



## Pakistan



## MANDATE

Handicap International is continuing its efforts to help people who are vulnerable to natural and human disasters in Pakistan. Our work currently focuses on natural disaster risk management and meeting the needs of people displaced as a result of natural catastrophes.

## SITUATION

Pakistan is increasingly and regularly hit by natural disasters. In 2005, an earthquake killed more than 70,000 people and displaced 3 million others from their homes. In 2010, unprecedented flooding affected more than 20 million people. Similar disasters occur every year, although on a smaller scale. In 2014, nearly 3,500 villages were destroyed, affecting some 2 million people.

## INITIAL ACTIONS

Handicap International launched its first actions in Pakistan in the early 1980s and continued working with Afghan refugees until the end of the 1990s. Following a series of natural disasters, the organisation returned to Pakistan, particularly in response to the humanitarian emergency caused by flooding that hit the country in 2010.

## KEY FACTS

Human development index (HDI) *	146 (out 187 countries listed)
GDP per capita (USD) *	€4,652
Surface area**	796,100 km <sup>2</sup>
Population (millions) **	182.1
Life expectancy*	66.6 years

\*UNDP: 2014 human development report

\*\* World Bank 2013

<b>Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD)</b>	Ratified: 05/07/2011
<b>Oslo Convention on Cluster Munitions</b>	Non-State Party
<b>Ottawa Mine Ban Convention</b>	Non-State Party

## STAFF

- Local staff members: 33
- Expatriate staff members: 3

## PROGRAMME COMMUNICATION

<b>Sponsorship?</b>	no
<b>Team member especially dedicated to communication?</b>	no
<b>Redaction of a yearly report by the programme?</b>	no

**Current projects 2015**

## Increasing community resilience to natural disasters by reducing their vulnerability to risk.

**GOAL**

The project aims at contributing to an increase in community resilience to natural hazard by enabling communities to identify and address critical issues (such as destroyed infrastructures, increased poverty, etc.) causing or contributing to their vulnerability to disaster risks. The project particularly focuses on the vulnerabilities of persons with disabilities.

**METHOD**

Handicap International is aiming to address the vulnerabilities of the communities through a community based disaster risk management. The project will:

- Mobilise communities to assess and evaluate risks through participatory identification and implementation of an inclusive Community Based Disaster Risk Management model.
- Link stakeholders at all levels to provide individuals and communities with greater means to address vulnerabilities to disasters.
- Implement community based solutions to address the root causes of vulnerability to disasters. For example, the community will be involved in defining criteria to increase food security, or designing a community strategy to sustain livelihoods.

**INTERVENTION TYPE**

Direct aid to <b>populations: no</b>	
Service or care: <b>no</b>	Distribution: <b>no</b>

Through <b>partners: yes</b>		
Technical support: <b>yes</b>	Donation of equipment: <b>no</b>	Financial support: <b>no</b>

**BENEFICIARIES**

The project is targeting 124 communities in Kar Malik, with 2,650 households. The activities will target all the 15,400 people living in the area. Particular attention will be given to vulnerable groups, such as women, older persons and persons with disabilities, who will benefit from personalized support services.

**PARTNERS**

- Pakistan FisherFolk Forum
- Provincial Disaster Management Authorities
- National Institute for Disaster Management
- Disabled People's Organizations
- Pakistan DRR (Disaster Risk Reduction) Forum
- Pakistan Poverty Alleviation Fund

**LOCATION**

Pakistan - Sindh province / Sujawal district / city of Kar Malik.

**FUNDING**

Funding secured until:	<b>01/09/2018</b>
Extension for at least one additional year (subject to funding):	<b>no</b>

**MAIN FUNDING BODIES**

<p><b>German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ)</b></p>  <p>Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development</p>		
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