



Country Sheet

CUBA





HI Team and intervention areas

HI Cuba is in the Latin America Regional Program.

Cuba





General data of the country

a) General Data

DATA	Cuba	Haiti	Belgium
Population	11.2	11.7	11.8
IHDI	/	0.335	0.878
SIGI	/	46.4	7.4
Maternal mortality	39	350	5
GINI Index	/	41.1	26.6
Population within UNHCR mandate	175	578.084	222.589
INFORM index	2.6	7.2	2.1
Fragile State Index	59.1	103.5	30.3
Population covered by at least one social protection benefit (%)	48.7	5.8	100
Net official development assistance received (millions)	137.5	890.7	0

b) Humanitarian law instruments ratified by the country

Humanitarian law instruments	Status
Mine Ban Treaty	Non-ratified
Convention on Cluster Munitions	Ratified on 06/04/2016
UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities	Ratified on 06/09/2007



c) Geopolitical analysis

The Republic of Cuba, the biggest country in the Caribbean, developed as a socialist country after the end of the revolution in 1959. After the fall of the Soviet Union in the early 90s, the country, whose economy was strongly tied to the USSR, entered a long period of economic challenges (“periodo especial”), that ended also through a progressive diversification of the national economy.

However, while many countries (including the whole EU) have revised their position against Cuba and fostered economic, cultural and political exchanges, the embargo imposed on the country by the USA is still heavily affecting not only the growth capacity of the island, but also the life of all the Cubans.

Cuba is currently experiencing a multisystemic crisis marked by a galloping inflation and limited access by the population to basic necessities such as food, health and hygiene products. The country's fuel supply has also been considerably affected, causing recurrent periods of energy and transportation crises. This situation has also led many Cubans to emigrate to the U.S. or European countries.



Summary of HI presence in the country

HI has been working in Cuba since 1998 to contribute to a fairer and more inclusive society for people with disabilities on the island. To this end, it accompanies and supports the four national associations of persons with disabilities and other local actors in initiatives of Community Based Rehabilitation, inclusive education or emergency response. Currently, it pays special attention to the sectors of economic inclusion, community resilience and disaster risk reduction.



Overview on ongoing projects

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



Project title & main sector(s) of intervention	Main activities	Beneficiaries	Partner(s)	Location	Project start and end date	Donors who finance the project
Cuenca Resiliente: a multi-hazard, inclusive Early Warning System in the basin of Cuyagateje river, favoring disaster preparedness in Cuba Disaster Risk Reduction & Climate Change Adaptation	Improve technical capacities, knowledge and articulated and inclusive practices of monitoring, appreciation, warning and preparedness for protection against hydro-meteorological events, drought episodes and forest fires of authorities, technical staff, economic actors, and women and men from the 14 communities involved.	243 women and 240 men	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• CARE International• Estado Mayor Nacional de la Defensa Civil• Gobierno Provincial y Gobiernos Municipales• Centro Provincial de Gestión para la Reducción del Riesgo de Desastres• Centros Municipales de Gestión para la Reducción del Riesgo de Desastres.• Delegación Provincial de Recursos Hidráulicos• Centro Meteorológico Provincial• Asociaciones cubanas de personas con discapacidad• Delegación provincial y municipales de la Agricultura• Cruz Roja Cubana	Province of Pinar del Río	2021.06 – 2025.05	ECHO (European Union HumanitarianAid)
Inclusive recovery of living conditions and strengthening of the resilience of the families and municipalities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Recovery of basic needs for families affected by the Hurricane Ian• Recovery of schools for children with disability• Strengthening	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 200 families• 3 schools,• 10 community organics gardens• 60 families	Civil Society Organisations: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Association of agricultural and forestal technicians• Asociación de Cubanos con Discapacidad Fisico Motora• Asociacion Nacional de Ciegos	Pinar del Rio Province, Municipalities of Pinar del Rio, Consolación	2022.12 – 2024.12	UE-INTPA (European Commission)



affected by Hurricane Ian Water, Sanitation and hygiene, Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change Adaptation, Non Food Items	community and familiar agricultural structures	with organic gardens	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Asociacion Nacional de Sordos de Cuba• Federation of Cuban Women Authorities:• Gobiernos de Pinar del Río, Consolación del Sur and San Juan y Martinez• Ministerio de Agricultura• Ministerio de Educacion• Ministerio del Trabajo y Seguridad Social• Ministerio Comercio Exterior y Inversión Extranjera	del Sur and San Juan y Martinez,		
Strengthening the leadership of people with disabilities in the Province of Pinar del Río, with special emphasis on women and young people. Inclusive Governance	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Capacity strengthening for organizations of persons with disabilities and civil society organizations• Empowerment of women and youth with disabilities• Stake-holders articulation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 75 persons with disabilities• 4 organizations of people with disabilities	Civil Society Organisations: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Asociación de Cubanos con Discapacidad Fisico Motora• Asociacion Nacional de Ciegos• Asociacion Nacional de Sordos de Cuba• Asocación Cubana de personas en situación de discapacidad intelectual• Federation of Cuban Women Authorities:• Ministerio Salud Publica• Ministerio de Educación• Ministerio del Trabajo y Seguridad Social• Ministerio Comercio Exterior y Inversión Extranjera	Pinar del Río	2024.07 – 2024.12	German Embassy



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