



Country card

Cuba





HI Team and intervention areas

The HI Cuba program has 9 staff members





General data of the country

a. General Data

Indicators	Cuba	Haiti	Belgium
Population	11.3	11.26	11.5
HDI	0.77	0.5	0.9
IHDI		0.3	0.84
Maternal mortality	35.1	630	
Gender-related Development Index	0.95	0.89	0.97
Population within UNHCR mandate	287	8	42.168
INFORM index	3.2	6.4	1.9
Fragile State Index	59.2	97.7	27.1
GINI Index		41.1	27.4
Net official development assistance received	746.87	992.15	0

b. Humanitarian law instruments ratified by the country

Humanitarian Law instruments	Status
Ban Mine Treaty	Non-ratified
Convention on Cluster Munitions	Ratified on 06/04/2016
UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities	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.

In July 2020, the Cuban government announced the implementation of new economic measures to help address the crisis by COVID-19. This is an economic and social plan that will be gradually implemented to boost the current situation facing the country after the health crisis.

Summary of HI presence 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.



Overview on ongoing projects

Sectors of services where HI conducts projects and focus on beneficiaries and operational partnerships

Main sectors of intervention	Objective of project in the sector	Main activities	Beneficiaries	Final Beneficiaries	Partners	Location	Dates of beginning and end of the project and Donors
Socio-economic inclusion	To improve access of Persons with Disabilities, with emphasis on women and youth, to different forms of employment based on inclusive development strategies implemented by state services and civil society organizations	Awareness and training, support for the development of economic initiatives, adaptation of jobs, improvement of tools and working conditions, policies strengthening	Beneficiaries with disabilities: 400 Activists: 200 Social workers: 114 Members of CRMs: 24	Beneficiaries with disabilities: 400 Activists: 200 Social workers: 114 Members of CRMs: 24	Civil Society Organisations: ACLIFIM, ANCI, ANSOC. Federation of Cuban Women (FMC) Authorities: MINSAP, MINED, MTSS, MINCEX, MINSEP	Granma province, municipalities of Bayamo and Manzanillo	From April 2020 to August 2022, COSUDE



Socio-economic inclusion	To contribute to the empowerment and participation of persons with disabilities and their families, with emphasis on women, in the socio-economic development of the Cuban East. Specifically, it seeks to promote sustainable opportunities for these groups to enter the labour market by strengthening their capacities and those of their organizations, in alliance with the public sector of the municipality of Santiago de Cuba	Awareness and training, support for the development of economic initiatives, adaptation of jobs, improvement of tools and working conditions	Beneficiaries with disabilities: 900 Activists: 200 Professionals trained: 250 Local authorities: 20	Beneficiaries with disabilities: 900 Activists: 200 Professionals trained: 250 Local authorities: 20	Civil Society Organisations: ACLIFIM, ANCI, ANSOC, FMC, ANEC Authorities: MINSAP, MINED, MTSS	Santiago province.	2019-2021 DGD
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Community based rehabilitation (CBR)	Cuba has an inclusive, inter-sector CBR model, developed and implemented by local actors.	Assess the impact of the CBR programme implemented in Cuba for the last 15 years in 3 provinces. Developing and testing the Cuban CBR model.	Beneficiaries with disabilities: 14 631 Health professionals Activists: 300	Beneficiaries with disabilities: 14 631 Health professionals Activists: 300	Civil Society Organisations: ACLIFIM, ANCI, ANSOC. Public target: MINSAP, MINED.	Province of Pinar del Rio, municipalities of Mantua, Pinar del Rio, Consolacion del Sur, La Palma, Viñales. Province of Artemisa, municipality of Bahia Honda and	2017-2021 DGD
AMDRI	Fill the gaps in terms of national and regional capacities to respond to future disasters, allowing to further progress in regards of the joint inclusive DRR and resilience construction strategy for the Caribbean	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.			Oxfam CITMA, AMA,	Province of Santiago, Province of Guantanamo	From June 2019 to February 2021 DIPECHO

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