganda Ambassadors' Cup  
 Muju Grand Prix Challenge  
 U21 World Championships  
 Solidarity's Center Open  
 Turkish Para Open  
 Arab Cup  
 Fujairah Open  
 Chuncheon Korea Open  
 World Para Taekwondo Open Challenge

## Our impact

### THF commitment goes beyond well-being.

Through its humanitarian commitment, THF's projects are designed to maximize local impact, creating value not only for the beneficiaries of our programs, but also for the people who run them.

THF is committed to developing, as far as possible, a virtuous dynamic around some selected Sustainable Development Goals adopted by the United Nations.

To this end, THF has produced an impact report in 2022, which can be viewed on its website ([www.thfaid.org](http://www.thfaid.org)).





**THF is joining the collective  
global effort to improve  
the planet and life of  
its citizens by 2030**



# Year 2025

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## Highlights 2025



### **Consolidating Impact, Expanding Partnerships, and Strengthening Pathways for Refugee Youth Through Sport**

In 2025, the Taekwondo Humanitarian Foundation (THF) consolidated as a credible, delivery-focused humanitarian sports foundation. Across its program implementation, athlete development, and institutional governance, THF advanced practical pathways for refugee and displaced youth while strengthening the partnerships and strategic foundations required for sustainable growth.

### **Program delivery and access.**

THF expanded opportunities for refugee youth through the Hope and Dreams Sports Festival in Jordan, which reached nearly 1,250 participants across five sports, and through complementary sport activities in Azraq, Za'atari, Mafraq, Mahama, and Kiziba. During Dr. Choue visit in Mahama (Rwanda), support was reaffirmed through equipment commitments, Virtual Taekwondo opportunities, and plans to further structure inter-camp activity. These initiatives demonstrated THF's ability to combine grassroots participation with social inclusion and psychosocial benefit.

### **Athlete pathway development and performance.**

Through the 2025 Solidarity Program, THF supported 36 refugee athletes, including three para athletes, with access to training camps, international competitions, and relocation opportunities. Funded refugee athletes contributed to 13 medals at WT-promoted events in the Middle East, Asia and Europe. Access to full report on 2025 THF Solidarity Program on page (37).

A particularly meaningful milestone was the gold medal won by Ilham Al-Sheikh, an 11-year-old Syrian refugee from Za'atari Refugee Camp training at the THF academy. Her success at the 2025 Fujairah Open showed that, with structured support and opportunity, even very young refugee athletes can transform adversity into excellence despite displacement and limited resources, and become powerful symbols of hope for other children in THF programs. Access to the full story by reading the article on page (15).

### **Institutional strengthening and partnership development.**

THF deepened cooperation with the Olympic Refugee Foundation, FISU, national partners, and private-sector supporters, while launching a Strategy Review aligned with World Taekwondo's sustainability mission. Board decisions in 2025 reinforced governance, renewed leadership mandates, approved activities expansion in Africa, and endorsed a stronger operational basis ahead of THF's 10th anniversary in 2026. Collectively, these steps enhanced THF's accountability, visibility, and long-term readiness for scaled impact.

## Local Events & Global Initiatives

The third Hope and Dreams Sports Festival in Jordan was its largest yet, featuring five sports, uniting refugee youth, partners, and leaders to celebrate inclusion through sport. Held April 30 to May 3 in Azraq, Za'atari, and Amman, the event designed to promote empowerment and hope, engaged nearly 1,250 participants fostering joy, confidence, and belonging, while highlighting partners including the Jordan Olympic Committee, UNHCR, Sport Federations (IFs), and FISU. Access the full article on page (51).

At a Sports Day in Mafraq, Jordan, 20 young refugee athletes from Za'atari THF Academy showcased Poomsae and wood-breaking Taekwondo demonstrations. Held under the Jordan Olympic Committee's community program, the event gave the refugee youth the opportunity to connect with the local community while discovering new sports and experience the emotional, social, and physical benefits of participation, reflecting THF's mission to empower displaced youth through sport and social integration.

World Taekwondo (WT) in partnership with the International Olympic Committee (IOC) delivered an Olympic Solidarity Taekwondo Camp in Amman, Jordan, hosting young athletes from Palestine, Jordan and Iraq. Thirteen refugee athletes from Azraq and Za'atari THF academies joined the initiative. A WT delegation also visited Azraq Camp, reinforcing a shared commitment to hope, inclusion, and empowerment through sport.

## Solidarity initiatives

The 2025 THF Solidarity Program aimed at supporting refugee athletes development, addressed 36 refugee Taekwondo athletes, including three refugee para athletes, with financial and technical assistance for elite training camps, international competition, and relocation. The THF Solidarity Program mainly focused in serving cadet and junior living in refugee camps and host countries.

At the "We Are The One Training Camp" in Muju, Republic of South Korea, five selected senior refugee athletes from Italy, Jordan, and Rwanda—four of whom live in refugee camps—participated in an intensive and consistent high-level training program, followed by competition at the Muju Grand Prix Challenge, marking an important step in their sporting pathway. Supported by WT, THF, and the Olympic Refugee Foundation (ORF), and conducted by the Taekwondo Promotion Foundation (TPF), the 10-day camp strengthened athletes' skills and reinforced long-term ambitions, including qualification for the LA 2028 Olympic Games. It highlighted World Taekwondo's role in creating concrete opportunities for refugee elite athletes to progress, compete globally, and engage with Korean culture.



At the 2025 Solidarity Center Open (G1) in Montargis, France, 23 refugee athletes from various countries, representing all age categories, were supported through THF funding. These funds, allocated to the event organizer, helped reducing financial barriers for refugees and athletes from third countries, enabling their participation in a G1 Open through targeted assistance.

In 2025, THF strengthened its commitment to inclusion by expanding opportunities for para refugee athletes. Two Syrian para athletes from Za'atari Camp, in Jordan, participated in the WT Development Para Training Camp in Muju, gaining valuable high-level training experience. They took part in their first international competitions, supported by the THF Solidarity Program for refugee athletes and para athletes. These initiatives reflect THF's ongoing efforts to ensure that displaced athletes, including those with disabilities, can access international platforms, develop their skills, and pursue their sporting ambitions.

### Competitions & Performance

11-year-old Syrian refugee athlete Ilham Al-Sheikh won gold at the Fujairah Open, showing resilience and talent. Inspiring the Refugee Team delegation of four athletes from THF academies in Za'atari and Azraq, she overpassed significant challenges to succeed internationally. Supported by THF Solidarity Program for refugee athletes, her achievement show sport's transformative power and inspired other refugee youth to pursue their dreams despite adversity.

At the Solidarity Center Open in France, the 23 participating refugee athletes delivered an outstanding performance, finishing first overall with 11 medals and demonstrating how sport can foster resilience, inclusion, dignity, and opportunity.

At the 2025 WT Cadet Championships in Fujairah, five refugee athletes from THF academies in Azraq and Za'atari camps competed, marking a major milestone for the THF and the refugee athletes. Their experience highlighted their journey from camp training to the international stage, reflecting THF's commitment to creating pathways for refugee athletes to develop, gain confidence, and exchange with the global Taekwondo community.

### Official engagements

In Mahama Refugee Camp in Rwanda, WT President and THF Chairman Dr. Chungwon Choue reaffirmed support for THF programs in Rwanda, stating Taekwondo equipment donations, Virtual Taekwondo initiatives, and plans to invite one outstanding refugee athlete from Kiziba or Mahama camps to a future championship. He also highlighted the inspiring contribution of Paralympian and THF coach, Parfait Hakizimana, also proposing an inter-camp tournament to further strength and develop Taekwondo across Rwanda's refugee camps.

During the 2025 Fujairah Open, the THF Chair, Dr. Chungwon Choue, met with His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Hamad Al Sharqi, Crown Prince of Fujairah, to express sincere thanks for his longstanding support. Dr. Choue highlighted Fujairah's important role as host of the record-breaking World Taekwondo Cadet Championships, as well as His Highness's significant and constant contributions to THF and refugee-focused initiatives worldwide, over the last 10 years.

During his visit In Malta, THF Chairman met young displaced athletes training at the Iron Taekwondo Club (ITL) in Santa Venera. Supported by the THF and operated by the Malta Taekwondo Association (MTA), the program serves mainly Ukrainian refugee youth aged 12 to 16. Building on a 2023 cooperation agreement, the partnership promotes Taekwondo as a tool for peace, integration, and self-development through structured training and competitions.

During the 2025 FISU World University Games in Rhine-Ruhr, the WT President and THF Chairman met with FISU President and THF Trustee, Leonz Eder, to strengthen cooperation, including the development of new humanitarian initiatives supporting refugee youth in camps through sport and education. Following the Presidents' shared intention, FISU and THF teams are working on a pilot initiative to deliver e-learning English sessions for THF beneficiaries in Azraq Refugee Camp.

### **Contribution to THF**

JC Sports, a World Taekwondo recognized supplier, announced his willing to donate up to 60,000 USD worth of doboks, T-shirts, and other equipment to support programs in the refugee camps. Part of this donation already reached beneficiaries in Jordan in 2025, with further donation in kind planned for THF beneficiaries in Rwanda in 2026.

In 2025, the THF received over USD 345,000 in donations, marking the continued effort of World Taekwondo and THF partners who believe in sport as a tool for inclusion and empowerment. These funds supported grassroots programs in Jordan, Rwanda, and Eswatini; special projects in France, Malta, and Mexico; as well as the THF Solidarity Program, directly benefiting refugee athletes through training and competition opportunities.

### **THF Boards**

At its first 2025 Board meeting in Lausanne, THF Board reviewed key 2024 achievements and set ambitious priorities. To support this renewed focus, Mr. Maher Magableh was appointed THF Operations Director, backing the Foundation's capacity to enhance its global reach and impact.

At its second Board meeting, the THF Board reaffirmed its commitment to empowering refugees through sport, with a focus on stronger collaboration with the Olympic Movement, expanded opportunities through the Solidarity Program, and the growth of the Hope and Dreams Sports Festival for its 10th anniversary in 2026. the Board of Trustees also re-elected his Chairman Dr. Chungwon Choue for a fourth term (2025–2028), renewing trustee mandates and appointing two new members to support THF's continued development.

At its final 2025 Board meeting, the THF Board approved key priorities for 2026, including expanding the Hope and Dreams Festival in Africa, renewing the necessity to strength ties with the Olympic Movement, and diversifying funding sources to ensure long-term impact. The Board also endorsed increased budgets for 2026 THF programs in Jordan, Rwanda, and Eswatini, as well as continued support for able-bodied and para refugee athletes through the Solidarity Program. The meeting underscored THF's growing global reach and commitment to empowering displaced youth through sport, delivering well-being and opportunities for THF beneficiaries.

## Sport and solidarity

### 3<sup>rd</sup> HOPE AND DREAMS SPORTS FESTIVAL AMMAN (JORDAN)

A Festival of  
unity, passion,  
purpose and  
clear objectives  
to strengthen  
THF programs in  
Azraq and  
Za'atari Refugee  
Camps.

## Hope and Dreams Sports Festival expands reach and deepens impact for refugee youth in Jordan

**The 3<sup>rd</sup> Hope and Dreams Sports Festival—the largest edition yet—brought refugee youth, sport federations and humanitarian leaders in Jordan. From the camps of Azraq and Za'atari to the arenas of Amman, the event showed how sport can restore joy, dignity and hope.**

Held from April 30 to May 3, the third edition of the festival began with demonstrations in the Azraq and Za'atari refugee camps before culminating in two Sports Day held in Amman.

Organized by World Taekwondo and the THF, the event continued to evolve from a unique sport festival into a broader multi-sport event for empowerment and inclusion. WT President and THF Chairman Dr. Choue said: "The Hope and Dreams Festival has become a cornerstone event for World Taekwondo and the THF. We are proud to see it grow into a multi-sport platform that continues to inspire refugees and young people around the world."

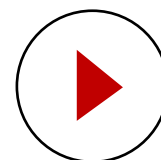
This year, five sports were featured: Taekwondo, Baseball5, Badminton, Basketball 3x3 and Handball. Beyond its scale, the festival's impact was felt most clearly in the emotions of the young athletes. One female badminton player expressed it so simply: "Badminton is my life. I can't imagine my life without Badminton now." Her words captured what the festival means for many children in the camps: not only a chance to compete, but also a source of identity, happiness and self-belief along the year.

The event also highlighted the power of partnership. Leaders from the Jordan Olympic Committee, UNHCR, FISU, WBSC and other organizations joined the event, reaffirming a shared commitment to empowering refugees through sport. Gonzalo Barrio of the Refugee Olympic Foundation (ORF) praised the Hope and Dreams Sports Festival for bringing sports bodies together in a way that benefits both athletes and federations, while also helping break stigma and build relationships that may shape athletes' futures.

Korea Times coverage reflected the same spirit, describing the excitement of children travelling beyond the camps to compete in Amman and the values they displayed. Discipline, perseverance, respect and self-control were visible not only in competition, but also in the confidence with which the young athletes carried themselves. These moments showed that the festival is about far more than results; it is about nurturing character and expanding possibility.

President Chungwon Choue captured that purpose when he told the athletes, "Enjoy this moment and enjoy yourselves. This is what sport is all about." He also reminded participants that sport is helping build "life values" alongside hope and dreams.

As THF approaches its 10th anniversary in 2026, the 2025 festival stands as a powerful example of how sustained partnership can transform sport into a pathway toward belonging, confidence and future aspiration for refugee youth. President Choue reflected on the achievements of the THF since its foundation in September 2015. We started from a simple dream to where we are now," he said. "We are not only bringing sports to the camps but also building life values through participation in sports.



**Watch Video**



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## Refugee Athletes Shine at the 2025 Solidarity's Center Open, in Montargis, France

### GI SOLIDARITY'S OPEN MONTARGIS (France)

"Solidarity with the underprivileged is a shared value within the Taekwondo family."

**Mamoudou Bassoum**

**Founder of the Solidarity  
Taekwondo Open**

**The 4<sup>th</sup> GI Solidarity's Center Open backed by THF and World Taekwondo, gathered over 50 nations, offering refugee and underprivileged athletes free participation. More than a competition, the event promoted equity, inclusion, and Olympic values, showcasing Taekwondo power to unit.**

The GI Solidarity's Center Open provides an important international platform for refugee Taekwondo athletes hosted in Europe and in Africa. Designed with a strong solidarity focus, the event welcomed refugee participants since 2021 with dedicated financial assistance, including waived registration fees and support for travel, transport, and accommodation, helping reduce the costs barriers.

More than a competition, the Solidarity's Center Open has become a practical expression of the partnership between the THF and the event organizer since 2024. This collaboration has helped position the tournament as a meaningful pathway for refugee athletes to gain visibility, experience, and opportunity, while being part of the global Taekwondo community.

The 2025 edition brought together around 500 players across cadet, junior and senior categories. Presence of more than twenty refugee athletes and the stories they shared online underlined the determination and resilience they brought to the mat.

Performance-wise, the Refugee Team delivered an impressive result. The official result book shows that the Taekwondo Refugee Team finished first in overall medal standings, winning 11 medals.

Beyond medals, the event showed how Taekwondo can promote dignity, resilience, and belonging both on and off the field of play.



## **WT Olympic Solidarity Team Shares Hope at Azraq Refugee Camp**

**WT OLYMPIC SOLIDARITY  
AZRAQ CAMP (Jordan)**

“The visit created a joyful and uplifting atmosphere, with smiles, encouragement, and shared moments of connection.”

**On July 18, 2025, the World Taekwondo Olympic Solidarity Team visited the THF’s center in Azraq Camp, Jordan, during the IOC-funded Palestine Olympic Solidarity Training Camp in Amman.**

The visit reflected the vision of WT President and THF Chairman, who has long promoted Taekwondo as a tool to empower vulnerable communities and give refugee youth confidence, respect, and hope.

Rather than focusing only on their own training, the team dedicated part of their day to engaging with refugee children participating in THF’s Taekwondo education programs. Coaches Professor Jeongwoo Jeon and Coach Dongwan Lee led sessions that went beyond physical technique, sharing values such as resilience, self-belief, and mutual respect. Their presence sent a strong message to the children that they are seen, supported, and not forgotten.

The visit created a joyful and uplifting atmosphere, with smiles, encouragement, and shared moments of connection leaving a lasting impression on the young participants. The team also distributed snacks and juice, adding warmth and care to the experience.

This outreach followed the successful 2025 Hope and Dreams Sports Festival, held earlier in Azraq and Za’atari camps, which brought together multiple sports to promote inclusion and opportunity for refugee youth. Together, these initiatives highlight how World Taekwondo and THF continue to use sport as a force for peace, belonging, and empowerment, helping displaced children build life skills and dream beyond their circumstances.



Donors

Sustained Global Support  
Strengthens THF Programs  
and Expands Impact for  
Refugee Athletes in 2025

THF expresses its deepest gratitude to all donors, operational partners and employees in the field for their support and commitment. Through your contributions, in 2025 THF has enabled over 800 displaced boys and girls to benefit from a quality program, helping them to overcome their physical and psychological barriers, raising a new life through taekwondo, as well as being part of a family.

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- Amos Sweets
- JC Sportswear
- Private donors

THANK YOU!



# Financial Report 2025

## Taekwondo Humanitarian Foundation

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

| ASSETS                        | 2025                  | 2024                  |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Current assets</b>         |                       |                       |
| Cash assets                   | 457'230.48            | 433'278.00            |
| Bank account USD              | 423'676.67            | 352'608.73            |
| Bank account EUR              | 29'178.39             | 77'581.41             |
| Bank account CHF              | 2'191.59              | 664.63                |
| Other cash assets             | 2'183.83              | 2'423.23              |
| <br>Other current assets      | <br>13'523.71         | <br>42'702.50         |
| <i>Stock of sport clothes</i> | 13'523.71             | 42'702.50             |
| Prepaid expenses              | 0.00                  | 434.55                |
| <i>Prepaid expenses</i>       | 0.00                  | 434.55                |
| <b>Total current assets</b>   | <b>470'754.19</b>     | <b>476'415.05</b>     |
| <br><b>Total assets</b>       | <br><b>470'754.19</b> | <br><b>476'415.05</b> |

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

| LIABILITIES AND EQUITY                        | 2025                 | 2024                 |
|-----------------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| <b>Current liabilities</b>                    |                      |                      |
| Accrued liabilities (Transitory Liabilities)  | 13'844.97            | 19'480.40            |
| <br><b>Total current liabilities</b>          | <br><b>13'844.97</b> | <br><b>19'480.40</b> |
| <br><b>Total liabilities</b>                  | <br><b>13'844.97</b> | <br><b>19'480.40</b> |
| <br><b>Equity</b>                             |                      |                      |
| Capital                                       | 50'000.00            | 50'000.00            |
| Net accumulated surplus beginning of the year | 406'934.65           | 337'341.67           |
| Net surplus/(deficit) for the year            | -25.43               | 69'592.98            |
| <b>Total equity</b>                           | <b>456'909.22</b>    | <b>456'934.65</b>    |
| <b>Total liabilities and equity</b>           | <b>470'754.19</b>    | <b>476'415.05</b>    |

Lausanne, March 13th 2026

Statement of income and expenditure  
for the year ended 31 December (Period January 01 - December 31)

(in CHF)

|                                               |         | 2025                 |         | 2024                 |
|-----------------------------------------------|---------|----------------------|---------|----------------------|
| <b>Donations</b>                              | 100.00% | <b>270'458.90</b>    | 100.00% | <b>409'318.18</b>    |
| <i>Donations received</i>                     | 100.00% | <i>270'458.90</i>    | 100.00% | <i>409'318.18</i>    |
| <b>Income</b>                                 | 100.00% | <b>270'458.90</b>    | 100.00% | <b>409'318.18</b>    |
| <br>Projects costs                            | -77.04% | <br>-208'355.75      | -83.79% | <br>-342'966.25      |
| Stock fees and stock variation per inventory  | -1.45%  | -3'908.98            | -0.98%  | -3'999.13            |
| Professional fees - legal, accounting         | -2.41%  | -6'521.50            | -1.59%  | -6'527.50            |
| Insurance charges                             | -0.32%  | -861.00              | -0.21%  | -861.00              |
| Office administrative expenses                | -0.37%  | -989.69              | -0.25%  | -1'028.67            |
| Other administrative expenses                 | -0.12%  | -337.00              | -0.71%  | -2'889.41            |
| Travel and representation costs               | -0.26%  | -705.00              | -0.30%  | -1'236.02            |
| <b>Operating expenses</b>                     | -81.96% | <b>-221'678.92</b>   | -87.83% | <b>-359'507.98</b>   |
| <br><b>Operating result</b>                   | 18.04%  | <br><b>48'779.98</b> | 12.17%  | <br><b>49'810.20</b> |
| <br>Other financial income                    | 0.00%   | <br>0.00             | 0.00%   | <br>5.65             |
| Exchange loss                                 | -17.97% | -48'600.20           | -0.32%  | -1'316.13            |
| Exchange gain                                 | 0.00%   | 0.00                 | 5.22%   | 21'372.88            |
| Other financial expenses                      | -0.08%  | -205.21              | -0.07%  | -279.62              |
| <b>Total other income/expenses, net</b>       | -18.05% | <b>-48'805.41</b>    | 4.83%   | <b>19'782.78</b>     |
| <br><b>Net surplus (deficit) for the year</b> | -0.01%  | <br><b>-25.43</b>    | 17.00%  | <br><b>69'592.98</b> |

Lausanne, March 13th 2026

## Taekwondo Humanitarian Foundation

Notes to the financial statements  
for the year ended 31 December

|                                                                |         | 2025               |         | 2024               |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|---------|--------------------|---------|--------------------|
| <b>Jordan project (Azraq + Za'atari refugee camps)</b>         | -22.57% | <b>-61'046.07</b>  | -16.45% | <b>-67'349.51</b>  |
| Staffing (not subject to AVS)                                  | -10.94% | -29'586.90         | -7.53%  | -30'812.06         |
| Equipment                                                      | -0.89%  | -2'412.89          | -0.82%  | -3'338.71          |
| Infrastructure                                                 | 0.00%   | 0.00               | -3.31%  | -13'568.29         |
| Event, belt grading, communication                             | -0.60%  | -1'610.94          | 0.00%   | 0.00               |
| Local competition                                              | -3.21%  | -8'684.99          | -4.59%  | -18'780.45         |
| Travel and representation expenses                             | 0.00%   | 0.00               | -0.21%  | -850.00            |
| Hope and Dreams sports Festival                                | -2.92%  | -7'901.80          | 0.00%   | 0.00               |
| Donation operations costs                                      | -4.01%  | -10'848.55         | 0.00%   | 0.00               |
| <b>Rwanda project (Mahama + Kiziba refugee camps)</b>          | -4.95%  | <b>-13'385.00</b>  | 3.55%   | <b>-14'516.23</b>  |
| Staffing (not subject to AVS)                                  | -4.95%  | -13'385.00         | -3.55%  | -14'516.23         |
| <b>Eswatini project (Malindza refugee camp)</b>                | -4.55%  | <b>-12'311.53</b>  | -3.30%  | <b>-13'493.04</b>  |
| Staffing (not subject to AVS)                                  | -4.55%  | -12'311.53         | -3.30%  | -13'493.04         |
| <b>Turkish project (Elbeyli refugee camp)</b>                  | 0.00%   | <b>0.00</b>        | -2.66%  | <b>-10'882.47</b>  |
| Staffing (not subject to AVS)                                  | 0.00%   | 0.00               | -2.66%  | -10'882.47         |
| <b>Paris 2024 Project – Terrains d'Avenir (Île-de-France)</b>  | -0.95%  | <b>-2'562.16</b>   | -16.34% | <b>-66'894.90</b>  |
| Staffing (not subject to AVS)                                  | -0.52%  | -1'401.58          | -14.34% | -58'683.56         |
| Equipment                                                      | 0.00%   | 0.00               | 0.09%   | 383.43             |
| Communication & Marketing                                      | 0.00%   | 0.00               | -1.71%  | -6'996.64          |
| Other costs                                                    | -0.43%  | -1'160.58          | -0.06%  | -240.77            |
| Travel and representation                                      | 0.00%   | 0.00               | -0.33%  | -1'357.36          |
| <b>Paris project – Taekwondo for Inclusion (Île-de-France)</b> | -3.67%  | <b>-9'934.73</b>   | 0.00%   | <b>0.00</b>        |
| Staffing (not subject to AVS)                                  | -2.43%  | -6'578.09          | 0.00%   | 0.00               |
| Travel and representation                                      | -0.21%  | -565.14            | 0.00%   | 0.00               |
| Administrative costs (provisioned)                             | -1.03%  | -2'791.50          | 0.00%   | 0.00               |
| <b>Malta project (Santa Venera)</b>                            | -3.45%  | <b>-9'325.48</b>   | -1.20%  | <b>-4'894.44</b>   |
| Staffing (not subject to AVS)                                  | -3.45%  | -9'325.48          | -1.20%  | -4'894.44          |
| <b>Ecole Taekwondo Monsoise Project (Mons-en-Baroeul)</b>      | -1.73%  | <b>-4'671.93</b>   | -1.15%  | <b>-4'692.11</b>   |
| Staffing (not subject to AVS)                                  | -1.73%  | -4'671.93          | -1.15%  | -4'692.11          |
| <b>Mexico project (Tijuana)</b>                                | -0.45%  | <b>-1'220.30</b>   | -0.59%  | <b>-2'421.88</b>   |
| Staffing (not subject to AVS)                                  | -0.45%  | -1'220.30          | -0.59%  | -2'421.88          |
| <b>THF Solidarity Program for Refugee Athletes</b>             | -25.92% | <b>-70'091.44</b>  | 0.00%   | <b>0.00</b>        |
| Refugee Athlete support                                        | -25.92% | -70'091.44         | 0.00%   | 0.00               |
| <b>WT Solidarity Program 2024 for Refugees Athletes</b>        | 0.00%   | <b>0.00</b>        | -27.77% | <b>-113'676.15</b> |
| Refugee Athlete support                                        | 0.00%   | 0.00               | -27.77% | -113'676.15        |
| <b>THF Equipment Support - (Donation)</b>                      | -8.80%  | <b>-23'807.11</b>  | -10.79% | <b>-44'145.52</b>  |
| Equipment                                                      | -8.80%  | -23'807.11         | -9.80%  | -40'113.32         |
| Donation operations costs                                      | 0.00%   | 0.00               | -0.99%  | -4'032.20          |
| <b>Total projects costs</b>                                    | -77.04% | <b>-208'355.75</b> | -83.79% | <b>-342'966.25</b> |

## Taekwondo Humanitarian Foundation

### Notes to the financial statements

for the year ended 31 December 2025

(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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#### Number of employees

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

Taekwondo Humanitarian Foundation

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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.

3 Asset management

|                                                                         | <u>2025</u> | <u>2024</u> |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Cash and cash equivalents held in CHF as a percentage of total assets : | 0.58%       | 0.37%       |
| Cash and cash equivalents held in USD as a percentage of total assets : | 90.35%      | 74.39%      |
| Cash and cash equivalents held in EUR as a percentage of total assets : | 6.20%       | 16.28%      |
| Stock of sport clothes :                                                | 2.87%       | 8.96%       |

The majority of the Foundation's assets are held in US dollars, which is the functional currency and is used to pay foreign expenses.

4 Tax exemption

The Foundation has obtained a full tax exemption on the income and capital at the federal, cantonal and city levels.

5 Other information

There is no other information required by law to be mentioned in the notes to the financial statements.

The depreciation of the US dollar has a significant impact on the accounts for the 2025 financial year.  
The revaluation of bank assets and, to a lesser extent, clothing stock as at 31 December 2025 has resulted in a foreign exchange loss of CHF 48,600.20 (2024 = CHF 1,316.13)

Lausanne, March 13th 2026



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Pully, March 13th, 2026

**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, 2025.

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**

  
Daniel Emery  
Licensed Audit Expert  
Auditor in charge

  
Florent Roller  
Licensed Audit Expert

**Enclosures :** Financial statements (balance sheet, statement of income and expenditure and notes)

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