



General data of the country

a. General data

Country	Cuba
Population (in millions)	11 4759
Maternal mortality	39
Population within UNHCR mandate	308
INFORM RISK	3.3
Fragile State index	62.89
GINI index	NA
Development assistance received (in millions)	552.95 \$

b. Humanitarian law instruments ratified by the country (treaties, conventions)

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| → Mine Ban Treaty / Status: | Non-ratified |
| → Convention on Cluster Munitions / Status: | Ratified on 06/04/2016 |
| → Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities /Status: | Ratified on 06/09/2007 |

c. Geopolitical analysis




The Republic of Cuba, the biggest country in the Caribbean, developed as a socialist country after the end of the revolution in 1959. After the fall of the Soviet Union in the early 90s, the country, whose economy was strongly tied to the USSR, entered a long period of economic challenges (periodo especial), ended also through a progressive diversification of the national economy. However, while many countries (including the whole EU) have recently revised their position against Cuba and fostered economic, cultural and political exchanges, the embargo imposed on the country by the USA is still heavily affecting not only the growth capacity of the island, but life of all the Cubans. After a short parenthesis of hope during Obama's rule, the election of Donald Trump has brought even tighter measures against the Caribbean island. Meanwhile, the long process leading to the ratification of the new constitution (February 2019) has engaged wide ranges of the population in vivacious and sometimes polarized debates on issues like family, property and gender related issues.

Presence of HI in the country

Present in Cuba since 1998 and always working in strong partnership with the 3 local disabled people organisations (ANCI, ACLIFIM and ANSOC), HI has initially supported prosthesis and orthosis production and community based rehabilitation (CBR). In time, attention has shifted to support to civil society and inclusive education, sided by emergency response to hurricanes. Today, the trust and recognition gained throughout the years, together with the lively interaction with the DPOs, has brought HI to focus on socioeconomic inclusion of persons with disability and CBR. Meanwhile, the program is embodying the nexus through its action in IDRR (Inclusive Disaster Risk Reduction), implemented in Cuba and, more recently, through support to partners in Dominican Republic. In this framework the program has responded to the emergency created by the F4 tornado which hit La Habana in January 2019.

Presentation of ongoing projects

Project Title	Sector of intervention	Donor	Funding period
Reinforcing a local strategy of socioeconomic inclusion for persons with disabilities and their families in Granma Province	socioeconomic inclusion	Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation	30/06/2018 to 31/12/2018 (HI)
Promote sustainable employment opportunities for people with disabilities and their families, focusing on women, by building their capacities and those of their organisations, in collaboration with the public sector in the municipality of Santiago de Cuba.	socioeconomic inclusion	DGD	01/01/2017-31/12/2021
Modelling CBR in Cuba: implementation of a model of inclusive, multi-disciplinary CBR developed by actors from community level to national level.	Community-Based Rehabilitation	DGD	01/01/2017-31/12/2021
Mainstreaming protection and Inclusion in DRR in the Caribbean	Inclusive Disaster Risk Management	ECHO	01/06/2018 – 31/12/2019
Emergency response to the 2019 Tornado	Emergency	ECHO	01/02/19 – 31/08/2019

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HI staff in Cuba

HI has 20 staff members in Cuba.




Cuba



Presentation of ongoing projects: Service sectors in which HI works in the country; focus on ongoing operational partnerships

Intervention/service sectors	Project objective(s) in this sector (theme)	Type of intervention (main activities)	Beneficiaries (type and number)	Estimated number of beneficiaries at the end of the project (year +2 etc.)	Operational partners	Location
 Socio-economic inclusion	Strengthen a methodology for accessing employment for people with disabilities in the Granma province, and create 400 new jobs.	Equipping professional training schools Training of trainers	Beneficiaries with disabilities: 72 Professionals trained: 68 Other beneficiaries of the training courses: 77	Beneficiaries with disabilities: 391 Professionals trained: 334 Other beneficiaries of the training courses: 302	Civil Society Organisations: ACLIFIM, ANCI, ANSOC. Target public: MINSAP, MINED, MTSS	Granma province, municipalities of Bayamo and Granma
 Socio-economic inclusion	Define a methodology for accessing employment for people with disabilities in the Santiago de Cuba province, with the MTSS and create 500 jobs.	Equipping professional training schools Training of trainers	Beneficiaries with disabilities: N/A Professionals trained: N/A Other beneficiaries of the training courses: N/A	Beneficiaries with disabilities: 500 Professionals trained: 100 Other beneficiaries of the training courses: 300	Civil Society Organisations: ACLIFIM, ANCI, ANSOC, FMC, ANEC Target public: MINSAP, MINED, MTSS	Santiago province.
	Cuba has an inclusive, inter-sector	Assess the impact of the CBR programme	Beneficiaries with disabilities: 375	Beneficiaries with disabilities: 375	Civil Society Organisations:	Province of Pinar del Rio,

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 CBR	<p>CBR model, developed and implemented by local actors.</p>	<p>implemented in Cuba for the last 15 years in 3 provinces. Developing and testing the Cuban CBR model.</p>	<p>Professionals trained: 217 Other beneficiaries of the training courses: 101</p>	<p>Professionals trained: 223 Other beneficiaries of the training courses: 200</p>	<p>ACLIFIM, ANCI, ANSOC. Target public: MINSAP, MINED.</p>	<p>municipalities of Mantua, Pinar del Rio, Consolacion del Sur, La Palma, Viñales. Province of Artemisa, municipality of Bahia Honda and</p>
 IDRM	<p>Strengthen the Disaster Risk Reduction capacities of national (Cuba and Dominican Republic) prevention, mitigation and response organisms for continuous learning and collaboration, and conduct advocacy work with regional DRR bodies.</p>	<p>Exchanges between bodies in both countries as well as the CDEMA (Regional Disaster Management Centre); reinforcing the tsunami early warning system; improving tools to take into account people with disabilities in risk management.</p>		<p>11.600</p>	<p>82 organisations</p>	<p>Province of Matanzas (with training sessions given also in Dominican Republic)</p>
 Emergency	<p>Support persons with disabilities and senior citizens who have lost their assistive devices,</p>	<p>Import and distribution of special equipment and assistive devices, training, training of trainers</p>	<p>About 240 persons with disabilities, 4 construction brigades (80 specialists), 12 partner organizations</p>	<p>Beneficiaries with disabilities: about 200 Other kind of beneficiaries:</p>	<p>OXFAM, CARE, ANCI, ACLIFIM</p>	<p>La Habana</p>

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	train construction brigades on accessibility, support partners in more accessible WASH			about 500.000 people living in the affected areas		
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