



General data of the country

a. Data

Country	Afghanistan
Population ¹	32,5 million (2016, estimate)
HDI (2016)	0.465 (171 st)
IHDI	0,327
Maternal mortality (2015)	400
Gender-related Development Index	0.6
Population within UNHCR mandate	1 705 908
INFORM index	7,8
Fragile State Index (2017)	107.9
GINI Index ²	27,8
Net official development assistance received	4239

b. Humanitarian law instruments ratified by the country

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| → Mine Ban Treaty / Status: | Ratified 11/09/2002 |
| → Convention on Cluster Munitions / Status: | Ratified 08/09/2011 |
| → UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities / Status: | Ratified 18/09/2012 |

c. Geopolitical analysis

Afghanistan's strategic position at the crossroads of many trade routes has for centuries made the country vulnerable to invasions by distant as well as neighboring powers. This situation persists even today. Afghanistan is bordering with six different countries: China, Pakistan, Iran, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan and Turkmenistan. The current population of Afghanistan is 36 million (based on the latest United Nations estimates). 26.3 % of the population is urban, the rest is living in rural area. The median age in Afghanistan is 17.6 years.

Considering the country's security unstable situation presidential election is not expected to happen before 2019.

Afghanistan faces numerous political challenges as it fights the Taliban insurgency. On August 21, 2017, the US announced its new strategy for Afghanistan, calling for a modest increase in troops and a stronger regional approach..

¹ <http://hdr.undp.org/en/data> Data 2014

² <http://data.worldbank.org/indicator/SI.POV.GINI?locations=NP>



With the deterioration of security, the market value for investment of nation and International investors dramatically reduced, most businessmen shifted their invests to other countries. Following Global Economy report, the unemployment rate increased significantly after 2014 and now in 2017 it reached to 7.5%.

Presence of HI in the country

HI started its operations in support of the Afghan population with a focus on persons with disabilities in the refugee camps in Pakistan in the mid-1980s. HI is present in Afghanistan without interruption since 1996. HI's work initially centered on mine action, particularly in the South and West regions, and physical rehabilitation via an orthopedic-fitting and rehabilitation center (PRC) in Kandahar. During these 21 years of work in Kandahar, HI, through its community based risk education (CBRE) interventions, has established a network of more than 400 active community volunteers which have been engaged on CBRE activities and identifying/referring community members to PRC for rehabilitation. Due to this work with the community, HI has built a strong relationship with local communities allowing to have a good understanding of the local context and dynamics and to operate in the areas of Kandahar and Helmand provinces, perceived to be unsafe.

It has since expanded the scope of its work to include support to disabled people's organizations and victim organizations as well as the economic and social inclusion of people with disabilities. HI is a strong actor promoting and advocating for the rights of survivors and other people with disabilities as a whole and provides technical support to Afghan authorities and other key stakeholders through various disability and Victim Assistance (VA) coordination forum and networks. Mainstreaming the vulnerability and inclusion approaches allows HI to foster a real sense of responsibility at authorities and community leaders' levels. These activities further engage with a better acceptance and integration of survivors and other persons with disabilities within the society and enhance their access to medical and other basic services, further improving the resilience of the region's population. HI has also provided support to the Ministry of Public Health's (MoPH) health facilities linked with the Basic Package of Health Services (BPHS) in rural communities in Herat – where HI is present since 2002, firstly to develop activities on Mine Risk Education (MRE) and providing rehabilitation services- and Kandahar provinces, and trained their personnel.

HI has improved service delivery and provided capacity-building for local actors, and is now moving forward by helping the Government of Afghanistan develop a curriculum and training courses for physiotherapy professionals and prosthesis and orthotics technicians based on recognized international standards.

Finally, HI has been implementing activities to cover emergency Psychosocial Support (PSS) and basic rehabilitation services in response to the recent conflict upsurge that has followed the Armed Opposition Groups' (AOGs) offensive on Kunduz city in October 2015. HI provides community-based PSS and emergency home-based rehabilitation services in key districts.






Throughout these years, HI has implemented a wide range of interventions aimed at providing support to persons with special needs, persons with disabilities, IDPs and conflict-affected populations. The key areas of intervention included rehabilitation, psychosocial support, inclusion, mine risk education and advocacy.



Projects

Domain	Title of action	Donor	Duration
Emergency response (Health & Prevention)	Emergency PSS and home-based rehabilitation services	ECHO	01-10-2016 to 30-04-2019
Physical rehabilitation	Improving the accessibility and quality of rehabilitation services	ECHO AFD	01-05-2017 to 30-10-2018
Rehabilitation	Strengthening P&O services in Underserved Area of Afghanistan (P&O)	EU	01-12-2015 to 31 -03-2019
Rehabilitation	Toward Improved Access to Quality Rehabilitation in Afghanistan (TIQRA)	EU	26-01-2016 to 25-01-2019
DPOs capacity building	Victim Assistance Advocacy	MoFA - Norway	01-04-2017 to 31-03-2019



<p>European Commission EUROPEAN COMMISSION</p>  <p>Humanitarian Aid and Civil Protection</p>	<p>Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs</p> 	<p>French Development Agency (AED)</p>  <p>AGENCE FRANÇAISE DE DÉVELOPPEMENT</p>
<p>European Union Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid</p>  <p>Funded by European Union Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid</p>	<p>Australian Government Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade</p>  <p>Australian Government Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade</p>	

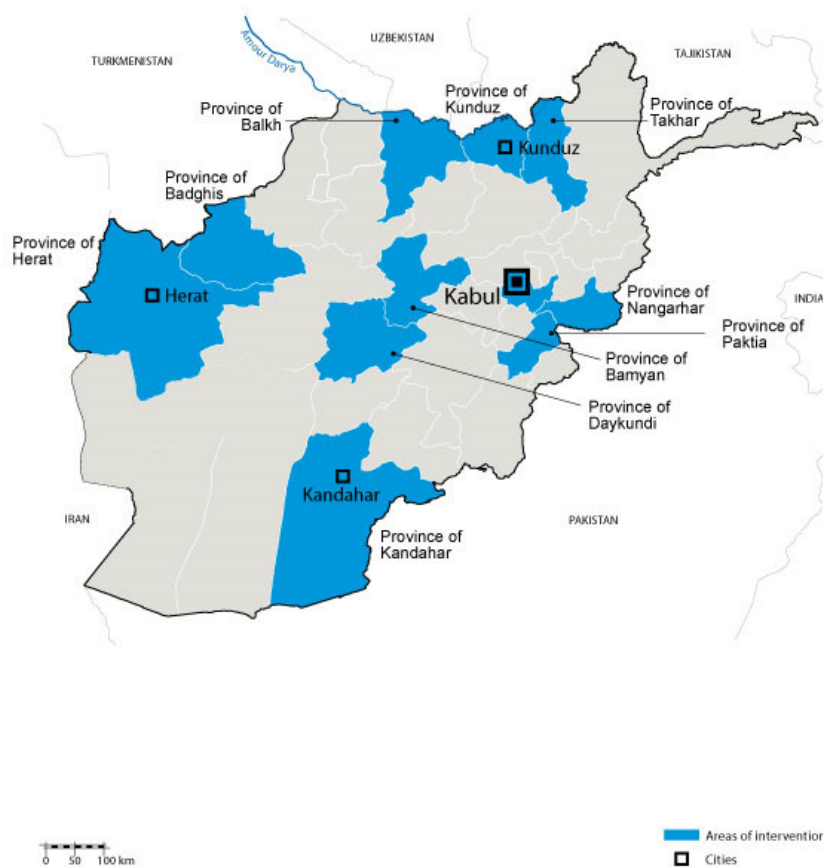
HI team in Afghanistan

HI Afghanistan Program consists of 7 international and 181 national staff members.



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Overview of ongoing projects : Sectors of services where HI conducts projects and focus on operational partnerships

Sector	Objectives	Type of intervention	Target Beneficiaries	Partners	Location
 <p>Improving the accessibility and Quality of Rehabilitations services</p>	Functional rehabilitation services + Gradual Handover of rehabilitation centre to Ministry of Public Health	Provision of comprehensive rehabilitation services, Provision of free of charge accommodation to PRC beneficiaries and caregivers , Awareness-raising and capacity building on identification and referral of patients, Organization of and reporting on quarterly review of PRC integration roadmap, Assessment of PTs and PTAs´ qualifications, skills and experience, Follow-up workshop on the Sustainability Analysis Process (SAP), Organization and implementation of training on rehabilitation services´ management system (RMS)	6556 survivors of Conventional weapons and other people with disabilities	Ministry of Public Health (MoPH), Provincial Directorate of Public Health and Mirwais Regional Hospital	Kandahar, Afghanistan
 <p>Toward Improved Access to Quality Rehabilitation in Afghanistan (TIQRA)</p>	To support the government of Afghanistan towards the improvement of delivery of public health services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Training of physiotherapy cadre for On year Diploma recognize by MOPH. -Support to the GIHS for institutionalization of this program -Advocacy toward central MOPH for expansion and promotion of rehabilitation services -Training of BPHS and EPHS implementers on how to manage disability cases including identification, counselling and referral 	80 Students followed eligible criteria from remotest area 34 staff working in this project including teachers and support staff. 200 of clinical staff and 120 staff of Management will receive training orientation	Ministry of Public Health (MoPH), Provincial Directorate of Public Health and directors of Regional Hospital/ Region HIS/ AAPT/PTI and GIHS	Kandahar and Herat, Afghanistan

 <p>Strengthening P&O services in Underserved Area of Afghanistan (P&O)</p>	<p>To Improve the coverage, availability and quality of public health services provided by the Government of Afghanistan</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Training of P&O technologist On year Diploma recognize by MOPH. -Support to the GIHS for institutionalization of this program -Advocacy toward central MOPH for expansion and promotion of rehabilitation services and Integration of P&O services in to EPHS -Training of BPHS and EPHS implementers on how to manage disability cases including identification, counselling and referral -Support the rehabilitation of WAK Hospital including renovation and equipment's 	<p>20 Students followed eligible criteria from remotest area 12 staff working in this project including teachers and support staff.</p>	<p>Ministry of Public Health (MoPH), Provincial Directorate of Public Health and directors of Regional Hospital/ Region HIS/ AAPT/PTI and GIHS</p>	<p>Herat province</p>
 <p>Disability Inclusive Livelihood</p>	<p>To increase the capacity of IP's on disability inclusion To Improve the participation of IPs current beneficiaries with disabilities in their IGA.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Desk review of key programming tools of each IP to assess their needs and action plans to be developed with each of them aiming at improving disability Inclusion. -8 trainings at Kabul and field level for the 5 IPs on disability, inclusion, how to identify persons with disabilities and their needs, how to enter in contact with them, accessibility, and how to do an awareness session, -1 training at Kabul level for 5 IPs on task analysis and adaptations facilitated by an occupational therapist consultant. 	<p>Totally 18 trainings been launched at Kabul level and as well at the field level. While 250 members of IPs and DPOs including women and persons with disability have been beneficiaries of our technical assistance.</p>	<p>Oxfam, Action Aid, Care Int, AKF, World vision and MoLSAMD</p>	<p>Dikondy, Bamyan, Badghis Takhar Balkh</p>

 <p>Victim Assistance Advocacy</p>	<p>Addressing the rights and needs of persons with disabilities and of victims of mines and explosive remnants of war through awareness raising and capacity building of disability stakeholders</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Institutional capacity building trainings: -Enhancing knowledge trainings: -Empowering DPOs: -Support to line ministries and organizations: The line Ministries (MoLSAMD, Ministries of Foreign Affairs, -Strengthen coordination and collaboration among stakeholders: -Joint celebration of VA/disability events: -Media coverage for the “Join celebration of VA/disability events”: -Community based disability awareness campaigns -Emergency and Trauma Care Trainings: -Lobbying with senior decision-makers and university/Ministry of Higher Education -Internship support to DPOs: -Mentoring and coaching DPOs: 	<p>Direct beneficiaries 210 (75 female, 135 male) and indirect beneficiaries 12500</p>	<p>DPOs, MoLSAMD</p>	<p>Kabul, Herat, Kandahar, Nangarhar, Paktia and Balkh</p>
 <p>Emergency PSS and home-based rehabilitation services</p>	<p>Health and Protection: To provide tailored PSS services in Kunduz city, seeking to alleviate distress, and to reduce the impact of the recent conflict in the Kunduz Regional Hospital, as key referral center</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Awareness campaigns for communities, IDP and victims of the conflict Rehabilitation and/or PSS session (individual, familial, group) Recreational activities Referral Mechanism 	<p>5972 beneficiaries ECHO I 4700 persons: - 215 persons benefited from PSS and rehab services. - 1848 persons benefited from PSS support - 1909 persons benefited from community awareness sessions - 728 persons benefited</p>	<p>Ministry of Public Health District of Public Health Kunduz Regional Hospital International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) Swedish Committee in Afghanistan (SCA) Medecins Sans</p>	<p>Kunduz City (Kunduz Province)</p>

			<p>from Recreational activities ECHO II 1272 persons 220 persons benefited from PSS and rehab services.PT & PSS 1052 persons benefited from PSS support</p>	<p>Frontieres (MSF) ACTED</p>	
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