



Mali



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Handicap International works to improve the living conditions of people with disabilities and to promote their full inclusion in society. To achieve these goals, the organisation supports the development of local initiatives that promote the inclusion of people with disabilities.

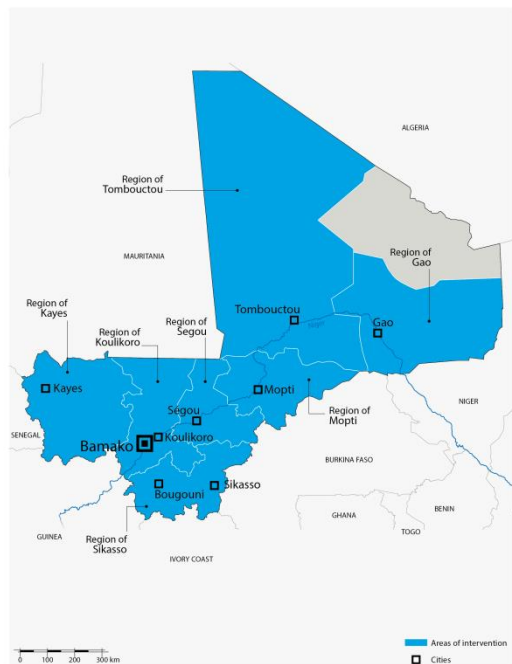
SITUATION

Disabled people have limited or no access to basic services such as health and education in Mali. They are often victims of discrimination and prejudice. A little over 2.7 million people¹ with disabilities live in Mali, out of a total population² of 18.1 million. Around 50.6%³ of the population lives in poverty and disabled people are the excluded among the excluded. They experience a high level of insecurity and have no or limited access to care, education, social services, and especially employment. There are still very few initiatives (by the government or by civil society) to change this.

The situation in the country has worsened considerably following the emergence of a food crisis triggered by the armed conflict that divided the country in 2012. Handicap International has adapted its operations to support both people directly affected by this crisis and the communities and facilities set up to assist displaced people (people from the north of the country, particularly the Timbuktu region, who fled south).

INITIAL ACTIONS

Handicap International launched its first operation in Mali in 1996, when it implemented a project to reform the country's rehabilitation system.



Regular staff members (development activities, excluding humanitarian emergency aid effort)

- National staff: 165
- Expatriate staff members: 8

KEY FACTS

Surface area **	1,240,192 sq.km	Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD)	Ratified 07/04/2008
Population (millions) **	18.13		
Life expectancy*	58 years	Oslo Convention on Cluster Munitions	Ratified 30/06/2010
GNI per capita (\$PPA)*	\$1,583 per annum		
Human development index (HDI) *	179 th / 188 classified countries	Ottawa Mine Ban Convention	Ratified 02/06/1998

*UNFPA 2016
** UNSD 2015

¹ WHO – 2011 - (People with disabilities represent 15% of the global population)

² UNFPA 2016

³ UNDP 2015

Current projects 2016



Early prevention, detection and care-management of disability (DPCP)⁴

GOAL

Reducing the impact of disability in children with cerebral palsy or developmental, neurological and/or psychomotor delays.

METHOD

Training health facilities to better detect disability (cerebral palsy, a neurological and/or psychomotor developmental delay) in children aged 0-6. Then enabling children to benefit from specific and adapted case-management (physiotherapy, technical assistance, and quality early stimulation sessions.)

BENEFICIARIES

- Children aged 0-6 with cerebral palsy or developmental delays
- Parents of children with an impairment,
- Health and rehabilitation professionals and structures.
- National health department and decentralised services,
- National social development department and decentralised services,

PARTNERS

- Ministry of Health
- Ministry of Social Development
- Malian National Orthopaedic-Fitting Centre (CNAOM)
- Malian Organisation for Children with Mental Impairments (AMALDEME)

LOCATION

In the communes 3, 4, 5 and 6 of Bamako district and in the urban commune of Sikasso.



Restoring the well-being of women, children and new-born infants as part of the reconstruction of the Timbuktu region (PARENT)

GOAL

Improving the quality of reproductive health services by making them accessible to all in order to reduce the number of deaths and prevent children and mothers from developing disabilities.

METHOD

Supplying health centres with equipment to upgrade facilities, providing medical equipment, stocks of medication, and training staff working in these health centres.

To implement this project, Handicap International is managing a consortium with four other NGOs: Santé Mali Rhône Alpes (SMARA), Santé Développement (SADEVE), Marie Stopes International (MSI) and Santé Sud.

BENEFICIARIES

Women of childbearing age, pregnant women, children under the age of 5, men, teenagers, key community operators.

PARTNERS

- Regional Health Department of Timbuktu
- Planning and Statistics Unit (CPS) of the Ministry of Health
- Social Development and Economic Solidarity Regional Department
- Regional Department for the Promotion of Women, Children and the Family
- Local authorities
- Regional Federation of Community Health Organisations
- Committee of Women's Organisations in Timbuktu
- Santé Mali Rhône Alpes (SMARA)
- Santé Développement (SADEVE)
- Marie Stopes International (MSI)
- Santé Sud

LOCATION

Region of Timbuktu: Health Districts of Timbuktu, Diré, Niafunké, Goundam and Gourma-Rharous

⁴ "Detection, care-management and early stimulation" in the communes of Bamako and Sikasso in Mali



Preventing and reducing the risk of disability in malnourished children under the age of 5 and/or with a developmental delay (ESSPOIR project)

Regional project run in Burkina Faso, Mali and Niger

GOAL

Include physiotherapy care, early stimulation and psychosocial support for parents in routine malnutrition therapeutic treatment. The aim is to remedy developmental delays caused by malnutrition and reduce the risk of the child falling back into a new cycle of malnutrition.

METHOD

Socio-sanitary staff from specialist health centres are trained in early stimulation, the opening and equipping of stimulation spaces, awareness-raising for parents of malnourished children to help them understand the importance of early stimulation, and the post-treatment follow-up of children.

This includes organising emotional stimulation activities based on games and interaction between children and their parents, and motor stimulation through exercises and physiotherapy activities.

BENEFICIARIES

- 9,000 children with acute severe malnutrition aged under 5
- 9,000 parents or “carers” of children with acute severe malnutrition
- 200 health professionals and social workers
- 31,300 people from the community whose awareness of nutrition, child development and early stimulation has been raised

PARTNERS

- Regional Health Department of Timbuktu and Gao
- Social Regional Department of Timbuktu and Gao
- UNICEF

LOCATION

Timbuktu and Gao regions



Including people with disabilities in HIV/AIDS control activities (AGIR project and HIV/Disability project)

GOAL

Help reduce the number of new infections among people with disabilities by advancing human rights and removing legal obstacles, and by improving their access to HIV prevention, care and support services

METHOD

- Research
- Capacity-building for organisations of people with HIV/AIDS and disabled people’s organisations (regional, national and local)
- Advocacy and awareness-raising at regional and national level
- Support communication and partnerships between various key actors (HIV and disability)

BENEFICIARIES

- People with disabilities
- Organisations for people with HIV/AIDS
- Disabled people’s organisations (DPOs)

PARTNERS

- West African Federation of Disabled People’s Organisations (FOAPH)
- West African Network of Organisations for People with HIV/AIDS (RAP+AO)
- Malian Federation of Disabled People’s Organisations (FEMAPH)
- Malian Network of Organisations for People with HIV/AIDS (RMAP+)
- CNLS (National AIDS Committee)
- CCM (Country Coordinating Mechanism)
- UNAIDS

LOCATION

Mali and Senegal, Guinea Bissau, Cap Vert, Burkina Faso, Niger



Strengthening the rehabilitation system in Mali (SUDA)

GOAL

Improve rehabilitation service access and quality in target countries

METHOD

Building the capacities of physiotherapy organisations in the fields of governance, management and leadership, in accreditation strategies for physiotherapy training and wheelchair training programmes and the development of physiotherapy training programmes

BENEFICIARIES

- People with disabilities
- Malian physiotherapy organisation (AKIMA)
- The national health sciences training institute (INFSS)

PARTNERS

- WCPT (World Confederation for Physiotherapy)
- Motivation
- Malian physiotherapy organisation (AKIMA)
- The national health sciences training institute (INFSS)

LOCATION

Mali, Senegal and Niger



Support for women's initiatives to promote social cohesion in Mali and Burkina Faso

GOAL

Restoring social cohesion by encouraging communities to play a greater role in peace and security initiatives launched by women. By facilitating the transfer of skills and responsibilities to women and enhancing their organisation networks, Handicap International aims at reducing inter- and intra-community conflicts.

METHOD

To achieve these goals, Handicap International's project is:

- Building the capacities of women's organisations to launch inclusive peace and social cohesion initiatives.
- Helping implement inclusive initiatives to strengthen peace and social cohesion (local to national level).
- Fostering the structuring of a network of organisations to increase the visibility of women's peace initiatives.

BENEFICIARIES

Civil society organisations, particularly organisations for women with specific needs in terms of capacity-building on organisational activities, structuring, leadership, peace consolidation and peaceful conflict management.

PARTNERS

- Women in Action Research, Study and Training Group (GREFFA) in Mali,
- The Tin Hinan organisation in Burkina Faso,
- Women's organisations,
- Civil society organisations,
- People living in communes where the organisation works,
- Regional authorities,
- Local and institutional authorities

LOCATION

Mali: Region of Gao and Timbuktu

Burkina Faso: Province of Séno and Province of Oudalan.



Inclusive employment in environmentally responsible occupations

GOAL

Improving the living conditions of vulnerable people in Mali through training in sectors offering ecologically responsible occupations and which meet real training needs in the agriculture, forests and livestock rearing, agroforestry and renewable energy sectors. These training schemes based on traditional learning methods in green occupations to meet the needs of the private sector are especially innovative because they are adapted to people with disabilities.

METHOD

Vulnerable people in the region of Sikasso, particularly young people, women and people with disabilities, develop their occupational skills in economically viable and environmentally friendly occupations, and are given assistance to set up a micro-business or search for formal employment.

BENEFICIARIES

- Vulnerable people aged 18-40, particularly women and people with disabilities
- Craftspeople and managers of small businesses, production or processing units, or cooperatives in the circles of Bougouni and Sikasso
- Employment and inclusion service workers
- Families of young beneficiaries
- Target village communities

PARTNERS

- Sikasso regional council
- SNV Mali (Dutch Development Organisation)
- DNFP (National Department of Occupational Training)
- IMF (Microfinance institute)
- Master craftsmen and women

LOCATION

Mali, Region of Sikasso, Circles of Bougouni (5 rural communes) and Sikasso (5 rural communes)



Inclusive employment and the promotion of companies committed to the inclusion of people with disabilities

GOAL

Including people with disabilities in the working population and workforce in the region of Bamako. The goal is therefore to promote and implement one of the basic rights of people with disabilities: access to regular work with an employer who pays social security contributions.

METHOD

Young graduates with disabilities are helped in their search for employment or traineeships in companies by promoting a CSR (corporate social responsibility) culture in Mali, in partnership with the Institut RSE Mali and the Conseil national du Patronat. Inclusion is based on integration in existing companies through personalised support and support to businesses employing people with disabilities (inclusion assessment, awareness-raising/training in disability, and workstation adaptation).

BENEFICIARIES

People with disabilities (families, women and young people), businesses

PARTNERS

- Malian Association of Human Resources Managers (AMAGRH)
- Organisation for the Employment and Inclusion of People with Disabilities for Development (EIHD)
- Young People's Employment Agency (APEJ)
- National Employment Agency (ANPE)
- Occupational Training and Apprenticeship Support Fund (FAFPA)
- Regional Department for Social Development and Economic Solidarity (DRDSES)
- National Business Owners Council
- National Employment Department
- National Occupational Training Department
- Malian Federation of Disabled People's Organisations (FEMAPH)

LOCATION

Region of Bamako



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

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

GOAL

Help governments in targeted countries fulfil their commitment to provide universal access to primary education; promote the development of civil society fully involved in advancing the rights of children with disabilities, inclusion and diversity; ensure the full participation of people with disabilities in society, particularly children, as part of an inclusive approach.

METHOD

Multi-operator inclusive education schemes are developed, consolidated, modelled and implemented in nine West African countries. This project is implemented in compliance with Handicap International's intervention strategy in Mali to improve the quality of life of people with disabilities and ensure they play a full role in Malian society according to an inclusive local development approach. The APPEHL Project in Mali is based on a sub-regional programme covering six West African countries; in Mali, it covers the urban commune of Sikasso.

BENEFICIARIES

Children with disabilities and their families, teachers, members of disabled people's organisations and national and local authorities
All children with disabilities aged 4 to 12 in targeted areas and their families.

PARTNERS

- National Primary Education Department
- National Secondary Education Department
- National Teaching Department
- National Preschool and Special Education Department
- Disabled people's organisations
- Specialist schools
- Parent-teacher associations
- Mother educator associations
- School management committees

At a local level, partnerships with parent-teacher associations, school management committees, disabled people's organisations, local authorities and decentralised State technical services (colleges, vocational training certificates), mainstream and specialist schools.

LOCATION

Sikasso



Improving the access, quality and governance of primary and secondary education (PAQAMA)

GOAL

Improve education quality, access and governance in the region of Gao and build the capacities of decentralised services and local authorities responsible for education in the region of Gao in northern Mali.

METHOD

The project is implemented by a consortium of four NGOs: **Handicap International - Aide et Action International International Rescue Committee– Norwegian Refugee Council** with Handicap International as the leader. The consortium is supporting the Teaching College and Education Coordination Centres in Gao to improve:

- access to education through the creation, extension and rehabilitation of schools,
- quality of education by improving the teaching skills of teachers
- education governance by mobilising and training social partners in the education sector to improve resilience

BENEFICIARIES

- 9,300 children including 3,720 girls from primary school 1 and 2;
- 1,642 students of which 765 girls from Gao public high school;
- 498 students of which 329 girls from the Occupational Crafts Training Centre in Gao;
- 200 teachers of which 50 women from primary school 1 and 2;
- 22 officers of which six women from AE (education academies) in Gao;

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- 97 officers of which 20 women from CAPs (vocational training centers) (Bourem, Gao, Ansongo, Menaka and Wabaria)
- 651 members of which 307 women from the School Management Committee, Parent-Teacher Association and Educator Mothers Organisations of CAPs in Bourem, Gao, Ansongo, Menaka and Wabaria; and national departments of the Ministry for Education in Bamako.

PARTNERS

- Ministry for National Education,
- Teaching College and vocational training centres in the region of Gao
- Aide et Action Internationale
- International Rescue Committee (IRC),
- Norwegian Refugee Committee (NRC)
- DPOs (Disabled People's Organisations)
- Schools' management committees (CGS), Parents' Associations (APE), Mothers' associations (AME)

LOCATION

Region of Gao



Enhancing food security for vulnerable people in the regions of northern Mali

GOAL

Help meeting the basic food and non-food needs of vulnerable households in the region of Timbuktu.

METHOD

Improving the food security of communities living in the region of Timbuktu (valley of the Niger River in Gourma-Rharous) via three cash transfers to a total amount of 120,000 FCFA.

Cash transfers take the form of coupons that enable beneficiaries to procure food and non-food products at markets from pre-identified shopkeepers. Special fairs were organised for households far from existing markets to reduce the distance to travel to access this service.

Strengthen coordination between actors on food, nutrition and social protection issues through regular discussions during different consultation exercises organised as part of the project.

BENEFICIARIES

Beneficiary households (2,701) identified as "very poor, experiencing food insecurity or food crisis" following a comprehensive census conducted as part of the Social Safety Nets Joint Framework project and a community-based update in early 2016.

PARTNERS

- Regional Department for Social Development and Economic Solidarity (DRDSES)
- Local and institutional authorities
- People living in communes where the organisation works,

LOCATION

- Region: Timbuktu
- Circle: Gourma-Rharous
- Communes: Banikane, Serere, Hamzakoma, Rharous



Distribution of foodstuffs and cash transfers via coupons to improve the food security of vulnerable households in the region of Timbuktu

GOAL

Improving the food security of the most vulnerable people in the north of Mali, and more specifically in the circles of Timbuktu and Gourma Rharous (region of Timbuktu) by helping them access foodstuffs.

METHOD

Food assistance is targeted primarily at areas and households under particular pressure from food insecurity. During the hunger gap (when the previous harvest has been exhausted and the following harvest has not yet been reaped), donations of food are organised according to each person's needs (particular attention is paid to displaced people, pregnant and breastfeeding women, and children aged under 2). Money transfers are expected to be made during the hunger gap to meet the food needs of households experiencing the most difficulties in the Timbuktu urban area.

BENEFICIARIES

Targeted households are as follows:

- 1,107 households experiencing food insecurity and in need of food aid outside the hunger gap (3 months) from March to May 2016 and prior to the hunger gap (3 months) or six months in total;
- 1,359 households under pressure and in need of food aid in kind during the hunger gap from June to September 2016 in rural areas;
- 2,156 households under pressure/experiencing food crisis living in the Timbuktu urban area, Rharous Ville and Alafia through the distribution of coupons to procure foodstuffs during the hunger gap and 1,677 households during the period outside and prior to the hunger gap, that is, six months

PARTNERS

- Local and institutional authorities
- People living in communes where the organisation works,

LOCATION

- Region: Timbuktu
- Circle: Gourma-Rharous and Timbuktu
- Communes: Banikane, Serere, Hamzakoma, Rharous (Gourma Rharous), Alafia, Lafia, Bourem Inaly, Timbuktu (Timbuktu)

FUNDING

Funding secured until:	31/09/2016
Extension for at least one additional year (subject to funding):	yes



Alliance for community resilience (ARC)

GOAL

This project aims at improving the resilience of households and vulnerable communities in northern Mali.

METHOD

- Improved resilience of households and vulnerable communities to (1) risks of food and nutritional insecurity and (2) the effects of climate change.
- Gradually building the economic and social capacities of households (via cash transfers, the distribution of tools and production capacity-building for households).
- Cross-functional activities for legal documents and disaster risk reduction will also be developed in order to (1) provide at least one adult per household with identity papers and (2) identify and reduce their risk of exposure to climate disasters.
- Ten percent of households will also benefit from personalised social support to enable them to successfully implement a project to build their economic capacities and social inclusion within the community.

BENEFICIARIES

Handicap International will provide support to 1,324 households (9,268 people). Of which, 132 households will benefit from personalised social support.

PARTNERS

- Local and institutional authorities,
- People living in communes where the organisation works.

LOCATION

- Region: Timbuktu
- Circle: Gourma-Rharous
- Communes: Rharous



Reducing armed violence in northern Mali

GOAL

Promoting a peaceful and secure environment for people returning to northern Mali, by reducing the physical, psychosocial and socio-economic impact of the crisis on the people affected and by improving their capacity to protect themselves from conventional weapons.

METHOD

To achieve these goals, the project takes action in three main areas:

- Strengthening conventional arms risk education actions in affected areas, particularly by building the capacities of existing community structures, based on a network of partnerships.
- Improving the identification and recording process for casualties of conventional weapons and improvised explosive devices and people with disabilities in need through training and awareness-raising and psychosocial and socio-economic support for identified casualties, through the development of individual action plans to meet priority needs.
- Development of a dialogue to promote social cohesion and the development of security action plans to reduce armed violence risk factors.

INTERVENTION TYPE

Direct action in aid of populations		Through partners		
Service or care: yes	Distribution: no	Technical support: yes	Donation of equipment : no	Financial support: yes

BENEFICIARIES

- 140,000 people whose awareness was raised in the regions of Gao and Kidal, 200,000 in the region of Timbuktu
- Key community actors, decentralised State services, teaching colleges, health centres
- More than 100 direct and indirect victims

PARTNERS

- Decentralised services (elected officials): town council, circle committee, regional council
- Health centres
- Local NGOs operating in North Mali as part of risk education
- Community leaders, key community actors and their networks
- National Social Development Department
- Teaching colleges and education action centres in the regions of Timbuktu and Gao

LOCATION

Regions of Gao and Timbuktu

MAIN FUNDING BODIES

<p>French Development Agency (AFD)</p>  <p>AGENCE FRANÇAISE DE DÉVELOPPEMENT</p>	<p>USAID</p> 	<p>International Service (IS)</p> 
<p>Orange Foundation</p> 	<p>Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Luxembourg</p>  <p>THE GOVERNMENT OF THE GRAND DUCHY OF LUXEMBOURG Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs</p> <p>Directorate for Development Cooperation and Humanitarian Affairs</p>	<p>European Union</p> 
<p>World Food Programme</p> 	<p>Région Rhône-Alpes</p> 	<p>UNICEF</p> 
<p>UNMAS (United Nations Mine Action Service)</p> 	<p>Initiative 5% (led by the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs)</p>  <p>INITIATIVE 5% SIDA, TUBERCULOSE, PALUDISME</p>	<p>Programme québécois de Développement international (PQDI)</p> <p>Relations internationales et Francophonie</p> <p>Québec </p>
	<p>European Commission – ECHO</p>  <p>Humanitarian Aid and Civil Protection</p>	