



Egypt



MANDATE

Handicap International’s work in Egypt is focused on social and economic inclusion, particularly of women and young people, in urban and outlying urban areas, in order to support the population’s strong desire for social change following the Arab Spring.

SITUATION

The context has evolved extremely quickly since 2011. A series of events have echoed and underscored the need for profound and lasting change to the situation of young people in the country. At the same time, the movement to promote the rights of people with disabilities and other stakeholders in Egyptian society has also expressed its desire for change, whether through civil society organisations or government authorities. Indeed, a notable change has taken place, following the setting-up of the National Council for Disability Affairs. The council needs support to establish its legitimacy. A large number of activists from disabled people’s organisations (DPOs) have contributed to these developments.

INITIAL ACTIONS

Since 2007, HI has regularly worked in collaboration with local and international NGOs involved in Egypt to support the creation and development of community-based rehabilitation services (CBR) in Upper Egypt (governorates of Asyut and Qena). HI has also supported DPOs to advance their rights and to be involved in the implementation of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD).

STAFF

- National staff: 8
- Expatriate staff: 3

KEY FACTS

Human Development Index (HDI) *	110 (out of 187 countries)
GNI per capita (\$PPA)**	\$10,790
Surface area**	1,001,450 sq.km.
Population (millions) **	82.06
Life expectancy *	71.2

The Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRDPH)	Ratified on 14/4/08
Oslo convention on cluster munitions	Not ratified
Ottawa mine ban convention	Not ratified

*UNDP: 2014 Human Development Report

**World Bank: 2013

Current projects 2016



Early detection of disabilities¹

GOAL

The project aims at guaranteeing satisfactory access to the early detection of disabilities among new-borns and children aged 0-6 living in the 10 villages and urban areas of Asyut Governorate. The project also endeavours to ensure that children diagnosed with disabilities benefit from a swift, effective and community-based quality response.

METHOD

Project implementation revolves around four types of activities:

- Development of early detection tools and training for medical staff (preparing and organising technical training sessions for the target primary healthcare and rehabilitation teams, increasing family involvement in the rollout of early detection, etc.)
- Child screening via early detection and rapid intervention services. Doctors, nurses and health workers generally carry out screening in primary healthcare facilities. For children up to the age of six, screening is conducted by healthcare facility workers or during home visits by health workers.
- Support to community-based rehabilitation teams and partners to propose early intervention to families and their children with disabilities or with developmental delays.
- Implementation of coordination and oversight mechanisms to ensure the delivery of comprehensive services consistent with the work done by local and governmental stakeholders. Specifically, this involves supporting the setting-up and the work done by early detection and intervention committees at local and governorate levels. It also involves developing action plans to improve access to services, guarantee that relevant stakeholders are coordinated and ensure service continuity.

BENEFICIARIES

- Children aged 0-6 with disabilities or who are likely to develop an impairment and who live in rural and urban areas of Asyut Governorate (Upper Egypt) and their families.
- Medical staff from the primary healthcare facilities and community-based rehabilitation workers from community organisations.

PARTNERS

- Asyut governorate administrative authority
- Ministry of Health and the Population
- Ministry of Insurance and Social Affairs
- [Giving Without Limits Association](#) GWLA

LOCATION

Governorate of Asyut, Upper Egypt

¹ Project name: Early detection and intervention in Upper Egypt



Empowering disabled people's organisations

GOAL

Ensure that people with disabilities in the Asyut Governorate, and specifically women with disabilities, defend their rights and oversee the implementation of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) via disabled people's organisations (DPOs).

METHOD

Project implementation revolves around three types of activities:

- Supporting the empowerment of disabled people's organisations.
- Delivering training on inclusive local development, human rights and the CRPD
- Supporting advocacy initiatives and the implementation of the CRPD by working with disabled people's organisations in order to identify priority areas, discuss the convention's articles etc.

BENEFICIARIES

- 20 disabled people's organisations are being given organisational support.
- 200 people with disabilities, including at least 60 women, are building their capacity to defend and promote their rights.
- 20 representatives and members of local authorities, civil society organisations and service providers who work together to promote the rights of people with disabilities.
- Approximately 200,000 people, including people with disabilities from the Governorate of Asyut (with a particular focus on women with disabilities) and members of their families, members of local authorities, members of NGOs and service providers, indirectly benefit from the project's activities.

PARTNERS

The Asyut Federation of Organisations of People with Disabilities (AFOPD) and the Specific Union of DPOs.

LOCATION

Governorate of Asyut, Upper Egypt



Support for Disabled People's Organisations (TAGHYEER)²

GOAL

This project seeks to bring about a practical change in the human rights of young people and women with disabilities in Greater Cairo by empowering them to effectively promote the rights of people with disabilities and their inclusion in policy dialogue and decision-making processes.

METHOD

- Bolster the skills of DPOs to enable them to target local authorities with advocacy campaigns on the rights of people with disabilities
- Support DPOs to develop their organisational capacities and gender approach to represent most efficiently the needs and demands of people with disabilities
- Foster dialogue between key stakeholders from local authorities, service providers, civil society organisations and people with disabilities to effectively bridge gaps in the implementation of the CRPD through multi-stakeholder working groups and technical support

BENEFICIARIES

- 40 people with disabilities
- 5 DPOs
- 20 trained activists
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PARTNERS

- Nahdet el Mahrousa

LOCATION

Greater Cairo – Giza and Cairo governorates



Access to employment³

GOAL

This project seeks to improve access to social services and employment opportunities for young people with disabilities in the El-Warraq area, in line with their needs and potential.

METHOD

- Support to livelihood stakeholders, employment support services and enterprises as well as young people with disabilities to provide and obtain inclusive livelihood and employment opportunities
- Help initiate multi-stakeholder dialogue between representatives of people with disabilities, public authorities and service providers in order to develop an action plan and coordinate initiatives to improve the access of young people with disabilities to social services and employment opportunities
- Reinforce the partner ARYD's organisational and technical skills to effectively enable it to create and manage an information and referral centre and promote access to social services and employment opportunities for youths with disabilities
- Organisation of a thorough lesson-learning process from which representatives of key stakeholders will share good practices related to inclusive practices and access to social services and employment opportunities

BENEFICIARIES

- 1,500 people with disabilities – primarily young people with disabilities
- 150 representatives of local authorities, civil society organisations and service providers
- 15 members of DPOs

PARTNERS

- Association of Rehabilitation for Youth with Disabilities (ARYD)

LOCATION

El-Warraq in Giza governorate of Cairo



Inclusive Recreational Activities⁴

GOAL

This project aims at providing vulnerable young people, especially young women and young people with disabilities, with access to inclusive leisure and recreational activities by increasing their level of participation in local development planning.

METHOD

- Empowerment of young leaders, including young people with disabilities, through training and capacity-building to play a full role part in a multi-stakeholder dialogue to help increase social inclusion in residential areas through participatory initiatives.
- Definition of an action plan by local authorities, community leaders, service providers and young leaders to best implement inclusive recreational initiatives and increase awareness on social inclusion.
- Support a youth centre in offering inclusive activities responsive to the expectations and needs of young people with disabilities and to become a key player in the coordination of participatory recreational activities at community level.

BENEFICIARIES

- 30 young leaders, including 15 with disabilities and young women
- 15 representatives of local authorities, community leaders, service providers and young leaders within the multi-stakeholder working group

PARTNERS

- N/A

LOCATION

El-Warraq in Giza governorate of Cairo

³ Drosos project

⁴ GIZ project



Empowering disabled people's organisations

GOAL

Increase the participation of DPOs in key coordination mechanisms and dialogue to promote inclusive access to work and education for persons with disabilities.

METHOD

Project implementation revolves around three types of activities:

- Build the capacities of DPOs and the Asyut DPO federation to advance the civil and socio-economic rights of people with disabilities by strengthening their internal governance
- Support DPOs throughout Upper Egypt and Cairo to co-produce a roadmap in order to promote the access of people with disabilities to work and education at national level
- Support a network of DPOs to engage with key disability and civil society actors in order to include a disability perspective within education and employment advocacy

BENEFICIARIES

- 8 DPOs
- 16 disabled activists/leaders
- 400 DPO members
- 30 CSO members
- 10 members of the National Council for Disability Affairs




PARTNERS

Association of Human Rights for Social Development in Asyut (HRACDA)

LOCATION

Asyut, Minya, Beni Suef Cairo and Giza governorates

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<p>Drosos Foundation</p> 