**Yemen / Airstrikes against Health Facilities**

On Friday 27th April 2018 at 10:40 PM, an airstrike from the Saudi led coalition hit the National Blood Transfusion and Research Centre of the Al Sabeen Hospital, a building located 20 meters away from the First Physiotherapy Center where HI is providing support. No one was killed or wounded. The center which was on the no-strike list has now limited capacity to operate. HI condemns this airstrike and calls on all parties to effectively protect Health Facilities, their staffs and their patients in the full respect of de-confliction process.

Handicap International is providing Functional rehabilitation and psychosocial support in 8 Health Facilities in Sana’a city and Sanaa governorate, as well as assistive devices and recently Prosthesis and Orthosis to war wounded persons and to the most vulnerable. Among these 8 Health Facilities that HI has been supporting since August 2017, HI is specifically supporting the First Physiotherapy Center located in the complex of Al Sabeen Hospital, one of the major hospitals of Sana’a.

In Yemen[[1]](#footnote-1) (1), in 2017, 2 169 people were killed or injured by explosive weapons (77% were civilians)

With the "Stop Bombing Civilians" campaign (<https://www.change.org/p/stop-bombing-civilians> ), HI is callingall parties to take immediate action to reduce harm and increase the protection of civilians living through conflict, by stopping the use of explosive weapons in populated areas and by providing assistance to victims including affected communities.

Since 2015 and the start of the conflict HI has provided more than 15,000 sessions and distributed more than 10,000 assistive devices.

1. *Action on Armed Violence (AOAV) -* [*https://aoav.org.uk/explosiveviolence/yemen/*](https://aoav.org.uk/explosiveviolence/yemen/) *and  Action On Armed Violence (AOAV) report The burden of harm : monitoring explosive violence in 2017* [↑](#footnote-ref-1)