



Country card

India





HI Team and intervention areas

The HI India program has 4 staff members

India





General data of the country

a. General Data

Country ¹	India	Neighbouring country (Pakistan)	France
Capital	New Delhi	Islamabad	Paris
Population	1.366.417.754	216.565.318 Millions	67.05 Millions
IHDI	0.477	0.386	0.809
HDI	0.647	0.560	0.891
Maternal mortality ratio	170	250	10
INFORM Index	5.3	6.1	2.2
Gender Development Index (GDI)	0.83	0.75	0.98
GINI Index	37.8	33.5	31.6
Population within UNHCR Mandate	195.891	1.404.019	368.352
Fragile state index	75.3	92.1	30.5
International contributions for mine action	India has not signed or ratified the Mine Ban Treaty or the Convention on cluster munitions (Oslo)		

b. Humanitarian law instruments ratified by the country

Humanitarian law instruments	Status
Mine Ban Treaty	Not joined

¹ https://hinside.hi.org/intranet/jcms/pl1_2540344/en/2020-update-country-indicators-2ndary-data/-/donnees-secondaires-mises-a-jour



Convention on Cluster Munitions	Not joined
UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities	Ratified 01/10/2007

c. Geopolitical analysis

India is the seventh largest country in the world covering an area of 3.3 million sq. km. It is surrounded on three sides by oceans and on the North by the Himalayan Mountain range. Home to the world's second-largest population, India's 1.3 billion people are spread out across the peninsular nation, from the foothills of the Himalayas to the tropical south. India's population core is settled along the Ganges river basin, a densely populated swath of fertile land that extends across the northern Himalayan border.

India is facing issues with regards to his neighbours Pakistan and China. There are recurrent tensions across the borders. India and Pakistan have been to war three times since 1947, and skirmish repeatedly happened along the Line of Control in Kashmir. This culminated in major tensions early 2019.

1. Socio-economic analysis

India is the second most populous country and the largest democracy in the world and considered one of the fastest growing economies. Despite the economic growth seen in recent years, India continues to face socio-economic challenges. 21.9 % of its population lives below poverty² and the country is categorised as a low middle income country (according to the World Bank, India accounted for the world's largest number of poor people in 2012 using revised methodology to measure poverty, reflecting its massive population.).

India shows considerable diversity on social and cultural parameters. For example it is home to more than two thousand ethnic groups. This leads to a substantial number of sectarian and/or communal problems; riots are fairly common and somewhat unpredictable. Small events are exaggerated by radical sections of the communities, eager to take advantage of small and fairly innocuous events. Another society issue is the violence against women.

² Suresh Tendulkar Committee report on Poverty for Niti Ayog



Summary of HI presence in the country

HI launched its first operation in India in 1988, providing technical support to a community-based rehabilitation centre in Pondicherry, southern India. After launching an emergency response to the Gujarat earthquake in 2001, the organisation developed a more permanent structure in India. HI India programme has been working on the following broad areas:

- **Health and Rehabilitation**– To mainstream disability in public health system; on primary prevention, early identification and intervention of disabilities, assistive technologies, etc. (in states of Pondicherry, Gujarat, Odisha, New Delhi, Jammu & Kashmir and Chhattisgarh)
- **Emergency Response and Disaster Preparedness**- To ensure that people with disabilities and other vulnerable persons are systematically taken into account. (Gujarat Earthquake, Floods in Jammu & Kashmir, Odisha and Bihar)
- **Social and Economic Inclusion**– To promote equal opportunity and participation of people with disabilities, particularly in employment. Currently, HI is working on opening up private sector employment opportunities for people with disabilities.



Overview on ongoing projects

Sectors of services where HI conducts projects and focus on beneficiaries and operational partnerships

Main sectors of intervention	Objectives of the project in the sector	Main activities	Beneficiaries	Final beneficiaries	Partners	Location	Dates of beginning and end of the project and donors
Inclusive Livelihoods	Technical assistance to Michelin India Pvt Ltd to promote employment of people with disabilities by piloting, consolidating & promoting approaches, tools, experiences and good practices on inclusive employment in Asia, in particular.	1) To determine the current level of inclusion within Michelin Chennai Site office across the different departments/shops through a disability inclusion organisational assessments 2) Trainings and awareness sessions 3) Provide coaching and mentoring to key employees (this may include people with disabilities) of Michelin India Pvt Ltd on recruiting, retaining, career enhancement work place modification for people with disabilities	To be finalised in coherence with Global project	Micheline Chennai Factory and Employees	VSHESH	Therovoy Kandigai, Chennai, Delhi	1-1-2019 to 30-06-2021 Michelin Corporate Foundation



Road safety Together for Safer Roads in Tamil Nadu	To Reduce Incidence of Road Crashes in Chennai by undertaking risk reduction strategies targeted at Children and youth in the region.	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1) Conducting Safety Audits & undertaking Small Scale mitigation measures around 2 target schools2) Implementing road safety modules to students in the target schools3) Promoting Road safety rules in internal policies of schools4) Conducting a survey on risky behaviours5) Building capacities for local CSO/NGOs on awareness campaign cycle management6) Organising awareness actions with stakeholders around road safety for teens	1500 Children and Youth from Primary and Secondary Schools in Chennai	200,000 Youth and Teenagers reached through Mass Media campaigns including social media	ATSWA Trust	Chennai, Metroploitan Area India	01-06-2019 to 31-03-2021 Foundation PSA
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