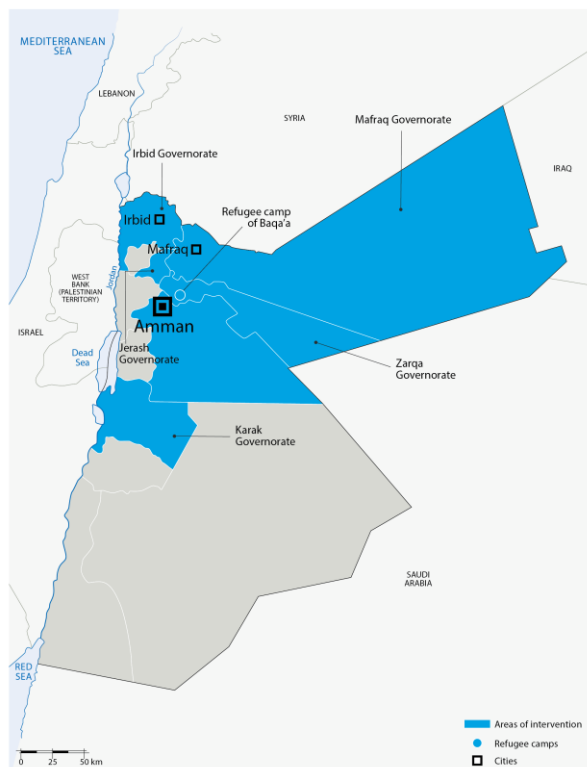




Jordan



MANDATE

Handicap International works to ensure the rights of people with disabilities in Jordan are recognised and taken into account. The organisation consequently supports disabled people’s organisations (DPOs) that advance these rights and will defend them in the future. Handicap International also supports rehabilitation stakeholders so that people with disabilities can benefit from quality care.

As a result of the humanitarian crisis caused by the conflict in Syria, Handicap International has also rolled out emergency projects aimed at affected groups (refugees and host populations). Specific situation updates provide information on these emergency projects.

SITUATION

Jordan is a mid-ranking country on the Human Development Index (HDI)¹. However, high levels of inequality persist with regard to access to rights and services. In more specific terms, people with disabilities are among the most vulnerable groups in the country’s population, particularly when they live in rural and isolated areas.

Despite progress², concrete efforts are still few and far between and people with disabilities are only rarely involved in public policy development.

In Jordan, services for people with disabilities are concentrated in urban areas and it is difficult for people with disabilities living in rural or isolated areas to access these services. Furthermore, most are specialized with limited access to mainstream services.

Jordan has been impacted by the conflict in neighbouring Syria since 2012. The country is now home to over 629,000 Syrian refugees³, the equivalent of roughly 10% of its population. This situation has caused the price of essential goods and rents to rise in most of the country’s northern regions. Health, education, water and sanitation service access and quality have also been negatively affected.

INITIAL ACTIONS

Handicap International has been working in the region since 1987 via its regional Middle East office based in Amman. The organisation started to directly run projects in the country in 2006. HI launched its emergency response to the Syrian crisis in Jordan in summer 2012. Regional projects covering several countries are managed by the regional projects coordinator based in Amman.

STAFF

Development:

- National staff: 15
- Expatriate staff: 11

Emergency:

- Approximately 500 people are involved in the response to the Syrian crisis in Lebanon, Jordan, Syria and Iraq.

KEY FACTS

Surface area*	89,342km ²
Population (in millions)**	6.46
Life expectancy *	73.9
GNI per capita (\$PPA)**	\$11,660
Human Development Index (HDI) *	77 (out of 187 countries)

The Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRDPH)	Ratified on: 31/03/2008
Oslo convention on cluster munitions	Not ratified
Ottawa mine ban convention	Ratified on: 13/11/1998

*UNDP: 2014 Human Development Report

**World Bank: 2013

¹ Jordan is ranked 77 out of 187 countries – UNDP: 2014 Human Development Report

² Some progress was made on protecting the rights of people with disabilities when Jordan ratified the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) in 2008 and with the adoption of a national disability strategy covering 2011-2015.

³ Source: UNHCR, last updated in June 2015.

Current projects 2016



Empowerment of injured and disabled Syrian refugees *Regional project run in Jordan, Iraq (Iraqi Kurdistan) and Lebanon*

GOAL

Support the emergence of organisations representing people with injuries or disabilities among the Syrian refugee population in Jordan (and in other countries where the project is being rolled out) so that their needs are taken into account by those involved in the humanitarian response.

METHOD

- Identifying leaders, activists and organisations of people with disabilities/injuries.
- Enabling isolated activists, DPOs (disabled people's organisations), CSOs (civil society organisations) and other informal groups among the Syrian population to develop their technical skills, organizational capacities and networks.
- Ensuring that DPOs, CSOs and other informal groups are able to identify existing services for people with disabilities and injured people.
- Piloting initiatives implemented by DPOs, CSOs and informal groups to respond to the needs and promote the rights of people with disabilities and injuries and facilitate greater multi-stakeholders collaboration

BENEFICIARIES

- Syrian disabled people's organisations and Syrian civil society organisations that support people with disabilities and injured people.
- People with disabilities or injuries and their families (roughly 30,000 people in total).
- 200 representatives of local authorities, UN agencies, international NGOs and human rights and civil society organisations (by taking part in initiatives to raise awareness of the needs and rights of people with disabilities including during a crisis).

PARTNERS

We currently do not have a Jordanian partner for this project; this regional project's two partners are based in Iraq (Nujeen for Family Democratising Organisation) and Lebanon (Arab NGO Network for Development).

LOCATION

Amman, Irbid and Mafraq Governorates.



Rehabilitation services: access to protection and specialised health services in Jordan

GOAL

Provide the most vulnerable Syrian crisis-affected populations suffering from functional limitations with greater access to quality comprehensive rehabilitation services and other essential services by strengthening Jordanian services and inclusive humanitarian assistance

METHODOLOGY

- Identifying and assessing the needs of vulnerable people suffering from functional limitations and providing them with comprehensive rehabilitation services and/or complementary support through referrals to existing external services
- Improving the capacities of local rehabilitation services to enable them to provide comprehensive rehabilitation services to vulnerable communities affected by the Syrian crisis
- Creating a coordination platform comprised of representatives from the government, rehabilitation service providers and professionals and humanitarian stakeholders to set up a framework for a quality comprehensive rehabilitation service provision
- Enhancing the visibility and inclusion of vulnerable people with functional limitations within the response to the Syrian crisis

BENEFICIAIRES

- 8,100 people with disabilities identified and assessed
- 1,400 people with disabilities referred to external services
- 1,400 people with disabilities benefit from comprehensive rehabilitation services
- 600 caregivers trained to provide home-based rehabilitation services
- 18 key stakeholders
- 1,000 community members
- 900 skilled workers

PARTNERS

- N/A

LOCATION

Irbid and Zarqa governorates.

MAIN FUNDING BODIES

<p>European Commission (DEVCO)</p> 	<p>Departement of international development of United Kingdom (DFID)</p> 	
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