

HI Global Disability Summit 2025 Commitments

As a long-standing advocate for disability rights and inclusion, Humanity & Inclusion (HI) reaffirms its commitment to fostering a world where persons with disabilities have equal access to opportunities, services, and rights. For the Global Disability Summit 2025, HI has submitted a series of commitments across multiple sectors.

Sector Rehabilitation

Assistive Technologies

Handicap International - Humanity & Inclusion (HI) commits to supporting the provision and access to assistive technologies such as wheelchairs, prosthetics and other mobility aids, in at least 20 countries, over the next five years.

Digital Rehabilitation

HI commits to promoting innovation through implementation of digital rehabilitation intervention (3D printing and/or Telerehabilitation) in at least 10 countries over the next five years.

Data in Rehabilitation

HI will ensure gender and age disaggregated data are collected and analysed in its activities of direct provision and access to assistive technologies, in line with its Disability-Gender and Age institutional policy over the next five years.



Sector Inclusive Health

As an ally, HI will continue to support and promote the empowerment of Organizations of Persons with Disabilities (OPDs)/advocates with disabilities, including youth and women-led OPDs to advocate, and participate in advancing and monitoring progress towards achieving the Right to Health and health equity for persons with disabilities. HI will do this through the following key actions:

- By 2027, HI will develop training modules (1) and resources (3) designed to support a diverse range of OPDs to implement evidenced-based, effective advocacy for equitable health policies, resourcing and programming.
- By 2027, HI will support and promote the meaningful participation of OPDs (including youth and women-led OPDs) in the design, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of DGA inclusive health projects in at least 3 projects.
- With the networks that HI is a member of (CanWaCH, IDDC, The CORE group, Action for Global Health and others), and in collaboration with WHO, HI will support and promote the engagement of OPDs/advocates with disabilities in external advocacy events/platforms (minimum 3 events)

Sector Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR)

By 2027, HI commits to continue promoting disability inclusion in the health sector, by designing and implementing at least 4 new inclusive Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) projects over the next 4 years, through meaningful partnerships with organizations of person with disabilities (including women and youth with disabilities-led organizations) and by taking a health system strengthening approach. HI also commits to developing 4 resources/tools on disability inclusive SRHR to support the work of SRHR and disability actors in promoting the SRHR of persons with disabilities

Sector Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS)

HI commits to facilitating social participation, empowerment and inclusion of people with mental health conditions and/or psychosocial disabilities and advocating for their rights in line with CRPD. By 2027, HI will strengthen OPDs' capacities to integrate disability gender and age inclusive programming across HI's MHPSS projects in at



least 3 projects and support the promotion of the WHO Quality Rights Initiative in at least 3 countries.

Sector Protection against Violence

Inclusion in the Protection Sector

HI commits to promoting disability inclusion in the Protection sector by designing and implementing at least 4 new inclusive projects with protection outcome over the next 4 years, through meaningful partnerships with Persons with Disabilities (OPDs), to support access to Gender-Based Violence and Child Protection (GBV/CP) prevention and response services, and through capacity building of social/ health care and other relevant professionals.

By 2029 HI will develop/disseminate 4 resources/tools on disability inclusive protection to support the work of protection and disability actors in violence prevention and response.

HI will support OPDs, and women's rights and women led organizations (WRO, WLO) in directly implementing prevention and response protection actions, through the provision of technical support to OPD and WRO/WLO in directly designing, implementing and monitoring at least 4 protection projects over 4 years.

Inclusive Child Protection and Gender-Based Violence programming

Gender-Based Violence and Child Protection (GBV/CP) commits to implementing at least 75% of interventions in the GBV/CP sectors through partnerships with protection actors and international network for scaling up efforts to implement disability inclusive CP and GBV programming.

Intersectional Analysis Disability-Gender-Age

HI commits to ensuring that, within the next four years, 100% of its interventions are based on intersectional analysis, with disability, gender, and age (DGA) elements systematically integrated into all sectoral and/or multisectoral assessments.

Integrating GBV and Child Protection in Inclusive Health and Education

HI commits to developing integrated Gender-Based Violence (GBV) and Child Protection (CP) packages within its Inclusive Education, Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR), and Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS)



interventions. In alignment with the principles of the CRPD, HI will ensure that these interventions are fully inclusive, addressing the specific needs of women and men, boys and girls with disabilities and fostering their meaningful participation. This means that over the next four years, at least 25% of HI's interventions in these sectors will incorporate integrated GBV and CP components, ensuring a satisfactory level of quality, accessibility, and effectiveness.

Sector Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change Adaptation

Disability-Inclusive Disaster Risk Reduction

By 2030, HI commits to strengthening the inclusivity and accessibility of risk reduction, preparedness and early action measures in at least 15 countries to ensure the protection and safety of persons with disabilities in situations of disaster, particularly climate-related disasters. This will be achieved by empowering women and men with disabilities of all ages to manage disaster risks and participate in DRR decision-making spaces, including through close collaboration with their representative organisations, while influencing and capacitating DRR systems and services to be more inclusive.

Disability-Inclusive Climate Governance and Advocacy

HI commits to promoting disability-inclusive climate governance and action through active engagement and advocacy in at least 15 relevant policy events and dialogues at national, regional and/or global level over the next five years, to amplify the adaptation needs and solutions identified by persons with disabilities and their representative organizations, while fostering the participation of women-led OPDs.

Sector Economic Inclusion

Disability-Inclusive Employment and Skills Development

HI commits to designing and implementing at least four new inclusive projects with employment and skills development outcomes, through meaningful partnerships with organizations of person with disabilities, including women and youth with disabilities-led organizations, to support access to training, business development, and employment services, and through training and capacity building of government officials, business owners, technical and vocational training (TVET) programs and other employment actors



Evidence on Disability-Inclusive Economic Inclusion

HI commits to publishing at least two lessons learned or related studies on economic inclusion contributing to evidence generation on employment, entrepreneurship, skill development or financial inclusion.

Advocating for Inclusive Economic Systems

HI commits to engaging in at least four networks/coalitions on poverty alleviation, microfinance, market systems, and employment with the goal of supporting mainstream actors to be more inclusive.

Accessible Digital Tools for Economic Inclusion

In partnership with OPDs and partner organizations, HI commits to developing and adapting at least one digital tool for coaching, job seeking, financial literacy, and/or business development to be accessible and inclusive of people with disabilities.

Joint commitment of HI with partners: Advancing Financial Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities

Joint initiative with Barrier Free Finance Initiative (BFFI), e-MFP (network for advancing financial inclusion), World Food Programme, Alliance for Financial Inclusion (AFI) and Grameen Foundation)

HI commits to:

- Contribute to the dissemination of learning and good practice though the Community of Practice (CoP) on financial inclusion of persons with disabilities, and by publishing and disseminating at least 2 reports on inclusive finance (including pilots of innovative digital and fintech solutions).
- Provide direct support to eight microfinance institutions (MFIs) to enhance disability inclusion, including conducting diagnostics and delivering tailored technical assistance.
- Mobilize and support disability-specialized service providers and representative organizations in six countries to actively advocate for and facilitate access to financial services for persons with disabilities, strengthening collaboration between financial service providers and employment and skills development programs.



Sector Inclusive Governance

Stigma & Discrimination

HI commits to combating stigma and discrimination against persons with disabilities in low- and middle-income countries by integrating targeted activities into at least three projects by 2027. These initiatives will focus on raising awareness, promoting positive attitudes, and ensuring the meaningful participation of persons with disabilities, in line with CRPD, in close partnership with OPDs, to co-design and implement these interventions, ensuring they are contextually relevant and address intersecting forms of discrimination.

Promoting the African Disability Rights Protocol

HI commits to developing an awareness raising package, to share with our local partners, including OPDs, on the Protocol to the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities in Africa by the end of 2026, with the objective of increasing support for the ratification and implementation of the Protocol.

Advocacy for Inclusive Laws and Policies

HI commits to facilitating a minimum of 5 capacity sharing workshops for OPDs by end of 2027 with the aim of strengthening knowledge and skills to advocate for disability inclusive laws and public policies at different levels that are in full compliance with the CRPD.

Sector Inclusive Humanitarian Action

Enhancing Food Security to become accessible to persons with disabilities

By the end of 2026, HI will have developed, piloted, and disseminated a set of tools for field practitioners to enhance the delivery of life saving emergency food (iFood Security). These learning tools will support participants to adapt their existing programming skills to ensure emergency food programming reaches persons with disabilities. Ensuring, nobody will be left behind and enhance accountability to all. This initiative will be co-designed and implemented in collaboration with key food security actors, including Organizations of Persons with Disabilities (OPDs) to ensure relevance, accessibility, and effectiveness.



Strengthening accessibility of emergency WASH

By the end of 2026, HI and OPD partners will have facilitated learning initiatives, so called Review Adapt and Action Learning Labs in WASH in at least four countries and at regional level with a new WASH learning package that is aligned to the IASC Guidelines and WASH standards. This initiative will have reached at least 40 emergency WASH actors in four countries and supported them to advance their programming to meet the requirements of persons with disabilities.

Strengthening accessibility of emergency Health services

By the end of 2026, HI and OPD partners will have facilitated learning initiatives, so called Review Adapt and Action Learning Labs in emergency health in at least four countries and at regional level with a new Health learning package that is aligned to the IASC Guidelines and Health standards. This initiative will have reached at least 30 emergency health actors in four countries and supported them to advance their programming to meet the requirements of persons with disabilities.

Strengthening OPD Engagement in humanitarian coordination and response

By the end of 2027, HI will have partnered with and supported at least fifteen Organizations of Persons with Disabilities (OPDs) to meaningfully participate and lead in the humanitarian and refugee coordination in at least four countries. This will be achieved through partnerships, small grants and capacity sharing, and peer exchanges, in collaboration with the African Disability Forum. These efforts will remove barriers in coordination mechanisms and enhance their leadership to advocate for inclusive humanitarian action.

Sector Accessibility

Accessibility

HI will ensure that accessibility is considered at strategic level and as part of all HI inclusion projects via a crosscutting approach, with the implementation of accessibility initiatives in at least 15 countries, over the next five years, using the intersectional approach for all accessibility projects, in line with its Disability-Gender and Age institutional policy.

Universal Design

HI will continue to advocate for the mainstreaming of universal design through inclusion networks, in collaboration with local Organizations of Persons with



Disabilities, with the contribution to at least 10 strategical cross-sectoral initiatives at various levels in the next five years.

Digital Accessibility

As part of this effort, HI will also promote the development of digital accessibility in key sectors such as inclusive education and economic inclusion over the next five years, with the support to at least 10 actors committed to producing and sharing more accessible digital solutions or products in the next five years.