

YEMEN 2021

HI works in Yemen to support vulnerable people and persons with disabilities as well as those injured in the regional conflict, which has affected the country since March 2015. The organisation also supports NGOs to better include persons with disabilities in the emergency response.

AREAS OF INTERVENTION

- Relief for victims of the conflict
- Orthopaedic fitting and rehabilitation
- Inclusion of vulnerable people in the emergency response
- Mine and explosive remnants of war risk education

CURRENT PROJECTS

Since its return to Yemen in 2014, HI has been implementing actions to mitigate the impact of the crisis affecting the whole country, focusing on the most vulnerable people - including injured people and people with disabilities - and meeting the most urgent needs, as close as possible to frontlines.

The organisation currently works in health establishments (hospitals and rehabilitation centres) in Sana'a, Hajjah, Aden Lajih, and Taizz governorates: Teams provide physical rehabilitation and psychosocial support - including the distribution of rehabilitation materials - to the people injured or left disabled by the conflict. HI also delivers training and awareness-raising sessions to the physiotherapists and other medical staff working on rehabilitation care and managing war injuries.

Besides, HI supports the humanitarian organisations working in Yemen to ensure that vulnerable people (people with disabilities, isolated people, women, elder peoples or children) are better taken into account within the humanitarian interventions and are not left out. HI also raises the awareness of people to the risks linked to the presence of explosive devices and mines.

COUNTRY STATUS

Following its reunification in 1991, Yemen has been subject to chronic political instability and a catastrophic economic situation. Since 2011, the country has experienced a new spiral of violence which has culminated in a civil war opposing diverse political factions.

This conflict has become particularly violent following March 2015 and the military intervention of a coalition of Arab countries in the country. The war has since taken root, becoming one of the worst crises on the world with at least 100,000 people who have been killed; leaving Yemen on its knees and heavily contaminated by improvised explosive devices and mines.

Essential infrastructure has been damaged or destroyed by the violence of the fighting and bombing raids; and more than half of the country's health facilities (hospitals or health centres) are not operational anymore.

The main victims of this generalised violence are the civilian populations: over 20 million people require humanitarian aid. Among them, 16 million Yemenis are food unsecured; and over 4 million are displaced due to the violence. Humanitarian organisations continue to experience very severe difficulties working in the country.

Number of HI staff members: 127

Date the programme opened: 2014