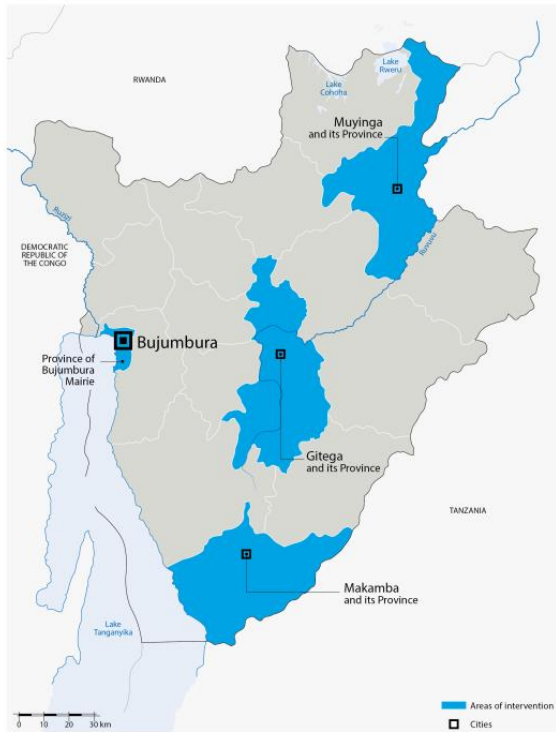




Burundi



MANDATE

In Burundi, Handicap International aims at helping vulnerable individuals, particularly people with disabilities, access basic services (health care, drinking water and food) and specific services (including health and rehabilitation services), and their social and economic environments. The organisation also advances the rights of vulnerable individuals, and their social inclusion.

SITUATION

Burundi is one of the poorest countries in the world: more than 67% of the population lives below the poverty line¹. This country has a high-density population: 300 people/sq.km.

INITIAL ACTIONS

Handicap International has worked in Burundi since 1992. It initially provided support to rehabilitation centres and facilities for children with multiple disabilities², HIV/AIDS control programmes, and implemented inclusive employment for people with disabilities.

STAFF

- National staff members: 60 people
- Expatriate staff members: 8 staff members

KEY DATA

Human Development Index (HDI)*	184/188 classified countries
Life expectancy at birth*	56.7 years
Gross National Income per capita (\$PPA)**	\$758/year
Surface area**	26,338 sq.km
Population**	12.6 million

Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD)	Ratified 22/05/2014
Oslo Convention on Cluster Munitions	Ratified 25/09/2009
Ottawa Mine Ban Convention	Ratified 22/10/2003

*UNDP: 2015 Human Development Report
 ** UNSD 2015

¹ Less than 1.25 dollar/day.

² People with multiple disabilities have a combination of two or more serious disabilities, such as a serious mental impairment and a physical impairment with the same cause, placing strict limits on their autonomy.

Current projects 2016



Physical rehabilitation

GOAL

Help people with physical disabilities access quality rehabilitation care. By supporting local partner centres, Handicap International aims at helping more people with disabilities benefit from care and improving quality of care.

METHOD

Handicap International provides support to rehabilitation centres and builds their capacities by training technicians (physiotherapy), supplying specialist equipment to produce orthopaedic devices and developing these centres and promoting their autonomy.

BENEFICIARIES

All people with disabilities in the city of Gitega, Muyinga and Makamba in Burundi.

PARTNERS

- Gitega national orthopaedic-fitting and rehabilitation centre (CNAR)
- Saint Jean Bernard de Makamba Centre for people with disabilities
- Saint Jean Bosco de Muyinga Centre for people with disabilities
- Education and Development Council (COPED)

LOCATION

Gitega (city in the centre of Burundi), Muyinga (city in the northeast of Burundi) and Makamba (city in the south of Burundi)



Organisation support

GOAL

Ensure people with disabilities receive comprehensive care and promote their social inclusion by building the capacities of the network of disabled people's organisations.

METHOD

The organisation provides close support to disabled people's organisations (DPOs) and organises advocacy actions aimed at local authorities to ensure disability is taken into account in political decisions relating to local development.

BENEFICIARIES

Direct beneficiaries: 3,514 people with disabilities

PARTNERS

People with disabilities network in Burundi (RAPHB and UPHB)

LOCATION

15 provinces in Burundi



Mother and child health

GOAL

Improving the early detection, referral and support of children with congenital or acquired impairments by health services and the non-profit sector.

METHOD

Handicap International helps prevent congenital impairments and promotes the involvement and inclusion of people with disabilities in society to reduce the incidence of impairments among mothers and children.

BENEFICIARIES

- 180 children with cerebral palsy and their families
- 180 deaf children

PARTNERS:

- The Ministry of Public Health and HIV/AIDS Control (MSPLS)
- Gitega centre for family and community development (CDFC Gitega)
- Muyinga and Makamba rehabilitation centres
- Mutzenzi medical teaching institute (IMP)

LOCATION

- Gitega, Muyinga and Makamba.



Inclusion of women who have had obstetric fistula surgery

GOAL

Support the social and economic inclusion of women who have had obstetric fistula surgery by implementing a personalised social support service.

METHOD

Handicap International helps improve the living conditions of women with obstetric fistula by 1) implementing a personalised social support service to promote the social and economic inclusion of women who have had obstetric fistula surgery, 2) raising awareness of their communities and families by closely involving the husbands of these women and 3) building the capacities of social assistants from the Urumuri centre to provide psychosocial support to women with obstetric fistula.

BENEFICIARIES

- directly: 120 women who have benefited from obstetric fistula surgery
- indirectly: their husbands and communities

PARTNERS

Urumuri Centre at Gitega Regional Hospital

LOCATION

Provinces of Cibitoke (6 communes), Gitega (11 communes), and Ngozi (8 communes)



Child protection

GOAL

Improve the protection of children against physical violence, particularly girls against sexual violence

METHOD

In consortium with Terre des Hommes, this project aims at building the capacities of local child protection systems to detect and care-manage child victims of violence, with a particular focus on children with disabilities, and improving mechanisms to prevent all forms of violence committed by children (including gender-based violence) and particularly street children, children in domestic service or in conflict with the law.

BENEFICIARIES

- 80,000 children whose self-protection and protection capacities are developed and strengthened

PARTNERS

- Terres des Hommes

LOCATION

Several provinces



Ubuntu Care: Ending sexual violence (Rwanda, Burundi and Kenya)

GOAL

Help eliminate sexual violence towards girls and boys, particularly those with disabilities.

METHOD

This is a regional project developed in Rwanda, Burundi and Kenya. Its participation-based approach involves children with and without disabilities in preparing and developing the project through training in and awareness of violence towards women and disability issues. The organisation also provides guidance to victims and helps them benefit from appropriate care-management. Lastly, Handicap International conducts national advocacy actions to end sexual violence.

BENEFICIARIES

Disabled victims of gender-based (sexual) violence:

- At least 200 children including children with disabilities
- 100 people from the legal, education, judicial and health sectors
- 4 specialist centres in Gitega
- Local authorities

PARTNER

- Main partner: FVS/AMADE (Organisation for the protection of the basic rights of children in Burundi).
- UMURA centre in Gitega
- Community partners: the Provincial child protection committee, disabled people's organisations, organisations for the care-management of the victims of violence, the Ministry for National Aid, Human Rights and Gender through family development centres

LOCATION

Gitega



Inclusive education

GOAL

Ensuring disabled children are taken into consideration in Burundi's national education policy and included in mainstream schools and communities in pilot project areas.

METHOD

- This project is being implemented as part of a local and national approach. Handicap International takes local action by promoting the implementation of inclusive education initiatives in pilot project areas, and nationally by conducting awareness, communication and advocacy activities targeted at the government and education operators, including technical and financial partners.
- Handicap International also helps prepare individual education plans (IEP) to foster the social inclusion of children in primary schools. These individual education plans aim at involving teachers and parents in the child's development.

BENEFICIARIES

- 887 students with disabilities, 6 pilot schools, 30 satellite primary schools³, 15 satellite secondary schools.

PARTNERS

- Burundi union of people with disabilities, UPHB
- Ministry of Basic and Secondary Education, Vocational Teaching, Professional Training and Literacy.

LOCATION

Bujumbura (capital of Burundi), Gitega



Socio-economic inclusion

GOAL

Improve the economic conditions of young people with disabilities and their families in the province of Gitega.

METHOD

This project is implemented in conjunction with social service operators who provide support to people with disabilities and their families in order to promote their economic and social inclusion.

BENEFICIARIES

- 200 young people with disabilities who benefit from direct support to develop their business (occupational training, microloans, membership of a community mutual support group, business start-up kits)

PARTNERS

- Ministry for National Solidarity, Human Rights and Gender (MSNDPHG)
- Gitega Centre for Family and Community Development
- Burundi Network of Disabled People's Organisations (RAPHB and UPHB)
- Gitega Centre for Young People

LOCATION

Gitega



Risk education

GOAL

Promote "Schools as peace zones" and build the capacities of teaching staff to identify and refer children suffering from post-traumatic stress syndrome (PTSS) in 20 target schools.

METHOD

Unexploded device risk education for students and teaching staff in 20 schools in Bujumbura and education on the "Schools as peace zones" principle. Build the skills of teaching staff to identify and refer students suffering from post-traumatic stress in 20 target schools.

³ For children from villages without schools.

BENEFICIARIES

- 32,360 people including 30,000 students (18,000 boys, 12,000 girls),
- 240 teachers (120 women and 120 men),
- 20 Ministry of Education trainers

LOCATION

Province of Bujumbura Mairie, Burundi



Functional rehabilitation unit

GOAL

Reduce the risk of disability and the level of psychological distress resulting from conflict and build the capacities of local and international actors to provide inclusive humanitarian response that takes the needs of the most vulnerable individuals into account.

METHOD

This project has two components.

A partnership with MSF to:

- 1) Improve access to adapted rehabilitation care for patients from the Arche and their families.
- 2) Improve the psychosocial care-management of patients
- 3) Strengthen local structures to build their capacity to support patients and their families.

Capacity-building for local actors to:

- 1) Build the capacities of local actors (including HI's local partners) to provide adapted and inclusive response to a humanitarian crisis in Bujumbura Mairie.
- 2) Build inclusion into the emergency response of local and international actors in the province of Bujumbura Mairie.

BENEFICIARIES

- 1,600 patients benefit from rehabilitation services provided by the rehabilitation unit, including 188 people with disabilities who will also benefit from mobility aids.
- 160 patients benefit from psychological support.
- 100 families are given training when a relative returns home.
- 40 families benefit from adjustments to their homes to improve accessibility and autonomy.
- 10 international organisations and 15 local partner organisations through capacity-building to provide inclusive emergency response.









PARTNERS

- MSF Belgium

LOCATION

Province of Bujumbura Mairie, Burundi

MAIN FUNDING BODIES

<p>Agence Française de Développement</p> 	<p>Delegation of the European Union to Burundi</p> 	<p>Directorate General of Cooperation for Development and Humanitarian Aid (DGD)</p> <p>LA COOPÉRATION BELGE AU DÉVELOPPEMENT .be</p>
<p>Luxembourg Ministry of Foreign Affairs</p>  <p>GRAND-DUCHÉ DE LUXEMBOURG Ministère des Affaires étrangères</p> <p>Direction de la Coopération au développement</p>	<p>Coopération internationale principauté de Monaco</p> 	<p>USAID</p> 
<p>UNICEF</p> 	<p>Centre de Crise Français</p>  <p>Ministère des Affaires étrangères et du Développement international</p>	<p>FNUAP</p>  <p>Fonds des Nations Unies pour la Population</p>