

Ethiopia



MANDATE

Handicap International in Ethiopia aims at promoting inclusive access to humanitarian aid and development sectors for the most vulnerable groups, including people with disabilities. This includes providing access to services by supporting equal opportunities for people with disabilities and vulnerable groups to access to development of their country; mitigate impacts of crisis and support resilience for the most affected populations.

SITUATION

Ethiopia has the fourteenth largest population in the world¹, with more than 100 million inhabitants. The population has been swollen by the arrival of refugees fleeing drought in the Horn of Africa, and refugee camps have sprung up across Ethiopia. The refugees are also fleeing the tense contexts in neighbouring countries such as South Sudan and Somalia. Internally Displaced People are also moving to the camps, fleeing drought, floods and clan conflicts.

People with disabilities are the most vulnerable to the effects of poverty and different types of violence, particularly in emergency situations. It is therefore necessary to promote their access to basic services and their inclusion in the social and economic life of the country. In Ethiopia only 3% of the country estimated 2,4 to 4,8 million children with disabilities go to school due to stigma and a lack of accessibility, trained teachers, and adapted learning resources.

Ethiopia hosted the second largest refugee population in Africa and continued to receive a steady influx of asylum-seekers from some 20 countries, mainly from Eritrea, Somalia, South Sudan and Sudan.ⁱ

INITIAL ACTIONS

Handicap International launched its operations in Ethiopia in 1986, when it set up community-based rehabilitation projects for people with disabilities and developed rehabilitation services for refugees (Somalis in the East and Sudanese in the West). This led rehabilitation units to be set up in eleven hospitals (from 1996 to 2000). Handicap International extended its activities in 1997 by launching a mine risk education project to support the repatriation of

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Somali refugees living in Ethiopia. Ever since the following thematic have been implemented: Inclusive education, HIV/AIDS prevention, livelihoods, disaster risk reduction, child protection, Disability Mainstreaming, Gender Based Violence, Empowerment of Disabled People Organisations, food security, humanitarian assistance for people with disabilities including children with disabilities in refugee and IDPs camps through physical rehabilitation and WASH interventions.

KEY FACTS

Human development index (HDI)*	174 th / 188 countries	Convention on the Rights of	Ratified: 7 July 2010	
Life expectancy*	62 years	Person with Disabilities (CRPD)		
Gross National Income per capita *	1,430\$ per annum	Convention on cluster munitions (Oslo)	Not joined	
Infant mortality rate***	59 deaths per 1000 live births	Mine ban treaty (Ottawa)	Ratified: 17 December 2004	
Population**	102,374 million			
Surface area**	1,104,300 sq.km	*Human Development Report 2016 ** UNSD 2016		

STAFF

- Total national staff employed: 40
- Total expatriates employed: 2

¹According to data from the World Fact book available from <u>https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/geos/et.html</u> *** WHO 2016



Education for Children with Disabilities

GOAL

Improving access of children with disabilities to primary education in four regions and two city administrations (Dire Dawa, Harar, Somali, Oromia, Amhara and Addis Ababa) based on the lesson learned and successful approaches tested during the pilot phase.

METHOD

Handicap International:

- Works in partnership with local authorities and regions
- Advices education actors and organisations of people with disabilities to improve inclusion of children with disabilities at school (improving quality of education and access of children at school)
- Contributes to adapt education tools and improve pedagogical methods to make school adapted to children with disabilities
- · Contributes to improve school infrastructures to make them accessible to all children
- To encourage exchanges of best practices between teachers

TYPE OF INTERVENTION

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

BENEFICIARIES

- 204,900 children (6,700 children with disabilities and 198,200 children without disability)
- 350,962 families
- More than 1,610 education staff members, 71 members of Regional Education Bureau (REB)
- 56 members of Bureau of Labour and Social Affairs (BOLSA), in charge of questions linked to disability at regional level
- 500 members of organisations of people with disabilities

PARTNERS

- Pedagogical offices in the areas of Dire Dawa, Harar and Somali
- 49 primary schools

LOCATION

6 regions: Dire Dawa, Harar, Somali, Oromia, Amhara and Addis Ababa

Financing secured until :	16/11/2017
Extension (subject to funding) for another year at least :	To be confirmed

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Strengthening the provision of access to livelihood and rehabilitation services

GOAL

- Health and social insertion professionals strengthen their professional skills
- Public and private actors responsible for social inclusion of PwDs and rehabilitation in the target communities strengthen their coordination.
- The targeted communities increase their knowledge on inclusion and rehabilitation and are engaged in facilitating socioeconomic inclusion.

METHOD

Through a CBR² approach, HI works on all the barriers that hinder the full inclusion of people with disabilities (PwD) in the society. HI works on improving the referral systems for PwDs³, work with private and government rehabilitation services to strengthen their competences and improve access to prosthetic and orthotics material. HI also gives individual support through the provision of assistive devices to PwDs and provides mobility training.

TYPE OF INTERVENTION

Directly w	ith populations		Through partners	
Service or care : no	Distribution : no	Technical support : yes	Donation of equipment : yes	Financial support : no

BENEFICIARIES

13,700 people, including 1,055 adults with disabilities and children and 648 young people with disabilities (6 - 17 years old).

PARTNERS

- Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs
- Ministry of Health
- Bureau of Health (BoH)
- Ministry of Women and Children Affairs
- Bureau of Women and Children Affairs (BoWCA) Chesire Services
- Jijiga Public Hospital

LOCATION

Ethiopia in Somali region, Fafan zone4, district/ woreda5 of Gursum (27,510 inhabitants).

Financing secured until :	30/09/2017
Extension (subject to funding) for another year at least :	To be confirmed

² CBR: Community Based Rehabilitation

³ PwDs: People with Disabilities

⁴ Administrative unit in which Regions are divided

⁵ Administrative unit in which Zones are divided



Protection and Welfare of Children with and without Disabilities

GOAL

Contributing to the protection and welfare of the most vulnerable girls and boys, particularly those with disabilities, in remote areas of Ethiopia through the promotion and reinforcement of a safe environment.

METHOD

- Awareness-raising campaign on child protection and welfare, led by school children and DPOs
- Create an alert system through traditional grassroots solidarity groups
- Train school staff and Parents Teachers Associations on child protection and disability issues
- · Risk assessment and identification of risk reduction strategies to improve schools' environment
- Train multi-sector service-providers to give coordinated, disability-sensitive quality care to children survivors of violence
- Establish a referral system of available services and resources
- Provide support to at-risk children in vulnerable isolated families

TYPE OF INTERVENTION

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

BENEFICIARIES

- 6,651 children (3,141 girls and 3,510 boys) with and without disabilities in 6 selected schools
- 141 school staff and PTA members of the 6 schools
- Traditional grassroots community group members of 6 woredas (around 940,000 inhabitants)
- 48 service providers (2 representatives of each sector social, health, legal and judiciary)

PARTNERS

- 6 schools
- 1 Disabled people's organisation
- Local authorities (social and basic services)

LOCATION

East and West Haraghe

Financing secured until :	02/2018	
Extension (subject to funding) for another year at least :	ТВС	



GOAL

Communities in 12 woredas of East and West Hararghe have sustainably increased resilience to current and future climate change-induced shocks and stresses, and strengthened horizontal and vertical linkages to DRM institutions and climate change adaptation information.

METHOD

- Participatory Disaster Risk Assessment (PDRA) including hazard, capacity and vulnerability assessments;
- Formulating DRR Measures & Plans
- Community Organizing for CM-DRR
- Participatory Planning, Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning (PPMEL)

TYPE OF INTERVENTION

Directly with populations			Through partners	
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BENEFICIARIES

Communities in 12 woredas

PARTNERS

Cordaid, Hararghe Catholic Secretariat (HCS), African Center for Disaster Risk Management , Catholic relief Service, Disaster Resilience Leadership Academy

LOCATION

West Hararghe zone

Financing secured until :	12/2017
Extension (subject to funding) for another year at least :	ТВС



Protection and Welfare of Children with and without Disabilities

GOAL

In the frame of the ACF/AAH Emergency nutrition project Handicap International makes sure that all nutritional services provided by ACF/AAH in Nguenyyiel and Pugnido camps are inclusive of children with disabilities. HI also provides 'Physical Stimulative Therapy' for severely malnourished under 5 children, to reduce the risk of cognitive and developmental delays (until April 2018).

METHOD

- Physical manipulation of Under-5 children
- Training of Parents
- House-to-house follow up

TYPE OF INTERVENTION

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

BENEFICIARIES

- South Sudanese severely malnourished children under-5 living in refugee camps
- 12,544 individuals (65% of children)

PARTNERS

AAH (Action Against Hunger) - - INGO

LOCATION

Nguenyyiel South Sudanese Refugee Camp, Gambella Region.

Financing secured until :	04/2017
Extension (subject to funding) for another year at least :	ТВС

MAIN FUNDING BODIES

USAID via Catholic Relief Services	French Embassy in Ethiopia	
Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration (PRM) - USA	European Union	SWISS SOLIDARITY
INTERNATIONAL	OXFAM	GRAND-DUCHÉ DE LUXEMBOURG Ministère des Affaires étrangères
UKaid from the British people		

ⁱ According to the UNHCR at : http://reporting.unhcr.org/node/5738