

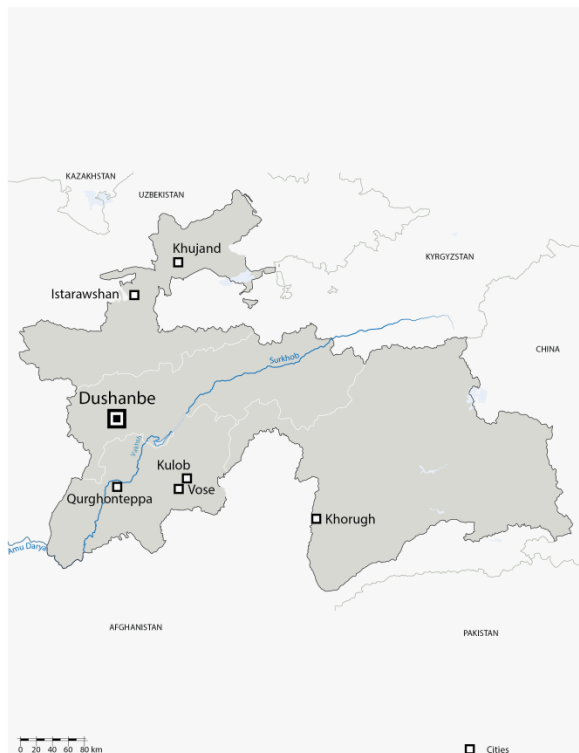
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MANDATE

Handicap International's overall goal in Tajikistan is to improve the quality of life of the most vulnerable groups of people and help local organisations become the main protagonists of this change.

Handicap International's activities in Tajikistan have been suspended since the beginning of 2015, but the program remains open.

SITUATION

From 1992 to 1997, the country was ravaged by a devastating civil war. Its social infrastructure and economy were partially destroyed and, according to official estimates, 50,000 people died and several hundred thousand people fled their homes because of the conflict. Despite signs of economic recovery, particularly over the last decade, Tajikistan remains the poorest country in the Central Asia region. Its social protection and health systems are particularly fragile, and its infrastructure requires heavy investment.

The country also experiences difficult climatic conditions, in addition to regular earthquakes and landslides, giving rise to regular humanitarian catastrophes, as at the end of winter of 2007/2008.

The first victims of this state of fragility are the most vulnerable populations, and first and foremost people with disabilities, who are poorly integrated into their country's social and economic activities.

INITIAL ACTIONS

Handicap International launched its first operations in Tajikistan in 2010 to improve access to social, sanitary and education services for children with disabilities from the region of Khatlon.

KEY FACTS

Human development index (HDI)*	133/187 countries rated
Life expectancy*	67.2
GDP per capita (\$PPP)**	2,424\$ per annum
Population**	8.2 million
Surface area**	142,550 sq.km

Convention on the Rights of Person with Disabilities (CRPD)	Not signed
Convention on cluster munitions (Oslo)	Not signed
Mine ban treaty (Ottawa)	Ratified 12 October 1999

* UNPD: Human Development Report 2014

** World Bank 2013