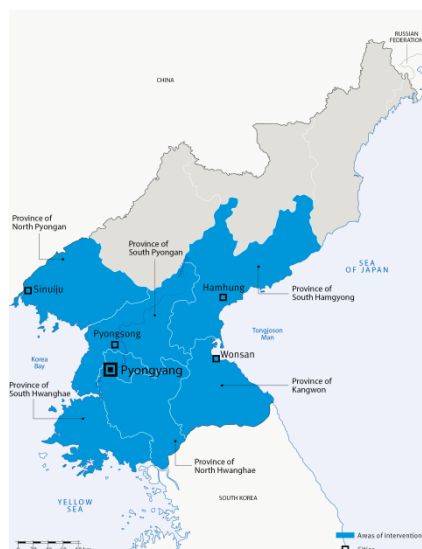




Democratic
People's Republic of Korea



MANDATE

HI's overall aim in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea is to strengthen and assist the Korean Federation for the Protection of the Disabled (KFPD). The goal of this partnership is to improve equal opportunities, rights and involvement of people with disabilities, so to promote their active citizenship in their own country.

SITUATION

Since 2006, only six NGOs are allowed to be resident in the country. They are gathered under the European Unit Program Support and they cannot use their international name.

HI is currently the only one among them to work in partnership with a quasi-civil society organization (KFPD), and it is the only resident international stakeholder to have a specific focus on disabilities

INITIAL ACTIONS

HI launched its operations in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea at the request of the Korean Federation for the Protection of the Disabled (KFPD) in 1998. Our different activities included supporting the Hamhung orthopaedic Factory. Since 2007, the KFPD and HI have also been collaborating in the field of sensory impairments. After working alongside the KFPD for more than ten years, HI now places a greater emphasis on institutional support, and the organisation has gradually reduced its direct involvement in the projects.

KEY FACTS

Human development index (HDI)*	Information not available
Life expectancy*	70.4
GNI per capita ***	15.450
Population**	25,03 million inhabitants
Surface area**	120,538 sq. km

Convention on the Rights of Person with Disabilities (CRPD)	Ratified: 09 December 2016
Convention on cluster munitions (Oslo)	Not joined
Mine ban treaty (Ottawa)	Not joined

*Human Development Report 2015

** UNSD 2015

*** 2013 (UNData)

STAFF

- National staff: 8 persons (4 from KFPD and 4 from other local institutions) seconded to HI, plus 4 national Chinese staff based in Beijing and shared with the China program
- Expatriate staff: 2 permanent full-time staff members, 1 permanent staff based in Beijing and shared with the China program, experts in rehabilitation, education and orthopedics joining for shorter missions (from 1 to 8 months every year)



Support for the Korean Federation for the Protection of the Disabled (KFPD)

GOAL

HI is helping to enhance the capacities of the KFPD to enable it to promote the participation of people with disabilities in Korea, and to improve the quality of services for people with disabilities.

METHOD

HI supports the provincial development of the KFPD and the representativeness of provincial branches, disability associations and self help groups. It organises numerous training courses and seminars to improve the understanding of disability and promote awareness-raising actions. More recently, HI is supporting the creation and training of self-help groups leading to collective income generating activities. HI also helps the KFPD to build its project management capacities and develop an international network, so to identify other sources of funding and ensure its financial sustainability.

BENEFICIARIES

- The KFPD, central and provincial representatives + KFPD office in Beijing
- New disabled people's organisations in four provinces, self-help groups people with disabilities in general

PARTNERS

KFPD

LOCATION

Nationwide and particularly Pyongson (South Pyongan Province), Hamhung (South Hamgyong Province), Wonsan (Kangwon Province) and Siniju (North Pyongan Province)



Improving physical rehabilitation services

GOAL

HI supports several structures to improve physical rehabilitation services in DPR Korea.

METHOD

In addition to equipment and consumables, the aid supplied by HI promotes the autonomous production of prostheses and orthoses in DPRK by improving the management of the Hamhung orthopaedic Factory and introducing more sustainable technologies. More recently, HI has initiated an action seeking to enhance the skills of health staff, in Pyongyang and in out of reach areas, in the fields of physiotherapy and occupational therapy, and to strengthen the provision of services in remote areas through the organization of mobile camps and the creation of decentralized physiotherapy units at district and village level

BENEFICIARIES

- People with disabilities, health staff in Tongrim county (hospital and village clinics), Hamhung district (hospital and village clinics), Siniju (city hospital) and Pyongyang.

PARTNERS

- The sanatorium for the elderly and disabled in Tongrim, the orthopaedic factory and the orthopaedic hospital in Hamhung, one county hospital and two Ri (village) clinics in Tongrim county, 1 district hospital and 2 Ri (village) clinics in Hamhung district, Siniju City Hospital, Children Hospital, Pyongyang, the Korean Rehabilitation Center for Children with Disabilities and the Munsu Rehabilitation Center in Pyongyang.

LOCATION

North Pyongan Province, South Hamgyong Province, Pyongyang



Improving education through adapted teaching

GOAL

With its partners, HI aims to improve the living conditions and education of children with hearing and visual impairment in 6 special schools.

METHOD

The project is focused on the organization of sets of training and seminars for teachers and staff from the Department for Special Education responsible for teaching methods and the adaptation of training courses. The sessions aim at introducing child centred methodologies and at improving the educational environment in the schools. The set-up of an intranet between schools and Education Commission for resource-sharing purposes is also ongoing.

Moreover, the project includes the renovation of premises making them accessible (schools and dormitories), the construction of greenhouses to vary the diet of the children, the assessment of the level of impairment with provision of aids where possible and the supply of educational materials and teaching aids.

BENEFICIARIES

- Teachers, staff and children with hearing and visual disabilities in six special schools in the DPR of Korea

PARTNERS

- KFPD, Department of Special Education, Education Commission

LOCATION

- South Pyongan Province, North Pyongan Province, South Hwanghae Province, North Hwanghae Province.



Inclusive disaster risk reduction

GOAL:

HI aims at improving the capacity of local stakeholders to include people with disabilities in disaster risk reduction activities, and to increase the resilience of chosen at risk communities through participatory DRR (Disaster Risk Reduction).

METHOD:

After an exploratory mission in 2015, from 2016 HI is increasing the capacities of the KFPD in DRR through training sessions and supporting relevant authorities (SCEDM – State Committee for Emergency and Disaster Management) in understanding and including disability through training and awareness raising sessions. At the same time, a school based DRR action is being piloted in Pongsan School for the deaf. The pilot will be replicated in 5 other schools at risk from 2017. Since June, this project extended to 2 more provinces (North Pyongan and South Hamgyong). School and community based DRR will be implemented to 5 communities and 3 schools in 3 provinces (North Hwanghae, South Hamgyong and North Hwanghae) of DPR Korea between June 2017 and May 2019.

BENEFICIARIES

- KFPD central and provincial branches, SCEDM at central and provincial level, Pongsan community, teachers and students in Pongsan school for the deaf, KFPD provincial branch office staff of North Pyongan and South Hamgyong, disability association members, Self Help Group members

PARTNERS

- KFPD, SCEDM, Pongsan School, provincial and country People's Committee members, Hamhung school for Hearing impairment, Hamhung school for Visual impairment

LOCATION

- Pyongyang, North Hwanghae province (for the training also South Hwanghae, North and South Pyongan)

MAIN FUNDING BODIES

<p>The British Embassy in Pyongyang</p> 	<p>The Swiss public development cooperation agency</p> 	<p>The European Union</p> 
<p>The Swedish international development agency</p>  <p>SWEDEN</p>	<p>Embassy of Poland in DPRK</p> 	<p>Misereor</p> 