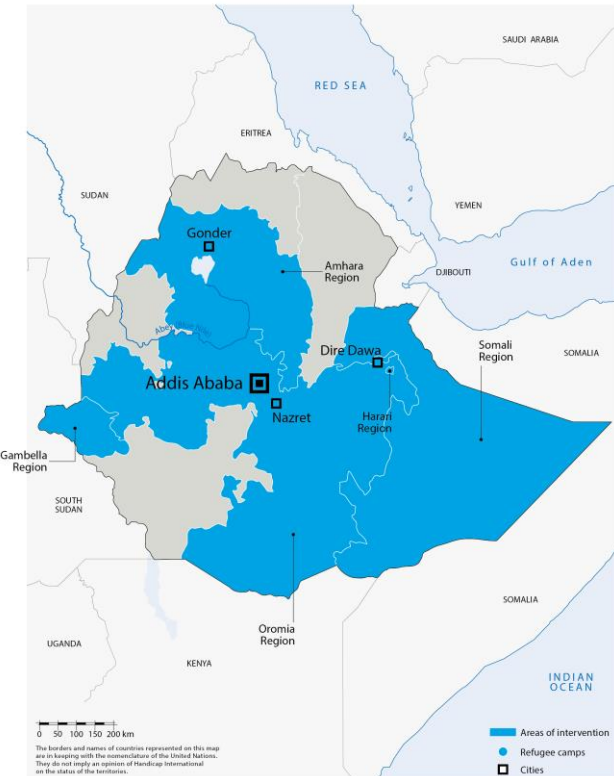




Ethiopia



MANDATE

Handicap International in Ethiopia aims at promoting inclusive access to humanitarian aid and development sectors for the most vulnerable groups, including people with disabilities. This includes providing access to services by supporting equal opportunities for people with disabilities and vulnerable groups to access to development of their country; mitigate impacts of crisis and support resilience for the most affected populations.

SITUATION

Ethiopia has the eighteenth largest population in the world¹, with more than 96 million inhabitants. The population has been swollen by the arrival of refugees fleeing drought in the Horn of Africa, and refugee camps have sprung up across Ethiopia. The refugees are also fleeing the tense contexts in neighbouring countries such as South Sudan and Somalia. Internally Displaced People are also moving to the camps, fleeing drought, floods and clan conflicts.

People with disabilities are the most vulnerable to the effects of poverty and different types of violence, particularly in emergency situations. It is therefore necessary to promote their access to basic services and their inclusion in the social and economic life of the country.

Since 2014, the country has become Africa's largest refugee host, as South Sudan and Somalia crises keep growing.

INITIAL ACTIONS

Handicap International launched its operations in Ethiopia in 1986, when it set up community-based rehabilitation projects for people with disabilities and developed rehabilitation services for refugees (Somalis in the East and Sudanese in the West). This led rehabilitation units to be set up in eleven hospitals (from 1996 to 2000). Handicap International extended its activities in 1997 by launching a mine risk education project to support the repatriation of Somali refugees living in Ethiopia. The organisation also aims to improve the living conditions of both people with disability and vulnerable people affected by drought in refugee camps. HI also seeks to help people with disabilities combat HIV.

KEY FACTS

Human development index (HDI)*	174 th / 188 countries
Life expectancy*	64.1 years
Gross National Income per capita *	1,430\$ per annum
Population**	96,5 million
Surface area**	1,104,300 sq.km

Convention on the Rights of Person with Disabilities (CRPD)	Ratified: 7 July 2010
Convention on cluster munitions (Oslo)	Not joined
Mine ban treaty (Ottawa)	Ratified: 17 December 2004

*Human Development Report 2015
 ** UNSD 2015

STAFF

- Total national staff employed: 35
- Total expatriates employed: 2

¹According to data from UNDESA 2011 available from <http://www.afhdr.org/map/>

Current Projects 2016



Education for Children with Disabilities

GOAL

Improving access of children with disabilities to primary education in four regions and two city administrations (Dire Dawa, Harar, Somali, Oromia, Amhara and Addis Ababa) based on the lesson learned and successful approaches tested during the pilot phase.

METHOD

Handicap International:

- Works in partnership with local authorities and regions
- Advices education actors and organisations of people with disabilities to improve inclusion of children with disabilities at school (improving quality of education and access of children at school)
- Contributes to adapt education tools and improve pedagogical methods to make school adapted to children with disabilities
- Contributes to improve school infrastructures to make them accessible to all children
- To encourage exchanges of best practices between teachers

BENEFICIARIES

- 204,900 children (6 700 children with disabilities and 198 200 children without disability)
- 350,962 families
- More than 1,610 education staff members, 71 members of Regional Education Bureau (REB)
- 56 members of Bureau of labour and social affairs (BOLSA), in charge of questions linked to disability at regional level
- 500 members of organisations of people with disabilities

PARTNERS

- Pedagogical offices in the areas of Dire Dawa, Harar and Somali
- 49 primary schools

LOCATION

6 regions: Dire Dawa, Harar, Somali, Oromia, Amhara and Addis Ababa



Resilience of Communities Faced with Natural Disasters

GOALS

Sustainably increasing resilience and reducing long term vulnerability to current and future climate change and climate-related shocks and stresses in communities of East and West Hararghe (state of Oromia).

METHOD

- Improve training and awareness over inclusion of people with disability for actors fighting against vulnerability of rural communities affected by climate changes.
- Inform people with disabilities about climate changes.
- Distribute mobility aids (crutches, wheelchair, etc.) to people with disabilities.

BENEFICIARIES

- Rural communities (and people with disability) in Eastern and Western Haraghe.

PARTNERS

- Government of Ethiopia
- REAAP Project consortium members (Catholic Relief Services, Hararghe Catholic Secretariat, Cordaid)

LOCATION

Eastern and western Harerge



Enhance Protection and Welfare of Children with and without Disabilities

GOAL

Contributing to the protection and welfare of the most vulnerable girls and boys, particularly those with disabilities, in remote areas of Ethiopia through the promotion and reinforcement of a safe environment.

METHOD

- Awareness-raising campaign on child protection and welfare, led by school children and DPOs
- Create an alert system through traditional grassroots solidarity groups
- Train school staff and Parents Teachers Associations on child protection and disability issues
- Risk assessment and identification of risk reduction strategies to improve schools' environment
- Train multi-sector service-providers to give coordinated, disability-sensitive quality care to children survivors of violence
- Establish a referral system of available services and resources
- Provide support to at-risk children in vulnerable isolated families

BENEFICIARIES

- **6,651 children** (3,141 girls and 3,510 boys) with and without disabilities in 6 selected schools
- **141 school staff and PTA members** of the 6 schools
- Traditional grassroots community group members of 6 woredas (around 940,000 inhabitants)
- **48 service providers** (2 representatives of each sector — social, health, legal and judiciary)





PARTNERS

- 6 schools
- 1 Disabled people's organisation
- Local authorities (social and basic services)

LOCATION

East and West Haraghe

MAIN FUNDING BODIES

<p>USAID via Catholic Relief Services</p>  <p>CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES</p>	<p>French Embassy in Ethiopia</p> 	<p>USAID</p> 
<p>Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration (PRM) - USA</p> 	<p>European Union</p> 