



Afghanistan

2019

General data of the country

a. General Data

Country	Afghanistan
Population ¹	34.6 million (2018, estimate)
HDI (2017)	0,498
IHDI	0,350
Maternal mortality (2018)	396
Gender-related Development Index	0,625
Population within UNHCR mandate	2378305
INFORM index	7,8
Fragile State Index (2017)	107.9
GINI Index ²	27,8
Net official development assistance received	4 239

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 it vulnerable to invasion by distant as well as neighboring powers, and this situation persists even today. Afghanistan has borders with six different countries: China, Pakistan, Iran, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan and Turkmenistan. The current population of Afghanistan is 37 millions. 26.7% of the population is urban; the rest is living in rural area.

Afghanistan faces numerous political challenges as it fights the insurgency. In 2018, President Trump ordered the withdrawal of 7,000 American troops from the country.

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

¹ <https://data.worldbank.org/indicator/SP.POP.TOTL>Data>

² <https://data.worldbank.org/indicator/SI.POV.GINI>

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.

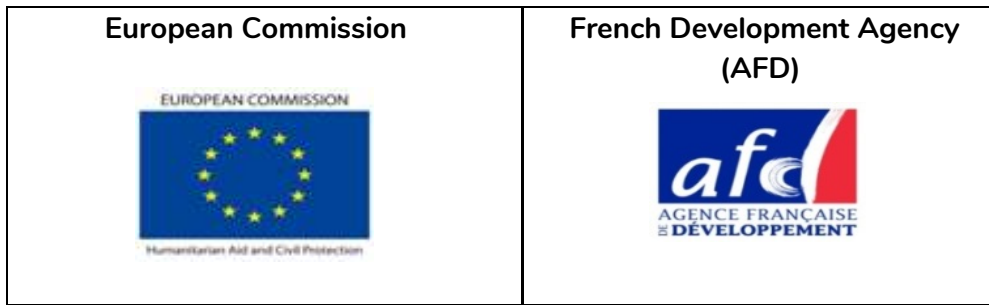
It has since expanded the scope of its work to include support to disabled people's organizations and victim organizations as well as the economic and social inclusion of people with disabilities. HI is a strong actor promoting and advocating for the rights of survivors and other people with disabilities as a whole and provides technical support to Afghan authorities and other key stakeholders. 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.

Projects

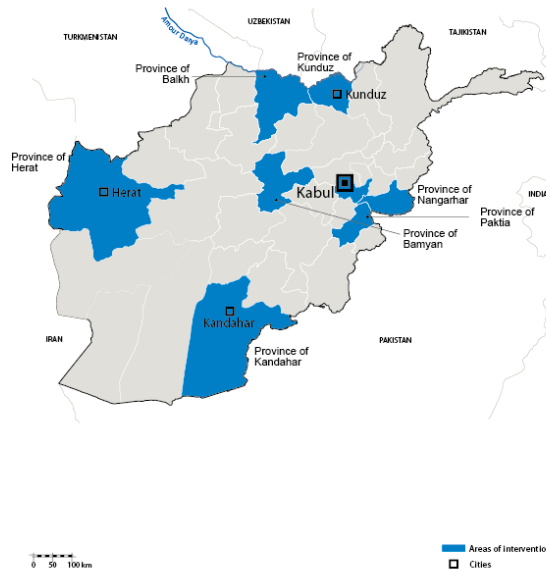
Projects	Areas of intervention	Starting date	Ending date	Main donor(s) with % funding
Strengthening P&O services in Underserved Area of Afghanistan (P&O)	Rehabilitation	01-12-2015	31-06-2019	EU (100%)
Emergency mental health, psychosocial support and physical rehabilitation services for drought affected communities in Herat Province <i>(Urgent physical rehabilitation and psychosocial support services for drought affected communities in Herat Province)</i>	Emergency response (Health & Prevention)	20-12-2018	19-06-2019	AHF (100%)





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	Objective of project in the sector	Main activities	Beneficiaries	Final Beneficiaries	Partner	Location
 <p>Improving the accessibility and Quality of Rehabilitations services</p>	Functional rehabilitation services + Gradual Handover of rehabilitation center 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)	4500 survivors of Conventional weapons and other people with disabilities	4500 survivors of Conventional weapons and other people with disabilities and 24230 indirect beneficiaries will benefit	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	-Training of physiotherapy cadre for 0n 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	75 Students, 34 staff working in this project including teachers and support staff. 200 of clinical staff and 120 staff of Management	237 students to be graduated as PT, 7 staff will get huge capacity on PT long term training. 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

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 <p>Victim Assistance Advocacy</p>	<p>In Afghanistan, strengthen the rights and the response to the needs of persons with disabilities and of survivor's 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 (MMDA , Ministries of Foreign Affairs, -Strengthen coordination and collaboration among stakeholders: - Support the finalization of the MMDA Strategy 2017-2026 and the disability law -Changing attitudes towards inclusion of survivors of mine and explosive remnants of war and persons with disabilities into society -Joint celebration of VA/disability events: -Media coverage for the "Joint celebration of VA/disability events": -Community based disability awareness campaigns - support to Afghan Disability Network -Emergency and Trauma Care Trainings: -Lobbying with senior decision-makers and 	<p>Direct beneficiaries 220 (100 female, 120 male) and indirect beneficiaries 35000</p>	<p>Direct beneficiaries 220 (100 female, 120 male) and indirect beneficiaries 35000</p>	<p>DPOs, MMDA</p>	<p>Kabul, Herat, Kandahar, Nangarhar, Paktia, Kunduz, Bamyan, and Balkh</p>



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