



ANNUAL REPORT 2010

Handicap International United States
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MISSION STATEMENT

Handicap International is an international aid organization working in situations of poverty and exclusion, conflict and disaster. Working alongside persons with disabilities and vulnerable populations, we take action and raise awareness in order to respond to their essential needs, improve their living conditions and promote respect for their dignity and fundamental rights.

2010 IN FIGURES⁽¹⁾

PRESENCE IN THE WORLD

Operations in **63** countries
310 projects

SUPPORT

More than **2 million** signatures collected as part of Handicap International's campaigns to ban landmines and cluster munitions

More than **3,200** partners

PERSONNEL

4,006 national staff in the countries where we work⁽²⁾ and 296 expatriate staff or staff working on programs run from our national associations^{(3) (4)}

282 national association staff⁽³⁾

1. Handicap International Federation figures.

2. Direct and indirect posts as of December 31, 2010, including programs managed by the Belgian national association of Handicap International.

3. Expressed as annual equivalent full-time posts, including the head offices of the Federation, national associations and the Belgian national association of Handicap International.

4. Expatriate staff and salaried employees working on programs run from head office (landmine and cluster bomb advocacy, development education and raising awareness of the rights of persons with disabilities).

In 1982, Handicap International was founded in France to improve the lives of people in post-conflict or low-income countries around the world by enabling them to overcome disabling situations and to reclaim their independence. Since then, Handicap International has grown to include eight national associations based in Europe, Canada and the United States (since 2006), which support 310 projects in 63 countries. Through a federative structure, Handicap International partners with local stakeholders where we work to respond fast and effectively to natural and civil disasters, prevent and treat disabling conditions, fight to eliminate landmines and cluster munitions and pursue the universal recognition of the rights of persons with disabilities through national planning and advocacy. The organization uses local resources to work with community partners with whom we share knowledge and build systems to prevent disability, treat those in need and advocate for inclusive development. Handicap International is a co-founder of the Cluster Munition Coalition and the International Campaign to Ban Landmines, which was awarded the 1997 Nobel Peace Prize. In 2011, the Handicap International Federation was awarded the Conrad N. Hilton Humanitarian Prize.



© William Daniels / Handicap International — Haiti / Fymée and Balnave at the orthopedic workshop in Port-au-Prince



Rosalind Grigsby,
President

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Elizabeth MacNairn,
Executive Director

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Dear Friend,

In 2010, the world witnessed two devastating natural disasters in Haiti and in Pakistan that, combined, left millions of human beings living in dire conditions, injured or disabled and without access to basic needs, such as shelter and clean water or services like health and rehabilitation care.

In Haiti, multi-disciplinary teams of rehabilitation and Handicap International's health professionals worked to provide care for the thousands injured by the earthquake and those affected by the cholera epidemic; logistics teams delivered more than 20,000 tons of aid and shelter teams designed and began building hurricane-resistant homes, amongst other activities. In Pakistan, our teams responded to the floodwaters that ravaged the country by building 500 temporary shelters and four water treatment stations serving an estimated 170,000 people.

Handicap International was present on the ground in both of these countries, responding

rapidly and effectively to the needs of persons with disabilities and other vulnerable populations. In Haiti, Pakistan and the 61 other nations where Handicap International is present, the organization mobilizes human and financial resources and implements targeted and effective responses in activities ranging from health to rehabilitation, social and economic inclusion, and support for civil society.

This 2010 annual report provides just a snapshot of our activities in the past year, but we think you will be inspired by the resilience of the communities we serve and by the work of Handicap International's teams in the field. As an organization, we are growing and changing in ways that make our reach broader and our efforts more effective. In 2010, Handicap International formally developed a federative structure with headquarters in Lyon, France. National associations in Europe, Canada and the U.S. support the mission of the federation, allowing the organization to better meet the needs of our beneficiaries by increasing our cost-effectiveness and potential impact and by ensuring the careful stewardship of donor funds.

We ask you to continue to support our work in the world's poorest countries as we strive to serve individuals and communities in disabling situations in the most effective, efficient and sustainable ways possible.

Rosalind Grigsby, President

Elizabeth MacNairn, Executive Director

Handicap International would like to thank the many individual donors in the United States and elsewhere who have generously supported our work in the many developing countries where we operate, in addition to the following U.S. donors whose funding allows Handicap International to continue to make a difference in the lives of millions of extremely vulnerable people:

- ▲ American Red Cross
- ▲ Anonymous
- ▲ Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration, U.S. Department of State
- ▲ Mectizan Donation Program
- ▲ Office of Weapons Removal and Abatement, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, U.S. Department of State
- ▲ Open Society Foundations
- ▲ The ELMA Foundation
- ▲ The United States President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief
- ▲ USAID: Leahy War Victims Fund; Office of U.S. Foreign Disaster Assistance, USAID Missions

We would also like to thank supporters of the United States Campaign to Ban Landmines and Cluster Bombs (USCBL), which is coordinated by Handicap International U.S.:

- ▲ International Campaign to Ban Landmines
- ▲ Friends Committee on National Legislation (Diana Princess of Wales Fund)
- ▲ The Leighty Foundation

INDEPENDENCE TO HELP THE WORLD'S MOST VULNERABLE, THE MOMENT THEY NEED US

Handicap International U.S. is an independent nonprofit organization that is an integral part of the Handicap International Federation. The U.S. office supports programs in the world's least developed countries, providing services and meeting the needs of vulnerable people living with disabilities or in disabling situations. It advocates for the rights of persons with disabilities and for signature of the mine ban treaty, engaging donors in

both the public and private spheres to fund our activities worldwide.

Our donors trust us to do the most we can for the vulnerable people who need our help. We honor that trust by providing transparent financial reporting. To view the complete 2010 IRS Form 990s of Handicap International's U.S. office, please go to www.handicap-international.us.

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Cover: © William Daniels / Handicap International — Haiti / Fymée tries to walk with her femoral prosthesis in the Handicap International orthopedic workshop

EMERGENCIES AND CHRONIC CRISES

AN ENHANCED CAPACITY FOR INTERVENTION



© William Daniels / Handicap International — Haiti / Tent distribution in Les Mornes, a mountainous region



© S. Bonnet / Handicap International — Kenya / Rehabilitation care services

WHEN THE EARTHQUAKE OF JANUARY 12, 2010, SHOOK THE ISLAND NATION OF HAITI, THE HANDICAP INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION, ALREADY PRESENT IN THE COUNTRY, WAS ABLE TO RAPIDLY MOBILIZE RESOURCES TO MEET THE NEEDS OF PERSONS WITH INJURIES AND DISABILITIES, AS WELL AS OTHER VULNERABLE GROUPS AFFECTED BY THIS DISASTER.

The organization quickly established nine Disability and Vulnerability Focal Points (DVFPs) where persons with injuries or disabilities were identified, provided with care and referred, as necessary, to other agencies to meet specific needs. These DVFPs were established in Port-au-Prince, Petit Goâve and Gonaïves and were managed in partnership with the German nongovernmental organization, Christoffel Blindenmission (CBM). (Please see supplement for more details about Handicap International's work in Haiti).

The organization was also already present in Pakistan when floodwaters ravaged the country in August 2010, causing a large-scale humanitarian disaster. Operations were immediately extended from the northwestern region to Sindh province in the south to help those most in need. Handicap International built 500 temporary shelters and four water treatment stations serving an

estimated 170,000 people, and provided 100,000 people with water, 3,000 children with safe and inclusive places to play and 10,000 people with medical and rehabilitation support.

In 2010, Handicap International continued its work in countries affected by chronic crises, often overlooked by the media, including the refugee camps in Dadaab, Kenya, the eastern part of the Democratic Republic of Congo, Burundi, Afghanistan and the Palestinian Territories. In Kenya, the organization provided rehabilitation and support services to refugees at three disability centers in the Dadaab camps ensuring that the needs of Somali refugees with disabilities were met. In 2010, 7,800 beneficiaries received rehabilitation care services provided at these disability centers, including physiotherapy, psychosocial support and the distribution of wheelchairs, bicycles and orthotics.



© Raphael De Bengy / Handicap International — Pakistan / Distribution of water in the displaced persons camps in Sindh province

LANDMINES, CLUSTER MUNITIONS AND ARMED VIOLENCE MOVING CLOSER TO A WORLD FREE OF LANDMINES AND CLUSTER MUNITIONS

HANDICAP INTERNATIONAL REMAINS COMMITTED TO BRINGING AN END TO THE HARM CAUSED BY LANDMINES, CLUSTER MUNITIONS AND OTHER EXPLOSIVE REMNANTS OF WAR (ERW) THAT KILL AND MAIM INDISCRIMINATELY. THROUGHOUT THE WORLD, INNOCENT CIVILIANS ARE AT RISK, FROM FARMERS CULTIVATING THEIR LAND TO CHILDREN MAKING THEIR WAY TO SCHOOL.

Landmines, cluster munitions and other ERW not only inflict injury and cause disability or death during a conflict but they can also lie dormant for many years, claiming victims long after the fighting has ended. Through demining, victim assistance and education about the risks associated with ERW, the Handicap International Federation is helping individuals and communities in countries affected by these weapons. Handicap International also works to reduce armed violence and its disabling effects by working alongside communities to promote awareness and to bring about behavioral change, making communities more secure.

LANDMINE CLEARANCE IN SENEGAL // Land Release

Through its survey and clearance work in 2010, the Handicap International Federation released more than 279,000 square meters of land in Senegal, where deadly landmines litter mango and cashew groves. Handicap International also conducted mine-risk education to help prevent harm to civilians caused by ERW, as well as victim support projects. Elizabeth Sambou, a Handicap International deminer, plays a critical role in restoring peace and safety to the Casamance region of Senegal.

"These people have suffered for years," Sambou said of people who live in the Casamance. "They need access to their land as fast as possible. These are the fields that feed them."

She has overcome the fear of her work because she knows her efforts will eventually restore access to land affected by landmines, allowing people to reclaim their daily lives and livelihoods. "I am proud to be a deminer. I know that after an area is free of mines, people can restart their lives and no longer live in fear. Demining can change people's lives."

U.S. CAMPAIGN TO BAN LANDMINES AND CLUSTER BOMBS

As the coordinating organization for the U.S. Campaign to Ban Landmines and Cluster Bombs (USCBL), Handicap International U.S. and the rest of the individuals and organizations that comprise the USCBL coalition continue to work to ban further U.S. use, production and export of anti-personnel landmines and cluster bombs; to encourage the United States to join the 1997 Mine Ban Treaty and the 2008 Convention on Cluster Munitions; and to increase U.S. government support for demining, particularly in Southeast Asia.



© J.J. Bernard / Handicap International — Senegal / A Handicap International mine clearance expert on the Casamance team



© Sebastian Bozada / Handicap International — Laos / In a village near Sepon in Savannakhet province, the shells of cluster bomb containers dropped by U.S. aircraft were used to build this family's home.



© Ed Kenny / Handicap International — USCBL press conference on cluster bombs held near the U.S. Capitol

DEVELOPMENT

A LONG-TERM COMMITMENT IN SETTINGS OF EXTREME POVERTY



© Sanjiv K. Reddy / Handicap International — Nepal / Jit Bahadur repairing a bicycle

CASE STUDY // REHABILITATION

Jit Lama Bahadur, a 23-year-old man from a Nepalese village, lived under constant pressure to help farm his father's land and to contribute to his community and household. Jit was, however, unable to fulfill these expectations because of a disability that left him unable to walk without support. Handicap International fitted his lower right leg with an orthosis, showed him how to use it and provided his entire family with counseling to support Jit's social integration. Within three months, Jit was contributing to all family activities and running a bicycle repair shop, with plans to open a bicycle showroom and workshop.

CASE STUDY // DISABILITY RIGHTS: WORKING WITH BUSINESSES IN EL SALVADOR

Handicap International U.S. provided technical support for a *Making it Work* project in El Salvador focused on the employment of people with disabilities, with a specific focus on gender. Upon learning about the project, Unilever offered a one-year consultancy to a woman leading the project. Through the consultancy, she assisted Unilever's offices throughout Central America with collecting and documenting specific examples of good practices within Unilever. These examples were then used to generate recommendations as a basis for staff training.

REHABILITATION

Handicap International knows that an artificial limb alone doesn't change the life of an amputee, and that continuous support is needed. Rehabilitation, which made up 23 percent of the Handicap International Federation's total work globally in 2010, maximizes the ability of persons with disabilities within their environment. For example, in 2010, Handicap International's STRIDE project in Nepal provided new assistive devices and mobility aids to 1,135 people, fitted 1,000 orthopedic devices and conducted more than 10,000 rehabilitation sessions for 3,733 clients, including some people located in the most remote parts of the country.

In West Africa and the Philippines, Handicap International is working with local technicians, including persons with disabilities, to make adaptable tricycles and wheelchairs to meet individual needs and to prevent further injury.

HEALTH

Access to appropriate health care services is an essential step toward poverty reduction.



© J-J. Bernard / Handicap International — Togo / Treatment of Buruli ulcer

Whether through the prevention of disabling diseases or providing health services and psychological support, the Handicap International Federation works to ensure that individuals and communities have access to the care they need. Health-related activities, which made up 18 percent of Handicap International's activities in 2010, ranged from disability prevention to managing chronic disabling diseases, such as diabetes and HIV/AIDS. Particular attention was paid to neglected tropical diseases, such as lymphatic filariasis and Buruli ulcer.

Existing studies indicate that levels of HIV infection among persons with disabilities are equal to or higher than the general population. People



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with disabilities are sometime unable to access health services, including vital health information, sometimes engage in high-risk behavior and are more vulnerable to sexual violence.

In Burundi, for example, **12.3 percent**¹ of persons with disabilities tested within Handicap International's program there are HIV positive compared with the estimated prevalence of **3.3 percent** in the general adult population in Burundi, aged 15-49.²

"We realized that people with disabilities were forgotten, not because they were denied access but because nothing was done to meet their needs and remove barriers to accessing our services. Actors didn't think that persons with disabilities run the same risks or greater of contracting HIV," said Leonie Nizigiyimana, head of psychosocial services at the National Association of HIV Support, a Handicap International partner in Burundi.

Handicap International plays a leading role in the response to HIV and AIDS for persons with disabilities with programs in 12 countries, including Ethiopia, Senegal, Kenya and Rwanda through partnerships with donors, such as USAID, the United States President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.



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SUPPORT FOR CIVIL SOCIETY AND PUBLIC POLICY

The Handicap International Federation advocates for the rights of people with disabilities by working with civil society organizations to

promote effective implementation of the U.N. Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. Through initiatives like *Making it Work* (www.makingitwork-crpd.org), Handicap International strengthens the ability of disabled persons' organizations (DPOs) to translate good intentions into actions that make a real impact on the quality of life of persons with disabilities.

INCLUSION

The Handicap International Federation works with people with disabilities to promote their full inclusion in social, educational and economic activities. In Niger, for example, the "Education for All" project has benefited 3,447 children by finding children with disabilities who are not attending school and identifying and meeting their needs. Sports have also been a successful means of fostering inclusion, both socially and educationally, in countries like Mozambique.



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NATURAL DISASTER RISK MANAGEMENT

In South and Southeast Asia, regions particularly prone to natural disasters, such as earthquakes and flooding, the Handicap International Federation implements initiatives to address the specific needs of persons with disabilities, such as sound alerts to warn the visually impaired of the imminent threat of a natural disaster.



© S. Bonnet / Handicap International — Madagascar / Handicap International works with communities to promote effective management of lymphatic filariasis through hygiene and treatment of the disease.



© Handicap International — Nepal / A child with a walking aid supplied by Handicap International poses with his father



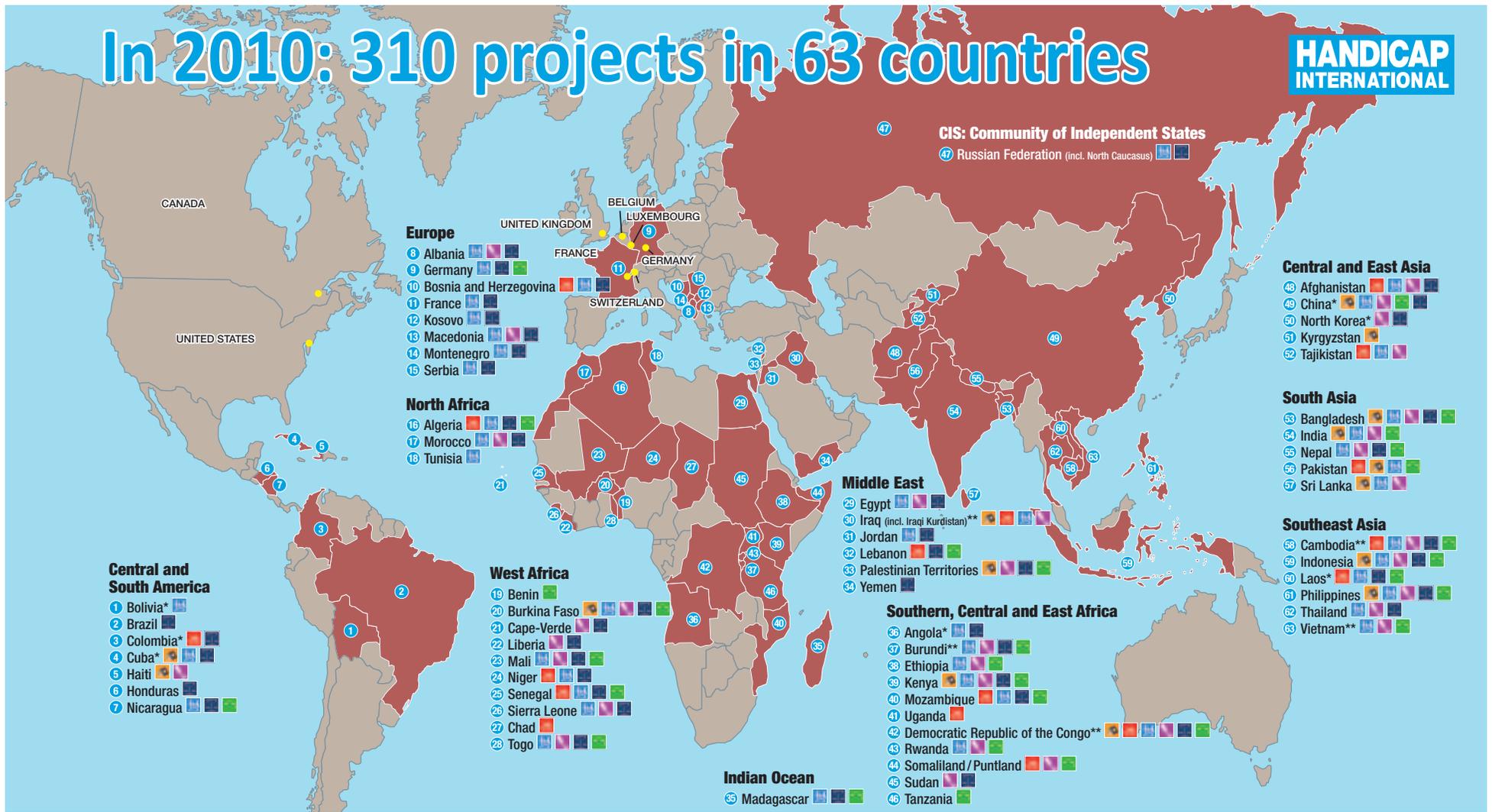
© Nicolas Früh / Handicap International — Madagascar / This ramp for wheelchair accessibility is an example of inclusive local development

1. Handicap International: Addressing the 12.3% HIV infection rate among persons with disabilities in Burundi, Handicap International Burundi Study, September 2011.

2. 2010 UNAIDS Report on the Global AIDS Epidemic, Annex 1 - HIV and AIDS estimates and data, 2009 and 2001.

In 2010: 310 projects in 63 countries

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Emergency response



Mine action



Inclusion



Rehabilitation



Health and prevention



Disability rights and policy



Handicap International network

NB: (*) Programs implemented by the Belgian national association of Handicap International.

(**) Programs where the Belgian national association works with the Handicap International Federation.

- Countries where programs were started in 2010: Benin, Bolivia, Kyrgyzstan, Uganda, Tajikistan, Chad.

- Countries where programs ended in 2010: Burma, Maldives, Uzbekistan.

The borders and names of the countries shown on this map do not imply any recognition on the part of Handicap International of the status of the territories.

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