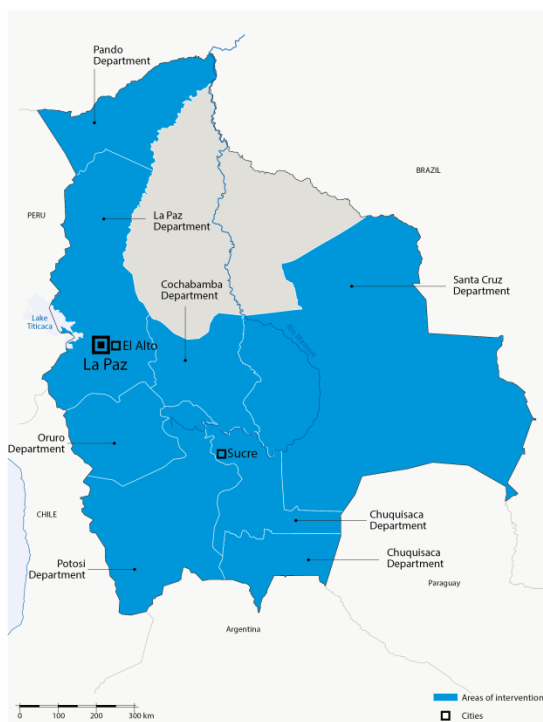




Bolivia



MANDATE

HI is working to enhance the social and economic inclusion of the most vulnerable people and to promote and support access to rehabilitation care. The organisation is also conducting activities to include the most vulnerable, particularly people with disabilities, in the reduction of the risks associated with natural disasters.

The Andean States programme covers Bolivia, Ecuador, Paraguay and Peru. For the time being HI is only working in Bolivia, but activities will be gradually extended to the other countries.

In Bolivia, where 39% of the population live in poverty¹, the organisation is working mainly on the country's Altiplano, a zone which concentrates a large part of the population and is characterised by the country's lowest average income.

COUNTRY OVERVIEW

Bolivian society and institutions have been in throes of a deep transformation since 2005. The recognition and inclusion of 36 indigenous ethnic groups and cultures in Bolivia, now the Plurinational State of Bolivia, was an important moment in the country's history. Social and economic reforms are in progress, however, inequalities persist and people with disabilities are still marginalised.

CONTEXT

HI has been working in Bolivia since 2011, and notably until 2013 on the implementation of an inclusive local development² project in the department of Potosi. Between 2014 and 2016, the organisation ran two pilot projects: a project to support the creation of seven physical and functional rehabilitation centres in the departments of Potosi and Oruro, and a socio-economic inclusion project for disabled people and their guardians in El Alto. Between 2015 and 2016, an inclusive disaster risk management project was implemented in the departments of Potosi, Oruro and La Paz.

Human Development Index (HDI)*	119/188 countries
Life expectancy at birth*	68.7 years
Gross national income (GNI)/capita (\$PPP)*	\$6,155 per year
Surface area**	1,098,580 km ²
Population**	10.85 million

Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD)	Ratified on 16/11/2009
Oslo Treaty (Convention on Cluster Munitions)	Ratified on 30/04/2013
Ottawa Treaty (Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on their Destruction)	Ratified on 09/06/1998

KEY FIGURES

*UNDP: Human Development Report 2015
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HI TEAM

- National staff: 14
- Expatriate staff: 1

¹ <http://donnees.banquemondiale.org/pays/bolivie>

² An assistance and local development project based on the inclusion of disabled people and the promotion of their access to education, accommodation and decent employment.



Socio-economic inclusion

OBJECTIVE

To offer people with disabilities access to decent employment.

METHOD

- At the institutional level: the project aims to strengthen the capacity of the institutions working in the field of disability and/or socio-economic inclusion, and in particular the disabled persons' units of the El Alto and La Paz local authorities.
- At the technical level: the project provides assistance and support to companies with regards to their inclusion policies and practices and to disabled people and their parents or guardians in socio-economic inclusion (salaried and self-employment).
- Advocacy: awareness-raising activities conducted with public and private entities and the population.

BENEFICIARIES

- Disabled people and their parents or guardians, particularly young adults and women
- Local authority units responsible for disability, user committees composed of disabled people, companies, public and private institutions

PARTNERS

- El Alto local authority
- La Paz local authority
- Fautapo Foundation
- San Andres University

LOCATION

Department of La Paz



Physical and functional rehabilitation

OBJECTIVE

Ensure access for disabled people to physical and functional rehabilitation services across the country.

METHOD

- At the institutional level: Following a first pilot phase to create seven rehabilitation centres, the project aims to scale up the approach developed to provide a total of 15 centres across the country (seven departments), in the framework of the creation of a national network of rehabilitation centres. The project also strengthens a model to extend rehabilitation services into the community using new technologies in the department of Oruro.
- At the technical level: Rehabilitation centre professionals receive training approved by the Ministry of Health and tools for rehabilitation, the early detection of impairments and the treatment of club foot.

BENEFICIARIES

- Disabled people and their families (particularly children), user committees composed of disabled people, health and rehabilitation professionals, doctors, community workers, local, departmental and national health authorities.

PARTNERS

- Ministry of Health
- Departmental health services (SEDES)
- San Andres University
- Municipal governments and health networks in the 7 departments
- Rehabilitation centres

LOCATION

Departments of Oruro, Potosí, Cochabamba, Chuquisaca, Santa Cruz, La Paz and Tarija.

MAIN DONORS

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