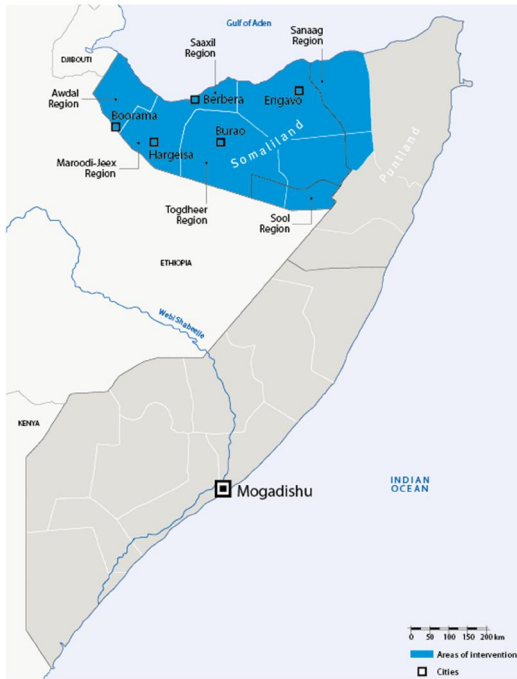




Somaliland



MANDATE

The mandate of Handicap International in Somaliland is to improve the living conditions of people with disabilities. To do so, Handicap International works on increasing and promoting the inclusion of the most vulnerable people who are excluded from the humanitarian response to the famine in Somaliland. The association also promotes the rights of the people with disabilities and advocates for the implementation of the International Convention of People with Disabilities (CRPD).

SITUATION

In 1991, Somaliland proclaimed itself a state after three years of bloody civil war. The international community considers it as part of Somalia, which is however governed as an independent country since 1992. In general, Somaliland is currently fairly calm and functional but the security situation is fragile because of weak state control, ineffective law enforcement and the proliferation of small arms and light weapons. Handicap International has so far operated freely in most regions of the territory.

Besides, since the end of 2016, the Nino phenomenon induced a severe drought in the Horn of Africa causing malnutrition and Acute Watery Diarrhea disease outbreak amongst the population of Somaliland.

BACKGROUND

In 1992, Handicap International launched its presence in Somaliland with the set-up of a rehabilitation centre with its partner Disability Action Network (DAN) in Hargeisa, the capital of the region. Nine years later, the centre became completely independent on the technical level, following the training of physiotherapy, orthopaedic and psychomotricity assistants. A further reinforcement of Handicap International's presence was marked by projects such as support for local associations working towards the socio-economic inclusion of people with disabilities, renewing irrigation structures for agricultural holdings in the Berbera region, a mine risk education project, an inclusive election project as well as a mental health project going on. Handicap International is registered with the Somaliland Ministry of Planning and Aid Coordination and works in partnership/close collaboration with government institutions and local NGOs.

STAFF

15 staff members

KEY FACTS

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| Human development index (HDI)* | Information not available |
| Life expectancy* | 55.7 years |
| Gross National Income per capita * | 294 \$ per year |
| Population** | 10,8 million inhabitants |
| Surface area** | 637,660 sq.km |

*Human Development Report 2016
 ** UNSD 2015

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| Convention on the Rights of Person with Disabilities (CRPD) | Not joined |
| Convention on cluster munitions (Oslo) | Signed: 03 Dec 2008 Ratified: 30 Sep 2015 |
| Mine ban treaty (Ottawa) | Ratified: 16 April 2012 |

Current projects 2017



Ensuring and promoting the inclusion of the most vulnerable people who are excluded from the humanitarian response to the famine in Somaliland

GOALS

The objective of this project is to increase and promote the inclusion of the most vulnerable people who are excluded from the humanitarian response to the famine in Somaliland.

METHOD

Handicap International ensures that the most vulnerable people and the ones excluded from the humanitarian response in the most drought-affected areas in Somaliland get access to services, in particular services addressing consequences of malnutrition.

Activities:

- Training of 6 Community Based Rehabilitation (CBR) workers and social workers on supporting malnourished children with risk of development delays. Training of social workers on supporting mothers of malnourished children.
- Identification of malnourished children with disability or severe development delay.
- Transfer skills of basic stimulative therapy, stimulation to caretakers of children with malnutrition through one-on-one sessions during home-visits by CBR workers and community volunteers.
- Provision of psychosocial support sessions to populations affected by the drought including malnourished children, their parents and caregivers.
- Organization of parent-get-together workshops to provide suggestions to families about ways to assist children with disabilities to eat and drink (e.g. proper positioning to make feeding safer and easier).
- Realisation of a baseline assessment on barriers/facilitators in access to services and mapping on disability inclusiveness (institutional, environmental and attitudinal barriers) in emergency response.
- Training workshop on disability and vulnerability inclusive emergency programming to humanitarian aid agencies and government authorities from NDC (National Drought Committee) in Somaliland, based on findings of the assessment.
- Provision of coaching sessions on the inclusion of vulnerable groups to humanitarian aid agencies (international or local)
- Training of relevant supported stakeholders from the sector aid organisations and NDC on vulnerability measurement through the vulnerability scoring tool.

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| Directly with populations : no | |
| Service or care: no | Distribution: no |

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| Through partners: yes | | |
| Technical support: yes | Donation of equipment: no | Financial support : yes |

BENEFICIARIES

- 400 children and 400 caregivers
- 5 targeted organisations technically supported.

GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION

Hargeisa, Burao

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| Financing secured until : | 30/11/2017 |
| Extension (subject to funding) for another year at least : | yes |



Promoting Rights of Disabled People and Increasing their Participation in the Electoral Process (Somaliland)

GOALS

Promoting civic and political rights of disabled people and strengthening their participation in the electoral and political processes in urban and rural areas of Somaliland, in particular for the general election of November 2017.

METHOD

Handicap International strengthens Somaliland government skills to include disabled people to civic and political life in the country. The association also supports disabled people's organisations for the inclusion of women and disabled people in the electoral process of the country.

Activities:

- Conduct surveys on the participation of disabled people in the national electoral process
- Organise meetings with political actors and trainings for people working with disabled people
- Implement awareness campaigns to inform about disability
- Adapt pedagogical tools on election process (especially in braille)
- Elaborate a document with best practices on inclusion of disabled people in the national electoral process

BENEFICIARIES

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- More than 185,000 disabled people living in rural and urban areas
- 20 disabled people's organisations
- Electoral and democratic actors in Somaliland (including the National Election Commission and political parties)
- INGO actors (Interpeace, Saferworld, Progression, Oxfam) involved in election
- Local civil society organisation (Nagaad women network, Somaliland Non State Actors Forum - SONSAF)
- Family and care givers of persons with all types of disabilities.

PARTNERS

- Disability Action Network (DAN)
- Somaliland National Disability Forum (SNDF)
- National Election Commission (NEC)

GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION

6 regions in Somaliland: Awdal, Maroodi-Jeex, Saaxil, Togdheer, Sool, et Sanaag.

FINANCING

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| Financing secured until : | 31.12.2017 |
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MAIN FUNDING BODIES

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| <p>LUXEMBOURGIAN MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS</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>DEPARTMENT FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT OF UNITED KINGDOM</p>  <p>Department for International Development</p> |
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