

## **Letter from the President and Executive Director**



The Conrad N. Hilton Humanitarian Prize

"People with disabilities are the most vulnerable in societies and Handicap International has transformed the way the world deals with this underserved group."

Judy M. MillerVice PresidentConrad N. Hilton Foundation

#### Dear Friends,

In 2011, Handicap International responded to complex crises in Libya, Pakistan, Haiti, and other countries with speed, efficiency, and life-saving results. In developing countries our teams ensured that people who are otherwise excluded had access to the services, education, and employment opportunities. In 60 countries, 4,000 staff members put their expertise into action, helping Handicap International reach more than 1 million beneficiaries.

It was a source of great pride to receive the 2011 Conrad N. Hilton Humanitarian Prize in March. This coveted prize celebrates the achievements our staff and volunteers realize in the face of conflict, disaster, poverty, and famine to serve populations so often neglected by other actors.

This work would not be possible without you. In 2011, more than 15,000 Americans made donations to support the vulnerable individuals who so desperately need our help and our voice.

Sincerely yours,

Nancy Kelly Board President Elizabeth MacNairn
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# **Protecting the World's Most Vulnerable**

Handicap International is an independent and impartial international aid organization operating in situations of poverty and exclusion, conflict and disaster.

We work alongside people with disabilities and vulnerable populations, taking action and bearing witness to respond to their essential needs, improve living conditions and promote respect for their dignity and rights.

The Handicap International network consists of a Federation, which implements programs on behalf of offices in Belgium, Canada, France, Germany, Luxembourg, Switzerland, the U.K, and the U.S. These offices raise awareness and mobilize resources to support communities wherever needs are greatest.

#### 2011 IN NUMBERS

In 2011, Handicap International supported 325 projects in 60 countries with more than 1 million beneficiaries in four key areas:

768,050 Health and prevention424,600 Aid distribution332,320 Mine action118,550 Rehabilitation

Data not exhaustive. People may be counted more than once if they directly benefited from more than one service or activity.

### **HANDICAP INTERNATIONAL WORLDWIDE PRESENCE** IN 2011: 325 PROJECTS IN 60 COUNTRIES



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Countries where activities were started in 2011: Congo-Brazzaville, Côte d'Ivoire, Libya, Mauritania.

Countries where activities closed down in 2011: Albania, Kosovo, Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia,

in this map do not imply an opinion by Handicap International as to the status of these territories.

NB: (\*) Programs implemented solely by the Belgian national association of Handicap International. They are shown on this map to provide a true picture by Handicap International network.

(\*\*) Programs where the Belgian national association worked alongside the Handicap International Federation.

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# **2011 Program Highlights**

"In emergencies, the speed with which an organization is able to galvanize assistance on the ground can make a critical difference, not only between life and death, but it can also determine whether a temporary injury becomes a permanent disability."

Jean-Baptiste Richardier,
 Handicap International co-founder

#### LIBYA

When rebels and forces loyal to Muammar Gaddafi clashed in 2011, a sudden proliferation of explosives and other weapons put thousands of people at risk. Handicap Intenational staff and trained volunteers set out to educate Libyans to spot and avoid the weapons that littered their landscape. Other teams began clearing and destroying these explosives.

Ali Abdel Moneim Al Zayani, 21, a Boy Scout trained by Handicap International to raise awareness about the risks posed by weapons, observed: "People don't realize how dangerous these weapons can be. They pick up unexploded ordnance and keep them as battlefield souvenirs, children play with them, and other people organize displays of weapons in the street or in schools. Some even try to clear their land with rakes or by hand. There's a lot to be done, but it's essential work."



#### KFNYA - DADAAB

In July 2011, in response to a massive inflow of new Somali refugees fleeing war, famine, and drought, Handicap International scaled up its presence in and around the Dadaab camps. The teams provided support to the most vulnerable refugees among a population of more than 450,000.

They identified the most fragile refugees and helped them gain access to humanitarian assistance. Staff at fixed and mobile "disability and vulnerability" focal points identified vulnerable individuals, informed them about available services, and provided for their basic and specific needs. Staff lead more than 40,000 physical rehabilitation sessions, fit assistive devices for 843 people, and offered psychological support.

#### **Mohammed's Story**

Mohammed's family lost everything as fighting and drought ravaged Somali. To survive, he and his sons made their way in August 2011 to Dadaab where Handicap international is helping to make the tough transition to life in a refugee camp easier for older people and those with disabilities like Mohammed.

Arriving at the camp exhausted and barely able to talk, Handicap International shepherded Mohammed through the refugee registration process and then monitored him afterwards to ensure he had access to food and water. Staff also linked him with specialist care providers to address his specific healthcare needs.







#### **PAKISTAN**

When floods struck the Sindh Province in August and September 2011, Handicap International launched one of its largest missions ever. Teams rebuilt homes, reduced mine-related risks, and provided 400,000 liters of water every day for 235,000

people, and restored water pumps serving public buildings. Staff distributed 2,500 emergency packs, including blankets, nets, soap and shelter. To prevent epidemics from spreading, more than 127,500 people learned about disease prevention through good hygiene.

#### HAITI

Handicap International completed its 1,050th shelter in December 2011 providing housing for more than 5,000 Haitians. These homes can withstand earthquakes and hurricanes, are accessible, and true to local styles.

Flavien Bado, a civil engineer who served as a construction manager, remembered an encounter with a family which has a disabled son: "I had tears in my eyes to see this child who was playing with his parents, at their newly built shelter. Before they weren't receiving assistance from anyone, but they saw that society hadn't abandoned them and that people care."



# DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO

Staff trained local actors to clear mines and unexploded ordnance in the Oriental Province. They also shared best practices in mine action, including victim assistance, data collection, and risk education.

#### **MOZAMBIQUE**

Teams trained a dozen female deminers and helped the country approach its goal of being landmine-free by 2014. Staff advanced the inclusion in society of people with disabilities and those affected by HIV/AIDS.

#### SENEGAL

Trained deminers worked to remove the threat of landmines in the Casamance region. Teams celebrated the return of 32 demined sites to local populations, allowing people who had fled the region to return.

#### THAILAND

A range of projects expanded services for people with disabilities. These included training for 200 people on healthy pregnancies, as well as help in the identification of disability and the tools to refer someone to rehabilitation. Another 500 people received physical rehabilitation and follow-up care, while more than 250 received 400 prosthetics and other assistive devices.

#### WORLDWIDE

Hundreds of people learned and adopted the Making It Work program, which records good practices on inclusive development. These practices strengthen advocacy, and change policies, systems, and services for the better—in line with the principles of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. www.makingitwork-crpd.org

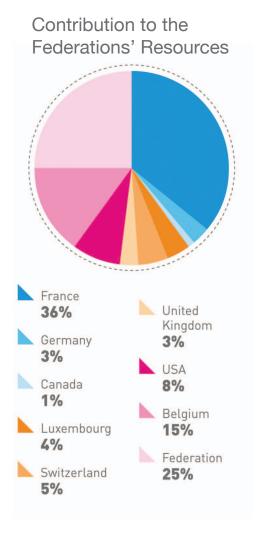




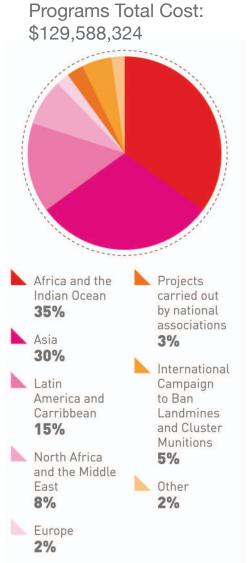
## **2011 Resources and Programs**

Generous U.S. donors, institutional partners, and foundations funded eight percent of the total Handicap International Federation budget. These partners include:

American Red Cross
Conrad N. Hilton Foundation
Helen Keller International
Population Services International
President's Emergency Plan For AIDS Relief
United States Agency for International Development
United States Department of State
Wellspring Advisor



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NB: The program accounts are expressed in full costs, that is, after distribution of administrative costs on programs, analytically calculated according to a calculation rule validated by Handicap International's auditor.

Visit Handicap International U.S. to view the 2011 full financial statement: http://bit.ly/Hlfinance2011 These figures were audited and certified by independent auditors, Gelman, Rosenberg & Freedman.



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