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# Guinea-Bissau (ACO Programme)





# HI's team and where we work

There are 12 staff members on HI's team in Guinea-Bissau.

## Guinea-Bissau





# General country data

## a. General data

Country	Guinea Bissau	Neighbouring country Senegal	France
Population	1,920,922	16,296,364	67,059,887
HDI	0.461	0.514	0.891
IHDI	0.288	0.347	0.809
Maternal mortality	900	430	10
Gender Related Development Index	X	0.87	0.98
Population within UNHCR mandate	4,850	14,359	368,352
INFORM Index	4.8	4.6	2.2
Fragile State Index	92.9	74.6	30.5
GINI Index <sup>1</sup>	50.7	40.3	31.6%
Net official development assistance received	152.37	991.59	0

## b. Humanitarian law instruments ratified by the country

Humanitarian law instruments	Status
Mine Ban Treaty	Ratified in 1997
Convention on Cluster Munitions	Ratified in 2008
Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities	Ratified 2010

## c. Geopolitical analysis

### 1. Social, cultural and demographic context

Guinea-Bissau is a West African country on the shores of the Atlantic Ocean, bordered to the north by Senegal, and the east and south by the Republic of Guinea.

<sup>1</sup> <https://data.worldbank.org/indicator/SI.POV.GINI>





Guinea-Bissau was partially populated through population movements from Gambia, Senegal and Guinea Conakry, countries with which it shares borders. This explains the similarities in ethnicities and communities between these countries.

There are now has some twenty ethnic groups spread across the country. The most commonly spoken language in Guinea-Bissau is Portuguese Creole, although the official language remains Portuguese.

## 2. Political situation

After gaining its independence in September 1974, the country experienced chronic political instability, with regular attempts by armed groups to seize power, including four coups d'état (1980, 1998/99, 2003 and 2012). The country opened up politically in 1991 and general elections were held in 1994. Since then, no government or president has served a full term in office.

## 3. Economic situation

Political instability has had a serious impact on the Guinea-Bissau economy.

The country's growth is driven by the food-producing agricultural sector and cashew nut production, which remains the cornerstone of the economy.

# Summary of HI's work in the country

HI worked in Guinea-Bissau from 2000 to 2006. It initially provided functional rehabilitation services and set up an orthopaedic-fitting centre. It also promoted the economic inclusion of people with disabilities and campaigned against mines and explosive remnants of war.

When HI returned to Guinea-Bissau in 2015, its work focused on strengthening the civil society sector and the promotion of inclusive education. We implement these activities in the regions of Bissau, Cacheu, Oio, and Bafatá.

HI now focuses on under-developed fields such as agriculture and national inclusive training.



# Current projects

Sectors where HI implements projects, focusing on beneficiaries and partners

Main sectors	Project goals in the sector	Main activities	Beneficiaries	Beneficiaries at the end of the project	Partners	Location	Project start and end date and funding bodies
<b>Inclusive education (2020)</b>	Promote inclusive education in the regions of Oio and Cacheu and nationally by supporting the creation of a Directorate-General of Inclusive Education.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Identifying and providing follow-up to children with disabilities in the schools concerned</li> <li>-Training education teams on disability and inclusion</li> <li>-Supplying appropriate education kits</li> <li>-Introducing the WG methodology to the Department of Planning and Statistics (GEPASE) for the inclusion of data on students with disabilities in the School</li> </ul>	Children with disabilities and their families; education teams, schools, communities and families; Ministry of Education.	Some 250 children with disabilities (inclusion monitoring, cash transfer - managed by WFP; support for inclusion); 23 schools (15 in the Oio region and 8 in the Cachéu region) - Training, teaching kits, rehabilitation (enhanced accessibility to 4 schools in Cachéu). 23 communities (awareness-raising on	WFP, UNICEF, Ministry of Education, Directorate-General of Inclusive Education, GEPASE, Local Education Group, NGO FEC, DPOs and FADPD.	Bissau, Cachéu and Oio	<p>WFP: 14 June to 23 December 2020.</p> <p>UNICEF: 10 January to 9 December 2020</p>



		Management System (EMIS) -Implementing an induction process for the Director-General of Inclusive Education and his technicians and providing basic working conditions (equipment and office rehabilitation).		disability, inclusion, and prevention of diseases with epidemic potential).			
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## Funding bodies



