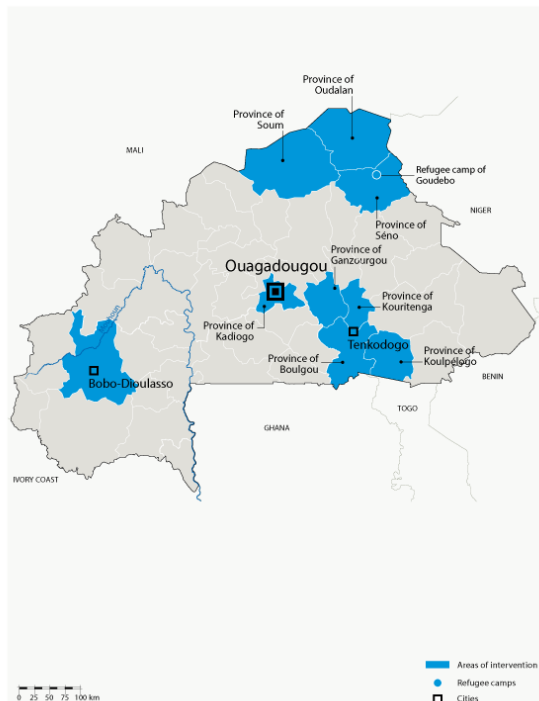




Burkina Faso



MANDATE

In Burkina Faso, the main aim of Handicap International is to positively impact the lives of disabled and vulnerable people through risk reduction and disability prevention, improving access to services and development for a more inclusive society.

SITUATION

Burkina Faso is one of the poorest countries on the planet. After 27 years in power, Blaise Compaore was forced to resign in October 2014 following a popular uprising. In December 2015, Roch Marc Kaboré was elected President for a five-year term. These events have stunted growth in the country, which the IMF estimates will be 5%¹ for 2015, down 1-2 points. According to the latest national census,² people with disabilities make up 1.2% of the country's population. This figure falls well short of the WHO estimates³ which consider that people with disabilities make up 13.9% of the population of Burkina Faso. These figures would put the number of Burkinabes in disabling situations in 2016 at almost 2 million. The national census figures also report that an estimated 85.5% of people with disabilities in Burkina Faso have received no education and 56.5% of Burkinabes with disabilities are not engaged in any professional activity. In Burkina Faso, 20% of children still have no access to basic education and 72.6% of children with disabilities are not in education.

INITIAL ACTIONS

Burkina Faso was the location of Handicap International's first mission in West Africa. The organisation launched its first operation in 1990 to convert an orthopaedic-fitting centre initially designed for use by veterans into the National Orthopaedic-Fitting Centre (open to the whole population), in partnership with the Ministry of Public Health. In 1994 the organisation extended its activities outside the capital by supporting private orthopaedic-fitting and rehabilitation workshops in the towns of Bobo Dioulasso, Ouahigouya and Dori.

STAFF

- National staff: 57
- Expatriate staff: 3

KEY DATA

Human development index (HDI)*	183th/188 classified countries
Gross National Income per capita *	\$1,592 per annum
Surface area**	272,592 sq. km
Population**	17,42 million inhabitants
Life expectancy*	58.7 years

Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD)	Ratified 23/07/2009
Convention on cluster munitions (Oslo)	Ratified 16/02/2010
Mine ban treaty (Ottawa)	Ratified 16/09/1998

*UNDP: 2015 human development report

** UNSD 2015

¹ IMF: International Monetary Fund

² Burkina: General population and housing census, conducted in 2006 and published in July 2008.

³ WHO, World Report on Disability, 2011.

Current projects 2016



Including rehabilitation in health services

GOAL

Improve the quality and accessibility of functional rehabilitation in the country, in particular in the Centre and Centre East regions.

METHOD

- Provide training to health and functional rehabilitation professionals in order to improve the quality of health care and the management of the most common disabling pathologies.
- Provide information to people in the Centre East region (the town of Tenkodogo) on the availability of rehabilitation services for people with disabilities and facilitating financial access to health care for the most vulnerable people.
- Advocacy in order to ensure the Ministry of Health takes functional rehabilitation into account in national health policy.

BENEFICIARIES

As part of this project, health staff (over 120 nurses and health staff, eight rehabilitation assistants, one orthopaedic-fitting assistant, and one orthoprosthesis) are trained, and the inhabitants of the region are provided with information on functional rehabilitation and disability; people in need are provided with rehabilitation care.

PARTNERS

- Ministry of Health through the supervisory body on public hospitals and the private health subsector (DGHSP)
- Regional Health Department
- Tenkodogo Regional Hospital
- Burkina Faso National Orthopaedic-Fitting Centre (CNAOB)
- Regional Department of Social Work and National Solidarity
- 6 private rehabilitation centres in Garango, Koupéla, Tenkodogo, Zabré and Ouargaye in the Centre East (city of Tenkodogo) health district

LOCATION

Centre East region, town of Tenkodogo (main town in the Boulgou province).



Inclusive education: Promoting the full participation of children with disabilities through education (APPEHL)

Regional project run in Burkina Faso, Liberia, Sierra Leone, Benin, Mali, Niger, Senegal, Togo, Benin and Guinea-Bissau

GOAL

- Promote access of all children to primary education by helping the government, local operators and disabled people's organisations jointly develop more inclusive education policies.
- Improve access to quality education for children with disabilities and prepare them for full involvement in their communities in the provinces of Kadiogo, Boulgou and Seno.

METHOD

This project is implemented by:

- Training community partners⁴
- Raising awareness of the importance of the inclusion of children with disabilities in schools and training stakeholders in the education sector (teachers, Ministry of Education and Literacy, parent-teacher associations etc.).
- Strengthening mechanisms for the inclusion of children with disabilities in schools, in particular by providing follow-up on three levels: educational (to ensure the child is able to keep up in class), social (to monitor their inclusion) and health (monitoring their disability and care management).

The lessons learned from this project will be distilled into best practices to encourage implementation at national and regional level.

BENEFICIARIES

The project beneficiaries are first and foremost children with disabilities in the provinces covered, head teachers and teachers, parents of pupils in schools, educational supervisors and representatives of the municipal authorities (health, social work, elected officials made aware of the issues of disability and inclusive education) in these provinces.

PARTNERS

National Ministry of Education and Literacy
Local education stakeholders (decentralised regional divisions).

⁴ The aim is to train people who can take action within their communities (with whom Handicap International works in close collaboration) in different fields (social, education etc.). These people generally form part of local networks or organisations.

LOCATION

- Centre region, particularly 10 basic education districts in the province of Kadiogo
- Centre East region, particularly 3 basic education districts in the province of Kadiogo
- Seno province, particularly in the primary education divisions of Dori and Bani



Promoting peace between communities following population displacements⁵

Regional project, run in Mali and Burkina Faso, in communities in the Sahel, as well as refugees and displaced persons from Mali.

GOAL

Help to reduce inter- and intra-community conflicts by supporting civil society women's organisations in the provinces of Séno and Oudalan (structuring and developing networks between movements).

METHOD

This project uses capacity building and support for women's organisations which are actively involved in inclusive peace and social cohesion initiatives at community, local, national and sub-regional levels. The initiatives taken by these women's organisations may involve grouping women together to develop economic (vegetable growing) or cultural (street theatre) activities etc.

BENEFICIARIES

Women's organisations, civil society organisations, local populations, Malian refugees in the intervention areas; and the local authorities.

PARTNERS

- Association TinHinane, partner for project implementation
- Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Regional Cooperation.
- National Commission for Refugees (CONAREF)

LOCATION

Province of Seno (Dori, Goudebo refugee camp)
Province of Oudalan (Gorom Gorom, Setsera and Darkoye).



Combating violence against children

Project in partnership with Terre des Hommes (with support from Handicap International)

GOAL

Help reducing violence against children by reinforcing protection mechanisms at national and local level (all the people and organisations which play a role in child protection).

METHOD

This project is implemented using a participative approach involving children, communities and State-run services in order to develop a chain of stakeholders and actions which work in synergy as part of local protection networks. It involves stepping up work to increase the prevention of violence and sexual abuse of children and providing support for the mechanisms in place to deal with these cases (health stakeholders, psychologists).

BENEFICIARIES

Children, in particular children with disabilities, who are among the most exposed to violence, families, communities, agents of the State (social workers, teachers, health professionals etc.).

PARTNERS

- Terre des Hommes
- Keeogo Association
- Tié Association
- CEATS (Centre for research into social work support and advice)
- Ministries (interior, justice, health, basic education, social action and national solidarity)

LOCATION

Kadiogo province; Houet province; Ganzourgou province; Seno province.

⁵Project title: Support for social cohesion and inter- and intra-community understanding through initiatives led by women



Preventing and reducing the risk of disability in children under the age of 5 who are malnourished and/or who have a developmental delay (ESSPOIR⁶)

Regional project implemented in Burkina Faso, Mali and Niger

GOAL

Build the capacities of communities and families of malnourished children to meet their specific needs by ensuring their access to:

- i) development care through early stimulation actions
- ii) preventive and protective measures to improve their resilience to chronic disasters in the Sahelian regions of the three countries

METHOD

This project's assistance-based approach is designed to include protection and prevention mechanisms to meet the specific needs of malnourished children and the most vulnerable families that are not currently being met. While saving children's lives is of the utmost importance, it is equally important to preserve their cognitive and productive capital if they are to shape their own futures. The project's response makes an important contribution to preventing all forms of disability in malnourished children, and protecting communities through a psychosocial approach. The project helps reduce the vulnerability of the most excluded families, builds their capacities, self-reliance, self-esteem and, as a result, resilience, and improves their living conditions.

BENEFICIARIES

- 11,500 severely or moderately malnourished children under the age of 5 are expected to benefit over two years on the target sites
- 350 children identified as having a developmental delay
- 23,000 mothers/fathers/guardians
- 46,000 people from extended families (grandparents, sisters, brothers, aunts, uncles, cousins, nephews, etc.)
- 64 socio-health professionals including 4 physiotherapists
- 80 local actors and community leaders
- 54 actors from local, regional and national authorities

PARTNERS

Public technical services

- Dori regional hospital centre and its internal malnutrition care unit.
- Regional Health Department of the Sahel.
- Regional Department of Social Action and National Solidarity (DRASSN).
- Regional Department for the Promotion of Women and Gender.

Civil society

- Management committees of health and social promotion centres (CSPS)
- The Burkina Faso Association of Physiotherapy Masseurs and Rehabilitation Assistants.

Local authorities.

LOCATION

Sahel Region - Health districts of Dori, Djibo and Gorom

⁶ "The stimulation, protection and guidance of malnourished children in the Sahel and their integration into more resilient communities" (Burkina Faso – Mali - Niger)

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