



**Yemen**



**MANDATE**

Handicap International's mandate in Yemen is to improve the quality of physical rehabilitation services provided to the victims of the ongoing conflict and advocate for a better inclusion of people with disabilities within the humanitarian response.

**SITUATION**

After decades of instability and unrest, Yemen's situation has further worsened in the recent years due to the decaying economy, and the lack of political stability. In 2011, in the wake of the Arab Spring, long-time president Ali Abdullah Saleh had to step down after massive demonstrations, and was replaced by Abd Rabbo Mansour Hadi.

President Hadi was forced out of power after the uprising of Houthi militias, which took Sana'a from government forces in December 2014.

Since then, the country has been facing a cycle of violence which culminated in March 2015 with the military intervention of an Arab-countries coalition aimed at reinstating president Hadi.

The blockading of the ports, in a country highly dependent on imports, led to a humanitarian crisis with 70% of the Yemeni population in need of humanitarian assistance, according to ECHO in May 2017.

**INITIAL ACTIONS**

Handicap International has been present in Yemen since the beginning of the 2000s up to 2012. Its work was initially focused on physical rehabilitation.

In December 2014, Handicap International returned to Yemen to support the population affected by the ongoing conflict.

**KEY FACTS**

Human development index (HDI)*	160 out of 187 countries rated	<b>Convention on the Rights of Person with Disabilities (CRPD)</b>	Ratified: 18 September 2012
Life expectancy*	64.031	<b>Convention on cluster munitions (Oslo)</b>	Ratified : 08 September 2011
Gross National Income per capita*	1,140\$ PPA per annum	<b>Mine ban treaty (Ottawa)</b>	Ratified: 11 September 2002
Population**	26,832,215 million inhabitants		
Surface area**	652,864 sq.km		

\*Human Development Report 2014

\*\* World Bank 2015

**STAFF**

- About 60 staff members

**Current projects 2017**



**Urgent and comprehensive specific needs response for vulnerable persons and persons with injuries affected by the conflict**

**GOAL**

Contribute to mitigate the impact of the Yemen crisis on vulnerable persons by responding to their specific needs.  
Reduce vulnerability of Yemen-crisis affected persons thanks to an improved response to their specific needs at health facilities' level.

**METHOD**

1. Selection of health facilities (hospitals, physical rehabilitation centers).
2. Provision of rehabilitation equipment to targeted health facilities and counselling to caregivers.
3. Provision of rehabilitation care and assistive devices to persons with injury.
4. Provision of psychosocial support (Psychosocial First Aid -PFA-, short term group or individual psychosocial support).
5. Capacity building on war injury management for physiotherapists through hands-on/on the job training.
6. Sensitization and training of other key medical staff on comprehensive early rehabilitation care
7. Provision of bilateral coaching support on Inclusion to 5 identified humanitarian actors
8. Inclusion technical support and sensitization sessions for coordination for a and clusters
9. Community awareness sessions on inclusion mainstreaming.

**TYPE OF INTERVENTION**

Directly with <b>populations</b> : yes		Through <b>partners</b> : yes		
Service or care: yes	Distribution: no	Technical support: yes	Donation of equipment: yes	Financial support :no

**BENEFICIARIES**

- At least 2,800 direct beneficiaries (women, men, girls and boys)

**PARTNERS**

- Al Thawra hospital (Sanaa)
- Al Jumhuri teaching hospital (Sanaa)
- Centre for Artificial Limb and Physiotherapy Ministry of Health (Sanaa)

**LOCATION**

- The most affected governorates including Sana'a governorate

**FINANCING**

Financing secured until :	01/01/2020
Extension (subject to funding) for another year at least :	yes



**Ensuring an inclusive response for vulnerable people including people with specific needs**

**GOAL**

Improve the access to humanitarian assistance for the most vulnerable, including people with specific needs.

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**PARTNERS**

- International NGO

**LOCATION**

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**FINANCING**

Financing secured until :	<b>31/12/2018</b>
Extension (subject to funding) for another year at least :	<b>yes</b>

**MAIN FUNDING BODIES**

<p><b>European Commission</b></p>  <p>EUROPEAN COMMISSION Humanitarian Aid and Civil Protection</p>	<p><b>German Ministry of Foreign Affairs</b></p>  <p>German humanitarian assistance DEUTSCHE HUMANITÄRE HILFE</p>	
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