



Haiti



MANDATE

Present in Haiti even before the earthquake of January 2010, Handicap International launched an immediate response on a scale unprecedented in the organisation’s history in aid of people affected by the disaster. Handicap International’s emergency humanitarian relief effort lasted almost two years. Its efforts now focus on development activities to help the country build the services necessary to answer the needs of vulnerable people and people with disabilities and ensure their full inclusion in Haitian society.

SITUATION

One of the poorest countries in the world, Haiti is regularly affected by natural disasters and has suffered from chronic political instability. Needs vary enormously from region to region and population to population. People living in the capital Port-au-Prince have acute needs, resulting from high employment, especially among young people, the rising cost of basic foods, insecurity, and poor access to water and education. In rural areas, the lack of services (schools, health centres, etc.) is blatant and the population is even more vulnerable when faced to natural disasters (cyclones, floods, droughts...). Set against this background of widespread poverty, the situation facing people with disabilities is even more alarming and their basic needs are often not met (water, food, accommodation, care, access to orthopaedic-fitting and security).

INITIAL ACTIONS

Handicap International launched its first operations in Haiti in partnership with the World Food Programme (WFP) in 2008, when it managed a logistics platform to supply humanitarian aid to areas that had become difficult to access following severe flooding in the region of Gonaïves (two hours to the north of Port-au-Prince).

KEY FACTS

Human development index (HDI)*	163/188 classified countries
Life expectancy*	62.8
Gross National Income per capita * (PPA\$)	1,669 \$ per annum
Population**	10,46 million
Surface area**	27,750 sq.km

*Human Development Report 2015
 ** UNSD 2015

Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD)	Ratified 23/07/2009
Convention on cluster munitions (Oslo)	Signed 28/10/2009
Mine ban treaty (Ottawa)	Ratified 15/02/2006



Risk and disaster management

GOAL

Reduce the vulnerability and build the capacities of the most vulnerable individuals, in particular people with disabilities, older people, people with chronic diseases and/or isolated people, women and children, to better prepare them for natural disasters (risk reduction) and to enforce their rights in crisis situations (emergencies) caused by natural disasters.

METHOD

The method used for this project combines several complementary approaches:

- An **inclusive approach** based on the use of tools and practices to promote the active involvement of people with disabilities and to ensure their specific needs are taken into account
- A **capacity-building approach** targeted at operators at every level (national, departmental, communal, communal section and locality)
- A multi-hazard approach targeting all major hazards identified in Haiti and targeted localities (cyclone, flooding, landslide, tsunami, earthquake)
- A **participative approach** to increase awareness of local risks, foster community involvement in the process, particularly the most vulnerable individuals, and improve the ownership/sustainability of risk reduction actions implemented by communities.

BENEFICIARIES

- People living in communities most at risk from natural disasters in DRM (disaster risk management) project target areas
- Project partners benefiting from capacity-building to enable them to transmit approaches and practices to beneficiaries
- Partner organisations of the national risk and disaster management system (SNGRD)
- People living in communities affected by a natural disaster

PARTNERS

- Civil Protection Department
- International humanitarian organisations which are active in the field of risk and disaster management
- Civil society organisations which are active in the field of risk and disaster management
- Office of the Secretary of State for the Inclusion of People with Disabilities (BSEIPH)
- OXFAM

LOCATION

West (town of Carrefour), South East (6 towns) North (2 towns), as well as other departments in case of emergency.



Rehabilitation

GOAL

- Providing disabled people who need rehabilitation care with quality, accessible and sustainable rehabilitation services within the Haitian health system.
- Helping the Ministry of Health and Population develop an inclusive public health policy.

METHOD

Handicap International builds the capacities of rehabilitation technicians with minimal or informal training to upgrade their skills, and provides ongoing training for rehabilitation professionals.

Handicap International provides sustainable support (structural and technical) to develop and build the capacities of pre-existing facilities and the quality of sustainable rehabilitation services in six departmental hospitals and five rehabilitation facilities. Handicap International also ensures training programmes in three nursing colleges provide basic knowledge of disability and rehabilitation concepts.

BENEFICIARIES

- 75 health professionals in departmental hospitals (doctors and nurses)
- 100 students in nursing colleges
- Patients hospitalised for long periods in pilot hospitals
- People requiring rehabilitation care (therapy)
- Rehabilitation professionals
- Hospital facilities and rehabilitation centres

PARTNERS

- Public institutions (MSPP)
- Local rehabilitation facilities
- Nos Petits Frères et Sœurs (NPFS)
- 5 departmental hospitals
- Special Education Centre
- AFYA Foundation
- Hôpital Espoir
- Mc Gill University (Canada)
- Hôpitaux Universitaires de Genève

LOCATION

West (Port-au-Prince), South, South-East and Nippes, Artibonite and North



Child protection

GOAL

Help strengthen the child protection system in Haiti.

METHOD

Handicap International provides support to the Ministry for Social Affairs and Work to enhance its child protection policy mechanisms and improve the quality of care provided to abandoned children in host families and children's homes. Handicap International also works in the sexual and reproductive health sector where it is running a pilot project to improve the living conditions of vulnerable orphan children in two special schools and a children's home.

BENEFICIARIES

- Multi-sector professionals case-managing children placed in institutions, disabled children, child victims of violence and/or children who were abandoned in hospitals
- Children placed in institutions, children with disabilities, child victims of violence and children who were abandoned in hospitals

PARTNERS

- Institute of Social Welfare and Research (IBESR)
- NGO ENPAK
- Office of the Secretary of State for the Inclusion of People with Disabilities
- 2 hospitals
- 1 children's home
- 2 special schools

LOCATION

Port-au-Prince metropolitan region



Inclusive employment

GOAL

Enhance the professional inclusion of people with disabilities in the Port-au-Prince metropolitan area.

METHOD

Handicap International works in conjunction with a local partner (Sant Kore Lavi) to help people with disabilities develop and implement their personalised business projects. To ensure more people with disabilities are able to access inclusive employment, the project works with three economic development actors (an occupational training centre, a social micro-finance institution and a public market) with a view to helping them make their services more inclusive and accessible, particularly for people with disabilities. Awareness-raising campaigns are also organised in communities where people with disabilities live in order to build their capacities and potential to exercise an occupation. At national level, the project also aims at raising the awareness of economic actors in order to better include people with disabilities in their services.

BENEFICIARIES

- 210 people with disabilities involved in a business project
- 10,505 members of families of people involved in business projects and people in employment as a result of these projects

PARTNERS

- Sant Kore Lavi
- BSEIPH (Office of the Secretary of State for the Inclusion of People with Disabilities)
- Three economic development operators: occupational training centre, microfinance institute, shopping centre

LOCATION

Port-au-Prince Metropolitan Region (Carrefour, Croix des Missions)



Road safety

GOAL

Improve road safety for road users.

METHOD

The methodology used for this project includes several complementary approaches:

- **A multi-sector capacity-building approach** for institutional and civil society operators involved in the management, implementation and coordination of road safety actions, while fostering the development of an appropriate institutional framework.
- **An awareness-raising approach** which aims at improving awareness of road hazards and the adoption of safer behaviour by road users.
- **An accessibility approach** which aims at promoting access to public transport for people with disabilities and people with reduced mobility.

BENEFICIARIES

- Road users, including:
 - Pedestrians living in the area, students and teachers at schools in the area, tradespeople (shops and stalls), people with disabilities
 - Drivers of private cars, goods and passenger transport vehicles, and their passengers
 - Drivers of two-wheeled vehicles (motorcycles and bicycles) and their passengers
- Institutional partners from several ministries
- Civil society partners
- Partner members of the coordination and exchange platform

PARTNERS

- Delmas Town Hall
- Ministry of Public Works, Transport and Communication (MTPTC)
- Ministry of Public Health and Population (MSPP)

LOCATION

West department, Delmas commune, Delmas 33 road.

MAIN FUNDING BODIES

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