

REHABILITATION

SPECIALIZED

CARE TEAMS



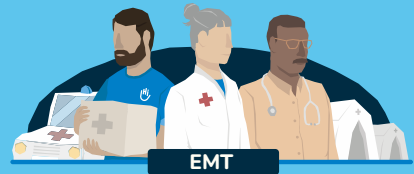
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HI'S REHABILITATION SPECIALIZED CARE TEAMS

To provide a better response to the healthcare needs of populations during humanitarian crises, the World Health Organization (WHO) has set up the **Emergency Medical Teams (EMT) initiative** to:



Improve the quality of care by ensuring compliance with common standards



Strengthen the coordination of clinical care teams, centralising their deployment in liaison with local authorities



Support national and regional capacity building by integrating into the national health system

These WHO-certified teams provide not only clinical care, but also specialist healthcare, such as physical and functional rehabilitation.

As part of this initiative, HI is working with the WHO for certification as a Rehabilitation Specialized Care Teams. In the event of a humanitarian emergency requiring rehabilitation care, our teams are able to offer a range of deployment options.

EMERGENCY REHABILITATION SPECIALIZED CARE TEAMS DEPLOYMENT MODALITIES

HI's Rehabilitation Specialized Care Teams can deploy three types of intervention:



Integrated into an existing health facility

HI deploys its rehabilitation specialized care team within a health facility (e.g. a national hospital) or as part of an Emergency Medical Team. HI also provides an initial stock of technical aids to get rehabilitation services up and running for patients hospitalised at the facility.



Alongside an existing health facility

HI sets up a rehabilitation unit with its rehabilitation specialized care team alongside a health facility (e.g. a national hospital) or a health centre operated by an Emergency Medical Team. The HI team works closely with this health facility to offer early rehabilitation services for hospitalised patients and ensure follow-up care on an outpatient basis in a dedicated rehabilitation space.



Standalone

HI sets up its own rehabilitation facility and deploys its rehabilitation specialized care team to care for people affected by a crisis (displaced persons, refugees) who are at risk of complications and have no access to rehabilitation services.

RESOURCES

To be in a position to deploy these teams as rapidly and efficiently as possible, HI has significantly increased its resources.



HUMAN RESOURCES ROSTER

We have developed a roster of rehabilitation professionals - physiotherapists, occupational therapists and Prosthetists/Orthotists - specialised in:

- multiple trauma patient care;
- burns patient care;
- amputee patient care;
- respiratory physical therapy.

These rehabilitation professionals have several years of experience and expertise in their clinical field gained through hospital work in their home country. They can be rapidly deployed on 3-week emergency missions.

Once their technical competence has been validated by HI specialists against strict technical specifications, they are integrated into a community of practice led by HI HQ teams, including training, webinars and regular exchanges.

STOCKS OF ASSISTIVE PRODUCTS AND SELF-SUFFICIENCY MATERIALS

HI has developed logistics capabilities to ensure that its deployment complies with WHO standards and does not depend on local resources, often seriously disrupted during a crisis.

In partnership with Bioport, HI has built up an emergency stock, most of which is pre-positioned in Lyon. This stock includes all the rehabilitation equipment needed to set up a dedicated rehabilitation space (tent to receive patients, treatment tables, parallel bars to facilitate gait training, equipment for muscle strengthening, etc.), as well as assistive products (wheelchairs, crutches, splints, etc.) to be provided to patients by HI rehabilitation professionals. Moreover, HI has a stock of all the materials and equipment needed to ensure that its teams can operate autonomously during the first three weeks of an emergency response.

This stock enables HI to set up a living and office area, with all the necessary sanitation facilities. It also includes food rations, special telecommunications equipment, etc.

🔗 ZOOM SIMULATION EXERCISE (SIMEX)

In 2024, HI is organising its first week-long simulation exercise for professionals ready to integrate the roster. The aim is to strengthen their skills and enable them to adapt to a humanitarian crisis context through training sessions with HI Specialists and advisers and a two-day simulation exercise. A reconstruction of a camp (including a rehabilitation space, a team living space and an office space) will be used during the exercise to help the teams familiarise themselves with the equipment and protocols. HI will organise a similar exercise every year.

At the World Health Assembly in May 2023,
the 194 Member States of the World Health Organization (WHO)
adopted a ground-breaking resolution on rehabilitation,
thus recognising the importance - indeed the urgency - of developing rehabilitation services
and the challenges to be met in order to address the increasing need for rehabilitation.

HI, a key player in the rehabilitation sector

Our expertise is based on more than 40 years' experience of providing emergency physical and functional rehabilitation care in the context of natural disasters and armed conflicts, in many different countries.

HI is specialised in:

- REHABILITATION OF PERSONS WITH MULTIPLE TRAUMA
- RESPIRATORY PHYSICAL THERAPY
- REHABILITATION OF BURN VICTIMS
- REHABILITATION OF PERSONS WITH AMPUTATIONS

Funding required

- Cost of a simulation exercise: **€100,000**
- Cost of the annual management of the pool of experts in emergency rehabilitation in humanitarian crises **€35,000**
- Cost of technical stocks (rehabilitation material and technical aids) : **€130,000**
- Cost of logistics stocks: **€100,000**
- Cost of a standard deployment: **€300,000**

HI global key figures

446 PROJECTS
IN **59 COUNTRIES**

DIRECT BENEFICIARIES¹
2,673,083



PEOPLE REACHED BY SECTOR OF ACTIVITY²:



REHABILITATION SERVICES:
536,309 personnes

EMERGENCIES CONTEXTS:
1,380,591 people

GLOBAL WORKFORCE³

5,072 PEOPLE

HI NETWORK BUDGET

254 MILLION
EUROS



¹ Direct beneficiaries: People having directly benefited from the actions of HI or its partners in 2023. Some people may have benefited from several services or activities and been counted more than once. For this reason, data by sector of activity cannot be cumulated.

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³ Workforce expressed in annual full-time equivalent positions.