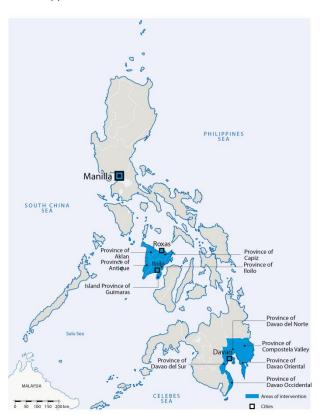


HANDICAP INTERNATIONAL

The Philippines



MANDATE

In the Philippines, Handicap International aims to enhance social participation, quality of life and respect for the dignity and fundamental rights of vulnerable men and women including people with disabilities.

SITUATION

The Philippines is a country of diversity with a multi-lingual, multiethnic and geographically dispersed population. Located in South East Asia, the country is situated in the Pacific Ring of Fire and the Typhoon Belt, and is very prone to natural disasters.

Since development in the Philippines is highly unequal, Handicap International's strategy focuses on the poorest areas of the country where the population is most exposed to disaster and conflict and which lacks adequate public services. As in many countries, non-communicable diseases such as diabetes and hypertension are also a threat.

The population is also exposed to threats and aggression as a result of a tense political situation and insecurity in some areas. Crossfire and armed encounters are also likely with the presence of armed groups in several parts of the country.

INITIAL ACTIONS

Handicap International began operations in the Philippines for the first time in 1985, when it set up fifteen orthopaedic workshops, located across the country.

STAFF

- National Staff: 40
- Expatriate Staff: 4

DONNEES CLES

Human Development Index (HDI)*	115/188 classified countries HDI Value: 0.668	Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD)	Ratified 15/04/2008
Life Expectancy (in years)*	69	Oslo Convention on Cluster	
Gross National Income per capita *	7. 910 50 \$	Munitions	Signed 03/12/2008
(PPA\$)	Γ, 516 66 Φ	Ottawa Mine Ban Convention	Ratified 15/02/2000
Surface Area***	300,00 sq.km	L	
Population**	101,985,368		

*UNDP: Human Development report 2015

** Projection as of 1 May 2016, United Nations

***UNSD 2015

Current Projects 2016



Increasing access to multidisciplinary diabetes care (CVD Project)

GOAL

This project aims to strengthen diabetic foot care services in Davao City's public primary health care system as an integral component of the city's cardiovascular disease (CVD) programme, and to extend the CVD Programme in the country. To achieve this, a multidisciplinary approach will be taken in cities/provinces where there are no health services for cardiovascular disease.

METHOD

- Orientation and policy workshops for local government leaders on the implementation of the CVD Program
- Development and distribution of patient education toolkits and tools for health service provision including diabetes-related and foot and wound care-specific services
- Training of primary health care professionals and community health workers in the CVD Program, which includes basic and advanced foot care
- Advocacy and awareness-raising to increase demand and sustain access to multidisciplinary diabetes services in the primary care setting

BENEFICIARIES

- 16 local government units
- 12 public referral hospitals
- 1 national & 2 regional departments of health partners
- 636 primary health care professionals
- 4,600 community health workers
- 97 leaders from local government units
- 460 health professionals trained in basic foot care
- 492 health professionals trained in advanced foot care
- 44 doctors trained in diabetic retinopathy screening and management
- 102 care clinics established
- 55,000 people with cardiovascular risks (32,645 reached so far)
- 3,010 people with diabetic foot complications managed in primary care facilities
- 5,000 people screened for diabetic retinopathy

PARTNERS

- Department of health central office and regions Western Visayas and Davao Region
- City governments of Davao, Digos, Island garden city of Samal, Mati and Tagum
- Municipalities of Malita (Davao Occidental), Monkayo (Compostela valley) and Nabunturan (Compostela valley)
- Provincial government of Davao del Sur through Davao del Sur provincial hospital
- Provincial government of Davao Oriental through Davao oriental provincial medical center
- Provincial government of Davao del Norte through Davao del Norte provincial hospital Samal Zone
- Provincial Government of Compostela valley through Compostela valley provincial hospital
- Davao regional hospital
- Malita district hospital
- Southern Philippines medical center
- · Local government units of Iloilo city, Passi city, Roxas city, Kalibo and Jordan through their local health offices
- Provincial government of Aklan, Antique, Iloilo, Capiz and Guimaras through their provincial hospitals

LOCATION

- Davao region: Davao city, Digos City, Mati city, Tagum city, Island garden city of Samal, municipality of Monkayo (Compostela valley province), municipality of Nabunturan (Compostela valley province), and municipality of Malita (Davao occidental province).
- Western Visayas region: Iloilo City, Passi City (province of Iloilo), Roxas City (province of Capiz) and the municipalities of Kalibo (province of Aklan), Jordan (province of Guimaras) and San Jose de Buenavista (province of Antique)
- National: Department of Health central office



Restoring livelihoods and building the resilience of vulnerable people affected by typhoon Haiyan

GOAL

After the Philippines were hit by typhoon Haiyan on 8 November 2013, Handicap International launched an emergency intervention to support typhoon victims, including people living in remote areas, and to prevent the development of disabilities. In 2016, Handicap International still helps people affected by Typhoon Haiyan to create sustainable livelihoods in the city of Roxas and the municipality of Sigma to strenghten capacities and to create employment and entrepreneurship opportunities for extremely poor unemployed people, seasonal and low-waged workers and low-skilled vulnerable groups (including women, youth and people with disabilities).

METHOD

- Restoration of local income through market assessment and participatory consultations with target groups
- Micro-grants will support start-up and entrepreneurship opportunities for disadvantaged groups
- Technical support to farmers and fishermen to strengthen the value chain of natural resource-based products
- Support for early warning and preparedness kits targeting the most vulnerable villages and community members
- Training of barangay health workers and community health education through home visits

BENEFICIARIES

- 4,500 men and women benefit from the employment services of the public employment services of local government units (LGU)
- 640 vulnerable people are provided with health grants in order to buy health medecines, tools or assistive devices
- 648 people with disabilities received a personal preparedness kit
- 6,000 people with improved knowledge on gender/disabilities/age health-related issues
- 3,600 beneficiaries have received vocational assessments, individual planning sessions and follow-up support
- Approximately 1,500 fishermen/farmers benefit from technical support on inclusive sustainable and resilient livelihood methodologies
- 2,400 beneficiaries received community-based short-term training in employment preparation skills; competences and commmunication skills
- Approximately 30 local government representatives benefit from technical-capacity training in order to coordinate inclusive rehabilitation and disaster risk reduction activities
- 120 technical education and skills development authorities and technical vocational education and training staff attended a 3-day training of trainers course on inclusive education, curricula and methodologies

PARTNERS

- Plan International (consortium partner)
- Technical education and skills development authority and Technical vocational education and training schools
- Department of labor and public employment services office (DOLE-PESO)
- Sigma and Roxas local government units

LOCATION

Capiz province, Panay island: Sigma municipality with 21 barangays¹ and Roxas City with four barangays.

¹ Barangay is a village, the smallest unit of administration in the Philippines.

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MAIN FUNDING BODIES

