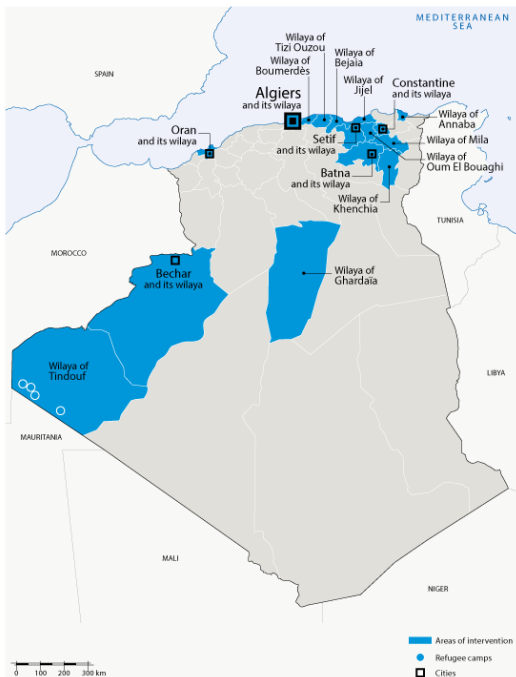




Algeria



MANDATE

Handicap International's goal in Algeria is to promote the social inclusion of the most vulnerable people and to improve their living conditions by advancing their rights and ensuring their needs are taken into account.

SITUATION

Although the situation and perception of people with disabilities in Algeria is changing, there is still some way to go before they are fully included in society. Disability legislation is relatively advanced in Algeria, and a law on the promotion and protection of people with disabilities was passed in 2002, although its application in the field is still a work-in-progress. Algeria ratified the CRPD (Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities) in 2009, and launched a National Disability Survey in 2011 as the basis for a new bill. Aware of these developments and opportunities, Algerian civil society is rapidly becoming more organised. Disabled people's organisations are steadily streamlining their operations, sourcing funding for their actions and conducting advocacy operations to advance the rights of people with disabilities. However, they still require technical and managerial assistance. Multiple national and international partnerships have already been formed, and the number of projects - cooperation, literacy, training, education for children with disabilities, making work pay, socialisation and life projects - continues to grow. They now need to continue this momentum.

Following flooding in Western Saharan camps in October 2015, we implemented an emergency response in aid of vulnerable people affected by the disaster. In 2016, HI assessed the specific needs of children with disabilities living in Western Saharan camps to provide them with adapted care-management and to promote their inclusion.

INITIAL ACTIONS

In 1998, Handicap International began working with Algerian professionals in the mental health and rehabilitation sectors, by organising seminars in Blida, then in Marseille, on the theme of "wounded childhood".

This partnership has resulted in:

- Support to public establishments and organisations working in aid of children in difficulty (child victims of terrorism, children with disabilities or serious illnesses, etc.)
- Support to practitioners, health authorities and training institutes to expand care services for people with disabilities.

Since July 2011, the actions conducted by Handicap International in Morocco, Algeria and Tunisia have been grouped into a single programme with a regional office in Rabat, Morocco.

STAFF

- National staff members: 8 salaried staff
- Expatriate staff members: 2 salaried staff

KEY DATA

Human development index (HDI) *	83 (out 188 countries listed)	Convention on the rights of persons with disabilities (CRPD)	Ratified 04/12/2009
Gross National Income per capita (\$PPA)**	\$13,054	Oslo convention on cluster munitions	Non-signatory
Surface area:*	2,381,740 sq.km.	Ottawa mine ban convention	Ratified 09/10/2001
Population (millions) *	39.9 million		
Life expectancy*	74.8 years		

*UNDP: 2015 human development report

Current projects 2016



Inclusive education and inclusive local development

GOAL

Improve access to quality education for children with disabilities in the administrative districts of Sétif and Tizi Ouzou in Algeria. This improvement takes the form of developing the skills of local stakeholders, local social action schemes (DASP), concerted local policies and discussion mechanisms at regional level.

METHOD

Handicap International is doing the following:

- Raising the awareness of the parents of children with disabilities, local stakeholders and the media on the right to education.
- Training and supporting teaching professionals on inclusive practices and personalised social support.
- Bolstering the mechanisms for supplying children with disabilities with orthopaedic devices and technical aids.
- Putting in place local social action schemes and technically and financially supporting DPOs to ensure that they take part in these schemes.
- Delivering advocacy and local cooperation training to DPOs.
- Training local stakeholders in developing and coordinating inclusive public policies.
- Facilitating and developing a regional skills, distance learning and discussion mechanism.

BENEFICIARIES

- 2,000 children with disabilities and their families benefiting from inclusive services, of whom 100 have a personalised support or education plan.
- 30 education services are being supported in order to foster the development of an inclusive environment.
- Members of partner organisations who have received advocacy and local coordination training.
- The local population whose awareness has been raised on inclusion principles.

PARTNERS

Association of parents of children with cerebral palsy (APIMC – Sétif) and the Association of Disabled People and their Friends (AHLA - Bouzeguène / Tizi Ouzou).

LOCATION

Wilayas of Sétif and Tizi Ouzou.



Promoting employment opportunities for people with disabilities through local initiatives (PEOPLE)

GOAL

Promote access to lasting, decent jobs for people with disabilities, particularly young people and women, to reduce their social and economic exclusion, in partnership with three local organisations.

METHOD

Handicap International is implementing this project in partnership with organisations working in the disability field and benefitting directly from the initiative. This partnership combines Handicap International's expertise in the socio-economic inclusion of people with disabilities and the experience of local partners. Civil society actors help to develop coordinated actions to promote greater employment opportunities for people with disabilities. Training and awareness-raising on the rights and abilities of people with disabilities are provided to civil society actors and, in parallel, people with disabilities are provided with direct assistance to improve their access to occupational training, microfinance programmes and local job offers.

BENEFICIARIES

Representatives of civil society and the local economic sector (public and private) and people with disabilities in two target wilayas (a total of around 300 direct beneficiaries).

PARTNERS

Défi et Espoir Association, Beni Izguen Association, El Amel Association and the Bouzeguène Disabled People's Organisation.

LOCATION

Wilayas of Ghardaïa and Jijel



Promoting and enforcing the rights of disabled children without families in Algeria.

GOAL

Strengthen professional practices, service quality and inter-actor coordination to significantly improve the institutional care-management system in order to advance the rights of children with disabilities without families in Algeria.

METHOD

This project builds on initiatives implemented in recent years by Handicap International (HI) to advance the rights and care-management of children without families, particularly children with disabilities, in Algeria. This action was planned in partnership with some 15 national and local actors from the Ministry for National Solidarity (MNS), the Ministry of Health (MH), civil society organisations including the Algerian Network for the Defense of the Rights of Children (NADA), organisations of parents of children with disabilities in Batna and Sétif, and UNICEF.

The project has worked to:

- Enhance the operational management frameworks, service quality, and the technical and practical skills of professionals working with children with disabilities in Assisted Children's Establishments (EEA) in the East Region of the Hauts Plateaux. Following an assessment of EEAs in the East Region of the Hauts Plateaux, a development plan will be produced, supported and implemented in three selected EEAs. DAS managers, establishment managers and professionals will be given training in establishment management, service quality, children's rights and disability approaches.
- Develop local and regional coordination mechanisms for professionals and services involved in the multi-disciplinary care-management of children with disabilities without families in the East Region of the Hauts Plateaux. An emphasis will be placed on developing multidisciplinary work based on intra- and inter-service coordination between professionals and managers of various facilities in public and non-profit sectors by implementing workshops, performing CWD case study analysis, and institutionalising referral mechanisms.
- Collect and analyse quantitative and qualitative data on children with disabilities without families and care-management methods, and promote the results by implementing structured national and local actions. Following the collection of service quality data, the NADA network will promote the rights of children in institutions by fostering the adoption of best practices developed in EEAs, advocacy actions and multi-sector workshops on operational mechanisms for the care-management of children with disabilities without families.

BENEFICIARIES

Professionals and managers of Assisted Children's Establishments (EEAs): non-profit structures and specialists in the care-management of children with disabilities; national children's rights advocacy organisations; national and local public decision-makers.

The end beneficiaries are children without families, particularly children with disabilities

PARTNERS

Algerian Network for the Defense of Children's Rights (NADA)

LOCATION

Algeria, with a regional and local component in the Eastern Region of the Hauts Plateaux (and specifically the wilayas of Batna, Constantine, Mila, Oum El Bouaghi and Sétif) and a national component.



Increasing the socio-economic and political inclusion of people with disabilities

Regional and national project run in Morocco, Algeria and Tunisia

GOAL

Facilitate dialogue between organisations working in the disability field, civil society organisations and public authorities with a view to developing, implementing and monitoring inclusive public policies aimed at advancing the rights of people with disabilities.

METHOD

Handicap International is implementing this project in partnership with organisations working in the disability field and benefitting directly from the initiative. This partnership combines Handicap International's expertise in the field of rights and advocacy for people with disabilities and the inclusive policy analysis skills of local partners. The direct involvement of people with disabilities is key to the success of this project which primarily hinges on the adoption of methods for the development of advocacy and organisation networks.

BENEFICIARIES

People with disabilities in the three countries.

PARTNERS

No Algerian partners on this project.

LOCATION

Morocco, Algeria and Tunisia.



Improving the quality and access to community-based rehabilitation care and social services for children and adults with disabilities in Western Saharan camps

GOAL

Help improve rehabilitation services for people with disabilities to enhance their self-reliance and living conditions.

METHOD

Identify 205 beneficiaries with a proven need for rehabilitation and arrange for a detailed assessment of them by rehabilitation professionals working in the camps, with the support of HI's technical advisor, a trained occupational therapist. At least 135 people will benefit from a technical mobility or positioning aid (crutches, standing wheelchair, adapted table and seat, mattress, etc.).

In addition to direct action in aid of targeted beneficiaries, capacity-building actions for rehabilitation professionals, local craftsmen and social assistants will also be implemented to extend this action over the long-term. They include professionals from rehabilitation services in Smara regional hospital, the Bolle rehabilitation centre (close to Boujdour) and the rehabilitation service of Rabouni national hospital which will be directly involved in distributing equipment and technical aids to the targeted communities. The project will build their technical aid production capacities, enabling them to adjust or produce, as necessary, technical aids using locally available equipment.

Handicap International also runs a project to improve the education of children with disabilities attending specialised centres and mainstream schools in conjunction with UNICEF.

BENEFICIARIES

The direct beneficiaries are people with disabilities from 555 vulnerable families already provided with a hygiene and protection kit as part of the project's flood response, who have specific rehabilitation needs not currently met by Western Saharan services or other international actors.

At least 205 people with disabilities benefit from improved access to rehabilitation services.

PARTNERS

LOCATION

Priority will be given to the Smara, Ausserd and Boujdour camps



Improving the quality of disabled children's education in the Western Saharan camps

GOAL

Improve the access of children with disabilities to quality education in Special Education Centres (CEs) and promote inclusive education by developing the knowledge, skills and coordination of local actors in Western Saharan camps.

A study on disabled people's service needs, obstacles and service access facilitators, including those of children with disabilities, will also be conducted as part of this project. A survey protocol will be developed combining a quantitative survey of a representative sample of PWDs and a qualitative survey of various services (health, education, and so on), and authorities and actors working in the camps, and particularly NGOs.

METHOD

The development and implementation of the survey will be gender-inclusive and in particular provide information on the needs of 350 children with disabilities. All data collected will be cross-linked and analysed in order to document the results of the survey, which will be shared with the camp authorities and key actors in Algiers working on issues relating to the Western Saharan camps.

Based on the results of the survey and in response to requests already made by the Western Saharan authorities, our response will aim at improving the reception and care-management conditions of children with disabilities in specialised environments and raising the awareness and mobilising local actors to promote inclusive education. Capacity building actions on-site and in Algiers will provide professionals with more specific skills (personalised support, special education and psychomotor care) to care-manage CWDs. Mainstream schools and local actors will also be made aware of a more inclusion vision of education.

BENEFICIARIES

- 350 children with disabilities
- 20 professionals from nine centres
- At least 300 people made aware of inclusive education
- 30 teachers working in the national education system, from one mainstream school per camp and at national level, trained in disability and inclusive education concepts and approaches.

PARTNERS

The Western Saharan authorities (Ministry for Social Affairs, responsible for people with disabilities, the Ministry of Health, Ministry of Education, and so on) are closely involved at the methodology development and approval stage, and in data collection and survey reporting. The Ministry for Social Affairs and the Ministry of Education are directly involved in multi-actor training and coordination actions.

LOCATION

Wilaya of Tindouf and five Western Saharan camps (Boujdour, Aousserd, El-Ayounet Smara and Dakhla)

MAIN FUNDING BODIES

<p>Agence française de développement</p> 	<p>German Embassy</p> 	<p>Cooperation and Cultural Action Service of the French Embassy in Algeria</p> 
<p>Embassy of the Netherlands</p> 	<p>French Muscular Dystrophy Association (AFM)</p> 	<p>Middle-East Partnership Initiative (US Department of State)</p> 
<p>Finnish Ministry of Foreign Affairs</p> 	<p>Luxembourg Ministry of Foreign Affairs</p> 	<p>Secours islamique France</p> 
<p>European Union</p> 	<p>UNICEF</p> 	