



Cape Verde



MANDATE

In Cape Verde, HI is working alongside national actors to improve the living conditions of people with disabilities and promote their social and economic inclusion.

COUNTRY OVERVIEW

Although development indicators show considerable over the last 10 years, structural poverty is still an issue. One of the biggest challenges faced by Cape Verde is disparities between the archipelago's different islands. Poverty is due to the fragile economy of this country with very few natural resources. In recent years, Cape Verde has made progress on disability issues. It ratified the Convention for the Rights of Persons with Disabilities on 10 October 2011, and article 72 of its own Constitution includes a number of rights for people with disabilities. It also has special laws and measures which make reference to people with disabilities.

INTERVENTION HISTORY

HI has been working in Cape Verde since 2006, implementing 4 projects in the fields of physical rehabilitation and capacity- building for organisations of people with disabilities.

TYPE OF INTERVENTION

In Cape Verde, HI works in the fields of physical rehabilitation and capacity-building for organisations of people with disabilities.

TARGET BENEFICIARIES

People with disabilities, local organisations of people with disabilities and health professionals

EXAMPLE OF THE ACTIONS CARRIED OUT

HI and the National Human Rights and Citizenship Commission have produced a disability information booklet on disability rights, entitled "Un Mundu Pa Nos Tudu". This booklet was officially launched at the National Assembly in the presence of the Minister for Social Affairs. It illustrates and explains disability issues and the Convention for the Rights of People with Disabilities using simple

language. In just twenty pages it does away with the myths surrounding disability and encourages citizens to discuss and suggest actions for building a more inclusive society.

PERSONNEL

Shared between Cape Verde and Senegal

- National staff: 50 employees
- International staff: 34 employees

KEY DATA	
Human Development Indicator (IDH)*	Ranked 132 nd out of 186 countries
GNI per capita (USD)**	\$3 798
Surface area	4033 km ²
Population (millions)**	0.5
Life expectancy	74 years

*UNDP : 2013 Human Development Report

**World Bank: 2011

Projects in progress in 2017



HIV and Disability Project

OBJECTIVE

- To improve the availability of data concerning the vulnerability of people with disabilities to HIV infection in each of the target countries.
- To increase the technical and organisational capacity of civil society organisations to carry out advocacy actions at national and regional level to promote the inclusion of people with disabilities in the fight against HIV/AIDS.
- To increase the participation of federations of people with disabilities in the design, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of HIV/AIDS policies and programmes at national and regional level in order to ensure that the needs of people with disabilities are more effectively taken into account.
- To promote partnerships between disability and HIV stakeholders in West Africa and create strong and sustainable combined dynamics.

METHOD

- Monitoring and evaluation of the epidemiological situation, the disability rights situation and patients' access to information;
- Strengthening of community-based systems;
- Removal of legal barriers to accessing services.

BENEFICIARIES

- Organisations of people with disabilities;
- Women's organisations
- People with disabilities:
- Exposed populations

PARTNERS

- State health services
- Organisations of people with disabilities;
- FOAPH

LOCATION

Regional

MAIN DONORS

