



Senegal



MANDATE

In Senegal, Handicap International works to achieve an inclusive, sustainable and fair society in order to improve the quality of life of vulnerable people, including people with disabilities.

SITUATION

Senegal may be the 4th largest economy in the West African subregion, but more than half of the population (45.1%) live in conditions of extreme poverty.¹ Its Human Development Index ranking has also been dropping since 2007. The conditions for people with disabilities are extremely worrying as they have very poor access to basic services (health, education etc.) and to regular income from work.

INITIAL ACTIONS

Handicap International has been working in Senegal since 1995. Its initial actions were implemented in the field of functional rehabilitation to help people in disabling situations regain their mobility. Since then, around thirty projects have been implemented most of which are located in Casamance. Mine clearance projects have been running since 2007.



STAFF

- National staff: 50
- Expatriate staff members: 4.

KEY FACTS

Human development index (HDI)*	170 th /188 classified countries
Life expectancy*	66.5 years
Gross National Income per capita * (\$PPA)	2,188 \$ per annum
Surface area**	196,710 sq.km.
Population (million) **	14.54

* UNDP: 2015 human development report

** UNSD 2015

Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD)	Ratified: 07/09/2010
Oslo convention on cluster munitions	Ratified: 03/08/2011
Mine ban treaty (Ottawa)	Ratified: 24/09/1998

¹ According to the UNDP definition ("extreme multidimensional poverty") Source: *UNDP: Human Development Report 2014

Current projects 2016



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

Promoting the inclusion of children with disabilities in the education system in Senegal and providing children with disabilities in the villages/neighbourhoods covered by the project with an education adapted to their needs.

METHOD

Training teachers in educational techniques adapted to the learning difficulties of children with disabilities to ensure they are more effectively managed in classrooms. The personalised social support of children with disabilities builds synergies between families and schools. Handicap International has been conducting inclusive education actions since 2008. This project, which will take many years to complete, is designed to provide staff from the Ministry of National Education with a sound grasp of issues concerning the education of children with disabilities, including the development of teacher training modules adapted to the specific situation in Senegal, and educational assistance from teachers in classrooms.

BENEFICIARIES

- Around 1,800 children with disabilities (50% girls)
- Around 16,000 children benefiting from a medical visit at school
- 45 elementary schools in the regions of Ziguinchor and Dakar
- 30 training inspectors operating in the national education training centres, in the regional Academy Inspectorates and the Education and Training Inspectorates
- 750 teachers

PARTNERS

The Ministry of National Education through the Division for Elementary Education, the Departmental National Education Inspectorates and the Academic Inspectorates for the areas concerned, the IME (Medical Inspectorate for Schools) and the CAOSP (Academic Centre for Schools and Professional Careers Advice) in the areas concerned; the UROPH (regional union of Disabled People's Organisations) in Ziguinchor and the affiliated Disabled People's Organisations, the departmental federation of Disabled People's Organisations in Dakar, the Parents Associations and the school management committees in the areas concerned; the national centre for orthopaedic fitting in Dakar, the regional hospital in Ziguinchor and other health services in the region of Dakar and Ziguinchor.

LOCATION

Regions of Ziguinchor and Dakar.



Economic inclusion: strengthening SMEs

GOAL

To support sustainable economic development and job creation in companies with high growth potential run by people with disabilities.

METHOD

Handicap International and its partners identify high-potential SMEs managed by people with disabilities, or groups of people where the majority have disabilities, in order to support them in their development. This includes drawing up business plans, providing technical support, subsidies, assistance with obtaining credit, promoting their business and putting them in touch with professionals who can provide advice.

BENEFICIARIES

Direct beneficiaries:

- At least 85 SMEs are being supported
- At least 286 jobs conserved or created
- At least 4 stakeholders working in the field of employment and professional training.

Indirect beneficiaries:

Families of entrepreneurs and their employees (around 2,000 people)

PARTNERS

- Ministry for Professional Training, Apprenticeships and Tradespeople
- Managers of small and medium-sized companies
- A micro-finance institution
- Argidius Foundation

LOCATION

Regions of Dakar, Ziguinchor and Kolda



Economic inclusion: Employment of people with disabilities in Senegal (EMPHAS)

GOAL

Strengthen/promote decent employment for disabled people, especially young people and women, through a social dialogue and corporate social responsibility in the region of Dakar.

METHOD

The project aims to meet the lack of balance between on the one hand the abilities of people with disabilities seeking employment and also the perceptions and demands of the world of employment. The balance between these two parameters will be pursued through two complementary approaches:

- Improving the skills and competencies of people with disabilities (technical training in line with the requirements of the job market, behavioural training, workshops, role play ...)
- The adaptation of the work environment (physical and social adjustment of the working environment for the consideration of the needs of disabled workers, promoting inclusive Corporate Social Responsibility and awareness of employers and employees).

BENEFICIARIES

Direct beneficiaries:

- At least 500 disabled adults (50% women);
- At least 90 public and private employers;
- At least 10 actors in the field of employment and vocational training.

Indirect beneficiaries:

Families of disabled people supported by the project (approximately 2,500 people)

PARTNERS

- Ministry of Youth, Employment and Promotion of Civic Values
- Ministry of Training, Learning and Crafts.
- National Agency for Youth Employment - ANEJ
- Agency for Youth Employment Suburbs - AJEB
- National Office for Vocational Training (ONFP)
- FONDEF (Development Fund for Technical Education and Vocational Training)
- CSR initiative Senegal (network of public and private partners involved in promoting CSR)
- Disabled people's organizations (DPOs) in the region of Dakar
- Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Luxembourg

LOCATION

Region of Dakar



Economic inclusion: income-generating activities

GOAL

Strengthen the self-reliance of vulnerable people, particularly people with disabilities, to help them sustainably escape extreme poverty.

METHOD

The project's strategy is based on a "dual approach" that places an emphasis on providing personalised support to people with disabilities/their families (business plan preparation, technical skills, grants/subsidies, loan application support) and strengthens and supports training centres and loan access services (service accessibility, technical improvements, etc.).

BENEFICIARIES

Direct beneficiaries:

- At least 180 people with disabilities or families of people with disabilities;
- At least 9 training centres and loan access services;

Indirect beneficiaries:

Entrepreneurs' families
Employees (around 900 people).

PARTNERS

Small and medium sized businesses department (SMED)
A micro-finance institution
Chambers of commerce and craftsmanship
Disabled people's organisations
Training centres
Medicor Foundation

LOCATION

Regions of Ziguinchor, Sedhiou and Kolda



Mother and Child Health : "CELLAL E KISAL" Project

GOAL

Contribute to reducing maternal, neonatal and infantile morbidity and mortality by increasing access to a range of quality healthcare services in these three fields, by developing and implementing an information and communications technology (ICT) system.

METHOD

This project is implemented in association with the NGO AMREF. Handicap International is responsible for the following activities:

- Ensuring that disability is taken into account in all project activities
- Developing tools for inclusive awareness-raising on impairments
- Strengthening functional rehabilitation services
- Organising medical visits in pre-school settings
- Contributing to the costs of rehabilitation care for children and mothers with impairments

BENEFICIARIES

Direct beneficiaries: 29,000 children and their mothers

PARTNERS

AMREF
Medical region of Kolda
CNAO (National Centre for Orthopaedic Fitting)
CRAO (Regional Centre for Orthopaedic Fitting) in Kolda
French Development Agency

LOCATION

Kolda region



Bio-behavioural study of people with disabilities' exposure to HIV in Senegal

GOAL

The general goal of the study is to support the implementation of a strategic national HIV control plan by contributing to an improved understanding of the prevalence, vulnerability factors and at-risk behaviours of people with disabilities in relation to HIV in Senegal.

METHOD

The study will assess the prevalence of HIV in people with disabilities, as well as studying the level of understanding, the attitudes, and at-risk behaviours regarding HIV in a representative sample of people with disabilities.

BENEFICIARIES

- Direct beneficiaries: screening of at least 2,000 people with disabilities
- Indirect beneficiaries: all people with disabilities living in Senegal as well as all HIV control actors

PARTNERS

CNLS (French National Council for AIDS control) and Initiative 5%

LOCATION

National



DEMINING

GOAL

Reduce the vulnerability of communities confronted with the presence of mines and explosive remnants of war in the region.

METHOD

Handicap International conducts non-technical investigations to identify areas contaminated by explosive devices. The organization is also conducting demining operations and destructions (or securing) of unexploded ammunition. The organization also conducts educational activities to promote public awareness on the risk of landmines, and to explain the appropriate actions that one should take in the presence of any explosive device.

BENEFICIARIES

Direct beneficiaries:

- About 60,000 people living in the area where the project is implemented, including at least 6 000 children in 65 schools where risk education sessions will be organized.
- The inhabitants and the refugees/ displaced populations who would want to return to locations they fled due to the conflict/contamination of the land by explosive devices.

Indirect beneficiaries:

- 1.5 million people in the three regions of Casamance







PARTNERS

National centre of anti-mines action in Senegal (Centre national d'action antimines au Sénégal)

LOCATION

Casamance region

MAIN FUNDING BODIES

<p>French Development Agency</p> 	<p>Initiative 5% (led by the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs)</p> 	<p>Argidius Foundation</p> 
<p>Ministry of 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>Medicor Foundation</p> 	<p>Weapons Removal & Abatement (WRA)</p>  <p>Bureau of Political-Military Affairs U.S. Department of State</p>
<p>USAID</p> 