

A woman with dark hair, wearing a yellow vest over a light blue shirt, is kneeling and assisting a young child. The child is wearing a red and white patterned dress and grey leg braces with yellow straps. The child is standing in a white walker. The woman is looking down at the child's legs, adjusting the braces. The background is slightly blurred, showing an indoor setting with a red patterned floor.

Handicap International CANADA ANNUAL REPORT

2016

HANDICAP
INTERNATIONAL

The people
Handicap International
and its partners
reached in 2016*



599,534
Mine action and
other weapons



915,608
Prevention and
Health



235,679
Basic needs***



132,774
Rehabilitation



233,779
Inclusion

**We are grateful to the
beneficiaries who have
given us permission to
share their stories.**

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

***From this page on, the report uses "Handicap International" to refer to the global Handicap International network, which includes the Handicap International Federation, eight national associations, and program offices in 56 countries.*

**** Water, sanitation, shelter, livelihoods
Source: Handicap International*



Bijou Yakusu demines
in the Kisangani region
of the Democratic
Republic of the Congo.
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A mother holds
her baby during a
vaccination at a health
center in Togo.
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A boy with an intellectual
disability at a school in Dire
Dawa, Ethiopia learns the
alphabet.
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**Co-winner of the 1997 Nobel
Peace Prize, Handicap
International works with
people with disabilities and
other vulnerable populations
living in situations of poverty,
exclusion, conflict, and disaster.
We take action and bear witness
to respond to their essential
needs, improve their living
conditions, and promote respect
for their dignity and rights.****



Handicap International's logistics
team supplies aid to a remote area in
south Haiti, after Hurricane Matthew.
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Wiam, 4, a Syrian refugee,
receives rehabilitation support
from Handicap International
in Lebanon. © Till Mayer /
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Dear Friends,

As you know, 2016 was another year of tremendous struggle for vulnerable individuals and communities worldwide. We hope that as you read this report you will see how, whether in response to natural disasters or those with human origins, we – at Handicap International (HI) - have maintained the support and protection needs of these most vulnerable people at the heart of our work.

Whether in response to the emergencies at the top of the evening news, such work in the midst of the Syrian refugee crisis, or for those less recognized responses, such as supporting mental health in Madagascar, we are fortunate to have received wide-ranging support. Support has come from Global Affairs Canada, Québec International Development Program, UNIFOR and other Canadian organisations and individuals who firmly believe that the inclusion of persons with disabilities deserves particular attention.

In order to continue to enhance our contributions to the mission of the HI Federation, our Canadian chapter strengthened various partnerships through the course of 2016. In April, we established a permanent presence in Ottawa for the first time in order to engage more directly with the federal Government, sectorial networks, and other Canadian NGOs. During the summer, we tightened our ties with the US branch of HI to improve our efficiency and to enhance our common voice. And we continued to nourish our relationships with our programs in Colombia, Cuba, Bolivia and Haiti to promote and develop our work in the Americas.

On the policy side, we actively contributed to the International Assistance Review launched by the Minister for International Development and La Francophonie in May. Our contributions included face-to-face engagement in the consultation process as well as the submission of a written contribution illustrating our vision for an inclusive Canadian international assistance policy. Later in the year, we ramped up our ongoing fight against landmines, cluster munitions and the use of explosive weapons in populated areas thanks to the presence of colleagues from Colombia and from France who engaged with Canadian stakeholders in Ottawa and in Toronto.

At the global level, 2016 saw the launch of our new ten-year strategy which will bring about major transformation in our organization in order to enhance and broaden our mission, enabling us to address the sharply escalating needs we are witnessing worldwide, while further increasing our organizational efficiency to respond to these future challenges most effectively.

Because our strategy's success is

intrinsically linked to the engagement of our staff members, we introduced an extensive training program for our managers in 2016, based on a model of learning, support and experience-sharing. We also launched a "lean-management" project, aimed at simplifying our operating procedures to optimize our time and energy.

Demonstrating the impact of our actions is another critical element of our reforms. With funding from the Ikea Foundation, HI has developed ScoPeO (Score of Perceived Outcomes) and ScoPeO kids. These tools enable us to measure the quality of life of our beneficiaries - adults, young people and children; regardless of their gender, age, or the cultural context in which they live. This is an exciting advancement enabling the use of quality of life as a measurable indicator for positive change.

We have also agreed to act as the lead agency in a number of activities implemented in cooperation with other humanitarian aid actors. We are currently leading a number of major new consortia (as in Mali, for example) in which a large number of local and international partners work together under our supervision.

Finally, to help us fulfil our ambitions, 2016 saw the review of the HI brand. As a result, from early 2018, our organization will adopt a new, more aspirational, name that will pave the way for welcoming yet more partners, alliances, and support under a new banner.



Marie-José Surpris
President



Jérôme Bobin
Executive director

OUT OF **3,233**
PEOPLE WORKING FOR
HANDICAP INTERNATIONAL...

2,522 ARE LOCALLY
HIRED IN THE COUNTRY OF
INTERVENTION*

**Staff is expressed as annual
equivalent full-time positions*

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**as of December 31, 2016*

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Handicap International (HI) Canada, a registered charity under number 889147401RR0001, is a member of the HI Network, which includes the HI Federation headquartered in Lyon, France, and eight national associations.

HI Canada and the national associations in Belgium, France, Germany, Luxembourg, Switzerland, the U.K. and the U.S. raise funds and awareness in support of programs in 56 countries. The HI Federation implemented 337 projects in 2016.

Thanks to You

GIFTS THAT
CHANGE LIVES

Chetra, seven, can run and play with his friends with his new leg provided by our donors.

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International

Handicap International (HI) Canada is extremely grateful for the support it received in 2016. Your donations have allowed us, as an organization, to expand our activities around the world, providing relief for many beneficiaries. The entire team warmly thanks our partners, the religious congregations, the foundations, and our government donors without whom we could not function. Organization that sincerely believe in collective work, HI Canada would also like to thank all our employees, both at home and abroad, and our many volunteers whose determination drives us to always deliver the best of ourselves. In 2016, our collective impact was most decisive for thousands of people in vulnerable situations in countries ravaged by conflict, natural disasters or poverty.

INSTITUTIONAL PARTNERS



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Foundations that have financially participated in our 2016 campaigns*

* This list is not exhaustive, some partners preferring to remain anonymous.

Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario
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This year in Canada

THE AMBASSADOR AND THE GENERAL CONSUL OF FRANCE

In 2016, representatives of France in Canada expressed interest in Handicap International (HI), organization that was born in Lyon, France, 35 years ago (1982). In January, the French Ambassador Nicolas Chapuis visited the organization's premises in Montreal, at the Maison du Développement Durable, to discuss the impact of climate change on the planet and on the most vulnerable populations. In November, Catherine Feuillet, the French Consul General in Montreal, celebrated the presence in Montreal of the co-founder of the organization, Dr. Jean-Baptiste Richardier, with partners and friends of HI, like actor Anthony Lemke or singer Diane Tell.



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TENNIS TOURNAMENT FOR INCLUSION

On June 4th 2016, the Handicap International Cup was held. For this third edition, 16 players competed at the Uniprix stadium in a fierce but friendly competition organized by Gala Media. Each participant raised funds hoping to support inclusive activities around the world. Congratulations to all the players and thank you to the volunteers and to our partners Gala Media and PNB Paribas! Thanks to them, over \$ 15,000 has been allocated to our field intervention programs.

A LANDMINE SURVIVOR VISITS CANADA

At the end of October, Luz Dari, a Colombian landmine survivor, visited Canada and met with several interlocutors in Ottawa, such as Karina Gould, then Parliamentary Secretary to the Honorable Marie-Claude Bibeau, Minister of International Development and Francophonie, and His Excellency Nicolas Lloreda, Ambassador of Colombia to Canada. In addition, Luz Dari testified at the 20th anniversary conference of the Ottawa Process, organized by the Canadian Landmine Foundation in Toronto, where she met with the Hon. Minister Stéphane Dion, then Minister of Foreign Affairs.



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Improving lives among the world's displaced

AT THE FOREFRONT OF ACUTE HUMANITARIAN CRISES TO ENSURE ALL ARE INCLUDED

KENYA

Kenya is home to nearly 554,000 Somali, South Sudanese, and other refugees. In Dadaab, one of the world's largest refugee camps with more than 245,126 people, Handicap International helped people with disabilities remain healthy and strong by providing rehabilitation services. This allowed vulnerable refugees to maintain their independence thanks to Handicap International-provided crutches, wheelchairs, and other mobility devices.

At the Kakuma camp, our teams trained community health workers to provide in-home care. To ensure other emergency actors know how to support people with disabilities and to protect the most vulnerable from discrimination and violence, Handicap International also provided rehabilitation training in health centers and within the community to increase the availability of high-quality care.



Ikro, 11, who has cerebral palsy and struggles to speak and walk, benefits from physical rehabilitation in Kakuma refugee camp. © Xavier Bourgois / Handicap International



LEBANON

Since the start of the Syrian crisis, more than 1 million Syrians like 20-year-old Ali (shown right) have flooded into Lebanon, a country the size of Connecticut. Among them, roughly one-third of refugees are living with injury, illness, the effects of older age, and disability. Handicap International has cared for refugees there since 2012, providing physical therapy, wheelchairs, canes, walkers, braces, artificial limbs, and psychosocial support. In hospitals and clinics, staff have supplied rehabilitation equipment and organized physical therapy sessions. Separately, physical therapists and social workers also traveled house-to-house to help people receive the specific care they needed to regain strength of mind and body. Thanks to Global Affairs Canada (GAC) 2 666 physical rehabilitation sessions were provided in Lebanon.

Photo above: Mamdouh, 71, from Syria, receives a new leg in Lebanon. © Till Mayer / Handicap International



JORDAN

The crisis in Syria has pushed 721,000 Syrians across Jordan's border. Our teams working in Jordan's Za'atari and Azraq refugee camps estimated that among injured Syrians in Jordan, explosive weapons caused 50% of injuries. One young refugee who knows this well is Malak. The five-year-old (shown left) lost her leg when a bomb struck her family's home in Syria. After working hard through physical therapy sessions with our team, she was fit with a new artificial leg, and today runs around with her friends. In 2016, Handicap International teams in Jordan helped individuals like Malak regain independence through rehabilitation, psychosocial support, mobility aids, and more.



A physical therapist plays with Malak, five, in Jordan. © E. Fourt / Handicap International





Now living as a refugee in Lebanon, Ali, 20, became paraplegic after being injured in a bombing in Syria in 2013.
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GROWING TOGETHER THROUGH PLAY

Living in a refugee camp is incredibly difficult, especially if you're a child with cerebral palsy like Kyan (shown left). Play is a fundamental right for all children, including refugees, but it's often overlooked.

In 2016, the Growing Together project launched thanks to generous support from the IKEA Foundation. The four-year project will bring play to children in refugee camps in Thailand, Bangladesh, and Pakistan. It will focus on displaced children living amid a forgotten crises, and ensure they have accessible playgrounds where they can grow, develop, and have the freedom to be children.

Photo Left: Saw, his brother Kyan, and a Handicap International therapist at the rehabilitation center at Mae La refugee camp in Thailand.

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This is especially important for kids like Saw, 12, and his little brother Kyan, four, who live at the Mae La refugee camp in Thailand. Kyan meets with Handicap International physical therapists twice a week to help keep his body from becoming stiff. Our teams also teach Saw how to massage Kyan's muscles on the days he doesn't go to a physical therapy session. "It's thanks to Saw that the effects of Kyan's cerebral palsy haven't gotten worse," says Kan, a Handicap International physical therapist.

Saw is a great big brother, and his number one priority is taking care of Kyan. He rarely has time to play, so while Kyan works with our team, Saw gets a rare treat: an opportunity to play with toys provided by IKEA Foundation at the center. With a new playground being built at their camp, the brothers will soon be able to play and meet other children, and learn how to just be kids.



Teams that go the extra mile

HUMAN RIGHTS
DON'T STOP AT THE
EDGE OF TOWN

MALI FOOD FOR PEACE

Ongoing political conflict and security issues in Mali have resulted in the displacement of hundreds of thousands of people, and created severe food insecurity for more than 3.8 million. To support the needs of the most vulnerable—people with disabilities, pregnant women, children, and older people—Handicap International and a consortium of partners provided essential support to people in northern Mali. Cash transfers and food vouchers allowed them to purchase food to reduce the rate of malnutrition. Our teams also worked to strengthen the livelihoods of very poor households in northern Mali by promoting farming activities, repairing irrigation canals, and keeping livestock healthy.



Nirmala and Khendo, who each lost a leg after the 2015 earthquake, stand tall after receiving support from Handicap International in Nepal.
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NEPAL STRIDE

People living with disabilities in Nepal deserve the right to live independently, and to enjoy full access to their communities—even if they live in villages perched on precipices in the Himalayas. The Strengthening Rehabilitation in District Environments (STRIDE) Project has improved the quality, accessibility, and sustainability of rehabilitation services in Nepal since 2010, providing rehabilitation to more than 27,000 people living with disabilities.





SOUTH SUDAN'S FLYING TEAMS

After 50 years of civil conflict, South Sudan became independent in 2011. In December 2013, an internal political and ethnic conflict created massive displacement. Our teams, active in the country since 2006, knew that people with disabilities and other vulnerable groups weren't receiving their fair share of aid in the country's harder-to-reach provinces.



To help meet this gap, Handicap International utilized flying teams of technical experts who could stay for up to one month in a specific location, providing tailored field support for people with wounds and those living in disabling situations, while mentoring humanitarian field staff on making their projects inclusive. This ability to drop experts into areas with limited access improved the reach of the overall humanitarian response.

Muhidin Adan, an occupational therapist with Handicap International's flying team, shakes the hand of a little boy in South Sudan. © Deng Bol Malith / Handicap International

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HAITI AFTER HURRICANE MATTHEW

On Oct. 4, 2016, a Category 4 hurricane hit Haiti, killing more than 1,000 Haitians, and affecting more than 2.1 million people. Handicap International, with the support of the Ministry of International Affairs and La Francophonie, launched an immediate response to ensure that no one was left on the sidelines. Teams distributed emergency kits and household items, allowing Haitians to build makeshift shelters.

Two mobile teams in the city of Les Cayes helped care for the injured, assessed the state of hospitals and rehabilitation services, and supplied wheelchairs and crutches. Lorestal (shown right), who injured his knee in the disaster, received rehabilitation care and crutches. In addition to providing support in Lorestal's hometown of Les Cayes, two other teams of physical therapists and social workers traveled through the mountainous Sud region and provided rehabilitation and psychological support.



Lorestal, who has arthritis, sits with his new crutch in Haiti.

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The hurricane damaged many of southern Haiti's roads. In response, logistics experts set up a land and sea-based transportation system to move shelters, tools, and hygiene kits to people living in the hard-to-reach regions of Sud, Grand Anse, Nippes, and Ouest. They reopened main roads to transport aid and restore economic activity, and removed more than 2,800 tons of debris that had piled up in storm drains.

Civilians protected from weapons

REDUCING THE RISK OF DEADLY AND DISABLING ACCIDENTS

A Handicap International deminer trains in Colombia.
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MAKING LAND SAFE IN COLOMBIA

After decades of armed conflict that generated more than 11,300 casualties, Colombia holds a title that no country aspires to: home to the second largest number of landmine victims in the world, with 80% of survivors having disabilities. All but one of its 32 regions are polluted with deadly and disabling unexploded ordnance—a mix of improvised explosive devices (used systematically since 1990) and conventional landmines. As parties to the conflict brokered a peace deal in 2016, the Colombian government granted Handicap International (HI) authorization to conduct mine clearance operations, assigning our deminers to three of the country's regions. Much of 2016 was spent training nearly 50 Colombian men and woman to become deminers. Our five year mine clearance operation has a specific focus on indigenous land in the regions of Cauca, Meta, and Caquetá. We are grateful to Global Affairs Canada (GAC) for their support assisting landmine victims from 2012 to 2016.



SPOTLIGHT

ANTHONY LEMKE VISITS LAOS

The tiny Southeast Asian nation of Laos has the terrible distinction of being one the most bombed places on Earth. At least 270 million cluster munitions were dropped and up to 30 per cent of which failed to detonate. Today, more than four decades after the last bomb fell, people are still being maimed and killed by the unexploded ordnance (UXO) scattered throughout Laos' forests and fields. Handicap International's (HI) Canadian ambassador Anthony Lemke visited contaminated fields, clearing of UXO – both massive 750 pound bombs and softball-sized explosives. The actor also met with survivors and witnessed education and alternative income projects that have reached tens of thousands of people.



PROTECTING CIVILIANS IN SYRIA AND IRAQ

The war in Syria has robbed hundreds of thousands of people of their lives, while displacing and injuring millions more. In Iraq, coalition forces launched an offensive to retake the beleaguered city of Mosul in late 2016, with more than 100,000 people fleeing the city into camps for the internally displaced by the end of the year.

In addition to providing care and treatment for people's visible and invisible wounds, Handicap International taught civilians to spot, avoid, and report the landmines, cluster munitions, and other explosive devices that can torment communities for decades after conflict. Our goal is to educate as many Syrians and Iraqis as possible.

Since 2013, more than 400,000 Syrians have benefited from our risk education sessions. In 2016, more than 106,000 Iraqis were helped by these life-and-limb saving lessons. In Iraq, deminers also began to identify, collect, and destroy more than 1,000 explosives in the governorates of Kirkuk and Diyala.

Photo: Risk education teams in Iraq teach children about the dangers of explosive remnants of war.

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Nouay Phonesomxay, who lost four fingers and one eye in a cluster bomb accident at age nine, working as a Handicap International deminer in Laos.

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TWO DECADES IN LAOS

More than 50 years after the first bombs were dropped on Laos during the Vietnam War, the country remains heavily polluted by cluster munition remnants, which

have killed and maimed more than 50,000 people since 1964. Despite a fall in the number of victims over the past five years, there are still 40 to 50 unfortunate new casualties every year. What makes the situation all the more unacceptable is the fact that children are the main victims of these weapons.

In November, thanks to our donors, we celebrated 20 years of action in Laos. In that time, our teams released back to local residents' use, more than 37.5 million sq. ft. of land, destroying more than 24,000 explosive remnants of war. Still, the country is not yet free from the scourge of these weapons and submunitions, and civilians live in danger. To keep people as safe as possible, our teams work hard to clear land and teach them how to spot, avoid, and report the weapons they find.



Risk education session with Anthony Lemke on the dangers of unexploded ordnance © Daniel Otis / Handicap International

Leaving no one behind

PAVING AN
INCLUSIVE PATH



Risk education activities led by Handicap International in the Gaza Strip
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INCLUDING CUBANS WITH DISABILITIES WHEN DISASTER HITS

Handicap International (HI) has been active beside Cubans with disabilities since the end of the 1990's. Starting with an orthopedic workshop, the organization extended its activities by promoting community-based rehabilitation (CBR) projects and by supporting inclusive education initiatives. In 2008, our partnership with local people with disabilities organizations strengthened to promote the inclusion and the rights of people with disabilities in Cuba. In 2014, we started a CBR project focusing on intellectual disability in Pinar del Rio, in parallel with projects facilitating socio-economic inclusion in the province of Bayamo and disaster risk reduction activities in the province of Santiago, by training people with disabilities - mainly deaf and blind - on how to react before, during and after an earthquake. The seismic fault line crossing Santiago de Cuba is the same one that crosses Port-au-Prince in Haiti. Experts consider that there is a high risk that a major earthquake will occur in the next years.



Risk education activities led by Handicap International's team in Santiago.
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WAGED EMPLOYMENT IN SENEGAL



When trying to earn a living, people with disabilities commonly encounter significant barriers, including discrimination and inaccessible workplaces. Senegal is one of 37 countries benefiting from Handicap International's efforts to place people with disabilities in waged employment by partnering with local businesses and job placement services, and by providing employees with training and job-related accommodations. Focused on personalized support, training, and advocacy work in Senegal, the project celebrated employment for more than 500 people across 90 employers.

GAZA: POST-EMERGENCY INTERVENTION

The situation in Palestine has continued to deteriorate since the summer of 2014 conflict. With high levels of destruction of key infrastructures and homes, most vulnerable Palestinians face increasing difficulties to access to basic essential services. Through our intervention, we aim to improve their access to basic educational services and to essential rehabilitation and health services in Gaza Strip and West Bank.

Thanks to Global Affairs Canada (GAC), who funded two of our projects, 216 children with disabilities now have better access to educational environments that respect minimum humanitarian standards, through the development of child-friendly and accessible environment and the provision of adapted education materials and equipment. Moreover, from April 1st 2016 to September 30th 2016, 18,702 rehabilitation sessions were provided to 862 persons with disabilities or injuries. All of our 1601 beneficiaries received basic home based rehabilitation exercises by at least one caregiver. We like to focus on adapted therapies!

